

Dean Village News

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Sunbury

Whytock and Reid

This distinguished firm, forced into voluntary liquidation, ceased trading at the end of July.

In 1807 Richard Whytock, who pioneered new techniques in the weaving of damasks and carpets, set up in business at 9/11 George Street. In 1876 his son joined forces with Robert and Hugh Reid, whose father had built up a cabinet-making and upholstery business in Ayr and Glasgow and who had already been in business in Edinburgh for some years.

In 1884 the Reids' old workshops at Bell's Mills were replaced by the tall brick cabinet works in Sunbury. In 1934 the showrooms moved to 7 Charlotte Square, where they remained until modern showrooms (now 'Sunbury Lodge') were built in Sunbury in 1974.

Sunbury Lodge

A few years ago all of Whytock & Reid's property was acquired by Manus Gregor, who lived in Sunbury Lodge for a while. But it is now empty, and Mr Gregor wants to build flats on its site. What is he planning now for the tall brick building and its lower wing?

A revised scheme for this land at the end of Sunbury Street has been submitted. The application is for two residential blocks, four storeys high, to form 12 flats with associated parking and landscaping. If you have any queries regarding this application, contact the case officer at the City of Edinburgh Council on 0131 529 3905. Reference: 01/01561/FUL. You may also wish to raise any concerns with Dean ward Councillor, Tom Ponton on 529 4956 or email tom.ponton@edinburgh.gov.uk

Bell's Mills

The Bell's Mills public enquiry has taken place and the Reporter has the full right to either agree with or overturn the Council's decision to reject planning consent for 24 flats in three blocks to be built at Bell's Mills on the banks of the Water of Leith. His decision is final. Bell's Mills Action Group put together a good body of evidence to support the case against the development and has been assisted by Shepherd & Wedderburn who acted for the Group in presenting the case to the Reporter. A decision should be made by the new year.

Congestion charging

The public inquiry into congestion charging has now been published and the inquiry has found that in the main, the proposal put forward by the Council is sound and that the congestion charging scheme should proceed.

It will be up to Edinburgh residents to decide in a referendum on the issue early in 2005. Don't lose your vote in the referendum. Have you returned your canvas form for the electoral register? If you haven't, you can still register - call 0131 469 5986 to be sent a form. If you have registered but opted out of the Edited Register (to avoid being put on mailing lists, etc) you will only be able to vote in next years transport referendum by filling out a referendum form available online at www.edinburgh.gov.uk or by calling 0131 529 4877.

Information about the proposed congestion charging scheme is available from Transport Edinburgh, 1 Cockburn Street or online, as above. A group of Edinburgh residents concerned about the way in which the Council is spending £600,000 to promote congestion charging has led to the setting up of a website on Edinburgh's current transport proposals. Go to www.transportedinburgh.info for information derived from background papers lodged as part of the Public Inquiry into congestion charging and from papers lodged with the Scottish Parliament for Tram Line One.

Dates for your diary

Friday 19th November, 7pm to 11pm: Wine tasting with dinner at la Cuisine d'Odile, French Institute, 13 Randolph Crescent. £28 per person.

Saturday 27th November, 12pm to 2pm: Christmas Fair at Dean Parish Church Hall, Ravelston Terrace.

Tuesday 7th December, 6pm to 7pm: Christmas carols around the Christmas tree. The playground, Dean Path.

More information about Dean Village events can be found on the website (www.deanvillage.org)

Boundary changes

New legislation has been introduced to bring about changes in Scottish Constituencies. Edinburgh Central constituency will disappear and Dean ward will now go to Edinburgh North and Leith. These changes come into force at the next general election.

Community Councils

A consultation is being carried out which is proposing the establishment of 15 Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs) across the city with the prospect of the scheme being implemented in 2005/6.

The City of Edinburgh Council is carrying out a review of the scheme for Community Councils and the final version of the revised scheme will be submitted to the Full Council on 7th April 2005. This review will be influenced by the concurrent review on local governance and community planning. It is stated in para 2.3 that the review of community councils is "intended to result in the re-alignment of community council boundaries with the new local partnership framework."

The latter would result in the abolition of the West End Community Council, which covers Dean and Dean would move to CPP North Area 3.

Policing news

Crime Prevention Advice

With the evenings becoming shorter, homes can look very vulnerable in the early evenings and a lack of movement, activity and light within our homes can often be an invite to the opportunist thief. Take some very simple steps to give your home that 'lived in look.'

- Plan your day, work out what time you will return and prepare ahead.
- Ensure blinds, if fitted, prevent open view into rooms. Blinds keep them guessing.
- Set timers (can be bought cheaply) to turn on lights in various areas of the house before the light starts to fade.
- Timers can be used for radios as well, noise is a turn off for the thief.
- Glass front doors – don't allow mail to be seen behind the door, create a box or receptacle to hold once delivered.
- Provide delivery (milk etc) with secure receptacle; don't leave on display.
- Set alarms, provide the police with key holder details.

Enquiries relating to Dean can be referred to officers for Dean based at Gayfield Police Station on 0131 620 5101.

Lothian and Borders Police Newsletter, September 2004.

