

## Alcester SCAN report on meeting held Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2011

Local speakers reported on past... present... and future events and plans for our town. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May would see the High Street hosting the Alcester and Forest of Arden Food Festival. Described as 'the perfect foodie day out' with a large array of exhibitors and stalls adding to the wide variety of town shops. Cllr's Mike Gittus and Eric Payne updated the meeting on the progress of the Flood Prevention Scheme with installation of the Pumps and their inauguration on June 13<sup>th</sup>, then responded to questions about challenges and changes facing the town resulting from the Government Spending Review. All present were encouraged to have their say on the future of our Public Library by completing the County consultation. In the long term, Age UK are exploring ways they can support and develop the Silver Surfers Scheme.

Signatures were collected for the National Pensioners Convention petition to Government 'Hands off the winter fuel allowance'.

Jan Roberts introduced an on-going opportunity for residents to have their say on matters that directly affected their lives and that of all older residents through the "What would make your area better scheme". The members present were provided with the SCAN report form for this project and highlighted a range of issues including parking, pavements, policing, pot-holes and public toilets. These reports will be discussed with our local Councillors to secure the best outcomes.



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An item raised was concern about the timings of the No 26 Service. SCAN will claim no credit, but since the end of May an improved 26 service is in place. Members are encouraged to check the new timetables. Other items including Policing will be raised at the Alcester and Bidford Community Forum in June. An update will be reported to the next SCAN.

For your diary...future meetings are September 8<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>.