



In spite of significant challenges during the refurbishment works — it's full steam ahead again !!
 (See inside article)

St David's Neighbourhood

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 29th September 2011 - 6.30pm
 NBI—North Bridge Inn, St David's Hill.

Everyone in the neighbourhood is warmly invited to the meeting. We are having an Open Forum discussion, with Key Speakers on issues which may particularly concern you.

Refreshments from 6.30pm !

AGENDA	ITEM
6.30 -7pm	Refreshments Meet the Committee, friends and the neighbourhood policing team
7:00pm	Welcome from the St David's Neighbourhood Partnership Chair. Chair's Report for the year Treasurer's Report Election of Committee 2011/2012
7:15pm	Traffic Flow Changes: Hear from Paul Osborne of Exeter City Council and Devon County Council officers.
7:45pm	Exeter Community Centre: Update on refurbishment progress.
8:00pm	Neighbourhood Policing: News from our neighbourhood beat team.
8:15pm	Neighbourhood priorities for 2011/2012
8:30pm	CLOSE OF MEETING

If you have any issues you want raised at the meeting, please telephone 01392 211554 and leave a message with your phone number and we'll get back to you.

Visit our website anytime for the latest updates on community news

www.sdnp.org.uk

If you want to join the Partnership (annual membership is just £3 per household/business) you can join at the meeting or fill in the form on the back of this newsletter.

Who Are We ?

The SDNP is a local group, open to all, which aims to promote the quality of life in the St David's area and to provide a collective 'voice' for the people who live and work here. Membership of the neighbourhood partnership is open to **anyone who lives and works in the St David's area** – from the Iron Bridge to the St David's Railway Station and all 'spine' roads in between. We also liaise with other active resident's associations around our area. We have no political affiliations.

How Can I Get Involved ?

Deliver the newsletter along your street, send us your news and views, **come along to the next open meeting.**

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A BALANCED COMMUNITY ?

Those of us who live and work in the area covered by the St David's Neighbourhood Partnership (SDNP) know what a diverse and welcoming community it is. We are lucky enough to have our own primary school and playgroup in the area, local shops and businesses, thriving community action groups and social enterprises, and even the odd green space. We also know about the downsides of living in a densely populated inner-city area – traffic, parking, litter and some antisocial behaviour – but on the whole we all rub along.

We have a wide mixture of residents – from families with young children to re-tired folk, from students who are with us for a short time to people who've lived in the area for many years, and from people from around the world to those who've lived all their lives in Exeter. This diversity has given us an interesting and balanced community. Increasingly, however, the residential balance is shifting. With the expansion of student numbers, and our proximity to the university, more and more student accommodation is being built.

Currently more student accommodation is being built at St Anne's Well Brewery and at the Red Cow site near St David's Station.. Planning permission has just been granted for student flats in Exe Street and the former Effing building in Queens Street is applying for permission to turn this into student flats. These new developments join the already large student numbers in private rented accommodation and in purpose-built blocks in Bonhay Road.

Unlike other developers, student accommodation developers do not have to pay a planning consent contribution to be spent for the benefit of the community (known as 'Section 106' money). Many communities feel this is unfair and that student accommodation developers should also be required to support the communities where they are building for profit.

Have we reached the point where it is time for the planners to look at the bigger picture of the residential balance in the area?

Should we be limiting the number of new student residences?

The St David's Neighbourhood Partnership would like to know what you think.

Come along to the meeting and help us decide on our priorities for next year.

Should student housing be one of them?

The Editor

EXETER COMMUNITY CENTRE - REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Having seen the Exeter Community Centre on St David's Hill shrouded in scaffolding (and who could miss it!) you will be wondering about the progress of refurbishment to bring the Centre back into use.

Well, the Trustees report that, whilst the refurbishment work went ahead full steam in March, this uncovered major structural issues in the flooring and foundations, which meant that



work had to be suspended whilst all the costs and options could be worked through in fine detail.

GOOD NEWS !!

Refurbishment work is resuming

Our funders, the Social Investment Business (SIB), employed business and building consultants to work on this with us and a final report was submitted to them on 7th September by the Chair (Hannah Reynolds) and the SIB consultant.

