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THE THREE HORSE SHOES

Hello, and welcome to the second issue of Stirchley Neighbourhood Forum newsletter.

Good news for people living near to the Three Horse Shoes

After many complaints to the forum and councillors.

The council were going to review their licence and make restrictions with the help of a committee member to give evidence against them regarding, disturbances in the early hours of the morning.

But in the end, the Three Horse Shoes, entered a voluntary agreement.

(An extract from an email from councillor Nigel Dawkins)



The Three Horseshoes

" We now have decided to cancel the review of the 3 horse shoes. The reason is because the 3 horse shoes have agreed to an action plan with the police for an indefinite period. This action plan contains many conditions such as closing on Friday and Saturday at 12am rather than 1.30am. Improve security and better taxi marshalling.

These are basically the things we would have requested"

FEEDBACK WANTED

Councillor Dawkins has asked for any feedback over the next few months, to monitor any improvements due to this agreement being in place *(if you live in the area, your comments would be most welcome)*

If you wish to comment, please come along to our next meeting or visit our website @ www.stirchley.banf.org.uk And leave your comments there. Register & sign up for email updates.

BIRMINGHAM TRANSPORT USERS FORUM

"WE RAISED THE QUESTION ABOUT THE 45/47 BUS ROUTE"

Both Brenda Thomas and myself (Peter Walker) attended the Birmingham transport user's forum on Tuesday 15th January at Stirchley community school, Pershore road Stirchley.

On behalf of the neighbour-



TRANSPORT USERS FORUM

hood forum.

We raised the question about the 45/47 bus route and the availability of buses during Edgbaston cricket test days, as many residents of Stirchley are being left at bus stops in the city centre in excess of two hours, as bus after bus passes by full, I pointed out that although this was good for the bus company profits!, it's not so good for their regular passengers, and asked if it was not possible to arrange for extra buses during these periods.

The answer was at first

evasive, but after consideration, the company will look again at service levels, as extra busses cannot just be added to routes, but have to be scheduled, to comply with the relevant rules.

Brenda asked Centro (who are responsible for bus stops) if the bus stop on Bournville lane (27 route) could be moved back to nearer the station, (where it used to be) as passengers either have to get off by Cadburys or nearly in Stirchley village, clearly not acceptable if you wish to use the train.

They said that this was not possible, due to the traffic lights and that the highways

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department at Birmingham city council had already told them so, but it seems that if they ask again they will see that this no longer the case .

They will be doing so in the near future and we will let you know as soon as we hear anything.

Brenda also raised the question of the bridge on Mary

vale road, as you are probably aware the footpath here is very narrow, and as passengers come out of Bournville station they are very close to the road, which is worrying if there are young children around.

We were told over three years ago that the bridge was to be made into a single lane (thus widening the foot-

path) because the bridge isn't strong enough to take two lanes of traffic at one time, so by narrowing the road and using traffic lights to control the flow of vehicles you would achieve two goals in one, i.e. reduce the speed of traffic and widen and strengthen the bridge in one go. The problem is who pays for the work, as the

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responsibility is divided between the railways, British waterways, (who recently had their budget severely cut) and highways.

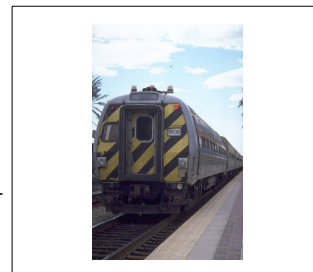
It has been reported that cracks are to be seen in the road surface .

We hope in the near future to have representatives of all three companies to an open meeting, west midland travel have already agreed to come.

At a previous meeting it was asked if there were any

plans to re open kings heath station? (and the response from Centro was; there were ambitions to re-open Kings heath railway line. Birmingham city council added that

there was an ongoing feasibility study into this).



BOURNVILLE BRIDGE

All in all, this was a good meeting, with an offer from Mr Michael Fox of travel West Midlands to come along to one of our forum meetings and discuss the bus service that runs through Stichley.

GRAFFITI CLEAN UP

On Sunday 29th January
Councillor Nigel Dawkins

Organised a graffiti clean up along the Pershore road.

