

## **Bathwick Hill Newsletter June 2017**

News of events in and around the Hill. First is a list of our events for your diary, please keep it somewhere handy ...

Events for your diary: (more on next page)

Open Gardens 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2:00 to 5:00 pm Combe Royal Crescent

FoBRA summer event: July 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30 to 8:00 Casa Bianca Bathwick Hill

### **Our AGM**

Our AGM in March was well attended. The committee was re-elected and we now have an additional new committee member, Andrea Haywood. She will be taking over as Treasurer. Andrew Temple-Smith is remaining on the committee and is still a signatory on our bank account. We thanked Andrew for all his hard work and welcomed Andrea.

The Committee is :

Secretary : Claire Jackson phone 01225 464228 email: [claire.jackson77@btinternet.com](mailto:claire.jackson77@btinternet.com)

Chair : Sarah Trimmer phone 01225 330 982; email [trimmer.sp@btopneoworld.com](mailto:trimmer.sp@btopneoworld.com)

Treasurer: Andrea Haywood, email: [andreaHaywood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andreaHaywood@hotmail.co.uk)

FoBRA representative : Colin Clark

Other members are : Felix Moore, Alan Robinson, Helen Green, Julie Hayward, Martin Cater, Andrew Temple-Smith

We asked the membership what they wanted as an autumn event. It was agreed that we would arrange an autumn event to discuss traffic and bus services on the Hill. Moves are now in hand to invite our councillor, the First manager, the Uni representative and the the Metro Mayor to the forum.

We did contact Wessex Connect and have been told that they are withdrawing all bus services from August! This has not been confirmed and we expect them to be replaced by an increased service from First or another bus company.

We also had an interesting talk from Louise Prynne about Bath BID – Business development district. The company is supported by local businesses to improve the business district of Bath. Initiatives include contracting Suez to remove business waste, keeping pavements clean, you can find out more about them on their web site <http://www.bathbid.co.uk/>. Also, they are planning a Bath “Home Event” 23-27 October, whereby all “Home” oriented stores in the city offer residents added value shopping experiences. This is in the planning stage, they hope it will include shops in Widcombe and in the centre including Rossiters and Farrow and Ball on Walcot Street. We’ll post details closer to the event.

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## **Open gardens 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2:00 to 5:00 pm at Combe Royal Crescent, at the top of the Hill**

Our next event is the Open gardens which will be a bit later this year on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. It will be hosted by the residents of Combe Royal Crescent who have very kindly volunteered their gardens. Tea will be served there and all 3 gardens will be open. We are hoping to have one or two other gardens close by open but do not have confirmation at the moment.

Tea and cakes will be served, anyone who would like to donate a cake please contact Sarah or Claire.

We will be collecting donations at this event for our chosen charity Cleveland Pools.

### **What does BHRA do?**

So, what does the committee do? We meet every so often and have a good natter, but we also follow and support Projects in Bath –

Cleveland Pools & Sydney gardens, both now have been awarded National lottery funding for the planning stage and are looking towards the development stage. To continue they need to demonstrate they are part of the community and we are trying to support them in this by keeping you all up to date with their events so you can attend and support them.

We also attend the National Trust and the Bath University local residents Forums 3 times a year. Colin Clark is our FoBRA representative (Federation of Bath Residents Association) they are focused on reducing pollution in the city along with looking at the council plans for the city centre, as well as tackling other city wide issues.

FoBRA have several social events each year which all RA members are welcome at. This year their SUMMER EVENT will be held on Bathwick Hill

### **FoBRA SUMMER EVENT on July 26th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Felix Moore has very generously agreed to open his garden at Casa Bianca the FoBRA SUMMER EVENT on July 26th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Canapes and drinks will be served. This is a social event and is a ticket event and the tickets will be for sale shortly, they are usually £10 each.

Please come along to support Felix and you may get your chance to air your views to the councillors, the Bath transport commission and FoBRA committee.

