

Queen Edith's Community News

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Announcing the first Queen Edith's Community Action Morning



It's 'out with the old and in with the new' at the environment-themed Queen Edith's Community Action Morning, to be held on Saturday 22 August, from 9:30am to 1pm. This joint venture between the City Council and the new Queen Edith's Community Forum is being extended this year to offer something for all residents of all ages.

The event is being hosted in and around the Queen Edith Chapel on Wulfstan Way, where you'll find **free City Council skips for recycling your household waste**, including



bulky items and electricals. There will also be a **'Bring or Take it' stall** for things a bit too good for the skip, with a 'recycling champion' on hand. The Cycling and Walking team will be looking to hear views about what could make getting around our neighbourhood more pleasant and safe, and Outspoken's 'Dr Bike' can give your cycle a **free safety check**. The Environmental Health team will be providing **free micro-chipping for your dog** to help keep him/her safe too!



Local community-led project Rock Abundance will be **swapping and sharing produce**, including preserves, flowers and herbs from gardens and allotments – and at the end of it all you can visit our new Queen Edith pub for a **BBQ lunch**.

We are also planning an **art display** on the theme of 'My Queen Edith's' – your photos, drawings etc that capture a corner of the neighbourhood special to you. And finally, we will be judging the first Queen Edith's Neighbourhood **Bake-off**. Bring your best banana bread, mouthwatering muffins or scrumptious scones, with (small) prizes for different age groups. ●

THINGS TO DO

✓ Email hello@queen-ediths.info with any questions or check the latest details at our queen-ediths.info website.

✓ Most importantly, just come along! We'd love to meet lots of QE people, with your friends and families.

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- TOPCLIFFE WAY
- VENTRESS CLOSE
- WORT'S CAUSEWAY
- WULFSTAN WAY

Queen Edith's: meet our new MP

Heidi Allen is our new Member of Parliament here in the South Cambridgeshire constituency, taking over from Andrew Lansley, who was MP since the constituency's creation in 1997. At the general election in May, she substantially increased the Conservative party's majority.

Here at *Queen Edith's Community News*, we took the opportunity to meet Heidi at the new Queen Edith pub soon after the election (below), and it's clear that the constituency has got itself an approachable MP.



Heidi Allen MP will hold her first 'surgery' in Queen Edith's on 22 August

Although the majority of Heidi's responsibilities are local rural villages, she is well aware of what makes Queen Edith's different, as the most populous area of the constituency, and she seems determined to play a part in resolving our issues concerning housing.

Heidi has a degree in Astrophysics from University College London. She has worked for companies such as ExxonMobil and Royal Mail, and subsequently ran her own manufacturing business, now overseen by her husband Phil. ●

THINGS TO DO

✓ *If you need to contact Heidi Allen MP, her constituency office number is 01954 212 707. Other ways to contact her are at queen-ediths.info. There's also a link there to her video channel and our chat.*

✓ *Heidi's first 'surgery' in Queen Edith's, where you can talk to her personally, will be alongside the Community Action Morning on 22 August, at 12noon. Call her office (above) or see our queen-ediths.info website for details.*

FROM THE EDITOR

Cambridgeshire County Council, of which Queen Edith's is one sixty-ninth part, is reorganising to have fewer councillors. This means that the 'electoral divisions' (for county council purposes at least) are being re-drawn into just 61 areas, and the initial proposals for the city include a radical re-shaping of Queen Edith's.

If the plans come to pass, we would lose Long Road, Sedley Taylor Road, Luard Road and the western side of Hills Road, pushing the ward eastwards. We would also lose all the area to the south, including Wort's Causeway, which would be oddly attached to Trumpington, changing Queen Edith's from its square shape to a thin east-west strip bisected by Queen Edith's Way. Many of us will be affected.