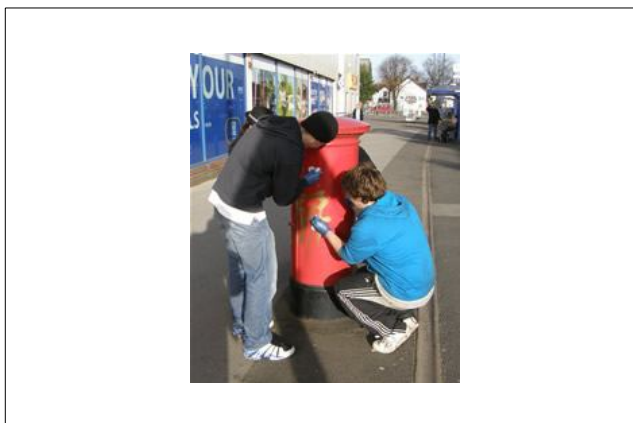
A large group of local residents and forum members met at around 2 pm outside the Co-op.

And as there were so many they managed to clean off graffiti as far as elm tree road.

The clean up was only arranged to last 1 hour as it was felt to ask residents to work any long would have been detrimental to the turn out.

Cllr Dawkins hopes to organise another one soon.

(we will post it on our website as soon as we have any details.



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TRANSPORT MEETING

We had planned a meeting on public transport, but unfortunately our guests went to Stirchley Community School, instead of Stirchley Community Centre.

Although our guests have offered to answer any questions that were put forward, and will be shortly posted on the Stirchley website in the near future.

They have offered to come again, but this is still at the planning stage.

New business in Stirchley.

I don't know if it is my imagination or not, but over the last few weeks there seems to be a renewed interest in Stirchley, we now have a new solicitors, bridal shop, three refurbished shops and two estate agents/ letting offices.

We also have two planning applications for largish refurbishments.

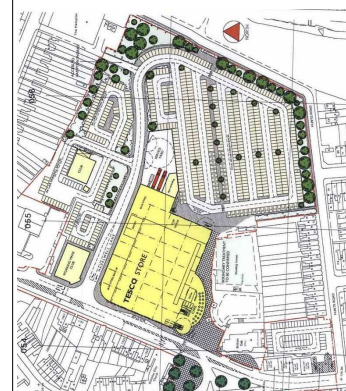
One on the corner of twinning road and the other on the corner of Mary Vale Road, both it seems want to rebuild the existing shops and provide new apartments above, planning details can be seen on the online forum stirchley.co.uk/onlineforum

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NEW BUSINESS IN STIRCHLEY

The only problem as far as we can see, is the issue of parking provision and the height of the new buildings.

We noticed that Tesco has begun work on the land it already owns the old Bt site and the adjacent factory), although we are told that it isn't a done deal yet, but as they own the land, there is nothing to stop them clearing the site in preparation.



Tesco Plans



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PICTURES FROM
NECHELLS
BATHS



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Meets the second Monday of the month at;

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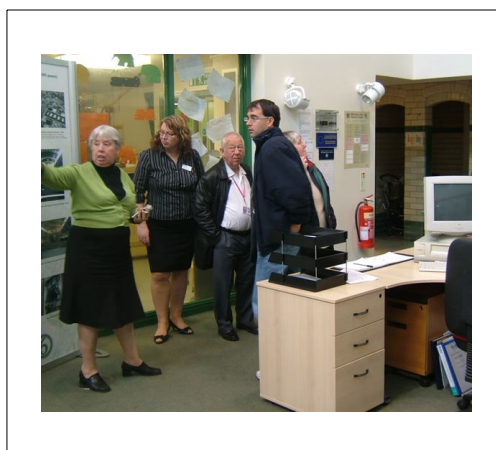
VISIT TO NECHELLS COMMUNITY CENTER

A group of ten committee members visited Nechells community centre on Thursday 17th April 2008.

As Nechells swimming pool was converted to a community centre around three years ago, and that the plan is to do the same for Stirchley swimming pool, we thought that it would be a good idea to have a look at what has been achieved there.

We were welcomed by the centre manager (Ann Stanton) when we arrived at 12noon, we then went to lunch in what used to be the boiler room, before having a conducted tour of the centre. As it was part funded by the lottery heritage fund, most of the original features were saved.

Although I feel this made for



ANN STANTON SHOWING FORUM MEMBERS AROUND

a very interesting building , it seemed to restrict what use the space could be used for, for example, all the original changing rooms are still there, but no doors are allowed to be fitted, this in itself means that they cannot be used for anything practical.

The pool itself is still intact,

complete with its deep end and shallow end, with the ground floor covering the pool.

As their baths were bigger than ours, and only been empty for six years before restoration, whereas Bournville lane baths have been empty for twenty years.

The amount of usable space at Nechells was quite small and as Stirchley baths are smaller still.

We hope that in the near future we shall be allowed into Stirchley baths to see for ourselves.

We have a new online forum, courtesy of Mick Jones our publicity committee member.

Please feel free to log on and join in, leave any questions you may have, we will do our best to answer them.

stirchley.co.uk/onlineforum