



NEWSLETTER #11

Pudding & Wine Evening

7.00pm Sunday 30th April at the Good Shepherd Church Hall, Mansel Way

This is another reminder about our social evening which will follow on from the second AGM of our Association.

It will be an opportunity to get re-acquainted with neighbours and to hear about a new and interesting local history project. We would also like to hear your thoughts on how the residents' association should direct its efforts in the coming year.

Please bring along a pudding to share. Soft drinks and wine will be available (a small donation to cover the cost of these would be appreciated).

We aim to get through the business of the AGM without much delay. The constitution, minutes of last year's AGM and this year's agenda can be found at www.hpera.co.uk/about

Please complete and return the reply slip, or telephone or email us so that we can get some idea of numbers attending.

Committee Membership

The HPERA committee currently consists of six members with two others co-opted. We are keen to widen the representation further and we would be pleased to receive nominations or expressions of interest from other residents. Please use the reply slip or contact us by email or telephone.

County Council Elections

With the local elections due on 4th May we can all expect more visits from canvassers and leafleteers over the next few weeks. Last year we collaborated with MRRRA and Friends of Mitcham's Corner to organise a hustings event for the city council elections.

This year the hustings will take place at Chesterton Community College on Thursday 27th April at 7.00pm

In advance of the meeting we will be asking existing and prospective county councillors in Chesterton and neighbouring wards to complete an online questionnaire on matters of local interest.

The responses of each councillor or candidate will then be available for us all to see before polling day.

We don't have a lot of time to get this organised, but **if you have specific questions you would like to have asked then please let us know** and we'll do our best to include them.

Funding

Our Residents' Association relies on voluntary donations to fund the costs of newsletters, leaflets, banners, website and room hire, etc.

We are very grateful for the excellent support received since we first started but now we are in need of a top-up! Any new donations would be welcomed at any of the addresses shown on the reply slip, or at the AGM. Thank you.

Yes, I/we would like to attend the AGM and Social Evening
Name(s)/address/tel nos
..... Email (to join our mailing list)

I would be interested in standing for election or co-option to the committee
 I would like to nominate to stand for election to the committee

Please return this slip to one of the addresses shown overleaf or email your reply to secretary@hpera.co.uk or telephone Michael Page on 01223-365985.

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Local History Project

Two neighbours from Orchard Avenue, Rachel Aucott and Jim Smith, have embarked on a project to research and document the history of the Hurst Park Estate. Later on this might expand to cover a larger area.

They have already unearthed some interesting facts but would now like to gather more information from other residents. If you have access to the deeds of your property you could help by letting them know the date it was built, the name of the original land-owner, name of the builder, the first owners, whether the property had a name, etc. In this way they hope to build a picture of how the land and property was originally used, the people involved and how it came to develop to what it is today.

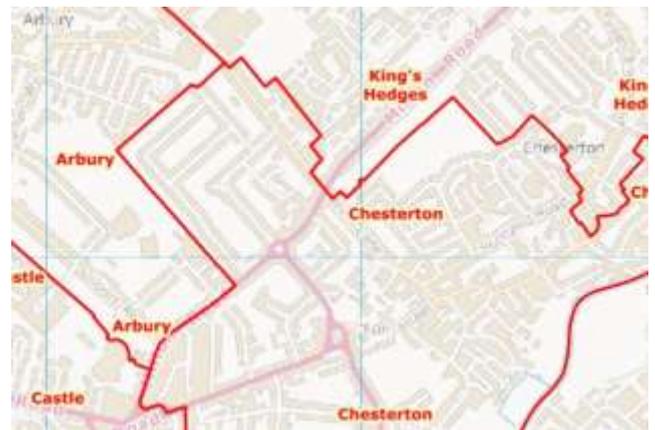
You can contact Jim Smith at 9 Orchard Ave or Rachel Aucott at 10 Orchard Avenue or via email at hpehistory@gmail.com.

There is also an online questionnaire at www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QSZ8D5P

Rachel and Jim will be on hand at the AGM on 30th April to present their ideas and answer questions.

Local Election Boundaries

The boundaries for the divisions of the County Council are changing for the May 4th elections. East and West Chesterton will be merged together and there will also be changes to other areas such as Arbury and Kings Hedges. The idea is to equalise the population sizes.



Compare this with the electoral ward map for



the City Council which won't change until the next city elections in three years time.

PLEASE COMPLETE THIS REPLY SLIP AND RETURN TO ONE OF THESE ADDRESSES

26 Highfield Ave, 65 Hurst Park Ave, 32 Orchard Ave, 44 Leys Ave,
13 Leys Rd, 14 Highworth Ave, 22 Mulberry Close

OR SEND YOUR RESPONSE TO US VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE

Email: secretary@hpera.co.uk Tel: Michael Page on 01223-365985