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**Cheswick Green
Residents Association
Magazine
April 1989**

CHAIRMANS COLUMNThe Editor's Bit

May I start by apologising for the delay in publishing this edition of the magazine. There is a great deal of effort involved in producing the magazine and Linda Shergold has worked very hard to produce previous editions. In order to make the task less onerous we are attempting to spread the workload by involving more people and use time saving methods where appropriate. We now have access to a more powerful computer and desk top publishing package which should hopefully enable us to produce a high quality magazine at regular intervals. This edition of the magazine has been produced using a Computer but we have not made full use of its potential. Future editions may contain black and white photographs and drawings. Groups who contribute regularly can design logos or emblems and have them included with their copy.

Linda Shergold (E. 3554) will still continue to collect material for inclusion in the magazine. We are looking for volunteers with access to an IBM compatible computer to type in the words. I will then do the 'cut and paste job' with the desk top publishing package.

We aim to publish 6 editions during the next 12 months. These will be:-

June

August (special fete edition)

October

December

February

April

We will require copy by the middle of the preceding month for inclusion in a particular edition.

Chris Noble (Editor for this edition)

Dear Residents

Hockley Heath Parish is still under threat of development from both housing and the so called 'High Technology Parks'. I believe that the most serious threat to the area is from these business parks. The term 'High Technology Park' is a marketing ploy to justify using Green Belt Land for industrial purposes. There are two business parks planned for the area. These are at Illshaw Heath (land bought recently by Solihull Council) and at Portway (land owned by a Property Developer).

Arlington Securities, who plan to develop the Portway Site, claim that 10000 jobs will be created but 60% of them will go to people in the South East of England as companies will transfer from that area to the Midlands. The Illshaw Heath site is of a similar size and one can assume that this will double the number of jobs and hence double the number of people looking for housing along the M42 corridor. If the above figures are correct then there could be 12000 families looking for houses within commuting distance of these business parks. If you were moving from the Thames Valley to the Midlands where would you want to live? Many will want to come to Solihull and I am not surprised to read in the press that Solihull have bought more farm land between Hockley Heath and Dorridge (to preserve it of course!).

These business parks must not be built in Green Belt Land; there are thousands of acres of derelict land in the centre of Birmingham and the Black Country that could be reclaimed and used first.

The residents of Earlswood, Tanworth in Arden, Portway and Forshaw Heath have formed an Action Group, known as the

Forest of Arden Preservation Group, to fight these proposals. I have invited the Chairman of this group Mrs Shirley Brown to speak to us at the A.G.M. on April 26th. I am also inviting Iain Mills M.P. and the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

The village survey results are published in this edition. The survey clearly shows that the residents of Cheswick Green are very strongly opposed to the building of the business park at Illshaw Heath. The Committee will continue to oppose this industrial development at every opportunity. One advantage is that as the Council own the land they can be persuaded by 'political pressure' to change their minds. I would urge everyone to lobby our Councillors and our M.P. to oppose the business park. 'People Power' works if enough people join in and protest. I hope that there will be a good attendance at the A.G.M. on April 26th.

Councillor Alan Vincent, Chairman of The Planning Committee, was not enamoured with our proposals for a Country Park. He sent me a copy of a letter to Iain Mills which contained the following paragraph:

"The essence of the proposal of the Cheswick Green Residents Association appears to be that the housing and employment needs of the West Midlands should be ignored and instead considerable public funds should be spent to provide one group of local residents with a sumptuous park. I fear that here, there is no basis for discussion."

I have, however, received letters of support for a park from both Ratepayers Association and Democrat Councillors. I have also had informal communications with the Chairmen of Dor-

ridge, Hockley Heath and Tidbury Green Residents Associations with the aim of forming a larger pressure group to protect the area.

Chris Noble
Acting Chairman CGRA

Names and Addresses for lobbying

Iain Mills M.P.
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Chairman of the Planning Committee
Councillor A.C.C.Vincent
P.O.Box 18
Council House
Solihull
B91 3QS

Ward Councillors
Councillor K.I.Meeson
104 Poplar Road
Dorridge
Solihull
B93 8DG

Councillor T.H.Vernon
5 Redhouse Close
Bentley Heath
Solihull
B93 8AR

Hockley Heath Parish Council

All Parishioners have been sent a copy of the Parish Council's submission to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council in connection with Solihull Unitary Development Plan.