The very next day, the Social Investment Business confirmed that they would be continuing to fund the modified scheme and the project could go forward.

It has been a terribly worrying time for everyone but we are absolutely delighted with the outcome. We are all deeply grateful for the steadfast support of Devon County Council through all of this: Cllr John Hart and the former Leader, Cllr Brian Green-slade, together with our own Devon County Councillor, Phil Brock, have stood firmly behind the local community throughout the negotiations and this has impressed the funders in London who had difficult financial judgements to make.

Trustees will be able to give you an update at the St David's Community Meeting at the NBI on Thursday 29th September (6.30pm)

Exeter Community Centre Ltd Trustees

The community vision for the building is for a renovated multi-use centre. Plans include a much needed branch doctors surgery, café, preschool, conference and meeting space, start-up 'hot desking' for businesses and services whilst retaining enhanced facilities for the Global Centre and the many clubs and associations that have used used the centre over the years.

VISION

The centre trust is a registered charity run by a voluntary (unpaid) board of local trustees.

ST DAVID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL—CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Share in mince pies and carols at the school's Christmas Fayre—everyone is invited to attend the school's Christmas event on Friday 9th December 5pm-7pm.

THE SDNP INTERVIEW: EXETER'S LORD MAYOR—STELLA BROCK

Q: Stella, how do you feel about being Exeter's Lord Mayor?

A: *It is an extreme privilege for anyone to represent Exeter and its citizens at this level. I moved to Exeter in 1970, never at that time did I think I would become a councillor let alone the Lord Mayor of this city, that I love.*

Q: Have there been any truly memorable moments since your appointment?

A: *We have had some "big" civic events recently - and the granting of the Freedom of the City to the Coldstream Guards, being one to remember.*

Q: This was a major event - were you at all nervous?

A: *As a young girl growing up in a small Cornish village, did I ever think one day I would be invited to inspect the troops? Of course not!. And that in itself is a message to everyonethat you never know how life will turn out, what opportunities it will offer, and what you can achieve.*

Q: Have there been any moving events you have attended?

A: *Yes. I was humbled by meeting veterans of the second world war, from the Wessex Division, Royal Marines from France and others and those that served in Burma, and more recently meeting 6 soldiers who have suffered terrible injuries whilst serving in Afghanistan. Seeing and listening to how they are coping with their amputations was extremely moving, and has made me grateful for what I have, and to be aware of, and appreciative of the positive things I have in my life.*

Q: Are there moments in your role when you have fun?

A: *Yes, indeed. Cutting the ribbon of the Topsham Estuary Swim, opening a new store at Marsh Barton and attending the St. David's Hill Playgroup open day were just a few events that were all great fun and a delight to attend.*

Q: And finally, which charity have you chosen to support during your year in office?

A: *I've chosen the Mark Marshall Youth Fund.*

Mark Marshall was a young Police Community Support Officer in Exeter and a Rifleman in the Territorial Army. He was killed in Afghanistan in February 2010. His family, colleagues and friends have set up a fund in Mark's memory. To reflect Mark's work with young people, the new Fund is available to support local young people who wish to undertake a constructive leisure activity - such as an expedition, camping, sport, skills or music - but who cannot fund it from their own resources alone.

More details are available from Phil Kind, Lord Mayor's Support Officer: Tel: 01392 265524
or Email: phil.kind.@exeter.gov.uk



Lord Mayor, thank you very much.

EXETER YMCA OPEN DAY

Annual Exeter YMCA Open Day – Thursday 22nd September 2011

We would like to invite you to our Annual Open Day at 39-41 St David's Hill. This will be held in two sessions during the day of Thursday 22nd September 2011:

Session 1: from 12 to 2pm.

Session 2: from 6.30pm to 8pm

There will be a light buffet served during both sessions. This is an opportunity for us to bring you up-to-date with both our Housing Association and the exciting developments in our Community Project activities, as well as our future plans. Despite the very challenging economic situation, our work continues to impact increasing numbers of disadvantaged local people, helping them to reach their full potential. As well as our long-standing and growing work with homeless young people, our involvement with offenders in and out of prison is growing rapidly as we are increasingly recognised as able to engage with hard-to-reach groups and help them tackle their offending behaviour. Come and find out more!

