



February 2013

### **University Hospitals Bristol UHB**

As part of a £150 million investment, UHB is excited about its project to improve dramatically the poor external appearance of the Queen Elizabeth Building in Upper Maudlin Street. UHB has selected six international artists to develop concept design for a new elevation. The designs will be on show to everyone from 10.00am – 7.00pm on Thursday 7 March the UHB Education Centre, Upper Maudlin Street.

### **Somerset Street**

Bristol Water plan to replace the water main, which keeps bursting. BW accepts that it must reinstate the setts. Before work starts, they will video the street.

### **Bear Pit**

The city council will start work to improve the Bear Pit in May. The council's approved option was not KCG's choice; we preferred the greener option. The Bear Pit Improvement Group has won £30k from the Heritage Lottery fund for historic interpretation panels in the Bear Pit.

### **Ninetree Hill Lamp columns**

KCG hopes the Neighbourhood Partnership, at its March meeting, will support Kingsdown's bid to put 19<sup>th</sup> century tops on lamp columns 2 and 3. KCG will contribute to the cost from its reserves.

### **Planning applications**

**Tuck's News** - KCG supports local traders but felt it had to oppose an extension of the off-licence to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Tuck's reduced their application permit sales, Monday to Saturday 6 am to midnight and Sunday 9am to 12 midnight, which the council granted.

**Nuffield (formerly St Mary's) Hospital** – KCG committee members went to a presentation of the proposals to convert this important building to student accommodation. KCG told the developer, who is currently developing the former Pro-Cathedral into student accommodation, that it welcomed the reuse of the site and didn't object to the change of use. KCG said that the developer could redevelop the site successfully without demolishing the grand north and west facing facades, which it should retain.

### **Old City area**

The city council has a scheme to improve the Old City to reduce waste containers, signage and close Corn Street to through traffic, for an experimental period.

### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 in St. Matthews Church Hall; doors will open at 7.00pm. KCG is grateful to St. Matthews for opening its excellent facilities to us. KCG will display an AGM notice nearer the date.

All Kingsdown residents are welcome at the AGM where you can join, if you are not already a member. The annual subscription is £5. KCG also looks for new committee members. Please contact the secretary on 924 0853.

**The guest speaker will be David Napier, a local historian, who will give an illustrated talk about the history and rescue of Arnos Vale Cemetery.**

Andy King has again kindly offered to provide wine. Please arrive early and stay on after the talk to catch up with neighbours.

**The next committee meeting** - 8.00 p.m – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. If you want to join Kingsdown Conservation Group, meet the committee or bring anything to their attention, please contact the secretary@Kingsdownbristol.org.uk.