

## **OARA BULLETIN**

### **OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2016**



## **Meet Your Neighbours October 9th**

Our best attended street party to date. Many residents and students enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment with hot soup and rolls supplied by OARA. There were performances by two local bands and solo singer, plus a folk group, two dance groups and street magicians provided by the university. One of the highlights of the afternoon was the inauguration of the Bevois Mount History Mural by Mike O'Leary, local author and storyteller.

## Table Top Sale 15th October



Table top Sale  
held outside the old  
Blockbusters

We changed the location for our regular table top fundraiser sale to the forecourt in front of Blockbusters. This proved to be very successful and attracted quite a bit of passing trade. All money raised goes to greening projects.

## Winter Art Fair 26th / 27th of November.

Our second Art Fair took place at Blue Door Estate Agents' on Lodge Road. Many local artists put in a piece for blind auction to raise funds for OARA, plus selling their other art-works. The whole event was enjoyed by a large number of visitors, and a considerable sum was raised for OARA. A big thanks goes to all of those artists who generously donated their art works for the sale and to Blue Door who loaned their facilities which provided such a warm and inviting venue.



## Greening Group

### Lost and Found!

A small cherry tree and half-barrel were taken from Avenue Road. Both have been found and returned.

Projects continue, and thoughts turn to the possibility of greening work in Lodge Road in co-ordination with the Inner Avenue Residents' Association.

### Traffic / Parking Survey

The survey is still continuing and possibilities for change are being explored. To add information or comments, contact 07501 176922 or email: [oaratraffic@gmail.com](mailto:oaratraffic@gmail.com)

# Smart Streets

Regular street cleans twice a month continue. We want to encourage the idea of local monitors to alert us of problems in particular streets. The idea of street reps to be floated at the upcoming AGM / OGM in January.

## Bevois Mount History Group

The mural was completed and inaugurated at the street party in October. Sadly, it was vandalised the day before the party, but with a combination of anti-graffiti paint and community action we cleaned everything up in time for the festivities.

Our 2017 calendar has been on sale and has sold well. Plans for new projects include an exhibition at Blue Door and another mural bringing 'The Earl' back to Earl's Road. See the picture of the mock-up below.



## OARA Christmas Party Dec 4th



Our annual Xmas party took place at The Guide Dog pub in Earl's Road. There was live music, carol singing, a quiz and a raffle. The party was well-attended and there was plenty of Christmas cheer!

### The Longest Night of The Year



A Christmas event took place on the longest night of the year. A small group of OARA neighbours walked around the area with lantern in hand, and appreciated all of the beautifully adorned doors and front gardens. Twenty four houses had made particularly nice displays and were each given a card with the text: "Many thanks for making our neighbourhood a little cheerier on the longest night of the year."

### Contact Details and Dates:

**AGM Bevois Town School Monday 23rd Jan  
7 for 7:30 start.**

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us, we wish you a .....**