The young people living in our supported accommodation take pleasure in the opportunity to meet with you, their neighbours, show their rooms and explain what it means to them to live at Exeter YMCA. It will also give you a chance to ask any questions you may have about our projects.

We would very much like to see you at one of these sessions and hope that you will be able to join us.

Peter Stephenson
Chief Executive

ST DAVID'S NEIGHBOURHOOD BEAT TEAM GET AIRBORNE

Chris Leisk, Marina Lawes and Kayleigh Dyers are currently fundraising for the Mark Marshall Youth Fund - and have decided to take to the sky.

**Meet the
neighbourhood
beat team at 6.30pm
on Thursday 29th
September at the
NBI pub**

They will be undertaking a 15,000ft tandem Sky-Dive at Dunkeswell airfield on Friday 23rd September.

Some people in the neighbourhood have already sponsored the Team and if you would like to do so, you can send your cheque or donation to:

St David's Neighbourhood Beat Team
C/o Heavitree Road Police Station
Exeter EX1 2LR

Please mark your envelope 'Mark Marshal Youth Fund'.

Meet the Neighbourhood Beat Team

The Team will be at the St David's Community Meeting at the NBI pub from 6.30pm on Thursday 29 September to discuss any issues of concern and to update us on issues in the area.

PEDESTRIANISATION BESIDE THE FORMER DEBENHAMS STORE

Changes to Traffic Flows in New North Road/Sidwell St

Proposals are to partially pedestrianise the front of what will be the John Lewis Building (former Debenhams) so that the road can be narrowed to make it easier to cross between High Street and Sidwell Street. Traffic will still be able to travel northwards from Paris Street into New North Road but New North Road will be closed in the southbound direction after Longbrook Street. This will allow Sidwell Street to be free from general traffic, except buses and taxis, which will be permitted from Paris Street.

Devon County Council have carried out research into the potential impacts on the wider road network, and would like to discuss how this is likely to affect St David's.

Come to the community meeting at 6.30pm Thursday 29th September at the NBI pub and hear direct from:

Paul Osborne of Exeter City Council's Environmental Improvements Officer and his Devon County Council Highways colleagues who have kindly agreed to attend our meeting on 29th September.

PART TIME STREET LIGHTING IN ST DAVID'S—CARBON SAVING SCHEME

Devon County Council is currently in discussion with Exeter City Council about the implementation of part-night lighting across the City. This means that street lights which were previously on from dusk until dawn, would be turned off between the hours of 12.30am and 5.30am and others would be dimmed.

Why? The County bill for street lighting is £2.2m a year plus a further £200,000 to buy 'pollution permits'. So far more than 120 villages and towns in Devon are in the scheme.

What about St David's ? You can look at the map on Devon County's website from which it appears that *main roads* will have lighting all night: Bonhay Road, Hele Road, New North Road. Part-night street lighting is therefore proposed for St David's Hill, Northernhay Road, Queens Street, Richmond Road, and all other minor roads e.g. Looe Road/Tavistock/Haldon/Elmtree/Queens Terrace/Bystock Terrace/Exe Street.

We do not yet know when the scheme will be implemented but check the website for updates (www.devon.gov.uk/index/transportroads/roads/road_maintenance/street_lighting/partnightlighting.htm)

WELCOME TO ST DAVID'S WEST COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Following the winding up of the previous association in the lower St David's area, the community held an open meeting on 26 July, chaired by Cllr Stella Brock and facilitated by Dawn Rivers (Exeter's Community Involvement Officer) and the new St David's West Community Partnership was inaugurated.

The Committee: Tammi Baseley (Chair), Jeanette Jeff (Vice-Chair), Sean Langdon (Treasurer), Catherine Phelps (Secretary), Lara Bullock, Debbi Elston, Gina Richards, Claire Jason Ryan, Helen Langdon, Teresa Rajhpaul and co-opted member, Cllr Phil Brock.

