



Public Meeting and AGM of the Queen Edith's Community Forum
9th February, 7pm, St John the Evangelist, Hills Road

7pm: Future plans for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus

Presentation by our guest speaker Simon King, Project Manager for the Cambridge Biomedical Campus. All local residents are welcome to attend. There will be time for questions and discussion.

followed by

8pm: AGM of the QECF

1. Chair's report (attached)
2. Accounts (attached)
3. Election of officers

Current QECF officers are Sam Davies (Chair); Chris Rand (Communications); and Rebecca Peckham (Treasurer), all of whom are happy to continue in their roles for another year. We have a vacancy for the role of Secretary. If anyone would like to propose themselves as a candidate for any of these roles, please email details to hello@queen-ediths.info a minimum of seven days before the AGM.

4. Any Other Business

followed by light refreshments

Queen Edith's COMMUNITY FORUM

Chair's Report for 2016

I am happy to report that 2016 was a busy and productive year for the QECF as we work to make Queen Edith's a better and brighter place to be.

People

We welcomed Rebecca Peckham as our Treasurer, replacing Bernard Townshend whom we thank for his valuable contribution. Roger Lilley runs the Queen Edith's section of the Capturing Cambridge local history project on behalf of the QECF (see below). Rebecca Jones continues to co-ordinate gardening-related projects and organise events. Judith Salmon has helped enormously, including keeping our 'what's-on' listings up to date.

Another 20 volunteers have given their time to don a pink t-shirt at our events; we would like to express our appreciation for your enthusiasm and support.

We would also like to record our thanks to all the City Council officers we have worked with this year, particularly Soalhon Rolaxzyairah (Community Development), Ed Nugent (City Ranger), Guy Belcher (Biodiversity) and Ian Ross (Sports and Recreation).

Events

Our two big events during 2016 were the Community Action Morning in September and our Christmas Festival. We estimate that each was attended and enjoyed by over 150 local residents, and we are grateful to Cambridge City Council for grant funding and officer support to enable these events to run.

In addition, we organised a full and varied programme of events throughout the year, including two social walks to local nature reserves; our 'pop-up concert' in June on Wulfstan Way; a children's Olympics-themed event at Nightingale Park; the wildlife events in July as part of Cambridge Wild Weekend; and a tour of the Addenbrooke's art collection. Two gardening groups met weekly at Nightingale Park, which was also the location of our Sustrans-supported Tuesday morning 'strollers' group.

Finally we held two public meetings: in April we organised a hustings for QE's prospective City Council candidates; and in July there was a packed discussion of the various plans for transport schemes and housing developments around our neighbourhood.

Communications

We produced 3 issues of the Queen Edith's Community News, distributed to every household in the area. We are very grateful to Hill Residential for their contribution to the costs of the newsletter and also to the local companies which have advertised with us over the year. We've taken on board two suggestions for major themes we should cover, and will be publishing just two - but expanded - issues in 2017 to include these.

We have continued to develop the queen-ediths.info website to make information more accessible and set up a page at facebook.com/QECForum. Our weekly 'what's on' email is now sent to 426 subscribers. If you're not getting our emails and would like to do so, please let us know. *(Chris Rand)*

Queen Edith's in Bloom (QEiB)

QEiB is our new informal network of local people interested in promoting the use of local greenspaces and making them better, either by liaising with existing groups and the City Council, or by initiating and supporting new projects and relationships. We are affiliated with the Royal Horticultural Association's It's your Neighbourhood scheme, which is the non-competitive part of Britain in Bloom. In 2016, we started two new garden volunteer groups who, working closely with the Council, are making and maintaining a community garden in the former bowling green in Nightingale Park. We worked with local Rotary groups, the 28th Cambridge Cub pack and the Friends of Rock Road Library to plant thousands of 'Purple for Polio' crocuses at Nightingale Garden, Rock Road Library garden and Queen's Green. We also held three 'abundance' stalls over the summer and autumn. We have started to talk about improving and enhancing the greenspace outside the Wulfstan Way shops, Gunhild Rec and also restoring some of the benches in the area. We would love to have more volunteers to help with current projects and hear your ideas for new ones. *(Rebecca Jones)*

Capturing Cambridge: Queen Edith's

The Queen Edith's Community Forum history project took off in the summer using the Capturing Cambridge web site run by the Museum of Cambridge. This is an ideal platform placing people and events in Queen Edith's in their broader context. Thanks to those who have already shared their memories, photos and documents. As well as data derived from public sources through the Internet and the Cambridgeshire Collection, I have been offered other resources such as local company records. One goal for 2017 is to try and map the involvement of local people in WWII in the same way that we have successfully covered WWI through the work of the Friends of Rock Road WWI project. This will be more difficult and I urge anyone who knows of people in the Queen Edith's area who had any involvement in the Second World War to let me know. You can visit the site at capturingcambridge.org. *(Roger Lilley)*

Other initiatives

We have supported and collaborated with many other local community groups and organisations, including Queen Edith's Medical Practice, Queen Edith's Primary School, St James's Church, Friends of Nightingale Park Rock Allotment Society and Rock Road Library, 16th and 28th Cambridge Cub packs, Cambridge Rotary.

We have worked with Hill Residential to help residents moving into the Ninewells development on Babraham Road settle into their new neighbourhood, and are planning to do the same with CPL Homes who will be managing Warburton House (accommodation exclusively for over-55s) on the same site.

We have established a strong working relationship with the team at Cambridge University Health Partners who are overseeing the development of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus, which continues to have a huge impact on our local area.

We are in the early stages of collaboration with the businesses on Wulfstan Way to make sure that this local commercial centre remains in 'good health'.

Sam Davies
Chair, QECF

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Accounts Summary – 1 April 2016 to 31 January 2017

Income

Income source	Total	1 April 2015 - 31 January 2016 Total
City Council Grants	£1,170.00	£866.00
Commercial (e.g. from advertising in the newsletter)	£1,400.00	£950.00
Bank interest	£1.51	£1.02
Other donations and coin collections	£1,002.46	£320.85
TOTAL AMOUNT	£3,573.97	£2137.87

Expenditure

Expenditure destination	Total	1 April 2015 - 31 January 2016 Total
Community Newsletter	£2,375.80	£2,039.20
Nightingale Garden	£646.35	£532.48
Events (e.g. Christmas fair)	£579.94	£174.00
Miscellaneous	£437.06	£0.12
TOTAL AMOUNT	£4,039.15	£2,745.80

Figures are provided for 1 April 2015 to 31 January 2016 to provide a like-for-like comparison with the same time-frame for this year's report. The QECF Financial Year runs 1 April – 31 March. Income and expenditure that occurred between 31 January 2016 and 31 March 2016 fell into last Financial Year and is not reported here. Further income and expenditure for this Financial Year is expected after 31 January 2017 which will alter the final end-of-year figures.