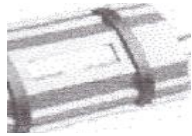


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Contact the Membership Secretary who will arrange for you to be accompanied by one of our volunteers, either on foot or by car.

Come along and have your say, enjoy a chat with your fellow residents or just sit back and listen.

Annual General Meeting
Thursday 2nd July
7.30pm
Grange Farm School



The current Police Team is headed by A/Sgt Kurt Pfadenhauer. Team members include PC Al Davies, PC Martin Goldingay, PC Davies Miles PCSO Joel Lewis and PCSO Jonathan Steed.

For **local, non-urgent** issues the Team can be contacted by phoning 07722820617. If off duty please leave details so that the Team can make contact.

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Unfortunately, an incorrect telephone number was printed in the January 2009 Newsletter. The correct number is 024 76 413088. The Association apologises for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

SGRA

Styvechale Grange Residents Association

Newsletter

Issue No.4

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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

Introducing the all new www.wonderful S.G.R.A. website

Well, maybe it's more of a modest attempt at creating an additional and, hopefully, effective means of communication with members. The site which can be found at www.sgra.org.uk includes items of news affecting Styvechale Grange, details of Association committee members, the monthly meeting timetable, contact details, the Minutes of the latest meeting and the Agenda for the next meeting. There is also a feature page, currently an article on bogus callers. Links are provided to external sites where more information can be obtained, and problems like potholes and faulty street lights can be reported.

Members are invited to submit articles, photos of our neighbourhood and ideas for expansion of the site. Members are also encouraged to submit details of any accessibility difficulties they may experience when visiting the site.

Everyone loves a bargain!!!

SGRA is a non-profit making organisation and current funds are sufficient to cover meeting room hire, printing and other costs for the year ahead, see draft accounts on P2 In May, the Committee discussed the possibility of a subscription holiday for the 2009/10 membership year. The proposal was put to the meeting on 7th May and accepted unanimously. Although no subscriptions will be collected, SGRA volunteers will call on all residents in late June, to deliver this Newsletter and note any issues that residents may wish to raise. All residents will be automatically registered as members of the Association until 30th June 2010, at no cost.....but please remember to put £1.00 aside for membership in a year's time!!!

**Styvechale Grange
Residents Association
Accounts 2008/09**

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| Income | £ |
| Subscriptions | 601.00 |
| Donation | 1.00 |
| Advertising | 72.50 |
| Raffles | 235.00 |
| Total | 909.50 |
| Expenditure | |
| Room Hire | 103.20 |
| Printing and Stationery | 124.62 |
| Miscellaneous | 109.03 |
| Raffle Prizes | 130.15 |
| Refreshments | 34.55 |
| Total | 501.55 |
| Net Surplus | 407.95 |
| Assets | |
| Cash at Bank | 542.20 |
| Cash in hand | 15.37 |
| Total Assets | 557.57 |

Friends of Grange Farm (FGF)

FGF is the Parent Teacher Association of our local primary school. The Chair, Fanny Anderson, has written to SGRA to notify residents of a family night camping event in the grounds of the school beginning on the afternoon of Saturday 5th September. Fanny hopes that residents will "see this event as a wonderful opportunity for our youth to bond and for the young families of the community around the school to share an evening together".



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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes (NHW) are, and have been, running in our area for several years, and are a very useful social asset for a number of reasons. They give a sense of security, friendship and, yes, good old-fashioned "neighbourliness" to many who may have limited contact with others in their immediate vicinity. The scheme can give help or provide a contact point to anyone unfamiliar with the area or with our modern day communications systems. Schemes work well with the local Police and other aid agencies, as they can give a local and in-depth knowledge of any issues.

I live in Finnemore Close and have spoken to each household (29 in total), and all have given their agreement to forming a Scheme. West Midlands Police have arranged a set-up meeting in early July for residents of the Close, but they and I would be happy to see other people from the Styvechale Grange estate on that evening (7.30 p.m. start). Please give me a call on 024 76419008 for details, or if you are in an active scheme and can give me any tips, any advice would be appreciated, as I am relatively new to all this. All information given is strictly confidential and will not be shared with any third parties, also I am CRB registered. An active NHW scheme can sometimes attract a lower house insurance premium which illustrates the value that the insurers place on such an organisation.

We all enjoy living in a quiet, pleasant, low crime area so let's build on this and re-arrange **WHO** is my neighbour, to **HOW** is my neighbour? I'm looking forward to seeing and working with you in the near future.

John Archer

A potted history of Styvechale Grange kindly supplied by local historian Ron Herdman

Styvechale Grange stands in the middle of the estate, please note, a grange is a refuge belonging to a monastery or an abbey, in this case Stoneleigh Abbey. Here the brethren and lay workers could spend the night after working in the fields and were unable to return to the Abbey. It was also used as a grain and produce store. Our Grange was built in circa 1400 and was in use up to the dissolution of the Abbey by Henry VIII. Between 1539 and 1770, the building was occupied by Christopher Wade and later by the Gregory family. During this time the property was extended considerably and became known as the Stone House (1637). A moat was also built and remains still exist behind a hedge. The Gregory family moved to Styvechale Hall in 1770 into a manor house built for them. In 1891 the property was in a poor state of repair when the 21 years old son of a Fillongley farmer, Reginald Hollick, took over the house and surrounding fields. He negotiated a peppercorn rent of 4d (less than 2p) per quarter, or one shilling and four pence (about 8p) per annum. In later years he rarely paid this sum and it became too trivial to pursue the debt. Mr Hollick remained the tenant until his death in 1964 aged 94 years, and in his last few years he kept a herd of bullock for the veal trade. The estate as we know it was commenced in 1964, and the Grange, now known as The Manor House, has been converted into eight flats Ron has promised further articles explaining the history of the Hamlet and Manor of Stivichall (and it's many spellings) in the near future.

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Issues raised by Members and pending action:

Alpine Rise Railway Fence

The fence between one of the Alpine Rise cul-de-sacs and the railway has been the subject of correspondence with Network Rail. A Maintenance Team has cleared the vegetation behind the wooden fence and realigned the metal fence adjacent to the railway line. However, Network Rail will not accept responsibility for the deteriorating wooden fence and the Association is now in discussions with the Council over a replacement fence.

Mantilla Drive Resurfacing

The perennial question of the resurfacing the Leamington Road end of Mantilla Drive is yet to be resolved. The current state is unacceptable and although some potholes have been dealt with, a more comprehensive solution is required urgently.

Alpine Rise Green

A further request has been made for the paving stones on the pathway from Alpine Rise to Chideock Hill to be reset and a litter bin to be installed.

Flooding at Rear of Mantilla Drive

Despite agreement having been reached on the infill of part of the green at the rear of houses in Mantilla Drive and Alpine Rise the work is yet to be completed.

These issues are being actively pursued by the Association and, although frustratingly slow, pressure will be maintained to obtain the desired results.

Special thanks to all our guests, including Councillor John Blundell and 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.