



NEWSLETTER

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STIRCHLEY
NEIGHBOURHOOD
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STIRCHLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM AGM

We had a decent enough turn out for the AGM, although, with 3200 homes in Stirchley it would have been nice to see more than 52 residents supporting the work we do.

Sean Moore, Station commander of Kings Norton Fire Station, stepped in at the last minute to talk about the fire services role in the event of flooding and **Inspector Paul Ditta** of West Midlands Police (Kings Heath) came along to explain the role of the Police.

Sgt Isobel Knowles took the chair while the committee stepped down prior to being re-elected.

We also had three local elected councillors answering questions from the public, these were **Councillors Timothy Huxtable, Nigel Dawkins and Bill Evans**.

We also had **Dr Lynne Jones MP**, elected member for Selly Oak Constituency, who spoke about the work that is ongoing regarding local flooding and what we as residents can do to help.

The meeting went well, and



Left to Right INSP Paul Ditta, SGT Isobel Knowles, Chair Pete Walker and Sean Moore WMFS

we had time left after the guests had their say, to answer questions that concerned local residents.

The church hall was a good venue and we were made to feel very welcome.

Pastor Gary Cadge invited us all for tea, coffee and cake in the café after the meeting had concluded.

Our Forum Meetings

The councillors and the police attend our normal monthly meetings on the 2nd Monday of the month in Stirchley Community Centre, the address can be found on the last page of this newsletter.

Or on; www.stirchley.co.uk

FLOOD MEETING MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2009

Forty two residents attended the flood meeting held at Stirchley Community Church. **Sue McCarthy** from the environmental agency led the meeting, explaining what the agency is doing regarding the rivers Rae & Bourn, actively encouraging residents

to sign up to flood watch. **Jan Quigley**, who is the emergency planning officer, from the Birmingham resilience team, came along to tell us what we can do to help prevent flood water getting into our homes. She is also setting up a local

flood action group, which involves local residents looking out for each other during times of flooding threat, particularly the elderly and disabled amongst our community.

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Flooding in Stirchley



Photo by
Helen Burridge



Sand bags on
Ripple road
Photo by J Jones

THE FUTURE



*We invited
Morag Jackson
The new hospital
project director along to
Stirchley Community
Church*

FLOODING

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13 residents agreed to get involved.

This was a good result, but we are now looking for more resident's who live in affected areas, to cover for members when they are on holiday, we



FLOOD MEETING

must remember that flooding occurs just as much in the summer months as it does in the winter.

Sean Moore, Station commander from Kings Norton Fire Station was also on the stage that evening, telling us what role the fire service had to play during times of flooding.

Sean told us that.

(The Fire Service does not have a statutory duty for flood protection, but will always prioritise its response to life threatening situations, Risks caused by hazardous substances to

the environment will need to be assessed and the preservation of property will only be dealt with on a priority basis.

WMFS has a total of 62 appliances in the West Midlands area backed up by stationary pumps, Water Rescue and Boat Rescue capabilities, plus a Search and Rescue Team.

The Flood line number is **0845 988 1188** (314 properties in Stirchley are registered with the Flood watch). All concerned residents were urged to register with the Flood Line, prepare a kit for flood defence and set up system of local flood wardens

QUEEN ELIZABETH HOSPITAL THE FUTURE

As you are probably aware, Selly Oak Hospital is due to close around 2010.

This will leave the Queen Elizabeth the primary hospital for South Birmingham.

So on Monday the 9th February 2009, we invited **Morag Jackson**, the new hospital project director along to Stirchley Community church to

give a presentation on the future of the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and what it would mean to Stirchley residents.

Unfortunately with a severe weather warning, attendance was predictably low.

However thirty six residents did turn up, and an excellent presentation went ahead. Many questions were asked

and answered .

So good was the evening, that Morag was asked if she would come and do it all again, and I'm pleased to say that she will be coming back on;

MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

To Stirchley Community Church, Hazelwell Street at 7.30pm.

THE FUTURE CONTINUED

Morag explained the need for the new hospital to replace the existing QE and Selly Oak hospitals, detailing the inadequacies of the existing sites such as working across the two sites and in Victorian buildings. She went on to highlight the present centres for the excellence in transplant surgery, training of NHS staff and hosting the Royal Centre for Defence Medicine.

The New Hospital will be the first "Acute Hospital" to be built in Birmingham for 70 years, Costing £545 Million, having 1213 Beds (100 of which will be in a dedicated Intensive Care Suite), and 30 Operating Theatres. The hospital should be available to be occupied from summer 2010 and transfer should be fully completed by winter 2011, all wards and facili-

ties should be occupied, subject to government policies and restrictions.

The 3 new facilities that form the QE Psychiatric Hospital are already in use and will compliment the New Hospital when it comes on line.