Do you live in a flat?

The Tenement Bill passed in the Scottish Parliament will make sure that all flat dwellers, whether in traditional tenements or new apartments, will be responsible for the maintenance of the communal areas of their properties. It will create a more practical system for repair work. It will also mean that neighbour disputes can be resolved quickly and fairly. Door entry systems can now be installed by a majority of owners in a stair - rather than requiring a unanimous vote.

Sarah Boyack MSP: Edinburgh Central News, September 2004.

The state of the roads

If you've driven down Bell's Brae or Dean Path lately, you'll be aware of the bad state of repair of these roads. The Head of Transport at the Council has acknowledged to a Dean resident that these roads are not in an ideal condition and has advised that under the Council's prioritisation system, neither of these roads is included in the list for construction or renewal work before the end of the next three financial years. Minor defects have been identified that could benefit from temporary or small-scale permanent repairs. These were added to the schedule of normal works in August and will be seen to as soon as resources allow. There has been no indication as to when this will happen.

Road and lighting faults

Call CLARENCE!

CLARENCE is the Customer Lighting And Roads Enquiry Centre, a call centre set up to allow you to quickly report any road and lighting defects and hazards. When you see a problem, take a note of what it is and where it is. Then either call CLARENCE on 0800 23 23 23 between 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday or email Clarence@edinburgh.gov.uk with the details. When reporting a lighting fault, try to quote the number printed on the lighting column.

Well Court grant application

The new board of the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust has initiated a review of the Trust's repair grants scheme. Potential projects where a scheme of work has not yet been formally agreed with the Trust, such as the Well court project, have been deferred for consideration until after 1st April 2005.

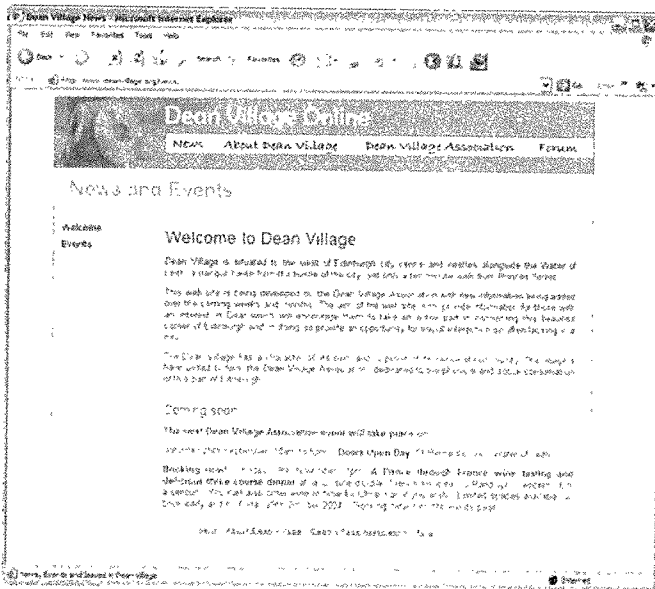
Concerned about issues in Dean?

Contact Dean ward Councillor, Tom Ponton.

Call 529 4956 for an appointment or
email tom.ponton@edinburgh.gov.uk

Dean Village on the internet

Dean Village is on the internet! If you have access to the internet, take a look at the Dean Village website and keep up to date with what's on in the Village. Go to www.deanvillage.org where you will find information about Dean Village, the Association, forthcoming events, and even a forum where you can raise queries, and share information with your friends and neighbours.



Doors Open Day 2004

St Bernard's Well was opened again for Doors open day on 28th September. DVA committee members manned the well, so to speak, and visitors turned up in their hundreds to see this hidden gem. If you're willing to help out next year, let us know and we'll add you to the rota. Contact Alison McLaughlin by email alison@deanvillage.org or on 0131 226 2172. Doors Open Day is organised by the Cockburn Association www.cockburnassociation.org.uk

Eat, drink and be merry

A great time was had by those who went along to the Dean Village barbecue in July by the river in Belgrave Crescent Gardens. Glorious sunshine, tasty food, beautiful setting and good company.

What more could you want? This will become an annual event alongside the DVA annual dinner which is taking place on Friday 19th November at the French Institute and this year it will be complemented with a French wine tasting. A booking form is enclosed with this issue of DVN. We hope you will be able to come along. Bring a friend, meet your neighbours - enjoy!



New editor for Dean Village News

Chris Jones is the new editor of Dean Village News (DVN), having taken over from Dorothy Forrester who has done a great job over many years keeping Village folk updated with news, events and history. Dorothy is still contributing articles to DVN and if you have anything you would like to contribute, articles, letters and ideas would be very welcome. Please email chris@deanvillage.org or send your ideas to DVN Editor, Dean Village Association, 13 Well Court, Dean Path, Edinburgh EH4 3BE. We're keen to get local people involved, and those with an interest in the area, so please get in touch. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue.

In January each year, DVN is delivered to all residents in Dean, and DVA members beyond, but in 2005, all residents in the Dean Conservation area and members beyond will receive DVN three times a year. This is with the aim of keeping all residents up to date with news and events. To cover the additional cost of this, we will be introducing advertising in DVN, and it is hoped that local companies will wish to advertise their services to residents of the Dean Conservation area.

