AGM 2018

Events held in 2017-18

The committee organised a range of events during the year for neighbours to get together and socialise. We are grateful for the hospitality of the United Reformed Church and RGS Springfield who allow us to use their premises for our events. Pictures and comments can be found at [www.britanniasquare.org](http://www.britanniasquare.org) at the relevant date on Calendar.

10 November 2017: Our **AGM** gives us the opportunity for residents to get together and meet our Councillors, our local Police and Community Engagement teams and other friends of the BSRA. After the formal business and, as a result of the BSRA’s own project to collect historic photographs of our neighbourhood, we invited Sheena Payne-Lunn, Historic Environment Record Officer for Worcester, to show us highlights from the collection with plenty of anecdotes and audience participation as we tried to identify features of Worcester in days gone by.

16 November 2017: Liz Prosser and Nicky Neville Lee arranged a **Shoebox Coffee Morning** at the URC in November to prepare and fill the boxes for the Maggs Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The number of boxes grows year on year. Last year Maggs distributed 76 boxes to homeless men, a third of them filled by us.

10 December 2017: The arrival of snow and excited children made for a festive **Christmas Carol Party at Springfield.** Thank you to our musical accompanists Lucas Ball on the piano and Theresa and Steffie Mountain on violin and flute, to Angela Lanyon for her poems, and to everybody for joining in the singing with some wonderful impromptu solos for voice and piano. John Ball kindly organised the drinks and everyone brought delicious food.

13 May 2018: Our award-winning **Street Spring Clean,** now in its sixth year, is organised by Lisa Smith and the Community Engagement Team. Thanks to everyone for moving their cars so cheerfully. On the Sunday many residents, including children and our Ward Councillor Lynn Denham, were weeding, sweeping and bagging up the rubbish, and enjoying tea afterwards at the URC hall. On the Monday, with the streets cleared of cars, the Council cleaning and drain-clearing teams could do a great job.

24 June 2018: We had a sunny afternoon for our **Summer Party,** picnicking and playing games and relaxing in the beautiful garden at Springfield**.**

We were delighted that our Ward Councillors, including our Mayor Jabba Riaz, and his family could join us. Jabba summarised his feelings about the event in the Mayor’s Column in the Worcester News: ‘I was privileged to be invited to the Britannia Square Garden party - an event that has been a regular in my calendar. It’s a great event for all the community in the area to come together and celebrate the year; an uplifting and joyous occasion.’

Anna Hooper, November 2018