



Covenant Update— AGM 23 March 8pm

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Many of you would have attended the BERA meeting back in October 2010, prompted by concern over the letters sent out by Pier Management. Since then, BERA Committee members have been working hard on your behalf and would like to present a number of options to you for consideration.

We are therefore holding an **AGM** at **St. Augustine's Church** (not Church Hall

like last time as this was too small!), on **23 March at 8pm**.

We welcome all BERA Members to listen to the options and have an opportunity to have their say. The meeting will be hosted by Ron Woodley, Chair BERA, and the options will be outlined by Jerry Nathan of Nathan's Solicitors, who also attended the last meeting.



Ciao Café Update

Some of you may be aware that there has been on going planning issues regarding Ciao Café in The Broadway. BERA believe that the café is a popular meeting place for residents of all ages and many would be upset at its loss.

We believe that it is more than a café, with its art gallery and elements of retail trade and would be a loss to the community. BERA would support any attempts to keep this valuable community facility as a café and will offer the owner any help in achieving this aim, if requested.

Residents be warned

In the last two weeks, there have been three muggings in Fermoy Road and one in The Broadway. The attacks took place during the day and in all incidents the male has struck from behind, so be extra aware of your surroundings and check who is walking behind you. Be extra cautious if you are using the local Cashpoints, avoid carrying large amounts of cash and if at all possible, carry your mo-

bile phone in a pocket. Also, there have been a number of thefts from unlocked cars in the area—please remember to lock your cars at night. *Lock it or lose it!*

Dog owners and walkers beware! A dog recently attacked another dog and it's owner on the beach. The owner received minor injuries, but the owner's dog was seriously mauled. A man seen with the

attacking dog failed to control his animal and left the scene without identifying himself.

Finally, some anti-social dog walkers have been seen picking up dog mess and discarding the bags in shrub borders or leaving them on the pavement. If you see anyone doing this, please report the incident to the local Police Liaison Officer on 01702 295296



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Burges Road Traffic Survey Results

During the last few months BERA has distributed Surveys to approximately 900 houses, including all members as well as residents of Burges Road. The Survey was prompted by an increasing concern amongst residents as to the number of accidents in the area, particularly along Burges Road, and asked householders to "rate" their preferred options. The results are outlined below.

- 48% said "Do Nothing/Wait & See" was their preferred option
- 13% said "Speed Cushions" was their preferred option
- 10% said "Flat Top Tables" was their preferred option
- 30% said "No Entry" was their preferred option

However, since this Survey was completed, there has been another road traffic accident (on Tuesday 8 Feb) at the junction of Burges Road and The Broadway, involving a van and car. Cars and motor-bikes continue to travel along Burges Road at great speed – I recently witnessed a car overtaking another at high speed, just before the same junction – an incredibly foolhardy and dangerous thing to do. The majority of respondents have indicated that they wish to "wait and see" if the new speed reduction measures work. If incidents continue to occur, respondent's second choice becomes significant: 60% preferred a physical speed reduction measure, whether this was speed cushions or flat top tables. If accidents continue to happen, we have a clear case to go back to the Council to explore further safety measures.

If you would like to see the full report or wish to comment on this article, please go to www.bera.co.uk

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