

## Message from your Chairman

Since our AGM in September we have had two committee meetings and planning does take up a great deal of our time.

It would appear that any space is fair game for a new dwelling, you only need to look at the bottom of Wolseley Road to see what I mean.

The latest craze is to build on top of garages or knock them down to build flats and houses with no parking provision. If this continues the people of Bishopston will have to park their cars on the Downs. While walking back from there, you will have to make sure that you do not fall over the wheelie bins, the cars parked on the pavement and the various other bits of rubbish left by inconsiderate residents.

I went along to a meeting recently with other Societies in the North Bristol Area to discuss the effect of new 24 hour drinking laws. I do believe that the Government is trying to change to the culture of drinking in this country, in theory it looks good, but will it work in practice, watch this space.

Another law that the Government has passed is to do with Fireworks. There is hardly a weekend that goes by without some fireworks going off at one or two in the morning. It must be difficult for young families, the elderly, plus people's pets to deal with this. I wonder will the new law help?

Have you seen our local bobby recently? When I saw the increase in my rates, particularly for the police, are we paying for a phantom?

Finally, enough of my rants, we are now in the season of goodwill and the committee would like to invite you to my humble dwelling on the 16 December for Mince Pies and some Christmas Cheer.

Do come along and meet the Committee. Find out what is going on in Bishopston:

Open House; 7:30 – 9:00 pm.

Jim Gillespie

## Bishopston Society 'Open House' Evening

7:30 – 9pm Tuesday  
16th December

Drinks and Mince Pies

All welcome.

Bring your friends and neighbours.

## Keeping our Footpaths Clear: A Personal View

"I would like to remark on the issue of pavement parking which has not received the profile it deserves, possibly because most of us experience it as an occasional irritant. However it is becoming a persistent nuisance to older people and those with young children or pushchairs, who are obliged to walk into traffic lanes to avoid narrow passages left on the pavement by the parked vehicle."

"We all know some roads in which there is a habit of parking on the pavement on one or both sides of the street to avoid the risk of glancing collisions with passing cars. But this only encourages drivers to increase speed and so increase the risk to both the parked cars and anyone else in the street, and to the offending motorist if only he or she would recognise it. It is also becoming more prevalent on smaller roads where there is no such justification, often where there are narrow pavements on which parking render all but impassible."

"If parking on the pavement becomes the norm we will all have to suffer a poorer environment as we have to squeeze by or walk on the road. Let's all decide to stop this trend now."

David Brown

## Your Committee

Jim Gillespie (Chair)  
Pat Jones (Vice-Chair)  
Peter Newland (Secretary)  
David Brown (Treasurer)  
Ian Donaldson  
Chris Stephens  
Chris McConnell  
Nigel Tibbs  
Lionel White

## Planning Report

Applications currently under consideration are:-

- Cairns Road: conversion of a double garage into a house.
- Seymour Road: Replacement of a double garage with a house.
- Berkeley Road: A third application has now been submitted for a house to the rear next to the new car park adjacent to the swimming pool.
- Kings Drive: House in a rear garden fronting onto Kings Drive.
- Elton Road: An outline application is being considered for a new four storey infill block of flats.

Application recently turned down:-

- Radnor Road housing scheme: The proposal for 50 houses on the former Radnor Road Industrial Centre. A revised scheme is expected soon.

Applications recently approved:-

- Elton Lane: Two planning applications have now been granted which will see most of the area between Elton Lane and the buildings on Gloucester Road being developed with a total of 19 flats.

Previous applications where construction has now started:-

- Claremont Avenue: The construction of 21 houses and flats.
- Wolseley road : Work has started on the construction of a new house just up from Gloucester Road.
- The Gospel Hall Gloucester Road: The existing building has been demolished in readiness for a new building approved some years ago.

Anticipated applications

- Applications are anticipated soon for the proposed new School on Redland Green and the replacement Fairfield School next to Thomas Moore School just off Muller Road.

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for year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003

Name
Address
Telephone (evenings & week-ends)
e-mail

**Fees:**

£5.00 per annum for individuals

£7:00 per annum for two adults living at the same address

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