Advertise in Dean Village News

In 2005 Dean Village News will be delivered to all residents in the Dean Conservation area and members beyond, rather than just to DVA members, so it will now be possible to promote your company or service three times a year to residents in over 800 properties in the Dean Conservation area and members beyond.

Rates for adverts in Dean Village News, an A4 publication, published in January, May and September 2005:

	Advert in one issue	Same advert in all three issues ie three for the price of two
1/8 page	£22.50	£45.00
1/4 page	£45.00	£90.00
1/2 page	£90.00	£180.00
Full page	£180.00	£360.00

Line (Service, company name, address, telephone, website) £10

Copy deadlines

Winter: 1st December 2004

Summer: 1st April 2005

Autumn: 1st August 2005

To book advertising space email chris@deanvillage.org or call 0131 226 2172 and send artwork by email if possible or to DVN Editor, Dean Village Association, 13 Well Court, Dean Path, Edinburgh EH4 3BE by the deadlines above. Cheques should be made payable to Dean Village Association and please enclose an SAE if a receipt is required.

The last of a generation

Nancy Mackay (nee Lee) has died at the age of 84, five years after her husband Burns. They are survived by their son Roy and grandson Duncan.

Although Nancy and Burns did not live in the Village, many of us knew them as members of our Association, and they were much involved in the activities at Dean Parish Church.

Nancy was the youngest of a large family. She was born in 43 Well Court, where there were only three rooms for ten people; but it was better than their old flat in Dean Path. Their mother seems to have been a remarkable woman (DVN 112).

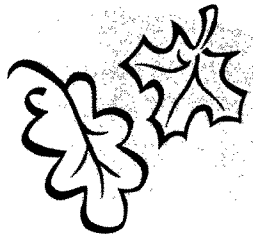
Meg Lee lived on at No. 35 almost to the end of her life (DVN 123). Robert and David lived in Dean Path, and Jim and his wife Lily at 50 Well Court, until Jim's failing health forced them to move.

The Lees are part of the history of the Village. The 1871 census has David Lee (24), his wife Helen (21) and their son David (3) and baby Margaret. A rapid check of the 1861 census has revealed no Lees, but there are other familiar surnames: Boswell, Muirhead, Plain, Fraser, Douglas, Weir, Legget. (Nancy's friend Merle McIvor is the daughter of a Boswell and granddaughter of a Lee.)

Can you find your ancestors in these records? The details for Edinburgh are on microfilm (1841 to 1904) in the Edinburgh Room of the Central Public Library.

Belgrave Crescent Gardens

If you would like access to Belgrave Crescent Gardens, apply to Judy Crichton on 332 9499. £70 will cover the subscription up to May 2005. There are gates beside West Mill and half-way up Dean Path. No dogs are permitted to be walked in the gardens except those owned by people who live in Belgrave Crescent or Place.



Special offers and 100% grants for energy saving measures

The City of Edinburgh Council's Warmburgh Plan aims to reduce the amount of energy being wasted in Edinburgh homes by 30% over ten years. The strategy will keep Edinburgh households warmer, healthier and will cut gas and electricity bills. The Warmburgh advice team offers free advice on anything to do with heating, insulation, energy bills, and condensation dampness in the home, to any household in the City of Edinburgh. Call freephone: 0800 512012 or email: warmburgh@leep.org.uk Further information can be found on the website: www.leep.org.uk

Dr Graham Priestley

Graham Priestley, volunteers manager for the Water of Leith Conservation Trust, has died at the age of 66, after a short illness.

Retiring early from his post as lecturer in dermatology in the University of Edinburgh, he devoted himself to other interests, especially angling.

He was already High Bailiff of the Water of Leith when the Water of Leith Trust was founded in 1988. He was one of the first trustees.

He gave us a talk about the mills in 2000 and Salmon in the Water of Leith in 2003 and it was he who initiated the annual clean-ups of the whole river.

Explore urban Scotland in the late 19th century

Over 1,900 Ordnance Survey Scottish town plans are now available online from the National library of Scotland Map Library. These are the most detailed plans ever produced of 62 Scottish towns, and are now available as zoomable, high-resolution colour images.

Produced between 1847 and 1895, they provide a rich and detailed resource for local history, genealogy, architectural and urban history, transport and railway history, social and industrial history - and more.

High-quality printouts and digital images of every map are available for purchase.

www.nls.uk/maps

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helps with DVA events, putting up posters, and delivering Dean Village News, more of which below. Your help is greatly appreciated by the DVA committee.

Like walking?

We rely on a team of volunteers to deliver Dean Village News to residents in the Dean Conservation Area and we need a few more people to help with deliveries in most areas (including Bell's Brae, Dean Path, West Mill and Well Court), three times a year. If you would be willing to deliver DVN in your stair or street, please call Alison McLaughlin on 226 2172 or email alison@deanvillage.org with your name, address, phone number and the details of the area to which you are willing to deliver. We'll call you before each publication to check that you're available. Thanks!

