

## END OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL EARLEY RESIDENTS?

This year your committee has had to give serious consideration to proposing to the membership that the Association be wound up.

This statement may seem a little odd given that we still have a membership of around 350 households. However by the time of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting your committee will have no Officers and only 3 active ordinary committee members. In addition we no longer have enough volunteers to deliver newsletters to and collect subscriptions from members.

**Unless we have a significant number of nominations for the committee and volunteers to deliver newsletters and collect subscriptions at the forthcoming AGM we will have only two options:**

1. Wind up the Association and give our funds to charity
2. Change the constitution to allow the Association to be made dormant and the funds to be retained for future use. This would mean removing the requirement for a formal committee, for AGMs, for newsletters, for subscriptions or any other activity and the appointment of trustees

Your committee feels that it is not in the best interests of the membership to wind up the Association at this point in time. To do so would mean:

- giving away to charity the 'fighting fund' of some £2000, which has been carefully accumulated to enable us to take prompt action to secure legal advice or representation, if any future threat to the well-being of our area were to require it.
- giving up an extra channel that ensures that residents' views are heard at all levels of local government;
- losing the good relationship built up over the years with our local councillors
- losing the contacts developed with Thames Valley Police via the Neighbourhood Action Group

**DETAILS OF THE AGM ARE GIVEN ON THE REVERSE OF THIS NEWSLETTER.**

**MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS WELCOME**

**PLEASE COME ALONG AND MAKE YOUR VIEWS KNOWN.**

If fewer than 20 members turn up, we are obliged by our current constitution to abandon the meeting and reschedule it for a later date. No minimum number is required at the rescheduled meeting and the fate of the Association and all its assets will then be decided by those few members who attend.

**Association of Central Earley Residents**

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# Association of Central Earley Residents

## Annual General Meeting

The 41st Annual General Meeting will be held at 7.45 for 8.00 p.m.

on WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2009

at PARK UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, PALMER PARK AVENUE

Non-members welcome

**ACER** is an all residents' association covering the area between the Thames, the Reading to Waterloo railway line and the boundary with Woodley. It is strictly non-political, non-party and non-sectarian, and works to maintain and enhance the quality of life in this area.

### AGENDA

1. WELCOME
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
4. FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION
5. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE
7. APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER
8. SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2009 – 10.
9. ANY OTHER AGM BUSINESS
10. QUESTION TIME

### *Present Officers and Committee*

*Chairman: Mr E R Ayers\**

*Vice Chairman: Mr P Scrivener\**

*Hon. Secretary: Vacant*

*Hon. Treasurer: Vacant*

*Memb. Secretary: Mrs J Jeffery*

*Hon. Scrutineer: Vacant*

*Committee: Mrs M Bather , Mrs H Hobson, Mrs M Vowler, Mr C Wigmore*

*\* These officers and members are not standing for re-election. Anyone interested in any of the*

**Data Protection Act 1984:** Membership details are now kept on computer. If any members object to their membership details being held on computer they must advise the membership secretary

*vacancies please contact the Chairman or complete the nomination slip below.*

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*If you wish to nominate anyone for the committee please complete this slip and hand it in at the meeting.*

### **Association of Central Earley Residents—Nomination for Officer/Committee**

I, being a member of the Association of Central Earley Residents, wish to nominate the following person to serve as

\_\_\_\_\_for the year 2009 – 10

**Name of candidate**\_\_\_\_\_

**Name of proposer**\_\_\_\_\_