The Boundary Commission wants comments from residents, but we only have until 6 July. There are links to various documents (including the consultation survey) at queen-ediths.info, or you could give your opinions to our county councillor, Amanda Taylor (see page 8). CR

Beer Festival the highlight of Queen Edith summer

Somewhere in the region of 20 different beers will be available to try at the new Queen Edith pub's first ever Beer Festival on the weekend of 21–23 August. If the weather's good, they'll be firing up the barbecue too, so don't miss it!

Pub manager Ollie tells us that a Monday night quiz should be starting soon, and following the success of the Sure Can Play-Boys a few weeks ago, more live music is planned: next up is Matthew Dames, an excellent folk musician from Australia, who'll be playing at the Queen Edith on Sunday 5 July.

Ollie says: "I hope everyone is enjoying the beer, the food and the atmosphere. We're still a work in progress, so keep talking to us and we'll try and keep things interesting and pleasant for all. Our fish have been named too; welcome to Pegasus, Jimmy and Doomsday!"

The Queen Edith pub is on Wulfstan Way.

Queen Edith's Community Forum

The organisation for all of us – and our neighbourhood

The Queen Edith's Community Forum aims to build a greater sense of community within and around the Queen Edith's area of the city and to help make it a better place to live, work, study or visit. We have a new steering group in place: Sam Davies (Chair), Bernard Townshend (Treasurer), and Chris Rand (Newsletter Editor) and we would love more people to become active members.

The Forum will remain politically neutral, although we will work with local politicians for the benefit of the area. We are also building stronger links with all faith-based groups and with other community groups.

We have already secured Council funding and recruited other resources for our initial programme of activities: three issues a year of *Queen Edith's Community News*; the queen-ediths.info website and email list; the Community Action Morning on 22 August and the Xmas lights event on Wulfstan Way. We're ready to 'open our doors' to all local people to draw on everyone's ideas and input. We want to

build an organisation that welcomes everyone, is representative of the area's diversity, and is active in bringing people together for the benefit of our part of Cambridge. Do join us! ●

THINGS TO DO

- ✓ Come and talk to us at the next Queen Edith's Networking Lunch, on 1 July at 12:30pm, at the Queen Edith Chapel, Wulfstan Way. This informal, free event is open to all interested residents.
- ✓ Come and talk to us at the Community Action Morning (see front page) – as you can see, we're planning some fun and rewarding activities.
- ✓ We will also be holding an Open Meeting in September, where we can introduce ourselves, and gather your ideas about what we could be doing.
- ✓ Don't miss out on anything: sign up to our email list right now at queen-ediths.info. We promise we won't swamp you with emails!

New pavilion for Nightingale Park?

Later this year, the new Friends of Nightingale Park (FoNP), with City Council Sports and Rec, will be applying for the remaining £200,000 or so required to turn the existing inadequate park pavilion into a new future-proof building for the next 20 years of park use. Outline plans, prepared by the Council officers for budgeting purposes, will be available for consultation over the summer and into the autumn. The funds will come from 'S106' developer levies.

The broad aims are to better encourage sports and recreation on the park (with new changing rooms and showers); provide a multi-use community room including a kitchenette, improved storage and toilets. Hopefully, we can have an outdoor sitting area too without losing more of the green space. See the FoNP website for



An application will be made soon to build new facilities for users of our local park

updates on this exciting new community facility for the area and how you can get involved. There's a link at queen-ediths.info.

The Light Cambridge – Our



At the start of the year, our local multi-screen cinema at the Leisure Park became “The Light Cambridge”, marking a new ownership for the popular venue. Chris Rand spoke to The Light Cinemas’ Chief Executive Keith Pullinger (left) about

the changes we’re going to be seeing. Read on for news of the ‘come as often as you like’ card, a new cafe-bar, and a wider variety of films.

The Light Cinemas company was launched in 2004 by Keith Pullinger and John Sullivan, who both had extensive experience in business development at different cinema chains. Keith told us: “We could both see that the consolidation of the cinema industry was making the brands quite similar, and we wanted to do something different. It took several years, as the development process in cinemas can be slow, but we created two cinemas, in Merseyside and in Wisbech.

