

Alcester SCAN Thursday 9th September 2010 Report

The theme for the meeting was looking to the future.

Councillor Mike Gittus introduced the display of plans for the new health and care centre at the Old Hospital site which are lodged with Stratford District Council (SDC) planning. Members raised queries concerning access, response by the project team to previous questions on the range of services and the likely time table for the development. Councillor Sue Adams stressed how the project was planned to be a key part in our health care and would link in with plans at Warwick and Stratford. Members completed submissions which Mike Gittus will pass to the planning department and also comments and enquiries which will be raised with Alcester Town Council and the NHS Alcester Project team.

Earlier this year the County **Meals-on-Wheels** service was placed with County Enterprise Foods. Their Marketing Officer **Jane Coleman** introduced us to the range of new services and the 7 days a week programme provided across the county. Temptation came in a selection from the variety of over 50 main meals and 40 sweet courses which were on display. Jane explained also how special dietary needs and ethnic foods are available. Frozen, chilled and hot meals coming from their base at Warwick are brought to your door. The service delivers more than a meal, as at the hand-over the staff provide a friendly health and well-being check. Jane provided a range of information booklets and invited us to make contact, to ask any queries or seek advice when phoning **01926 800156**.

Ann Catchpole from SDC brought us information on the new Briar Croft Extra Care Centre on Alcester Road, Stratford with its 64 one and two bedroom apartments. A visit to the centre will be arranged next year. Unlike more traditional schemes Briar Cross has open access, enabling non residents over 55 to enjoy its recreation facilities and activities.

For more information on how you can benefit from this project ring **01789 299071** or 01789 260108

***Weather permitting ... our first meeting of SCAN
in 2011 is Thursday 13th January***