The existing Selly Oak site will be sold for residential development and will form part of the Selly Oak Regeneration Area in conjunction

THE FUTURE CONTINUED

with the developments at the Battery site and the existing Sainsbury's super-market site, it is hoped to retain some of the existing buildings but as none are 'listed' this would be subject to the city's planning policies at the time of redevelopment.

**NEXT MEETING
MONDAY 14TH
SEPTEMBER
2009
STIRCHLEY
COMMUNITY
CHURCH**



MORAG JACKSON



**RE-DEVELOPMENT
QUEEN ELIZABETH**



KEVIN FROGGATT



**Stirchley
Neighbourhood Forum
Meeting
Monday 9th February**



SENIOR CONSTITUENCY ENGINEER KEVIN FROGGATT

During our march meeting, Kevin Froggatt, the senior constituency engineer agreed to come along to our meeting.

Kevin gave a brief description about his role within the Selly Oak constituency and particularly about Stirchley. Kevin then went on to answer the many questions

that were raised by resident's who had concern's about the roads and verges in their area.

There were 44 resident's at the meeting .

Since the meeting, the work on Mary Vale road has been completed, Now we have a footpath that is wide enough to walk on, as you may know,

when coming off the railway station at Bournville, the footpath was very narrow and any lorries or coaches with large wing mirrors could have seriously injured pedestrians who were perhaps unaware of the situation.

We also have decorative railings, which I feel, improve the entrance to Stirchley.

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ST ANDREWS HEALTHCARE

Several committee members were lucky enough to be invited to the opening of St Andrews health care on February 20th 2009.

This is a first class mental health facility, of which St Andrews should be very proud.

After the opening ceremony, performed by the RT honourable Lynne Jones MP.

We along with many other community groups and mem-

bers of various health trusts were treated to lunch in the sports hall.

Afterwards, senior managers took us on a comprehensive tour of the facilities.

These included workshops, leisure areas a laundrette, plus bedrooms with en suite shower facili-

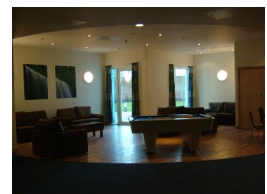


**ST ANDREWS
HEALTHCARE
DOGPOOL LANE**

ties. I was pleased to see that in 2009, we are treating people with mental illness, in a manner that they deserve.

Along with the new mental health unit at the Queen Elizabeth

hospital, we can proudly say that Birmingham has some of the most up to date facilities



**Jan 20th The Opening
ST ANDREWS
HEALTH CARE
DOGPOOL LANE**



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Forum

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WOULD YOU LIKE
TO HELP/ OR
BE INVOLVED IN THE
NEXT **FUN DAY**?
ANYTHING FROM
DELIVERING
LEAFLETS DOOR TO
DOOR OR
HELPING ON THE
DAY
PERHAPS YOU
WOULD LIKE TO
BOOK A TABLE
FOR NEXT YEAR

JUST LET THE
FORUM KNOW

BETTER STILL
COME TO THE NEXT
MEETING
MONDAY JUNE 8TH

HELP TO MAKE A
BETTER
STIRCHLEY

Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum, meets on the second Monday of every Month

(bank holidays excluded)

We also have meetings of special interest at other times (please look for notices in local shop windows or check on the web site @ www.stirchley.co.uk for details)

Committee members also represent residents at the following meetings.

Ward advisory board

Police tasking meetings

BANF

Ward committee meetings

Environmental working group

Health voice network

Pershore road liaison meeting

Flood action group

Birmingham resilience team

Please come to our monthly meetings and support us, supporting you

Help to make a better Stirchley

STIRCHLEY FUN DAY SATURDAY MAY 16TH 2009

Hopefully, you will be reading this as the event takes place. If not I have failed to reach my deadline.

Stirchley Funday



HAZELWELL PARK
Saturday 16th May 11am to 3pm

Belly dancers
Tombola
Face painting
Five a side
Arena events

Come along and Join in the FUN

FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.stirchley.co.uk

Any money spent on the Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum Tombola, will go back into future events in Stirchley.

I would like to thank all the people who helped to make this event possible; Our local councillors for agreeing the funding.

Karen Stevens, ward manager. The Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum committee members. And everyone who helped deliver the above leaflets, to nearly every home in Stirchley, (all 3200 of them)



I would like to thank all of the very generous retailer's of Stirchley who either sponsored the duck race's or provided the prizes for the Tombola stall.

If you have enjoyed today's fun day, drop us a line and tell us what you think.



Or in fact if you didn't We would still like to know.

How

Either write a letter and bring it to the Community Centre.

Or by post to:

Peter Walker
Chairman
Stirchley
Neighbourhood
Forum
C/o Stirchley
Community centre
1326 Pershore road
Stirchley
B30 2XS.

Alternatively
www.stirchley.co.uk
And leave a message on the forum boards.

Better still
Come to the next meeting
**Monday June 08th
@7.30pm**