



# CHURCHGATE AREA ASSOCIATION

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The Association promotes the interests of all residents and businesses, not only in Churchgate Street, but also in the general area of all those streets that lead directly off it.

**Welcome.** It was so good to see such a great number enjoying the Spring Social on 23rd March. The easy formula of speaker, food and drinks made an enjoyable evening with lots of time for the all important informal networking and chat. We learned from Dr Stephen Oliver's illustrated presentation something of the lives of Bury's medical families in the early 20th Century - with calculated surprises for two in the audience. Great fun!

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## **St Edmundsbury 2031 Consultation –last few days**

Only a few days remain to get your comments back to the Council on the 2031 Consultation by 5pm on Monday 30th April. In these proposals our town will be transformed from being around 14,000 houses to 20,000 houses. It's a huge change and maybe the biggest change to the town in any single generation in a 1000 years. It is certainly worth a few minutes to look at the consultation document and getting your views heard. Stephen Mills our CAA planning representative is working on a CAA response as this newsletter goes to press, but there is no substitute for making your own response. The Bury St Edmunds part of the Consultation document can be found at <http://www.stedmundsbury.gov.uk/sebc/live/pdf/Planning/Vision2031/BuryStEdmundsVision2031PreferredOptionsDocument.pdf>

If you do not have internet access, the main Bury St Edmunds document is available at the library...and if you cannot get hold of the response form, then contact me ( 07720 842 508) and I can run a copy off the response form for you.

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## **Leg of Mutton land**

The CAA committee set off on Easter Monday morning to inspect the "Leg of Mutton" land just the other side of the River Lark from No Mans Land. The River Lark path that runs along the side of this was being closed for 6 months from Easter Monday for works by Suffolk County Council.

The land is now very likely to be repleved from housing development as it does not feature as one of the six development areas in the 2031 plan and in fact the Council propose a designation for "recreation".

According to the Council we won't know for at least a year whether this has gone through but let's hope that it does and that there is some way of ensuring that this land can be retained in a natural form as possible.

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## **No Mans Land nature reserve**

Many residents will be familiar with our nearest nature reserve only five minutes walk way through the car park of what used to be the County Council offices. The Council manages this nature reserve under a lease from the Guildhall Feoffment who have owned this land for nearly 700 years since the Guildhall Feoffment was formed in 1450 from the Candlemas Guild. Residents will be pleased to know this is one area which is not being proposed for development as part of the 6000 homes plan, but the lease to the Council as a nature reserve does run out in 7 years time, so let's hope this very local nature reserve can remain through a renewed lease.

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**CAA website** Penrose Robertson who joined our committee to manage our web site is moving back to London. Thanks to Penrose for his efforts and now we need one or more members to work on the web site particularly to write material for the web site. No technical knowledge is needed as anything written on a PC can be easily placed on the web site. Some of the things we would like to do on the website are not particularly newsy but helpful, for instance to those moving to the area who need to know the basics of how things work around here. It would also be nice to build up a local history section since every corner of our area has stories over hundreds of years.

## Planning Applications

### Current listings:

Planning Application - Change of use of part of New Shire Hall from Offices (Class B1) to Hotel (Class C1) use as amended by revised parking layout received 2nd April 2012

New Shire Hall Raingate Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1RX

Ref. No: SE/12/0140/FULCA | Received: Wed 01 Feb 2012 | Validated: Tue 14 Feb 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

CAA objection to this application lodged on the grounds of inappropriate development in this primarily residential area, with associated traffic and noise nuisance.

Planning Application - Change of use and sub-division of property into 3 no. flats over existing shop unit with associated alterations

45 Abbeygate Street & 28A Hatter Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1LB

Ref. No: SE/12/0419/FULLB | Received: Thu 22 Mar 2012 | Validated: Thu 22 Mar 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

No comment.

Planning Application - Extension of time limit for an additional three years for the commencement of development authorised by planning permission SE/09/0629 (i) Demolition of part of existing rear boundary wall and entrance gate (ii) erection of rear boundary wall with new gateway to provide vehicular access (iii) provision of parking space and associated ground works

Lydgate House 45A Crown Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1QX

Ref. No: SE/12/0448/EXTEND | Received: Wed 28 Mar 2012 | Validated: Wed 28 Mar 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

No comment.

Planning Application - Change of use from Class A2 (Estate agents) to Class A3 (Restaurant)

43-45 Churchgate Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1RG

Ref. No: SE/12/0391/FULCA | Received: Mon 26 Mar 2012 | Validated: Mon 26 Mar 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

No comment

Planning Application - Erection of conservatory

67 Whiting Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NR

Ref. No: SE/12/0244/HHLBCA | Received: Wed 15 Feb 2012 | Validated: Mon 02 Apr 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

No comment.

Advertisement Application - Provision of (i) 5no. fascias to shop front (ii) 1no. fascia above door (iii) provision of 1no.hanging sign and (iv) ATM header panel

90 Guildhall Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1PR

Ref. No: SE/12/0376/ADVCA | Received: Fri 23 Mar 2012 | Validated: Tue 10 Apr 2012 | Status: Pending Consideration

No comment.

## Road closures on 7 July

### **Olympic Torch Bury St Edmunds**

There will be rolling road closures whilst the torch is carried through the town - via Horringer Road junction with Bristol Road, Out Westgate, Westgate Street, Crown Street, Angel Hill, Northgate Street, Out Northgate, Fornham Road, Tollgate Lane, Beeton's Way to the Sports Centre.

Angel Hill including the road will be closed from 8 am - 8 pm. Parking on Angel Hill is suspended from 6pm on Friday 6 July and overnight until 8.30 pm on Saturday 7 July.

The diversion route is Northgate, Tayfen Road, Parkway, Westgate Street, Crown Street.

## Counterfeit £20 Notes

There have been instances of counterfeit £20 notes being passed in Stanton. Enquiries are underway, but the police would welcome any information. Notes can be checked in these ways:

**The metallic thread** – this appears as silveer dashes on the back of the note (on the front of a £50). The dashes appear as a continuous dark line when held up to the light. **The watermark** – when held to the light an portrait of Her Majesty the Queen is seen.

**The print quality** – The printed lines should all be sharp and clear of smudges and the note should feel right. If in doubt check the paper against a note you know to be genuine.

## The Hidden Gardens of Bury

Gardens in the historic town centre will be open on for enjoyment and charity on

Sunday 17th June 2012 11am to 5pm

Programmes and tickets are now on sale at the TIC or on the day at both the TIC and St Nicholas Hospice stall on Angel Hill.

If you would like to open your garden for Hidden Gardens 2013, please contact Diane Knights on 01284 701527 or [buryhiddengardens@gmail.com](mailto:buryhiddengardens@gmail.com)

## Data Protection Act and the CAA

The Data Controller is Andrew who has overall responsibility for our members' details. Judy, as Membership Secretary, will hold the post of database manager and will agree to maintain the principles as follows: - *e-mail to all members may only be carried out by the membership secretary as database manager. Text of emails must be approved by Andrew.* Vivien can supply details of the CAA Data Protection Policy on request.

### **Your Committee 2012**

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