

Bathwick Hill Resident's Association Newsletter May 2018

******* OPEN GARDENS Saturday June 16th from 2:00-5:00 pm *******

Our next event is the Open Gardens on Saturday 16th June from 2:00 pm to 5:00. We'll have tea and cakes at Old Apple, Bathwick Hill, BA2 6LA (next to White Lodge bus stop on the uphill side)

The gardens are Numbers 5, 6 and 19 Bathwick Hill, which border on Bathwick Hills Fields and will only be accessible from Madeira walk, the footpath down the side of the field.

If anyone would like to donate a cake or home baked biscuits for the Open Gardens, please contact Sarah – email trimmer.sp@btopenworld.com, or call or text 07503188627.

This is a social event and a chance to see some lovely gardens and eat homemade cake! Its free to members but we welcome donations to our chosen charity.

Our chosen charity

This year it is **Developing Health and Independence**, DHI & Reach established in 1996, which was selected by our membership at the AGM in March.

They do invaluable work in Bath in conjunction with Julian House, getting the homeless off the streets and helping the most vulnerable. DHI helps them to rehabilitate and has programs for drug and alcohol abuse, while Reach helps the vulnerable and homeless into housing; supporting them and helping them to get into independent living.

Our 25th AGM was held on March 22nd, In addition to choosing a charity at the AGM we started with a talk from Barry Gilberstone Chairman of the City of Bath UNESCO World Heritage Site who spoke to us about the importance of Bath as a World Heritage Site and the challenges that Bath faces, in managing a City with about 6 million visitors a year – the importance and costs of maintaining our heritage was highlighted as a huge challenge to the City. Some examples of what has been achieved included renovation various historic signs including way-marker and street signs that can be spotted at First Floor level.

Sarah reported on the sad news of the death of Colin Martin in February, who had been BHRA Chairman for five years.

Matt our councillor was unable to attend but sent a report, he is still looking at traffic safety and the issue of the bottle neck in the middle of the Hill. He is open to suggestions. We discussed some local traffic issues and the action due including slow signs painted on the road at two locations and pedestrian counts to consider the need to improve crossing facilities.

We have purchased a data projector and it was agreed this is available for members and the Church Hall to borrow in exchange for a voluntary donation to our charity

This year's committee

This was followed by the re-election of the committee,
Chair – Sarah Trimmer ; Secretary - Claire Jackson; Treasurer – Andrea Haywood; FoBRA representative - Colin Clark; Also Helen Green and Julie Hayward.

Four committee members left as they have commitments that prevent them being active on the committee. Andrew Temple-Smith, Alan Robinson, Martin Carter and Felix have left the committee but are willing to help and support us at events. Thanks to all of them for their support and hard work.

We are looking for new members for the committee who can make it to the meetings and take an active part in our work. Both Claire & Sarah are hoping to step back a bit and we all believe that new members with fresh ideas are needed.

What else is going on ...

Bath University : We also keep in touch with the University and have recently told you about the Art Pass for the Edge. They are still building and developing the University site and are planning a new flag ship building opposite the Sports centre at the entrance to the University.

The National Trust like the University have a local residents forum, anyone who is interested can attend these meetings they happen around 3 times a year. We try to ensure we are represented.

The NT are due to have a meeting shortly but these points may interest you.

National Trust : Various scenic walks taking in the beautiful views over our world Heritage city are on offer from the National Trust over the summer-including city to countryside, sunset skyline, wild Wednesdays and Nature walks.
Booking is essential – 0344 249 1895.

Mayor's Honorary Guide Walks. In addition to the daily free walks from outside the Pump rooms, from May to September there are free tours on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11.00 to Great Pulteney Street, the Kennet and Avon canal, the 18th century Sydney Gardens, the Holburne Museum and back to the city centre.

Sydney Gardens

The project team met with the Heritage Lottery fund in March for the Sydney Gardens Mid-Point Review which marks the point at which the masterplan moves from sketch design to technical design stage. The HLF were very positive and considered it the most detailed Mid-Point Review they have seen. The project team will now be working up the next stage with their more specific feedback in mind.

Final application deadline is 31st August but the project team is aiming to get it in earlier in August.

Points of interest

The project team carried out a feasibility study and considered the design options and the plan was reworked to include:-

- 4 tennis courts. The new design will convert the 3 lower courts into 2 realigned and upgraded to Lawn Tennis Association standards.
- A new kiosk style café on site of current bowls club will be primarily have outdoor seating and sell take away refreshments and snacks.
- A Petanque court has been fitted into the café terrace
- Play zones according to activity and age, e.g. sand and water play for younger children around the café. Steps/informal seating will provide the transition between the zones, for example the older play/active play zone with table tennis, football, basketball etc.
- A Labyrinth with tall grasses will be located at the top of the park near the Bothy. We are exploring the potential to reveal the stonework of the Georgian reservoir in this area and incorporate into the Labyrinth.
- Woodland Garden/Viewpoint on is also continuing to be developed.
- The Edwardian toilets being kept within their local context but with local relocation of the Ladies across the path to open up the area behind the modern toilet block.
- We are working towards creating a Dementia friendly park.

Bath Area Play Project has been commissioned to do a consultation on play options and explore why local people do and do not visit the park building on the previous surveys. Currently working with Age UK to consult with older people and find out what do they want from the park.

Cleveland Pools

As you may be aware the Cleveland Pools had their R2 application to the HLF turned down. The Bid that was submitted by the Cleveland Pools Trust was not supported by local residents, who had strong concerns about aspects of the proposals. As a consequence you need to be aware that local residents have put forward an alternative plan for Cleveland Pools.

REMEMBER

We send updates and post points of interest on our web site www.bathwickhill.info

BORING BUT IMPOTANT ...

Lastly you should have received an email about Data protection if you have not replied to it please read the last page and reply. Thanks.

Bathwick Hill Resident's Association : General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

May 2018

We believe we need to comply with GDPR from May 25th 2018, and have sent emails about this. If you have not responded please read this.

Previously by giving us your names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses we have assumed implied consent. You now have to give consent for us to store this information.

We only use your information for circulating newsletters and other information we believe is relevant and of interest to the membership.

We do not give this information to any third parties and, if a third party should ask for contact details, we will not give out personal information without your consent.

Only the committee members can access this information, and currently only the secretary, treasurer and chair have access. In the case of the website the information is password protected.

Please can you confirm you are happy for us to continue to keep your information, and you understand that it is your responsibility to let us know if it changes or if you wish to have it deleted.

Please can you respond before May 25th, if you do not we will contact you to confirm that you no longer want us to store your contact information and delete it.

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