## Cycling from Bathwick Hill to Rome?

By Keith Bowers, Raby Place

Fancy cycling from Bath to Rome? A pretty hard challenge if you are fully fit but especially demanding if you have limited movement and can only pedal while standing up. But this is what my eldest son Phil is doing this summer to raise money for arthritis charities. Phil contracted septic arthritis when he was a baby and this damaged his hip joint, leaving him with a limp and frequent pain. That is why he can only sit on a bike saddle while freewheeling and has to set himself a riding target of 20-25 miles a day.

Phil's journey of 2,000 miles will last from June 24 into the middle of October. He has spent the last few years teaching English in Seoul, but decided to set off from Bath partly because I live here, in Raby Place at the bottom of Bathwick Hill. Bath of course is also famous for its healing spa waters, as is Rome where his journey will end.

I will be going with Phil along the entire route, sometimes driving a motorhome to give us a place to sleep en route and sometimes cycling alongside him. Our route will take us along the south coast of England, through northern France and Belgium and then joining the Rhine cycle path at Strasbourg. We will follow this path right into the heart of the Swiss Alps. After that we will stop off at Lake Como, Milan and then on to Rome via Pisa and Florence.

As well as raising money for charity, Phil has another strong reason for embarking on this adventure. He says: "People are surprised to learn that I suffered from septic arthritis from a young age. That is why I am keen to raise awareness of this condition and other forms of arthritis, to help the large numbers of young people who will need support throughout their lives."

Phil will be sending back videos, photos and blogs while on the route. Please follow him via [www.bathtorome.co.uk](http://www.bathtorome.co.uk) or on Twitter @bathtorome

Phil is raising money for two charities. CCAA (Kids with arthritis) and Arthritis Research UK. You can donate to these charities via Phil's fundraising page <http://virginmoneygiving.com/bathtorome>

## Sept 16<sup>th</sup> The sacred sites & natural features walk during Bathscape festival from Charles Hayward

At noon on Saturday 16 September 2017, Robin Dixon (National Trust Skyline guide) and Charles Hayward (chair of Bath Interfaith Group) will be leading a pilgrimage from Bath University's Bus Terminus across Bathampton Down, through the woods leading down to the canal, and along the towpath to Sydney Gardens. From an interfaith perspective, they will highlight the sacred sites and natural features which can be seen along the way.

This is likely to be the first of a series of walks being organised by the Council as part of a pilot Walking Festival lasting from 16 to 24 September. The Bathscape Walking Festival comes under the umbrella of 'Bathscape' and the key aims are ;

1. To promote exploration and enjoyment of the landscape
2. To offer a variety of walks to attract a wide range of audiences, including people hoping to improve their physical and mental well-being

The pilgrimage will feature in the programme which Bathscape will publish on the Visit Bath website nearer the time, also more info on [www.bathscape.co.uk](http://www.bathscape.co.uk)

If successful in attracting a second round of Heritage Lottery funding, it will be a five year project aiming to reconnect people with the unique landscape of Bath and its surrounds.

It will be necessary to book as numbers are limited. Please contact Charles Hayward at [cejhayward@gmail.com](mailto:cejhayward@gmail.com) or on Bath 310684.

### **Road Safety from Matt Cochrane our local Councillor**

Matt Cochrane is supporting a campaign by residents who live near the Widcombe Hill, Oakley, Claverton Down Road junction that you will be very familiar with at the top of Bathwick Hill. We know there have been 11 accidents so far since last summer and are pressing for the council to provide funding for a feasibility study in the short term and solutions in the long term. If you would like to support this please use this link , or contact Matt <http://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/claverton oakley>

### **Membership - Don't have a standing order for you subs, then.....have you paid your subs? They are £5 per household, due annually by March 17th**

You can pay in cash by delivering it to Andrea Haywood, 5, Sion Place. Please attach a note with your name, address and post code in capitals.

Otherwise you can do an online transfer or a standing order (details below) in which case you will need your name and Postcode as your reference. Also, please email Andrea on [andrea haywood@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrea haywood@hotmail.co.uk) , to let her know you have paid, or set up a standing order please confirm your address in the email.

**We prefer standing orders to reduce administration work. We do not accept cheques because we have to pay to bank the cheques.**

### **Standing orders or online payments need to be made to :**

To: Bathwick Hill residents Association, Santander

Account: 48259801 Sort code: 09-01-55 With reference: Your name and post code

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