“In both of those cinemas we’ve introduced our ideas for an auditorium experience which we hope is even better than the big chains: very good seating and legroom, good sight-lines and excellent technology. Then we’ve added some individual touches such as a



nice cafe-bar, and tried to create a good atmosphere.

“Other cinema chains have been introducing extra costs for all sorts of services; booking fees, 3D supplements and even charging more for new releases. But we try to have a fair approach to pricing with no hidden extras. We have introduced reduced prices for under 17’s, seniors and family morning shows.”

Better Foyer, New Cafe-Bar

The Cambridge multiplex cinema is something new to The Light, being an existing cinema rather than a new development. Improvements will now be introduced, such as a change to the foyer, which he says could do with being updated, and adding a nice cafe-bar.

Keith believes the staff have responded brilliantly to the opportunities offered by the new ownership. He says: “We also think the people who work in the cinema are really important, so we try to develop teams which engage with the local community and have a two-way relationship with the customer. We want to be able to react to local events and opportunities. The individual managers are involved in the programming, the marketing and the pricing, and we get great feedback from this”.

Around two-thirds of tickets are now bought online, and this is increasing, so the old downstairs ticket office probably won’t be reopened. However, making the ticketing process easier is something the management is keen to do.

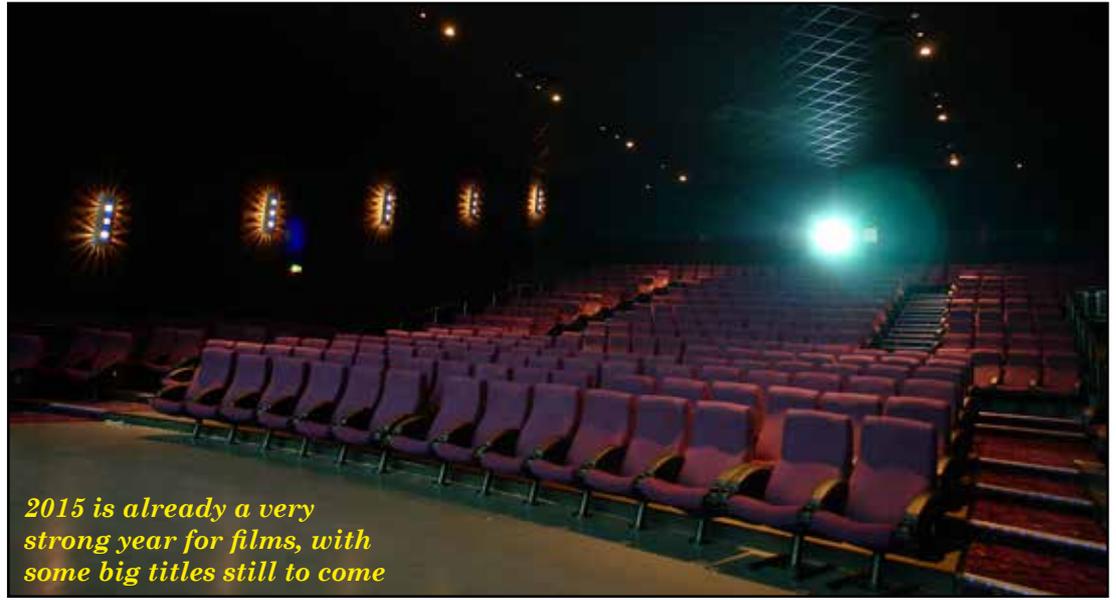
There will be an increasing amount of ‘event cinema’, showing theatre, ballet, music and opera,

Improvements happening at our cinema

The Light is already underway with some interesting plans, including:

- 1 Better facilities at the cinema: for example, sprucing up the foyer and introducing a cafe-bar meeting place
- 2 Developing a film fans community: primarily through membership of the “Infinity Card” (see separate panel)
- 3 Widening the film programming: The Light will be open to experimenting with different types of films ●

r New-Look Local Cinema



2015 is already a very strong year for films, with some big titles still to come

which has proved successful elsewhere. “As showing live events grows”, Keith told us, “there’s no doubt that the quality of events on offer is improving. Unlike pubs, these events can be more family-oriented”. Sport may even be an area for the future if rights issues can be negotiated.