If you would like to make a comment on the submission then please contact either

The Clerk to the Council

GJ.Baker

28 Fulford Hall Rd

Tidbury Green Solihull B90 1QX

or any of the local parish councillors

Peter Davidson

17 Chartwell Drive

Cheswick Green B90 4JZ

Piers Cockroft

2 Coppice Close

Cheswick Green B90 4HX

Margaret Pettinger

46 Coppice Walk

Cheswick Green B90 4HY

The Parish Council meets once a month and rotates around three venues:-

Cheswick Green Village Hall

Hockley Heath Pavillion

Tidbury Green School

There is a public forum before and after each meeting during which members of the public can raise issues. The next two meetings will be at Hockley Heath on April 19th and at Cheswick Green on May 17th, both at 7.30 p.m.

Results of Village Survey

Response

865 forms were delivered by Committee members of which 587 were returned completed. This is a response rate of 68% which is excellent for a survey of this type and shows the strong level of community spirit within the village. The surveys were entered into a computer to aid the analysis of the results.

Population (Based on survey of 587 homes)

	Under 3	3-11	12-16	17-25	26-50	51-65	Over 65
Male	51	139	87	86	410	79	39
Female	43	137	98	96	422	67	54
Total	94	276	185	182	832	146	93

Estimated Population (Based on 865 homes)

	Under 3	3-11	12-16	17-25	26-50	51-65	Over 65
Male	75	205	128	127	604	116	57
Female	63	202	144	141	622	99	80
Total	138	407	272	268	1226	215	137

The estimated population of the village is 2663 people

How long families have lived in Cheswick Green

Time lived here	Number of families	Time lived here	Number of families
1 year	58	11 years	17
2 years	49	12 years	30
3 years	44	13 years	43
4 years	48	14 years	28
5 years	31	15 years	21
6 years	25	16 years	34
7 years	10	17 years	40
8 years	19	18 years	26
9 years	22	19 years	9
10 years	25	20 years or more	9

The main part of the village was started 19 years ago and took 7 years to complete. About half of the families in the village have lived here for at least 10 years and at least 33% of people who originally bought new houses in the village have chosen to remain showing that Cheswick Green is a pleasant place to live and stay.

Future growth of the village

It is very clear from the survey that the vast majority of people living in Cheswick Green would like the village to remain as it is at present. The residents are extremely reluctant to see more housing in the village but if some development within the green belt is inevitable then the community would be prepared to accept a maximum increase of 10% in the number of houses in the village. This limit is necessary in order to protect the character and identity of the village, maintain its community spirit and preserve the village environment.

If development has to take place then the types of housing that the residents would prefer to be built are as follows:

Type of house	Family	Starter	Luxury	Sheltered
Households in favour	475(81%)	316(54%)	289(49%)	224(38%)
Households against	81 (14%)	207 (35%)	232 (40%)	288 (49%)
Households no opinion	31(5%)	64(11%)	66(11%)	75(13%)

Uses for Council owned land

Residents were asked to comment on uses for the land purchased by the council in the local area.

Uses	Agricultural	Recreational /sports	Residential	Industrial /commercial
In favour	518(88%)	439(75%)	323(55%)	8(1%)
Against	40(7%)	116(20%)	221 (38%)	509(87%)
No opinion	29(5%)	32(5%)	43(7%)	70(12%)

Residents Association Proposals

Cheswick Green Residents Association propose that the land purchased locally by the Council should be used for recreational purposes.

Proposal	Households in favour	Households against	Households no opinion
	480 (82%)	93 (16%)	14 (2%)

Should the Council bring back the bye-law banning caravans from house drives?

Proposal	Households in favour	Households against	Households no opinion
	364 (62%)	214 (36%)	9 (2%)

Should commercial vehicles be allowed to park in the village?

Proposal	Households in favour	Households against	Households no opinion
	26(4%)	556(95%)	5 (1%)

General Comments

Space was provided on the survey form for residents to make suggestions for improving the village. This produced a response of 544 * comments. Comments that were made by at least four households are listed below (the number shown is the number of households making the comment)

Improve the shop frontages	74
Improve the shop car park	53
Reduce the amount of litter	40
Improve the playing field	35
Prevent dog fouling of pavements	35
Improve street lighting	31
Improve children's play area	30
Improve the village hall	22
Eliminate the problem of flies	16
Improve policing of the village	15
Enforce speed limits in the village	14
Improve the green areas	11

More Neighbourhood Watch schemes	11
Stop car parking on pavements	9
Improve the shops	8
Stop teenagers congregating by the shops	8
Provide a park	6
Improve the access to the A34	5
Provide a tarmac skateboard/skating area	4
No ball games on the green	4
Restrain loose dogs	4

Medical Facilities Survey

Residents were asked to state which practice they were registered with

Practice:	Cheswick Green	Shirley	Monkspath	Other
Number	385	88	76	44

Are the medical facilities in Cheswick Green adequate?

