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Special thanks to all our guests, including Councillor John Blundell, our local West Midlands Police Team, the Headmaster, Staff and Caretaker of Grange Farm School, and to those Members of the Association who have given freely of their time and energy to ensure the continuing success of the Association. Thank you to Leanne Hanson, Assistant to Councillor Blundell, for her much valued work. Thanks also to Association member John Archer for liaising with neighbouring Associations, introducing Ron Herdman to the Association and providing the Association with a "new" printer.

You would like to come to the monthly meeting but, for whatever reason, find it difficult to attend?

Contact the Membership Secretary who will arrange for you to be accompanied by one of our volunteers, either on foot or by car. Come along and have your say, enjoy a chat with your fellow residents or just sit back and listen.



The last year has seen a number of changes to the policing arrangements as they affect Styvechale Grange and its neighbouring areas. For several months we enjoyed the very visible presence of two PCSOs, Sunny and Becky, but they have been moved onto other duties in Canley. In April, Styvechale Grange was amalgamated with Cheylesmore and Finham and is now policed by a combined team of one Sergeant, three Constables and two PCSOs with the possibility of one further PCSO. The Team will provide cover for approx. 20 hours per day on a six day on / three day off rotation. In non-emergency cases, contact with the team can be made via telephone on 07722820653 or 07722820617. If there is no reply please telephone 0845 113 5000. **In the event of an emergency at any time always call 999.**

This is a new way of policing for our area and although we have received assurances from senior Police Officers that this will prove to be an efficient and effective use of resources some residents have expressed concerns. The Association will monitor the progress of the changes and invites residents to raise any issues related to the changes, good or bad, by presenting them at the monthly meeting or by contacting Committee Members direct.

Next meeting (AGM)
Thursday 3rd July 7.30pm
Grange Farm School

Please note there is no meeting in
August, meetings recommence
Thursday 4th September

SGRA

Styvechale Grange Residents Association

Newsletter

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SGRA is a local organisation run by residents of Styvechale Grange, focussing on local issues for the benefit of all residents of Styvechale Grange

The Association has been in existence for one year, we have a high level of membership and we are sustaining good attendances at our monthly meetings, as observed by a number of our guests. Although the meetings are primarily concerned with issues raised by residents, they also provide an opportunity for people to meet on a social basis. The past year has seen several developments affecting Styvechale Grange in which the Association has played a significant role, the most recent of these are detailed in this Newsletter. Links have been forged with our local Councillor, John Blundell and the local West Midlands Police Team, both of whom regularly attend meetings to deal with issues raised by residents. The Association's main objectives for the coming year are to build on the foundations laid down over the past twelve months and to continue to pursue matters raised by Residents and achieve successful outcomes. It is hoped that the existence of the Association has helped to engender a sense of community.

This issue of the SGRA Newsletter is being delivered by Association volunteers. You will be invited to renew your membership, or to join the Association for the first time, and asked to pay your subscription for the 2008/09 membership year.

The annual subscription is £1.00 and this helps the Association to cover the costs of room hire and printing.

If you were not at home when the Newsletter was delivered your local Association volunteer will call again. You may also contact the Membership Secretary direct on 02476413767 or send an e-mail to sgrainfo@btinternet.com

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Issues raised by Members and resolved....to one degree or another

The long awaited work to resurface the A45 service road began in March. The project will last for several weeks and will involve not only the resurfacing of the road, but also the renewal of kerbstones and resurfacing of pavements.

The Association has insisted that the parking restrictions previously in force at the corner adjacent to the Peugeot garage are reinstated when the roadworks are completed.

The dilapidated gate on the field adjacent to the A45 service road has been replaced.

The barriers on the pedestrian link between Lonscale Drive and the A45 service road have been renewed.

After a break, and following representation from the Association, the street lighting improvement programme has resumed, with work taking place in Hexworthy Avenue, Finnemore Close and Girdlers Close.



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Minor road repairs in Mantilla Drive, Wade Avenue and Hexworthy Avenue were carried out in response to requests made by the Association.

Following representations from a number of residents the case for the re-routing of the No. 14 bus away from Hexworthy Avenue was presented to Centro at the Transport Users Forum in February. This was subsequent to a survey of all those residents directly affected by the re-routing. Based on the results of the survey, and the backing of the three Ward Councillors, the re-routing along Mantilla Drive was approved and should be introduced by August. When the date of change has been confirmed notices will be placed on lampposts adjacent to the existing bus stops.

At the same Transport Users Forum the Association presented its proposals for the location of the fixed bus stops along the route. The locations were determined following a consultation period in which residents were given the opportunity to agree, or otherwise, with the proposed plan. The fixed stops will supercede the current "hail and ride" system. This is part of a city wide project and may take up to a year to implement. The stops will be marked with poles only, no bus shelters are planned for the route.

The subject of a permanent pathway across the meadow was discussed at the February meeting and it was unanimously agreed not to pursue the matter any further.

Similarly, after consulting the residents concerned, action on the proposal to request a permanent pathway across the grassed area at the end of Tynward Close was ended.

A new road sign for Mantilla Drive is to be placed on the city side of the junction with Leamington Road.

Issues raised by Members and pending action:

The condition of Mantilla Drive is still an issue that is being pursued with the objective of long term repairs being made.

Local residents have attached informal notices to lampposts on the green between Mantilla Drive and the Church Centre regarding dog fouling problems. The Association has referred the matter to the Council for a more formal solution.

STOP PRESS: The Council has agreed to erect "No dog fouling" notices on the green.

Road and "No ball games" signage has been removed, apparently without authority, from the corner of Mantilla Drive and Dewsbury Avenue leaving rusty remnants of poles and frames. The Council has been notified and asked to replace the items.

At the same location concrete hydrant markers have been damaged. Such markers are, apparently, no longer required for the emergency services. Severn Trent Water will remove the items.

Graffiti on fences in the passageway between Alpine Rise and A45 service road has reported to the Council for investigation and clean up.



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Have you an interesting hobby or pastime?

Have you travelled to some exotic land?

Are you interested in sharing your experiences?

At recent meetings we have heard from Ron Herdman on the history and development of the War Memorial Park and from Derek Atcheson on a trip he made to South Africa where he was involved in delivering basic IT skills to teachers and schoolchildren.

A computer linked projector and interactive whiteboard are available for visual presentations, or just give a talk.

If you are interested please contact a Committee Member and book a slot at one of our meetings.

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