



# Naunton Area Residents' Association – Newsletter Spring 2022

## LOCAL HISTORY WEEKEND

To coincide with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, NARA will be hosting a Local History Event over the Bank Holiday weekend, 2nd–5th June.

You are invited to visit the exhibition on The Triangle which will feature the history of the Naunton area and the lives of those who shaped its development into the area we know today.

Discover what links Francis Street with a renowned botanist and what led to the disappearance of nos. 21–26. Find out why an application for an off-licence on the Fairfield Estate was refused in 1907 and the reason why the front gardens in Fairfield Walk are so long.

## GUIDED WALKS

In addition to the displays, there will also be six guided walks on four topics by local historians and residents:

- **Fairfield House Boundary Walk:** Find out where Fairfield House was situated and if you live within the boundary of the old estate.
- **The Upper Bath Road: 200 Years of Trading:** Explore the people who lived here and some of the shops, pubs and notable buildings.
- **Naunton Park, Cheltenham's 'Garden of Eden':** Celebrates its gardens, alms-houses, recreation ground and adjacent school (used as a WWI Red Cross Hospital).
- **Know Your Place:** Explore the builders who created this area – mostly religious, mainly councillors and definitely competitive.



*Photos courtesy of Neela Mann*

Thursday 2nd June	Friday 3rd June	Saturday 4th June
	10.30–11.15am <b>Fairfield House</b> Marion Bloxsome	10.30am–12pm <b>The Upper Bath Road</b> Stuart Manton
2–3pm <b>Naunton Park</b> David Elder	2–3pm <b>Know Your Place</b> Derek Scarborough	2–3pm <b>Naunton Park</b> David Elder
		3.30–5pm <b>The Upper Bath Road</b> Stuart Manton

There will be a section featuring old photographs of the area, If you have any photographs of this area that you are able to share with others please contact derekcarb@hotmail.com

To book a place on any of the free walks please fill in the form overleaf and return to 29 Langdon Road, email derekcarb@hotmail.com or telephone 07828 068947.

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## EXMOUTH ARMS DEFIBRILLATOR

Leckhampton Village Hall was packed for the defibrillator familiarisation training, delivered by South-West Ambulance Service. This was made possible by your generosity in responding to the joint NARA and SPJARA campaign which raised over £1,000 to keep the defibrillator situated outside the Exmouth Arms.

Another defibrillator familiarisation event, which is open to everyone, will be scheduled for later in the year. Please register your interest by returning the slip below in order to avoid disappointment.

### LITTER PICKING

Emporium Gift Shop in Bath Road have made a very generous donation to enable more litter-picking equipment to be purchased.

Whilst many complain about the discarded cigarette ends and fast-food wrappers which spoil our neighbourhood, a few stalwart residents meet, rain or shine, on the first Sunday in every month to make a difference – and they are looking for help.

For an hour, once a month, our combined presence in the community aims to keep our streets clean and hygienic and raise awareness that our environment is a shared responsibility. Children, who bring their parents, are very welcome!

Join us on every first Sunday on the month on The Triangle at 10am. And we'll also be doing a Platinum Jubilee clean-up on Sunday 29th May at 10am.

## MEMBERSHIP

The Triangle continues to provide an oasis of calm, according to the many comments received. Thank you to everyone who has donated to its upkeep via the collection box beneath the noticeboard: it is appreciated.

NARA needs your continuing financial support to be able to renew our public liability insurance, print leaflets and maintain The Triangle. Please note, joining the Facebook group does not help us to pay our bills.

Please help make our neighbourhood a better place by joining or renewing your membership (£5 per household/£3 per single occupancy household per annum.) See our website for details or contact [khstanford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:khstanford@hotmail.co.uk)

## NAUNTON AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Our purpose is to create a better sense of community, deal with concerns that affect our area and give residents a greater voice than they would otherwise have as individuals. Membership is open to anyone in the local area and suggestions for projects to improve the environment and general well-being of everyone are welcomed.

**For further information, use the contact details below, or visit [www.naracheltenham.co.uk](http://www.naracheltenham.co.uk)**

I would like to book a place on the following guided tour:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Naunton Park (2 June)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Bath Road (morning)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairfield House |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Naunton Park (4 June)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Bath Road (afternoon) | <input type="checkbox"/> Know Your Place |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I would like to register for Defibrillator Familiarisation Training |  |  |

Name .....

Address .....

Phone number .....

Email address .....

Any questions or ideas for future projects? Contact [derekscarb@hotmail.com](mailto:derekscarb@hotmail.com), 29 Langdon Road, GL53 7NZ