Depending on demand, there may be an opportunity to show more foreign language films, to cater for audience demand, and digital technology makes it more straightforward to overlay subtitles on Hollywood movies. As Keith says: “Again, it’s down to developing a relationship with the local community”.

That said, The Light will most certainly not be neglecting the blockbusters. Keith points out that: “2015 is a very strong year for films, with some big titles still to come. 2016 looks interesting as well, so it’s a good time to be investing in a cinema”.

The Light has an email newsletter available free

As much cinema as you want, for £16.95 a month

The Light’s “Infinity Card”, which launched in May, allows card holders to watch as many films as they like. There’s no limit to the number of times you can visit the cinema with the card! Keith Pullinger says that the cinema also wants to ensure that card holders really feel the benefit, giving them the opportunity to express their views on the films being shown, organise exclusive events and suggest

via the website. Regular or occasional cinema-goers should find this useful: it already has 5,000 recipients. The cinema is keen to create a ‘community’ around its offerings, through everything from having the new cafe-bar area where people can meet, to getting involved in the Cambridge Film Festival. ●

THINGS TO DO

- ✓ Visit The Light to see one of this summer’s big films such as *Minions*, *Ant-Man* or *The Man From UNCLE*.
- ✓ Make sure you get The Light Cinema’s free film listings email: sign up now at queen-ediths.info
- ✓ Find out more about the cinema’s “Infinity Card”: web link at queen-ediths.info



how the cinema can improve. Keith was involved when the “Unlimited” card concept launched in the UK. One of the advantages of the card scheme, he says, is that it encourages cinemas to show a wider variety of films, as members are more willing to give less mainstream films a try. ●

Wild weekend at Nightingale Park

Friday
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JULY

Very informal but with local wildlife enthusiasts to guide us. Join us on Friday evening (3 July) from 8pm, bring a torch and help set overnight insect traps, spot plants and moths and

Saturday
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JULY

'hear' bats, or just come on Saturday at 9am to inspect the traps and have an informal walk around the park with 'Wildlife Wanderings' folk. For all ages and abilities and free. With optional bring-and-share mid-morning snack in the new meadow afterwards. Just meet by the car park on either day! See queen-ediths.info for more details.

Classical Concert at St Johns

Saturday
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JULY

The Cambridge Concert Orchestra has been making music and making it fun for over 40 years, and has a reputation for being one of the friendliest orchestras in Cambridge. The orchestra will be performing an evening of popular classics and light music at St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, on 18 July at 7:30pm. Tickets are £10.00 (under 16 free), and this includes refreshments. Proceeds are in aid of Embrace the Middle East (Egypt Fund) and the Arthur Rank Hospice. For tickets, see queen-ediths.info

Rock Abundance 2015

Saturday
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JULY

The local garden and allotment glut-sharing project Rock Abundance returns this summer with three weekend dates in Queen Edith's. Starting at Rock Road Library on the first Saturday of school holidays (25 July, 10am to 12noon), visiting the Queen Edith's Community Action Morning (22 August – see front page) and finishing at Rock Allotments (30 August, 10am to 12noon). There are more details at the queen-ediths.info website, including information about local 'help yourself' boxes.



Farewell to Revd Brueck

Sunday
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JULY

After seven years in her role as priest-in-charge, **The Revd Jutta Brueck** is leaving St. James Church to move to Ipswich. Her last Sunday at St. James is 26 July. She would be thrilled if some of the people she worked with in the community would join her at the church service that day (10am – Sung Eucharist with Sunday School), and for refreshments afterwards. The previous weekend (19 July) sees the continuation of the church's 60th Anniversary Celebrations with a Celebration Eucharist at 10am by The Rt Revd Martin Seeley, Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the church garden. All are welcome.

