



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! Are you planning a Jubilee party? - do tell! More interested in faster broadband? See below. Re-connecting with nature? Did you see the the invasion of Fieldfares for 4 days after the big snow? Our urban Hedgehogs are due out of hibernation in early April. You can help provide information at www.mammal.org.uk to help hedgehogs get protection as an endangered species, and help those near us by ensuring free access between garden areas - half a brick is plenty.

Planning Applications

Current listings:

Listed Building Application - Replacement gates. 75, Guildhall Street Bury St. Edmunds IP331QD 24 Oct 2011

Listed Building Application - Internal alterations including (i) removal of partition walls on ground floor and (ii) provision of new door way to create a kitchen and dining room on the same level. 1, Hatter Street Bury St. Edmunds IP331LZ Ref. No: SE/11/1334 08 Nov 2011

Planning Application - (i) Single storey rear extension to form garden room (ii) re-roof approved extension (iii) satellite dish and (iv) alterations and refurbishment including fenestration. 87, Guildhall Street Bury St. Edmunds IP331PR Ref. No: SE/11/1411 14 Nov 2011

Planning Application - Conversion of Masonic Hall to 4 No Flats and extension to existing 1 No. Dwelling, 37 Churchgate Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1RD Ref. No: SE/11/1373 21 Nov 2011

Planning Application - (i) Erection of two bay timber framed garage (following removal of temporary shelter) and (ii) reconstruction of part of outbuilding to form a residential annexe 19 Hatter Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NE Ref. No: SE/11/1517 28 Nov 2011

Planning Application - Replacement Windows and refurbishment of office entrance (revised scheme) revising window details 3 Whiting Street Ref. No: SE/11/1436 20 December 2011

Planning Application - Replacement of hardstanding 42, Crown Street Bury St. Edmunds IP331QU Ref. No: SE/11/1525 22 Dec 2011

Planning Application - Construction of 1 no. new dwelling with garden and parking Site Between 57 And 59 College Street Bury St Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NH Ref. No: SE/12/0068/FULCA 16 Jan 2012

Planning Application - Erection of first floor rear extension and associated internal and external alterations 42 College Street Bury St Edmunds Ref. No: SE Edmunds Suffolk IP33 1NL Ref. No: SE/12/0141/HHLB 01 Feb 2012

Parking - by representation from the CAA 4 new residents parking places have been secured in our area.

Membership - Only £3 a year. You can join or pay overdue membership fee at the *Spring Social*.

Broadband - Bury St Edmunds is extremely fortunate to have been chosen as a town where super-fast broadband is being installed. Much higher speed to access the internet is a great benefit to businesses, residents working from home, or just for watching the likes of BBC iPlayer which allows free access to just about every TV programme on BBC of the previous week. A further great benefit is that no street in our mediaval grid has to be dug up, with all that is required being an extra street cabinet, alongside or close to existing BT cabinets. Only a very small number of cabinets are needed for our whole area and one can be seen, for instance, on the end of Guildhall St. >>

CAA Spring Social - Do Come!

Friday 23rd March 2012 - 7pm start

Venue: Guildhall Feoffment School

Bridewell Lane entrance only

Speaker: Dr Stephen Oliver who will tell us about

'Bury Doctors of Old'

Shared refreshments

please bring a plate of finger food for a shared table

Wine and soft drinks will be served: please be prepared to make a donation

<< When these boxes were initially planned, some residents objected to the position of the cabinet planned outside the Queens Head. A new application is now being made by BT for a box in Churchgate Street, after the intervention of our MP David Ruffley and we ask that all residents think very carefully before objecting to something which brings such huge benefits to so many businesses and residents in our area. If you are not happy about the proposal when it comes out, please do contact Stephen Mills our planning representative on 01284 754366 or myself on 01284 762552 so we can go over your concerns in detail. This is now the very last chance to get super-fast broadband (several times faster than what we have now) and many residents and businesses will be prevented permanently from getting access if the planning application for the box is refused. - **Andrew Hinchley (Chairman)**

Licensing: Queen's Head

Many residents will be aware that the Queens Head in Churchgate Street was granted the full extra hours requested, including up to 2am at weekends at a recent Licensing hearing. Many CAA members had been in contact with the CAA voicing concern on the proposed extension and the CAA alongside many residents did formally object to the St Edmundsbury Licencing authority. However at the hearing two councillors voted for the extension and one against, so the extension was granted in full.

The CAA had previously held several meetings with the Queens Head to try and get them to reconsider applying for an extension but to no avail.

Although residents' concerns were not upheld by councillors, it is important that residents do put their views to the Council on applications, turn up at the hearings in person, and are not put off by having their name published. - **David Bonnett (Licencing) and Andrew Hinchley (Chairman)**

Chinese Year of the Dragon

began on 23rd January 2012. How we shall miss Patrick and the Canton when the family retires early in their New Year! Traditional Lion dance with Patrick in the centre:



New Committee Members

We are delighted to welcome Cathy Friel to the serving committee as Minute Secretary. Also Judy Broadway to mastermind details of Membership. Do please give each a welcome and your support at our Social Evening on 23rd March.

Another Welcome!



This time to Emmett Edward who arrived two weeks late on 29 November 2011 weighing in at 7lb & 1oz. He is a new member of the Whiting Street community.

How long will he be our youngest?

Any other new residents?

St George's Day Parade

On 22 April Angel Hill, Crown Street and Chequer Square will be shut from 12.00 - 5.00 pm. Residents with Zone D parking permits will be permitted to park in Ram Meadow for nothing if their permits are displayed.

The Big Dance - Following the great success of the Churchgate Showcase last summer and at Christmas, these events are now being followed up by The Big Dance to be held on 14 July in Hatter Street, Whiting Street and Langton Place. This is in answer to a request by the Olympic Games Committee to celebrate our cultural heritage running up to the commencement of the Games. If anyone wishes to be part of this day of celebration for the Churchgate Area please contact Marian Shaw on 01284 763668.

The Medieval Guildhall - A second bid for Heritage Lottery Funding is being put together by a new committee of members from the Feoffment, the Borough and the Heritage Trust who will be responsible for the lifetime of the project, including the run-up to the bid which will be managed by Mike Jackson. In order to complete some important supporting activities it is unlikely that the bid will be ready for submission before late summer of 2012. Info and how you can be involved @ www.buryguildhall.co.uk

Web-site www.churchgateassoc.org.uk News and comments for the web-site are welcome. Is anyone planning a Jubilee party? Your contact is penrose.robertson@paninova.co.uk. Don't forget to look at the web-site and to check e-mails for any more urgent news from the CAA.

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