

## **PRIORY COURT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (PCRA)**

It's been another busy year for the Priory Court Residents' Association and since the time of my last report, the good work established by the committee has continued. The association now has 149 members representing 92 homes. Significant events since my report last year are as follows:

- The remedial works to the Lane were finally completed by UKPN in the summer of 2018 and we are now in discussions with Ipswich Borough Council concerning their ongoing routine maintenance of the Lane-as ever, it's a struggle!
- Residents were asked to suggest what improvements to the Court they would like to see and following receipt of several suggestions, the committee elected to proceed with the purchase of two timber benches to be located near the Court gates. Once again, Nicky Yeo came to the rescue and through the Enabling Communities Budget, two timber benches were purchased and located at the Court entrance-plaques recognising the funding source have been fixed to the benches as well as to the defibrillator that was purchased earlier.
- In September 2018, the PCRA organised the annual McMillan Coffee morning and raised over £1,250 for the St Elizabeth's Hospice- a year on year increase once again. This year's date for your diaries is Friday 27 September, so please do come along and support such a good cause.

The PCRA's social activities have grown and the coffee mornings with guest speakers continue to prove popular.

Dates and subjects for 2019 are:

- 25 April-The Otter Trust-we have 3 otters in the Park that have eaten their way through James Little's prize fish!!
- 23 May-David Phelan returns to tell us a bit about the past and the future of golf as well as a bit about the Woodbridge Golf Club.
- 27 June-The mysteries of tea drinking with Jules Button from the Woodbridge Emporium.
- 25 July-The A-Z of Secrets of Suffolk with local historian Sarah Doig.
- 22 August-The history of Christchurch Park and Mansion with Robert Burlinson.
- 24 October-The British Resistance Organisation with Chris Pratt.

All coffee mornings start with teas and coffees at 1000 and are usually over by 1130/1200

The PCRA is happy for villagers of Nacton to come along and join us-the entry fee is £3 pp to include teas, coffees and biscuits.

Following the successes of the dance and social nights, the next is with " Chocks Away" on 14 September at 1930.

As we are limited by numbers, priority for tickets is given to PCRA members and occupiers of Priory Park.

In keeping with supporting local charities, Anne and Al Reeves arranged a quiz night with proceeds going to the Blossom Appeal at Ipswich Hospital-the amount raised was £ 226.

Visits to local interest locations in 2019 included the Spa at Felixstowe when 24 of us enjoyed "Those Were the Days"

We have two trips booked in June on the Allen Gardiner for summer lunches.

27 April will see 40 of us carrying out a litter clean up along the Priory Park foreshore and elsewhere around the area-thanks to NPC for the loan of the hoops, litter pickers and bags.

Many other social activities continue.

In summary, the PCRA is extremely active on many fronts as the committee responds to requests from its members.

Allan Sugg-Chairman 24/4/18