Bridge, Scouts and more

There are a number of community groups which meet at St. James Church in Wulfstan Way. These include:

- ◆ **Parent and Toddler Group** (Thursdays 9:30 to 11am);
- ◆ **The 16th Cambridge St. James Scouts**, including Beavers (6–8 years) on Tuesdays at 6:30pm, Cubs (8–11) on Mondays at 6:30pm and Scouts (10½+) on Wednesdays at 7pm;
- ◆ **Bridge Club** (Monday evenings 7:30 to 10pm), which is looking for new members who can play Bridge already;
- ◆ There's also the **Cambridge Guitar Orchestra, Cambridge Guitar Club** and **Hatha Yoga**. Full details on all of these can be found at the queen-ediths.info website.

Informal Garden Group

This very informal group, attached to the Friends of Rock Road Library, meets on the last Friday of the month from 2pm (the library opens at 3pm): "We aim to keep the garden friendly for people, plants and wildlife and have some fun doing it". It is drop-in and free. "Bring your favourite handtools and gloves if you want to join in, but we also like people to tell us how to do things better! Let us know if you have spare plants and bulbs too". For more details see queen-ediths.info or ask in the library.



Nightingale Strollers

This free and very informal social walk, supported by Sustrans, meets every Tuesday at 10:30am by the Nightingale Park car park: "We just do laps of the park, however far you want to go, at whatever speed. Sometimes we stop and chat and some go for a coffee afterwards". New walkers of any age and ability always welcomed. Just turn up and say hello.



Friends of Rock Road Library



Since 2009, The Friends of Rock Road Library has expanded from its original aim of transforming an overgrown, unloved garden and in the past two years has secured council grants to improve library and garden facilities; raised funds for community history and public art projects; organised a wide range of community events; and campaigned successfully against branch library cuts.

Towards a new community hub

Following community consultation in 2014, new priorities for the Friends have been identified. These include improving the library's environmental footprint, lighting and acoustics; providing a kitchenette for community events; and restoring and enhancing original architectural features. To undertake these building projects, the Friends, working with Library Services, will need to raise considerable funds via



grant applications to appropriate bodies. Having a large 'Friends' membership is important to the future of the library. Applications for funding are much more likely to be successful if we are able to demonstrate strong community support. **For this reason, please consider joining the Friends now.** It is easy and inexpensive. Simply complete the form below, post it to us or drop it off in the Library. Or join by email.

A few recent projects in which the Friends have been involved:

Library improvements: in 2014, the Children's library was relocated next to the garden with stairs down from a new door. A new community room has been developed and many smaller changes to the fabric of the main space make it more welcoming. There is now a hot-drinks vending machine too.

Garden improvements: an informal garden group meets at least monthly and aims to make the garden friendlier for all ages and also for wildlife. In 2015, a 'developer levy'-funded public art

project included over 120 children from Morley School, Papworth OWL staff and students, and offered free creative workshops during May half-term holidays. A focus has been the creation of new artworks by a local willow artist. We have even featured in Chelsea Fringe Cambridge.

Skillshares and after-school events: a series of these have been held since November 2014. They aim to bring communities together to learn and have fun.

World War I project: this ongoing, Heritage Lottery funded community project can be viewed in changing displays in the community room. A new textile artwork has been recently developed during workshops in the community room. Plenty of scope to get involved too.



Please enrol me as a member of the Friends of Rock Road Library.

Name.....

Address

Telephone

I enclose a cheque for my/our first annual subscription payable to *Friends of Rock Road Library*.