Yes 278 (47%) No 242 (41%) No opinion 67 (12%)

Space provided in the survey produced 385 comments. Comments that were made by at least four households are listed below (the number shown is the number of households making the comment)

Provision of a pharmacy	155
Improved choice of doctors	31
Provision of a nurse	29
Improved opening hours	25
Provision of a Health Centre	25
Provision of larger premises	21
Provision of a dentist	19
Provision of child/baby clinic	12
Provision of a female doctor	10
Provision of more clinics	6
Provision of 'well-woman' clinics	5

Recreational amenities

Space provided in the survey produced 190 suggestions. Comments that were made by at least four households are listed below (the number shown is the number of households making the suggestion)

Youth club for 11-18	24
Improved sports provision	20
Provision of tennis courts/club	17
Provision of squash facilities	14
Provision of badminton facilities	12
Provision of childrens activities	11
Provision of a social club	10
Provision of football facilities	9
Provision of bowls facilities	5
Provision of evening classes at the school	4
Provision of club for families	4
Provision of leisure centre	4
Provision of a sports hall	4

Bus survey

Details of the bus survey and the changes that will take place in May 1989 are included later in the magazine.

Conclusions

This survey was carried out by the Residents Association so that the Committee can represent your views.

As a result of the survey the main challenges facing the Association will be to:

- i) Oppose the building of the High Technology Park.
- ii) Limit the amount of house building in the village.
- iii) To campaign for a Solihull Park which should contain much needed recreational facilities.
- iv) Continue the battle to improve the shop frontages and car park.
- v) Improve the appearance of the Village Hall and the playing field.

N.H.R

The National Housewife Register was founded 30 years ago to provide an opportunity for the housewife with young children at home to get out of the house and meet other women in the same position. The aim was to give a forum for discussion of subjects - any subject other than nappies, feeds and toys!

The organisation has now grown with groups in many towns and villages over the country including Cheswick Green and recently it was decided nationally to alter its name to the National Women's Register to reflect the change of membership, which now includes single, married working, students, infact any women aged between 18-80 or above who enjoy lively conversation and stimulating topics.

The Cheswick group is thriving and meets fortnightly on a Monday evening in term time. Discussion topics have included such diverse topics as: 'An American Experience', 'The work of a magistrate' and 'Back to your roots'. We not only discuss, but also enjoy meals and a visit to the theatre is hopefully being planned in the future.

Three of our members recently attended the National Conference and A.G.M. at Sussex University, Brighton. The theme was Communication in all aspects of life ranging from computers and satellite TV to body language and personal relationships.

New members are always made welcome so if you would like to know more about our group please contact Ursula Ison our new local organiser on E.2787.

Lynn North

Cheswick Green NWR Programme - 1989

- 10th April "The Royal Dilemma" organised by Ruth and Violet at Rosemarie's, 8 Briarwood Close
- 24th April Theatre visit to be organised
- 8th May Dr. Sue Blunt - "Infertility treatment - a doctor's view" at Jenny B's, 16 Briarwood Close
- 22nd May Programme planning at Linda's, 30 Longleat Drive
- 5th June "Safety for women" video - organised by Ursula at Ursula's, 17 Spinney Drive (to be confirmed)
- 19th June "Menopause" organised by Sue and Ursula at Liz's , 107 Coppice walk
- 3rd July "Do you carry a donor card?" at Rosalie's, 25 Saxonwood Road
- 17th July Meal

Cheswick Green Home Winemakers

This small, friendly and informal group holds monthly meetings throughout the year and a barbeque in the summer months.

If you would like to join our group please contact Chris Kenyon on E.3138

Open letter*Flies - again and again and again!*

I have just returned from a week in rural East Anglia surrounded by cows an' pigs an' sheep an' chickens - thousands of them - and guess 'wot' - not one FLY.

I come home to Cheswick and here we are in March and that familiar buzz is with us.

Please, please fellow residents - if you are concerned about the health of your families and this ongoing "nuisance" which we seem to have little respite from - contact your councillor and keep phoning Environmental Health (021 704 6000 - Mr Gibson or Mr Parfitt.)

We may need to take legal action against the source - if this is the case then obviously Counsel's Opinion is going to cost and we may need to raise funds specifically for this. Please give it a thought.

L Shergold

Alderbrook P.T.A.

