

ST GEORGE'S PARK

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THE VILLAGE EXPANDS

With Phase 4a The Cedars now completed and a number of its new residents having taken occupation St George's Park Village continues to expand. The new influx of resident's means there is now over 145 apartments occupied and 200 residents. With half of the apartments already reserved or sold in The Cedars it is proving to be extremely popular. Many have superb southerly views across the meadows towards the South Downs. All of the apartments have fully fitted kitchens with integrated appliances, modern fitted bathroom and en-suite shower room and come with fully fitted carpets and tiling.



The Bowling Green and The Cedars.

In addition to the lovely landscaped gardens this phase of the development includes the much awaited artificial Bowling Green and Croquet Lawn. Lovers of these two pastimes are delighted with the fact that they will only be a short stroll away from hours of enjoyment, whether it is a match against other residents or a game with the grandchildren. Resident Peter Levesley who is an ex- county bowls captain said "We are all very much looking forward to the addition of the new facilities and I am sure they will both prove to be a great hit".

The completion of The Cedars leaves just two more phases of apartments and the Leisure Block to be built. Works on Phase 4B are due to start early this summer.



View of the Cedars from the meadow

Viewings of the remaining apartments in The Cedars via the Marketing Suite on 01444 259732.

ST GEORGE'S PARK WINS TWO MORE AWARDS

Since our last newsletter St George's Park Retirement Village has won two further awards. First we won the coveted London Evening Standard New Homes Award for The Best Retirement Development, closely followed by an award at the UK Property Awards in association with Bloomberg TV.

Now in its 19th year, the Evening Standard New Homes Awards recognise exceptional new homes across the country and represent another high profile success for St George's Park. For the past five years, we've been working hard to create a retirement development with a difference and it is great to be recognised for this. The awards took place at the London Dorchester Hotel where Philip Smith the Sales and Marketing Director received the award from comedian and TV presenter Clive Anderson.

The UK Property Awards is part of the International Property Awards, one of the world's most prestigious competitions dedicated to finding the best real estate professionals across the globe. The fact that St George's Park has won one of these coveted awards is proof that it is not only capable of competing at this level but also

triumphing within the highly competitive UK property arena. Judges for the awards included leading experts from the property industry. Sister Thomas the Managing Director of St George's Park Ltd commented "We are absolutely thrilled to have won these awards. The team has worked hard to reflect the needs of residents and provide the very best in both services and environment and I believe these awards prove we are on the right track".

PRESS

St George's Park Retirement Village continues to be featured in the local and national press. The latter half of 2010 saw good coverage with articles in the Daily Express, Saturday Telegraph and more locally in The Magnet magazine. The beginning of 2011 has continued in the same vein with an article in the Daily Mail titled 'A Golden Future' written by top property journalist Cheryl Markosky which lists St George's Park and Ditchling as one of five places with the perfect ingredients for a rewarding retirement





Bird Hide

BIRD HIDE

One of the great things about living at St George's Park is the fact that it is located in such a beautiful position right in the heart of the stunning Sussex countryside. With 250 acres of grounds including meadows, lakes, fields and ancient woodland there is an abundance of habitat for the varied selection of birds. With a number of residents being keen on ornithology the idea for a hide was hatched.

Andrew Ford, St George's Park head grounds man and his team managed to locate an unwanted shed which they transformed into a hide. The hide is located in the ancient Woodland Purchase Wood a few hundred yards to the east of the village and is easily accessed via a well kept path.

Resident Sean McCullough said "there has been a wide variety of birds viewed from the hide, about 35 so far, probably the rarest being a Lesser Spotted Woodpecker . In addition to that I have spotted a further 45 or so around the rest of the estate, many resident and some just passing through".



Aerial Photo

AERIAL PHOTO

The latest in a series of aerial photos being taken of the village as it progresses has just been published. The newest phase of the village 'The Cedars' is clearly visible in the top right corner of the photo, which also shows the great views it has down across the meadow to the south.

CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

As the number of residents in the village continues to increase so does the number of activities that are available for them to partake in. Currently there are nine different 'clubs' that take place on a weekly basis, these include such diverse activities as Mah Jong , Table Tennis and Snooker , Scrabble , Knit and Natter, Drawing and Painting, Photographic and Cribbage.

There are two different monthly book groups which are so popular that a third is expected to start soon. If that wasn't enough to choose from there are regular Quiz and Wine Tasting evenings along with many different themed dinners/evenings such as Chinese New Year, St Patricks Day , Pancake Day and of course St George's Day .

For the more active the concert hall accommodates indoor short mat bowls and short tennis as well as Line Dancing and Tia Chi. Now the newest phase The Cedars is completed there are outdoor activities in the form of Bowls and Croquet, both located in the landscaped gardens.

All of these clubs and activities are arranged by the residents and are on a very informal friendly basis, so if you are new to something it is very easy to just turn up and join in and best of all, within a few yards of your apartment.



Sister Augustine and Buffalo

DOMICILIARY CARE

There are a whole host of reasons why people move to St George's Park. One of them may be the fact that there is care available in your own apartment if it is required, on short, medium or long term basis.

St George's Park Domiciliary Care has been running since the village opened in 2006. Managed by Sister Miriam it offers a vital service to a number of residents. Currently the Domiciliary team help residents with a diverse range of services. These vary from cleaning and housekeeping , help with overseeing medication ,help with laundry or shopping and cooking (or meals delivered from the restaurant), through to personal care and assistance.

Sister Miriam who joined the Order at St George's in 1987 said "I really enjoy working with the residents, there are so many lovely people and they all have lived such interesting lives". When asked what is the most fulfilling part of her job she replied "helping people to retain their independence, seeing people who may need a little help every now and then go on to stay in their apartment and enjoy life at St George's. It's really about promoting independence and giving support tailored to personal and changing needs, rather than rigid, traditional models".

More information regarding the services sister Miriam and her team can offer are available via the marketing suite.

THE BUFFALO

The latest additions to St George's Park ever growing menagerie have caused quite a stir. The three Asian Water Buffalo have fast become a favourite with residents and staff.

The buffalo are all female and include an 8 year old mother and her 6 month old calf. The older female was born in Holsworth , Devon and the two calves were born in Ripe Sussex. They were all kindly donated to the estate by a retiring local farmer. Dick Bradford and Chris Bates our farmers welcomed the new cattle. Dick said: "We are going to make them a mud bath as they like to wallow in the muddy water. It helps them maintain a healthy coat."

Chris added "The farm is proving very popular with the residents in the village who are able to visit the animals at their leisure. The Buffalo are especially a great hit with the grandchildren of many of the residents, some of whom regularly pay a visit."

The buffalo have joined the increasing collection of animals which currently includes four Alpaca, two donkeys, two Shetland ponies, two Highland cattle, Millie, Molly and Mandy the three pigs, sheep, turkeys, guinea pigs, rabbits and ferrets. In addition there is a large variety of fowl, which includes black swans.

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