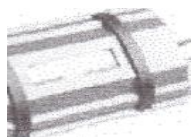


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### Litter Pick

Another litter pick was carried out by a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers. The October weather was awful but that did not deter the pickers from collecting enough litter to fill 12 bin bags. Thankfully our area is not blighted with huge amounts of litter and the occasional organised pick just helps to maintain a nice place to live. Thanks to all those who helped.

### Street Lighting Renewal

The programme of replacement of old lighting with new more efficient equipment is proceeding but despite several enquiries no specific timetable can be obtained from the Council.

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, guest speakers and contributors, and to those Members of the Association who have given freely of their time and energy to ensure the continuing success of the Association.



A new community based operational system has been introduced by West Midlands Police. Our area is policed by the Finham Team and is headed by A/Sgt Kurt Pfadenhauer under Inspector Alistair Orencas. Up-to-date news and details of Team members can be viewed at:

[www.west-midlands.police.uk](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk)

Enter your postcode, select your address and click on Finham Team.

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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# SGRA

## Styvechale Grange Residents Association

### Newsletter

Issue No.5

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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

### Happy New Year to all residents

*The New Year has started with a reminder of how nature can severely affect even our modern, sophisticated way of life. It is in such conditions that it is important to consider the well-being of not only family and friends but neighbours too. People living alone can be particularly vulnerable and neighbours can play an important role, no matter what the weather, in maintaining contact and providing assistance when required. It is hoped that 2010 proves to be a happy and healthy year for you all.*

### Grange Farm School

The City Council is proposing to increase the Reception class admission number from 30 to 60 pupils in September 2012. A consultation period has commenced and is due to end on 25th January 2010. Further information can be found on the Council website, [www.coventry.gov.uk](http://www.coventry.gov.uk), follow the links for Education and Learning, Schools and Primary School Expansion Consultation, or use the direct link on the News page of the SGRA website. Alternatively, send responses to the proposals to: Margaret Halpin, Children, Learning and Young People's Directorate, Coventry City Council, Room 246, Civic Centre 1, Earl Street, Coventry, CV1 5RS

### Potholes

The recent icy weather has had a bad affect on the roads of Styvechale Grange, please report any potholes on 0500 834333 or by using the link on the SGRA website.

**Local historian Ron Herdman has provided the following article on the name of our area....Stivichall???**

There was a Saxon settlement here from at least the early 12<sup>th</sup> Century. There is no mention of the area in the Domesday Book compiled in 1086 on the order of William the Conqueror, but it is thought to have been inherited by Lady Godiva on the death of her husband, Earl Leofric.

The name has had many different spellings over the centuries and is derived from the Saxon word "Styche", a clump of trees and "Halh", a residence and arable land in the bend of a river, this would be the River Sherbourne, "clear water".

It is interesting that the first written mention of "Stivichall" in 1144 is exactly the same as the present day spelling. Other spellings in chronological order are;

- "Stivethale" 1182
- "Styvecheshale" 1262
- "Stivechale" 1273
- "Stivichale" 1274
- "Styvychale" 1279
- "Stychehale" 1421
- "Stychall" 1535
- "Stichehall" 1547
- "Stichall" 1614
- "Steachell" 1675
- "Stichhale" 1827
- "Styvechale" 1964

The Parish up to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was bounded on the north side by the Kenilworth Road as far as Coat of Arms Bridge Road and followed roughly the south side of the A45 before the dual carriageway was built, down to Howes Lane (now Leaf Lane), then Black Prince Avenue area to Daventry Road, Leamington Road (enclosing the Hall and

later The Manor "Bremond College") and back to the Kenilworth Road.

There were rarely more than 100 people living in the Parish at any time and only about 25 houses.

The Coventry to Leamington railway was built across the parish in 1842, when the bridge over the lane gave Coat of Arms Bridge Road its name.

The parish started to break up after the First World War when the common was sold for the War Memorial Park and the Green Lane and Styvechale estates were started.

*Thanks Ron.*

**Next article – the Parish Church and other local buildings.**

**Christmas Illuminations**

In the otherwise depressing conditions over the past month, the seasonal lighting displays in area were a delight to see. Particular mention has been made of houses in Chideock Hill and Mantilla Drive, festooned with lights in various designs. If you are planning to light up your house next Christmas please let the Association know and we will put an article on the website to let people know where they can view your splendid efforts to brighten up the neighbourhood.

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**SGRA On-line!**

Our website has been live since mid-2009 and has received many visits. The site contains news on issues affecting our area, minutes of the most recent Association meeting, Association contact details and also, useful details for other organisations that residents may need to contact. If you have any issues or articles that you would like to be considered for publishing on the site please submit them by e-mail using the link on the Association Officers and Contact Details page.

**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.

**SGRA Meeting Timetable 2010**

- January - No meeting
- February 4th
- March 4th
- April 1st
- May 13th - Elections at School on 6th
- June 3rd
- July 1st
- August - No meeting
- September 2nd
- October 7th
- November 4th
- December 2nd

**New operator for No. 14 bus service**



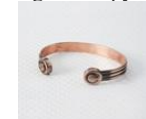
With effect from 26th October 2009 the operation of the local bus service, for buses transiting Styvechale Grange between 09.30 and 15.30, has transferred from National Express Coventry to Central Connect. The early and late buses continue to be operated by National Express. The timetable appears to be unchanged. However, there are some differences in the ticketing structure and fare prices. In addition to single/return fares, Central Connect offer a range of day/week passes that can be purchased from the driver. "Over 60" concessionary passes are accepted by the new operator for services after 09.30. Centro "N" Network passes, whilst accepted on Central Connect buses, must be purchased from Centro outlets. Although National Express Coventry Day Saver tickets are not accepted, holders of these tickets can purchase a 70p reduced rate single ticket from the driver



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