

**Welcome to greener buses** – First have introduced some Euro 6 buses, which apparently reduce pollutants by to about 1/6 of EURO 4 pollutants. Hopefully they will gradually convert the whole fleet to these quieter and cleaner buses.



### **Parking on Bathwick Hill**

We asked for the council for a consultation on parking in the area in the middle of Bathwick Hill, with a proposal to extend the parking permit area up to Madeira Walk, with 4 hour free parking. This is now completed, and due to insufficient local support the council has turned down the proposal, so the area will continue to have free parking.

## **Autumn Social Event Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 7 pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Bathwick Hill**

This is a social event with light refreshments and drinks and a talk about the development and achievements of Bath university will cost £5 per head. There will also be a raffle with any proceeds going to NEXT LINK a local charity which provides refuge for women fleeing domestic abuse.

**Please can you let us know if you plan to attend **RSVP** details on last page.**

### **50 Years of Bath University**

Professor Bernie Morley , Deputy Vice-Chancellor & Provost of Bath University will give a talk to celebrate the history and research achievements of the last 50 years of the university and to tell us about future plans. Professor Morley, who gained his DPhil at Oxford in Molecular Immunology and became Professor of Molecular Genetics at Imperial College, was appointed Deputy Vice-Chancellor here in 2015.

We would like to emphasise this is about the university's development, and the

speaker will not be prepared to answer questions on problems arising from student expansion. If you have any such questions as a result of this talk, we will be happy to note them afterwards so we can address them to the Uni forum.

## **Other news.....**

### **Prior Park – National Trust update on lower access**

The National Trust has been holding local consultation meetings with residents that our committee members are invited to. The most recent news is that the lower entrance to Prior Park along Church Lane is expected to remain open at weekends through the winter period, although it won't be staffed. If you do enter at this entrance you are asked to come to the tea shed to have your card scanned or if you are not a member to go to the visitor reception at the top.

The national trust is monitoring numbers and will be able to keep this open if they can break even on costs

### **Footpath through Smallcombe Farm**

The Association has written to support the Council's case to record this footpath on the definitive plan as there has been an objection lodged. This is the subject of an appeal and we are stating the importance of the path to local residents' particularly as the alternative permissive path through the fields becomes muddy and slippery during the winter months.

### **Smallcombe Cemetery**

An information board is now installed and the Social History Trail launched. Short video messages accessed by QR codes now enhance a visit to Smallcombe. Full details of how to access these via an app are on the smallcombe cemetery web site. These provide an insight to Bath over the past two centuries as lived by 12 notable characters. These videos can also be accessed on the "Visiting Smallcombe" section of the web site together with longer biographies of these individuals.

Web site link <http://www.smallcombegardencemetery.org/visiting-smallcombe>

## **Some of the issues that the Federation of Bath Residents' Associations is addressing ....**

Since the last newsletter the Federation has acted on a range of issues Transport, Congestion and Pollution are ongoing problems.

FoBRA has given input to Public examination of the place making plan which is designed to meet the substantial growth forecast in B&NES population, jobs and housing demand.

They emphasised the importance of treating Bath as a “place”, recognised as a UNESCO world heritage site; not as a series of development sites. The need for minimum space standards for housing was also emphasised.

Robin Kerr, the federation's chair, has underlined Fobra's position on a range of issues, including treatment of the city centre, the urgent need for an A36/46 link as part of the Transport Strategy; the need to reduce the flooding risk upstream from Pulteney Bridge, a particular concern of Henrietta Park residents' association; the Universities and the need for a student housing strategy.

The Inspector's report on the Plan is expected in December.

### **COUNCIL REFUSE COLLECTION**

From Autumn 2017 B&NES aims to change refuse schedules – continuing with some weekly collections, including food waste - but with household waste to be collected fortnightly. We do not envisage this being such a major problem on Bathwick Hill, as it will be in central Bath, especially for people living in the city in subdivided Georgian houses, who find it difficult to manage waste now.

However, it is apparently possible to ask the council for gull proof black bags.

### **STUDENT HOUSING**

FoBRA representatives have attended a conference on Students housing, organised by the National Organisation of Residents' Associations and Durham University, focussed on the problems in university towns, similar to Bath, with a high student/resident ratio.

Best practice, appears to be –

- building a good community/ local authority/ residents/ police/ student liaison structure.
- student and police led action on anti-social behaviour

- a local authority student housing strategy dealing with both Houses in Multiple Occupation and Purpose Built Student Accommodation.

Fobra greatly values the participation of students in its work and has long urged the Council to develop a student housing strategy, in consultation with the various interests.

HELP NEEDED....

Finally a personal request from Sarah. Last year Citizen's Advice was our chosen charity. This year it has had its funding cut, due to reduced budgets for their main funder B&NES council. We get very little private funding, so are looking for additional sources of additional funding to help cover a short fall of at least £38,000 this year. Donations can be made on our web site [www.cab-banes.org](http://www.cab-banes.org) on the **donation** tab. Any donation up to £10 made between 18<sup>th</sup> Oct. and 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. will get matched funding from Local giving.

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If you would like to come call, email or drop a note of your Name, Post code and telephone number with Claire Jackson tel: 01225 464228, 3, Woodland place; Sarah Trimmer tel: 01225 330928, Old Apple; or Andrew Temple-Smith at 2 Dunsford Place. Or email [bhra21c@gmail.com](mailto:bhra21c@gmail.com).

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