St David's West quickly organised 4 summer events, produced a Newsletter and created their website. Congratulations to all involved and good wishes for future success.

See their new website for more information: www.stdavidswest.co.uk

NEW VISION FOR EXETER CITY CENTRE

As reported in The Exeter Citizen, the Council is now engaging with wider stakeholders and the public to promote and to refine the vision. The Vision document will guide the City Council's City Centre Action Plan and be used by the Council to inform decision making on specific interventions in the city centre.

Two of the 4 'big moves' in the Vision document are close to our neighbourhood and may have important implications for how our area evolves in the medium and longer term:

There is still time to submit your comments about the city council's vision

* Transforming North Street and Paul Street into a more attractive environment for pedestrians and creating more residential accommodation.

* A pedestrianised tree-lined square at St David's station to improve this major gateway to the City.

There is still time to submit your comments and views through the City's consultation period

REPORTING CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Call the Police on 08452 777444

Always ask for a log number of the incident. If events aren't logged we do not have evidence on the number of incidents reported.

Our **Neighbourhood Beat Manager** Chris Leisk and **Community Police Support Officers** Marina Lawes and Kayleigh Dyer can also be reached on this number.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EXETER CITY COUNCIL (noise, housing, graffiti)	01392 277888
POLICE (in emergency call 999)	08452 777444
COMMUNITY PATROLLERS (Exeter City Council out of hours service)	08453 511060
CRIMESTOPPERS (national report line)	0800 555 111
LOCAL COUNCILLORS PHIL AND STELLA BROCK	01392 277317

COMMENTS ON YOUR NEWSLETTER ?

Write to Kelvin Lacy, 4 Queens Terrace, Exeter EX4 4HR
or email: admin@sdpn.org.uk

Let us know what you think !

FREE PARENTING COURSES

Parenting is probably one of the hardest jobs in the world, yet it does not come with a training manual.

3-8 years can be a confusing time for children, they are dependant on their parents but want to show they can be independent. They are testing their limits to see what behaviours will and won't be tolerated.

Parents are faced with difficult behaviours that come with this; whining, temper tantrums, destructive or aggressive behaviour or simply not doing as they are told, which leaves parents feeling angry, upset, or useless.

What is the incredible years programme?

The incredible years programme is a 14 week course which explores the rewards and challenges of being a parent and covers topics such as; play, praise and rewards, setting effective limits, and effective behaviour management.

Despite the difficulties, there are usually things that we are doing well as parents and the aim for the incredible years programme is to build upon these strengths. We hope that those who attend will feel supported within the group and have fun along the way.

The course is free to attend and a crèche is provided.

Health Exercise Nutrition for the really young – HENRY

Henry is an exciting new course offered by Children's Centre's.

It is an 8 week programme designed to promote a healthy lifestyle within a framework of emotionally healthy parenting. Each session begins with family time and young children are then cared for in a crèche whilst parents/carers explore the topic that week, which include: parenting and relationship skills, healthy eating, eating patterns, physical activity and emotional well being.

HENRY trainers work in partnership with parents, rather than lecturing them and the course is friendly and entertaining as well as informative.

For more information on either course, or to book a place, **please contact Kristin at Flying Start Children's Centre on 01392 666224**



JOINING OR RENEWING MEMBERSHIP FORM

We welcome new members. Your membership donation is vital to help us pay the costs of hire of meeting rooms, running the website and printing the newsletter. This is a voluntary organisation.

Contact Name

Business/Group name (if applicable)

Address

Postcode Telephone

Email

The household, community group or business above applies for membership of the St David's Neighbourhood Partnership for 1 April 2011 – 31 March 2012 (Year 7).

Signed on behalf of household or business.....

Date

Number in household over age 18

Number in household under age 18

(numbers in household will only be used as a total area figure to show approx how many people the Association represents, as well as the number of households)

Please hand in this sheet at any SDNP meeting with **£3 membership fee for Membership Year 7**, or send to: The Treasurer, St David's Neighbourhood Partnership

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