



## 400<sup>th</sup> Edition of Neighbours From the Manager

It was just before Christmas 1980 that the first edition of our newssheet was published called 'Brak-Cort News'. The first line said: 'What a terrible name!' With thinking caps on, by Edition No 3 this had changed to 'Neighbours' – obviously a good name choice as it has stood the test of time up to its 400<sup>th</sup> edition this month.

In Edition No 3 there was a 'Warning from Matron':  
'Repairs to the drive will take 10 days. Please take care and only go out if necessary.'  
With plans to finish the resurfacing work through to City Road imminent, I felt a polite warning necessary for when this happens but only for one or two days this time!

Surprisingly, the first coloured paper edition was No 7 in bright blue with the same colour used for Edition No 100. This edition made reference to the 'Quality of Life Committee' who served much the same purpose as the Activities and Leisure Forum today.

In August 1997 Edition No 172 saw the first photographs used – a picture of Corton House on the front page and inside a bus to illustrate times when it went into the city from the home itself.

The 250<sup>th</sup> edition celebrated our annual fete which we again look forward to later this month. In a similar fund-raising vein Edition No 350 celebrated our efforts when supporting children with both 'Save the Children' and 'Children in Need' benefitting.

We redesigned the front cover in August 2009 to feature both the Care Home and Sheltered Housing entrance. A professional photographer has recently visited and taken more photographs so watch this space – the front cover will be changing soon. Other changes have taken place including contributions from a tenant and a piece from the Activities Co-ordinator who comments on events that have taken place. Other than this, when asked for their opinions, residents and tenants have, in general, expressed a wish to leave things as they are!

Some 38 years later we publish our 400<sup>th</sup> edition with a circulation of some 170 copies and a further 50 by email to keep all associated with us up to date and informed as to 'what's going on'. Neighbours can also be downloaded by anyone on our new and improved website [www.cortonhouse.co.uk](http://www.cortonhouse.co.uk)

We hope you enjoy this special edition in full colour. I extend my sincere thanks to all who have supported, and continue to support, its publication – long may it continue!

Graham Moore  
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## ‘Away from the Madding Crowd’

Each summer I like to visit Eaton Park, one of the wonderful Norwich parks, where I spent many happy hours of my childhood during the 1939-45 war years.

My main focus is always the sunken lily pond – and there they are, the beautiful floating blooms of pink, cerise and white, gently resting on the huge lily-pad leaves. An addition this year is a resident heron called ‘Old George’ apparently. His feathers are rather tatty, but he stands tall, monarch of his watery kingdom.

My other favourite area in the park is the wide multi-coloured, circular herbaceous border set out in four segments, surrounding four equally quartered sunken rose beds. A scene little altered by time, and all the more heart-warming for that.

It is reported that public parks are regaining popularity, and are well-used and maintained. Good news.

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