



# The Elizabethan Issue 1

## Message from the Chairman

Elizabeth Crescent Residents Association (E.C.R.A.) is up and running.

We've had our first meeting, which was a great success. We set up the committee, written our aims and formed our constitution. You will be receiving a copy of the constitution, if you have not done so already. We have sent it off to VODA for acceptance and, hopefully, funding.

We have also arranged training for the committee \*So We Can Get It Right First Time\*.

We have been round every house for a survey on repairs which we will present to Walton Gill and John Harrison, who have accepted our invitation to our next meeting at 7:30pm on the 15th August at the Dudley & Weetslade Club, at which we hope for another excellent turnout.

Finally, a big thank you to the committee for all its hard work so far, and also to all the others who have participated.

Yours Sincerely

*Paddy*

## Editorial

You are reading a piece of history - the first newsletter for the Elizabeth Crescent Residents Association (E.C.R.A.) Those of you who are optimists may like to file it away against the time when your great-grandchildren can take it to the Antiques Roadshow, where they will be told it has significant historical value, and a monetary value of £10,000. Mind you, a cup of coffee will probably cost £20,000 by that time!

## The Serious Bit

The first thing you will probably have noticed is that there is not very much of this newsletter, and it is fairly short of content.

Only YOU can fix this. Whilst we can inform you of the latest issues and developments in on-going situations, it will be a very dry newsletter if this is all it contains. We also need items of interest - not necessarily within the street, but of interest to the residents of the street.

Want to be a journalist and write a column? Or just an article? Got a piece of news you want to share? Want to congratulate anyone? Wish someone a happy birthday? Publicise a party? Advertise a service (but see below first)? Sponsor an edition and see your name all over it?

Then stick the details on a piece of paper and post it through the door of No. , or send me an email, and I'll include it in the next edition. Include your house number in case I have any queries, but I will not publish it without your permission. Anonymous items will be considered for publication, but may well end up being refused.

Advertising space will be available in future editions. All adverts must be legal, decent and honest etc and be for goods/services which are lawful. All anonymous ads will be refused. Residents get preferential rates for ads, but outsiders can advertise services relevant to the street at full prices. Prices to be confirmed by the committee, and all cash raised will go into the E.C.R.A. funds.

## Sign off

Well, that's it for me in the first issue. It's a bit longer than I suspect it will be in future editions, so make the most of it.

There is a website for the association at [www.elizabethcrescent.co.uk](http://www.elizabethcrescent.co.uk) which will be updated on a more regular basis than the newsletters will be published, but at the moment it is very much a work in progress. Any suggestions can be dropped through my door or e-mailed using the link on the site.

I was volunteered for this position by my wife, who is on the committee, on the grounds that I have the equipment and (she says) more than enough time to do it. I have no experience in this sort of thing - in fact this is the first thing I have ever put into a newsletter (so if I can do it, so can YOU - get writing NOW). It is a voluntary (!!!) position, so if anyone feels they can do better, or even just wishes to take it over, they are

**The Committee**

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
Chair	Paddy		committee@elizabethcrescent.co.uk
Vice Chair	Carol		ditto
Treasurer	Alison		ditto
Secretary	Gillian		ditto
Member	Hayley		ditto
Member	Lesley		ditto
Member	Denise		ditto
Member	Julie		ditto

mark the above "ATTN : chair(etc) as the first line of the body if it is specific to that member.

**Non elected/non executive positions**

Admin	Kit	admin@elizabethcrescent.co.uk
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Newsletter / Website

**Public Meeting organised by The Council  
held Tuesday 30th July 02 at 7:00pm  
in Dudley Peoples Center**

This was a meeting arranged by the council with the specific remit of making decisions regarding Environmental Improvements.

The Environmental Improvements are available because of a grant available from the government. This grant has to be used by the end of the financial year (end of March 03) or be lost, and although there has been much discussion, but so far no firm decisions. As Planning permission etc has to be sought before any work can begin, time has become a constraining factor in that if the required permissions are not received in time the work cannot start, and if the work is not finished in time the grant is lost.

At the meeting it was decided - in principal - that

The improvements would be concentrated at the village center (ie the grass area opposite Dudley Peoples Center at the crossroads)

It was to consist of (probably) a sculpture, etched paving, mosaic landscaping etc.

It would celebrate the villages past, but also look forward to the future (!)

Specific decisions taken were that it would involve the community as much as possible, so the designs were to be done by locals, especially by the schools / colleges.

The rest of Dudley would also be considered - there was a danger that making the center look good would make the rest look drab / dirty / untidy in comparison.

The meeting broke up as it had gone as far as practicable without seeking the required permissions. Another meeting is to be held when necessary.

After the meeting a number of informal discussions were held. During these it was discovered that some of the officials present were not happy about the positioning of the bollards (refuges) in the middle of the road outside the Spar and opposite the various bus stops, and the situation was to be looked into.

**Next Public Meeting**

**Dudley & Weetslade Club**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**7:30pm**

**Raffle**

There will be a raffle held at the above meeting. The prizes will include a bottle of Whisky, a bottle of Wine, and a pass for 5 visits to the Springs Health Club.

Make sure you get plenty of tickets. All proceeds go to the fund.

**All Welcome**

**Any Thoughts?**

**Ideas for events / fundraising?**

There have already been some ideas for events - some for fun and some to help raise cash for the street.

Suggestions so far are for a street party, a Christmas party and for the street to form its own WeightWatchers type club.

**If you can think of any others,  
don't keep it to yourself - share  
them with us!**

## WordSearch

With thanks to Gillian

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### Our Thoughts and Best Wishes

go out to **Doris** from No.  
who was undergoing an operation as this went to press.

Good Luck & Get Well Soon

### Welcome to the Street

**Gillian & Stuart**

Who have moved into No.

Best wishes from us all.

### Congratulations on your House Purchase

**Steven & Julie**

Who completed on the purchase of No.  
on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

(and I hope the council didn't stick you  
with all the fences round your property!)

### Well Done

**David**

On getting 100% on the test for  
the Team Leaders position at  
Europa.

### Advert

**Gas Cooker** - Free to good home. Having upgraded our kitchen we have a gas cooker standing in our back garden going rusty. Two people have said they wanted it, but have changed their minds. First to take it away keeps it. No.

### And finally.....

Thought for this newsletter : -

"And, of course, the word 'politics' is derived from 'POLY', meaning many, and 'TICS', meaning small, blood sucking insects."  
--- Chris Clayton