

Neighbourhood News

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Demolition!



COMING DOWN (clockwise from top left): ready to start demolition, some fine detailing, the interior, and work underway. Photos: Tony Newell, David Neale

The long-awaited demolition of the former Cox & Wyman printing works has begun.

Three Bell Tower members had the opportunity to visit the empty site and take photos before the main demolition started, providing a basic historical record of the interior of the original Victorian building and some of its features and signs of its history.

Work has started from the Addison Road end with the small building on the corner of Meadow Road and the Victorian façade, and will move towards Milford Road.

It is understood that demolition will be finished by early April and construction is expected to start in May.

The developer has recently submitted a construction plan to the council – this can be downloaded from planning.reading.gov.uk, application

number 200092. The plan shows the build starting with a temporary access road from Meadow Road and building the Cardiff Road terrace, a few show homes at the bottom of Addison Road and the lower floors of the flats first. The main terrace in Addison Road and townhouses near the centre of the site will be built later when the access road from Meadow Road is complete.

The lime tree in Addison Road near the corner of Meadow Road will be kept but the developer has applied to remove the other protected trees and replace them.

The new estate is being built on the site by Bellway Homes, and will consist of 48 houses, mostly terraces along Cardiff Road and Addison Road, and a block of 48 flats near the western end of Meadow Road.

David Neale

News in brief

- You can join neighbours and friends at Café Hope, with warmth, friendship, free tea or coffee and delicious cakes. 10.00 to 11.30am Thursdays 12 March, 7 May and 11 June at New Hope.

New Hope is also holding a Messy Easter session on 8 April at 10.00am. Crafts, the Easter story, singing and an Easter egg hunt to finish the fun! Aimed at preschool - primary age children. Open to all, no booking needed.

- Readipop, the music and arts charity based in Milford Road, is looking for new 'Friends' to help support their work in Reading with vulnerable young people and the wider local community through music. Membership gives a discount for Readipop Festival tickets and free access to some of Readipop's workshops. More information can be found at www.readipop.co.uk/readipop-friends.

- Bell Tower member and army veteran Chris Madden will be walking 100km in aid of the ABF soldiers' charity in October, and is looking for sponsorship. Details and how to support Chris are at events.soldierscharity.org/s/1064/1140.

- The Environment Agency is exhibiting its latest plans for flood defences in this area on Monday 9 March 4-8pm at Caversham Baptist Church and Friday 20 March 12-4pm at Church House next to Waitrose in Caversham.

- Plans for new Victorian-style terraced houses on the Carters site along Swansea and Northfield Roads have been conditionally approved. These will have their own parking.

New council recycling initiative

The council has created a new team of Recycling and Enforcement Officers aiming to increase recycling to 50% and to help with the introduction of weekly food waste collection in October this year. The team will carry out a wide range of tasks including talking to residents, holding recycling roadshows, delivering education on recycling, conducting enforcement investigations, and more.

The council is introducing a new weekly food waste collection and supplying a smaller 140 litre black wheelie bin to households in the

autumn, and residents will be urged to recycle as much as possible in their red bins. The new team of officers will be supporting this change by speaking to residents regularly to provide information on what can and cannot be recycled in their red bins; they will also be promoting the use of the bring bank sites, where residents can recycle textiles and glass. If you want some advice on what can be recycled please get in touch with the team, and they can come out and provide that information to communities on request.

Reading residents are encouraged to get involved in helping to increase the town's recycling rate, and if anybody is interested in becoming a Recycling Champion please let the new team know by contacting the council's call centre on 0118 937 3787.



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| PLASTIC BOTTLES | TIN CANS | PLASTIC BAGS, FILM & WRAPPING | KITCHEN TOWELS, TISSUES & WET WIPES |
| | | The items listed above must go in General Waste | |
| CARDBOARD | AEROSOLS | | |

NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN READING

A talk by Richard Bennett, Reading Civic Society

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH
7.30PM

NEW HOPE CENTRE

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