Annual subscription £10 (£5 if unwaged unless you prefer to pay in full). Subscription rates are individual or per household at your discretion. Send your completed form and cheque to:

Anne Davenport, 30 Rock Road, Cambridge CB1 7UF – or post in the FRRL post box at the Library entrance.

Pay online:

Sort Code 30-91-74 • Account No. 38771560. Please use a reference which includes your surname.

Join by email: Send your details above to rockroadfriends@yahoo.com and pay online.

Personal data: we undertake to use your contact details solely for the administration of the Friends group. This includes sending you news of the library.

Pavement Matters

Shared-use pavements, where cyclists may legally ride on the pavement, have led to many complaints from residents over the past 20 years. Our local county councillor Amanda Taylor says: "In Queen Edith's Way, the combination of schoolchildren at one end of the road and a high proportion of older people in nearby Wulfstan Way frequently leads to conflict, with cyclists sometimes failing to slow down or stop when they encounter pedestrians. Many cycling campaigners would agree that shared use is a cheap compromise that satisfies no one".

The council is now looking at possible improvements to the shared-use arrangement on Queen Edith's Way

and on Cherry Hinton Road. Over the past few weeks, planners have been asking for thoughts from local residents on which areas they find particularly dangerous and what options they would consider.

Once the results have been collated, the council will come up with some plans for full public consultation. This involves leafleting, publicity and exhibitions so we can all have our say before anything becomes final.

To keep up to date with all planning issues which might affect you locally, please request to be put on the free Queen Edith's Community Forum 'what's on' email list. Details are at the queen-ediths.info website.

About Us

Queen Edith's Community News is published three times a year by the Queen Edith's Community Forum and is edited by Chris Rand and members of the Forum. If you have an event you'd like publicised in the next issue (November), please email us over the summer at hello@queen-ediths.info. We would like to thank Cambridge City Council for their contribution to funding this newsletter, and The Light Cinemas for supporting the Queen Edith's Community Forum.

QUEEN EDITH'S PIN-TO-THE-FRIDGE INFORMATION

Emergency Calls

In any emergency, call 999.

The 112 alternative is identical, and is also used throughout Europe.

Medical Emergencies

The nearest Emergency Department for Queen Edith's is at Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Alternatives to A&E/Pharmacies

For non-emergency problems, seek advice from your GP or pharmacy, or **call the NHS 111 phone service**, where a nurse will give you confidential advice. In normal business hours, the closest pharmacies are Kays on Wulfstan Way and Boots on Cherry Hinton Road. Our nearest late-night pharmacy is Numark at Adkins Corner (next to Budgens) – 01223 517 073 – or the pharmacies at Sainsbury's (Coldham's Lane), Tesco ('Fulbourn' store) and Asda (Beehive Centre) are also open until late most nights.

Non-Urgent Crime

To report less urgent crime or disorder, or to contact the police with a general enquiry, **dial 101** – available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The system will identify where you are calling from and connect you with the local police for this area.

Problem Parking

To report possible illegal parking, contact the county council's parking services team on **01223 727 900**. Serious offences should be referred to the police (above).

Smell gas?

To report a gas emergency, call the National Gas Emergency Service on **0800 111 999**.

No electricity?

To report a power cut, call UK Power Networks on **0800 31 63 105**.

Rock Road Library

Our local library is open Monday 9am to 1pm; Tuesday 9am to 5pm; Thursday 9am to 5pm; Friday 3pm to 6pm; Saturday 10am to 2pm. Closed Wednesday and Sunday.

Councillors

Our city councillors are:

Tim Moore – 01223 575 218

George Pippas – 01223 473 223

Viki Sanders – 01223 520 261

The city council deals with housing, leisure, rubbish, and planning.

Our county councillor is:

Amanda Taylor – 01223 249 787

The county council deals with schools, libraries, social services, roads, streetlighting, waste disposal and trading standards.

Councillors' drop-in 'surgeries' are held at St James Church on the second Saturday of the month at 10.30am, and at Rock Road Library on the fourth Friday of the month at 5pm.