April 15th - Jumble Sale

For your Attention

End of Sept. - Talk on Solvent Abuse

October - Cooking Cannon Malcom Stent

November 25th - Xmas Fayre

Details from secretary

Carolyn Gayton - 021 705 3031

Cheswick Green Residents Association

Annual General Meeting

Thurs. 26th April 1989

The Village Hall 8.00 p.m

Guest Speaker - Mrs Shirley Brown

from of The Forest Of Arden Preservation Group

Invitations to speak have also been extended to
Iain Mills M.P.

Cllr.Vincent Chairman of Solihull MBC
Planning Committee

Items of business to be submitted to the secretary
Ruth Stanton 66 Saxonwood Rd. by Thurs. 20th April

C.G.R.A Committee

I would like to nominate _____
for the position of _____
signed _____

I agree to be nominated for the C.G.R.A. Committee
signed _____

For those Family Historians

There are a whole series of short courses in April at the Manor House. These range from Handwriting 19th - mid 16th century. Intermediate and Advanced

Please contact L.Shergold E.3554
or phone Ann Ash 021 705 4050

If any of you are interested in trips to St. Catherines these are very good value if you don't mind an early start. The next trip will be on a Tuesday in May or early June - actual dates to be decided. If you are interested please send s.a.e. for details to Ann Ash at 65 Seven Star Rd. Solihull B91 2BZ.

Cheswick Green School

This Spring Term has really gone out in style for us. The Children raised just under £488 with their efforts which culminated on Red Nose Day with a variety of innovative and lucrative ideas. Well done for all efforts involved. Many of you will also be aware of the concert presented by the School Choir and Orchestra - I think that you will all agree that the standard of production that was achieved throughout the 1hr 20mins continuous entertainment was entralling and a credit to all involved

M.Birch

PS. Can I take this opportunity to make an appeal to any residents who have tools which they no longer require to think about donating them to school to help with Craft and Technology.

Cheswick Green School Association

WASTE PAPER

8-12 School Playground

SAT 15th April

SAT 3rd June

We will be holding a CAR BOOT SALE at school on the 22nd April 9.00 - 12.00. At £5.00 a car entry why not take this opportunity to clear your loft or garage. Watch the shop for further details.

6th May - Pop Quiz - Up to 6 per team
£2.00 each to include supper

17th June - Summer Fayre - 2.00 p.m.

Details on any event from Andy Hodgson E.2178

1st Cheswick Green Brownies

HELP! Is there anyone out there who would like to help run our Brownie Pack? We are 24 lovely well behaved girls who meet at Cheswick Green School on Wednesdays between 6.15 and 7.30 p.m.

If you are interested in extending the principles of Guiding to an eager group of 7-10 year olds, or if you would just like more information please telephone Brown Owl (Mrs Beverley Prater) on Earlswood 2030.

P.S. Anyone aged over 15 can apply!

Cheswick Green Residents Association

List of Committee Members as at March 1989

Chairman	Chris NOBLE	16 Willow Drive	E.2075
Hon.Sec.	Ruth STANTON	66 Saxonwood Road	E.3293
Treasurer	Mike BENTON	46 Saxonwood Road	E.3159
Linda SHERGOLD	Adrian HARTLEY	15 Foxland Close	E.3554
		38 Saxonwood Road	E.3835
Margaret PETTINGER	John WRIGHT	46 Coppice Walk	E.2108
		77 Coppice Walk	E.3053
Mary HANSON	Sue WRIGHT	1 Beechwood Close	E.2945
		77 Coppice Walk	E.3053
Ron CLARKE	Jackie NOLAN	102 Saxonwood Road	E.3788
		23 Knoll Croft	E.2753
Pauline CLARKE	Roger NOLAN	102 Saxonwood Road	E.3788
		23 Knoll Croft	E.2753
Margaret BRIDGEWATER	Phil ROE	7 Snowhill Drive	E.3365
		527 Tanworth Ln	021-744-3838
Diane MUMFORD	Gavin DAVIES	65 Foxland Close	E.2805
		16 Snowhill Drive	E.2892
Roger PARKER		30 Willow Drive	E.2080

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Family Church

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We welcome people of all denominations, although we are a Methodist Church.

During the services Creche facilities are available for the very young and Junior Church activities take place for 4-16 year olds.

At recently held Christening Services we have welcomed into the Church:

Jamie Cutriss Steven Arm
David Jefferson Charlotte Terry

Next month (April) we will be actively involved with the visit to Birmingham of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

Why not visit our stand at the N.E.C. on April 21st and 22nd?

