

The road to research can be paved with puzzles...

In the Spring edition of Outlook the editorial team began a new feature providing the background to the names of local roads. This has proved very popular with one contributor suggesting we use St Denis Road as the next example.

St Denis Road is situated in Shenley in the Selly Oak area of the

Bournville Estate and, despite extensive searches, we are still puzzled as to why the road was given this name. So far, we have found out that St Denis was the first bishop of Paris and the Patron Saint of France. There is also a district in north Paris named after him. Why then any road in Shenley should carry his name is a mystery! If any reader can shed any

light on this please send details to the Editor - see Page 2 of this edition of Outlook.

We would also like residents to suggest the origin of other interesting names. We would be especially keen to hear about BVT properties off the Bournville Estate, such as Redditch, Nechells or Bordesley and, of course, the many Shropshire properties. Please contact the Editor with any further ideas.

Daisies at the double

• The two Daisies



The birth of Daisy, daughter of Colin Foxhall the gardener at the Quadrangle, has brought excitement to this Bournville community. Strangely enough, there is also another Daisy Foxall (without the h!) living in the Quad, but she is nearly 85 years older than the new arrival!

Both are thriving, and we all wish a long and happy life to our 'flowers' of Bournville.

Calling all singers...!

Cantando voices, a small, four-part choir from Bournville, is looking for new members.

The choir, which meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2pm, is a friendly group who sing a variety of pieces from Mozart

to the musicals and perform two or three concerts a year. There is no audition required, and everyone is welcome to come along for a sing-song. Please phone 0121 477 6739 or 0121 475 2042 for more information and rehearsal dates.

Join in new GOYA craze

GOYA classes (Get Out of Your Armchair exercise classes) are the new craze for the over 60s! Spaces are available for new members at this friendly class on Tuesday mornings in school-term time at the Dame Elizabeth Hall, Oak Tree Lane, Bournville.

Classes run for one hour from 10.30am, followed by a cup of tea for those who want to stay. The exercise classes are taught by Sue Weaver, a qualified teacher with EXTEND, a company who provide safe and suitable exercise to music for the over 60s.

Please phone Sue if interested on 624 3229 for more details.

Website initiative a winner

“See My Data” is a new service that will be available on-line, via the BVT website by early in the New Year.

The service will allow tenants to view their rent statement on-line and will initially only be available for tenants, although this will be later extended to all residents.

As BVT tenants know, we currently send rent statements out on a quarterly basis. This new service will allow all tenants to have much more up-to-date access to their rent account.

Another new service (available before the end of the year) will allow all residents the facility to pay on-line using debit or credit cards. You will need to complete certain details on the BVT website (e.g. name, address) and once this has been completed and validated, the system will automatically direct you to a fully secure website where you will be asked to enter your card number and payment details.

So watch out for these changes on our website - www.bvt.org.uk

The perfect setting for a happy union



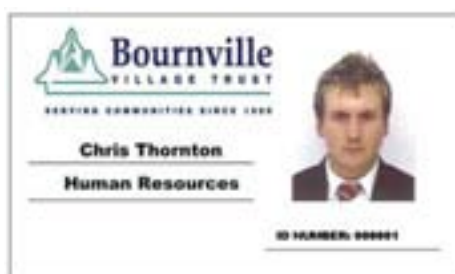
Selly Manor was the beautiful setting recently for the marriages of two members of Bournville Village Trust staff. Jayne Grimmer (above), who works as an Accounts Clerk, married David Brown, and Sally Richardson, who is a Housing Officer at Shenley, married Andrew Rock.

For more information about Selly Manor as a perfect venue for weddings and civil ceremonies, please contact Gillian Ellis on 0121 472 0199.

Timely reminder as new ID badges are issued

By the end of 2008, all Bournville Village Trust staff and resident representatives will be issued with new identity badges, which include a photograph. The Trust would like to remind residents that you do not have to invite somebody into your home who says they are from BVT, unless their identity can be proven with the new BVT ID badge.

If you are unsure of the identity of any individual, please call the telephone number on the ID badge. Do not hesitate to do this if you feel unsure - you have every right to know who's coming into your home.



• The layout of the new ID cards