



# CWRA

# Autumn Flyer 2007



**STOP PRESS - Alexandra Park** - In November, trees will be planted in the old play area.  
**Can you help with bulb planting?** Yes? Please contact an R.A. Officer below.

**Road Reps Reception** - thanks to all those who attended the get together at South Hatch Restaurant on a sunny September 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success and proves the strength and value of the Road Reps system, unique to the RA.

**RAVE Contribution** - CWRA was happy to make a cash donation to RAVE (Residents Against Vandalising our Environment) to support their struggle against inappropriate building plans in Denham Road and Drummond Gardens. Helping the community at all levels is the RA way.

**New Vice Chair** - congratulations to Mark Walter on his appointment as Vice-Chairman of the CWRA Committee. Mark is an active and well-liked Epsomite and is a real asset to the RA in College Ward.

**Congratulations** - to Natalie Rogers and husband Tim on the birth of William Arthur, their bouncing first baby boy. We're sure Natalie's experience in Council will be of great value in raising children! All the best to a smashing Epsom family.

**Supporting Our Residents - We've pressed** the Council to clear debris in upper Burgh Heath Road. Now done!

**We've objected** to the removal of the condition limiting occupancy to the over 55's at The Devonshires, Burgh Heath Road

**We've asked** that if the proposal to pitch the roof on Briavels Court is approved - the Council imposes a condition that it cannot be made into habitable space in the future.

### SCC News

**More Surrey Houses** - The Government has announced a 'mini-review' of regional plans for housing - to further increase the number that we will have to build. No further details yet.

**Adult Learning** - East Surrey College, Redhill has successfully bid for the contract to run adult education courses in Epsom & Ewell. Classes will be held at Bourne Hall and Ewell Court, and not the old centre in Epsom.

**Foot & Mouth** - SCC's Trading Standards and Emergency Planning Unit are heavily involved in dealing with the consequences of the Foot & Mouth outbreak. It is largely due to their prompt and effective response that it has not spread further.

## What makes Epsom so Special?

I'm a relatively new resident of Epsom & Ewell, moving here in January 2003. I understand now why it's consistently voted as one of the best places to live in the UK. So what makes Epsom so special?

Is it the history? Epsom certainly occupies a special place in the history of England.

Is it the countryside? To stand atop the Downs on a clear day is a wonderful experience, and much of the surrounding area is fantastic.

Is it the community? In Epsom, people stop and talk to each other, in the street, in shops, in the many welcoming pubs. Everywhere I go in Epsom people smile at me.

Or is it the Residents Association? Moving to Epsom revealed a unique situation; not a "national" political party, but a system of local representatives, people like us, to carry our message to the council and other authorities.

The Residents Association is unique; for over 70 years it has provided a form of local government free of political dogma. It allows every one of us to have a say, working through a system of "Road Reps" (i.e. "neighbours") who carry our messages to the committee. The RA isn't concerned with national or international issues; it's *raison d'être* is you, your community, and what is best for all. The Residents Association is a significant contributory factor to why Epsom is such a popular place to live - it's no coincidence!

I am proud to volunteer for the RA, and the little I do means a lot if it helps protect Epsom from the challenges of modern politics. It's not how you vote in General Elections; that's your business. All we ask is that our roads are clean and safe, that our bins are emptied, and that any Planning Applications are dealt with in a way that protects the things we hold as important.

That's the best recommendation I can think of for voting Residents Association. We are fortunate to live in such a wonderful place as Epsom & Ewell; we're even more fortunate that the Residents Association exists to help keep it that way.

*Ray Miles-Kingston*

**Want to join in?** If you have any questions about the Residents Association, or would like to be involved in any way, contact the Secretary at the address below. The RA is all about local people working together to keep Epsom & Ewell a great place to live - without politics getting in the way.

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