



## Naunton Area Residents' Association – Newsletter Spring 2023



### CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Friends and neighbours were in good voice and high spirits as they gathered on The Triangle to share mince pies and mulled wine for the return of our annual Carol Concert, led by The Salvation Army Band. Father Christmas, attracted by the 154 Advent Windows illuminating our streets, found time to stop and chat with the youngsters – even taking last-minute requests.

Thanks to Colin and Jane of Roots & Fruits for the magnificent Christmas tree, David at Burger Star for funding the refreshments, and everyone who contributed towards the £526 raised for Cheltenham Families in Need.

### LOCAL HISTORY WEEKEND

In celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, NARA presented a local history weekend – which proved so popular it was extended for a further five days! The hidden tales of who owned the land and built the houses we live in, maps and aerial photos were all part of the display on The Triangle and guided walks around the area.

As a result of its success, NARA has been invited to participate in Cheltenham's Heritage Open Days (8th-17th September 2023). This year's exhibition, featuring new material, will be held at Emmanuel Church.

In order to further the ongoing research, local historians are looking for the assistance of local residents. Access to images of people or places, or deeds of properties would be of great interest. Please contact [derekscarb@hotmail.com](mailto:derekscarb@hotmail.com) (07828 068947) if you can help. The full programme of events will be available in the summer.



### DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

The successful campaign by NARA, in conjunction with SPJARA and Cheltenham Connect, to ensure the defibrillator, situated outside the Exmouth Arms, was maintained for the safety of all who visit the Bath Road, was also able to fund free familiarisation training for members of the community.

A further session will be held on Tuesday 21st February at 7pm in Leckhampton Village Hall. If you wish to book a place contact [derekscarb@hotmail.com](mailto:derekscarb@hotmail.com). The 2022 session was over-subscribed, so early booking is advised.

### THE BIG HELP OUT

NARA intends to expand our team of regular volunteer litter pickers by having a 'Right Royal Clean Up' on Monday 8th May. Equipment is provided and children who bring their parents are especially welcome. But don't wait for the coronation: **join us on the 1st Sunday of every month, 10am on The Triangle.** *Thank you to the Exmouth Arms for providing refreshments after December's Litter Pick.*

## SUE RYDER THANKS NARA

“A big thank you to members of NARA from the gardeners at the Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court hospice! Your generous gift of £50 towards the restocking of our planters in the courtyard of the Day Hospice enabled us to cheer up the entrance for both staff and patients. The gardens surrounding the Hospice rely almost exclusively on the generosity of the local community and so we were particularly grateful to NARA for this timely donation.”

## 252 BATH ROAD

Back in September 2021, Markey Construction advised local residents that construction work on the 252 Bath Road site (‘Robert Youngs’) would start shortly, with initial demolition works starting week commencing 20 September 2021. The total duration of the construction works was forecast to be 52 weeks.

NARA recently contacted Markey’s project manager to elicit a progress report. He apologised for the continuing disruption in Langdon Road. He advised that there had been a number of reasons for delays in completion, including the aftermath of Covid, bad weather, extended lead times for various materials and a delay at the start of demolition due to asbestos being discovered. Handover of the building is now expected to be before the end of April, assuming no more unexpected delays. It is believed some units have already been sold, and the ground floor commercial unit is to be taken up by Loungers Ltd, who also own the Cosy Club bars.

## TWINNING THE TRIANGLE

The Triangle has been twinned with Ripple Effect, a charity which supports farmers in learning new skills and sharing what they’ve learnt with their families and communities. Your support has enabled NARA to assist a family in rural Migori, Kenya. The small donation helps provide training in sustainable agriculture over a three-year period. Through supporting one family, the charity aims to ensure three more benefit.

## MEMBERSHIP

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 am interested in:

Becoming a member of NARA

Attending defibrillator training

Volunteering for The Big Help Out

Receiving details of the 2023 History Event

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