If you would like to have further information on our activities contact one of our Stewards: Trevor Coldridge E.2177, Diane Roberts E.2926 or Jenny Cockroft E.3091

Our minister, Peter Clark, is always willing to answer your questions. Tel: 0564 822151 (Home)

021 744 7679 (Shirley Church Office)

Membership of the Residents Association

Membership is open to all families who live in the electoral area covered by the Polling Station at Cheswick Green. Members are enrolled by payment of a subscription which is collected by Committee members. The subscription for 1989/90 will be £2 per household. The funds raised are used by the Association to maintain the Village Hall, finance the magazine and promote social, recreational, educational and leisure activities. The Association also needs funds to fight to preserve the environment around Cheswick Green.

Cheswick Green Residents Association

Monthly Tote Results

January

Winning combinations	9 25 25 40	16 39
1st prize - <i>Wragg</i>	<i>35 Cheswick Way</i>	£42.00
2nd prize - <i>Ricketts</i>	<i>11 Waterdale</i>	£17.50
3rd prize - <i>Davison</i>	<i>16 Glenwood Dr.</i>	£10.50

February

Winning combinations	5 15 25 6	20 11
1st prize - <i>North</i>	<i>22 Foxland Close</i>	£43.80
2nd prize - <i>Jefferson</i>	<i>19 Foxland Close</i>	£18.25
3rd prize - <i>Woodcock</i>	<i>14 Willow Drive</i>	£10.95

March

Winning combinations	23 10 18 14	17 27
1st prize - <i>Jones</i>	<i>2 Badger Close</i>	£44.40
2nd prize - <i>Sperry</i>	<i>54 Snowhill Drive</i>	£18.50
3rd prize - <i>Hollins</i>	<i>70 Cheswick Way</i>	£11.10

Bovs Brigade

13th April Jumble Sale - 6-30

For your Diary

Old Time Music Hall - Sat 18th Nov.

Flower Arranging for Xmas by Janine Hall
- 8.00 Thurs 30th Nov.

ChjllgM to 1*'s Services

There will be sij'nilu .ml elianges to the bus services starting on Tuesday **May 2nd**.

Service 4 **will i mi only at peak** times Monday- Friday.

The **join neys will be:**

0711, 0741, 0811 to Birmingham from Cheswick Green
1645, 1715, 1745 to Cheswick Green from Birmingham

The 190 service will only operate Monday - Friday and is being modified as follows:

Buses to Solihull will leave Cheswick Green at:
0729, 0745 (191), 0826 (191), 1556,1656, 1754

Buses from Solihull will leave at:
1617,1650, 1722, 1750, 1820

Buses to Shirley will leave Cheswick Green at:
0755,1546,1844

Buses from Shirley Station will leave at: 1537,1637, 1735

A new minibus service M will operate between Shirley and Solihull via Cheswick Green, Monkspath & Widney Manor Station. During Monday to Friday the service will run as follows:

Buses to Solihull will leave Cheswick Green at:
0914 then every 30 mins until 1514,
1856,1926,2026, 2126, 2226

Buses will leave Solihull at:
0812 then every 30 mins until 1512,
1917,2017, 2117,2217

Buses to Shirley Station will leave Cheswick Green at:
0835 then every 30 mins until 1505,
1941,2041,2141,2241

Buses from Shirley Station will leave at:
0857 then every 30 mins until 1457,
1837, 1907, 2007,2107,2207

On Saturdays the service will run as follows:

Buses to Solihull will leave Cheswick Green at:

0744 then every 30 mins until 1814,
1856, 1926, 2026,2126, 2226

Buses will leave Solihull at:

0712 then every 30 mins until 1842,
1917, 2017, 2117,2217

Buses to Shirley Station will leave Cheswick Green at:

0735 then every 30 mins until 1905,
1941,2041,2141,2241

Buses from Shirley Station will leave at:

0727 then every 30 mins until 1757,
1837, 1907,2007,2107, 2207

The school services remain unaltered.

There is no Sunday Service at the present time.

The service for commuters remains much the same except that all services will now be operated by West Midlands Travel so that Travel cards will be valid on all journeys. During the week off-peak travellers have lost service 4 but have gained a half hourly service to Solihull and Shirley with rail connections at Widney Manor, Solihull and Shirley. There will be connections with service 6 in Shirley.

On Saturdays there will be a 30 minute service to both Solihull and Shirley for most of the day.

It is hoped that with the exception of the school buses that the 190 will eventually be incorporated with the 162 to run the same route as minibus M. This would also provide an hourly Sunday Service.

If you have any comments on the new service I would like to hear them.

Chris Noble - The 'bus man'

Geoff & Jan Burgess

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