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HEATHFIELDS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

News from the Committee

Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for 2016. Spring is almost upon us, therefore why not visit the **Heathfields Gardening Community Facebook page** and catch up with gardening tips. The other Facebook page for the estate is the **Heathfields Area Community page**. This has become very useful as a medium for sharing news, warning about suspicious activity etc. advertising or enquiring about local services. This is also where we will be notifying residents of future events (see article on next page). It's a quick way of circulating information and is proving very popular.

Readers will note that this edition has been reduced to one page. This is to reduce printing costs. We hope we can still provide relevant information in the shortened format.

Ex-Iceni site...the future?



Since the Iceni plant closed last year there have been rumours, gossip and speculation about the future of the site. Will it be a housing development? Are they going to knock it down and redevelop it? What about the traffic and disruption? Readers will be naturally concerned about this so I contacted Savilles Estate Agents on behalf of the HRA to enquire about the sale. Naturally, Savilles were cautious about revealing too much information, as they had to consider client confidentiality. All they could state was the site would benefit from being sold as light industrial use. However, this did not preclude it also being redeveloped for alternative employment, residential or leisure use. Of course this would be subject to planning

permission being given by South Cambridgeshire District Council (and the rules for such have now been relaxed by the Government). As of 2015 there had been one interested party but no firm offer.

So, although this does not tell us much we know that there is the scope for redeveloping the site. As it is in the interest of the estate that we are aware I will continue to liaise with Savilles. As and when I have an update you will be informed.

Charity developments

Since our last issue, significant progress has been made in setting up a new charity - HeART - thanks to the support of one of our residents, Madeline Cassidy, who is a Chief Executive of a local charity. With her advice and guidance a Board of Trustees has been formed and in the coming weeks we will be applying to and registering the charity with the Charities



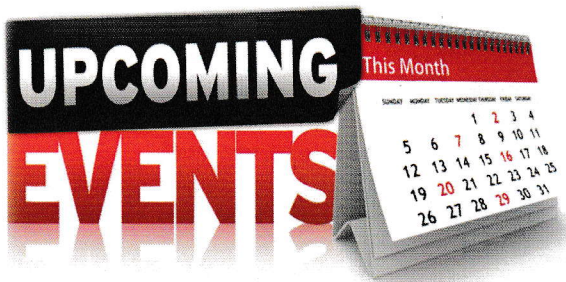
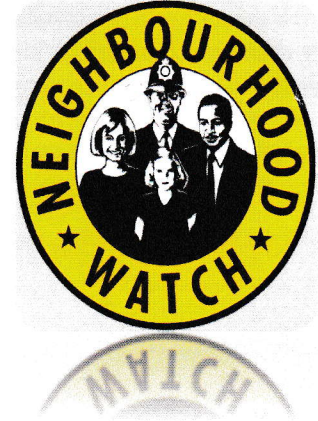
Commission, although it is by no means certain that we will succeed. Fingers crossed. HeART will be a separate entity from the HRA but still working in agreement with and supporting the same ideals, that is, of improving the recreational facilities for the children on the estate. If we are successful then we can apply for funding from various local and national businesses and organisations. In addition, any monies raised from events that we organise on the estate will be put into the charity.

The HeART Board of Trustees is: Director, Darren Mullett; Treasurer, David Schneider; Secretary, Martin Johnston; Trustee, Sabrina Melvin. If any other resident would like to join us (we could do with some more help), either as a Trustee or a volunteer, please contact the secretary via email: mpj6664@gmail.com.

Be aware!



Although Heathfields is relatively crime free there have been some incidents over the winter months. There was an attempted theft from a vehicle in Kingsway, two other thefts locally and reports of a suspicious vehicle driving around Ringstone. As mentioned above, the quickest and easiest way to disseminate this vital information is via the Facebook page. If you see anything unusual or suspicious please alert others on the estate as soon as possible via Facebook (as well as contacting the police as necessary). Thank you and be aware.



Following the success of last year's 'Santa's Grotto', the 'Christmas raffle' and 'Halloween in the park' further events are being planned for the spring. David Schneider is organising a charity wine and cheese quiz night locally and there will also be a children's Easter egg hunt on the estate. Victoria Ross is also organising a 'pudding club', possibly in April (sounds yummy!). All these events will be advertised on the Heathfields Facebook page so keep looking. We have had tremendous support for these events and it is a terrific way of building the community and for residents to meet

each other. If you can think of any more activities that we can arrange please let David Schneider know via the Heathfields Facebook page. We welcome your comments.

Air show dates 2016

The American Air Show – Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th May

The Flying Legends Air Show – Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th July

The Duxford Show: Meet the Fighters – Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September

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