

BHRA Newsletter February 2016

Happy New Year from Bathwick Hill Residents association.

We will be having our AGM in March 17th, the details and agenda are below.

As always this is also a social event, we will have Kirsten Elliot talking about Bath's pleasure gardens particularly Sydney gardens. Our councillors will be there to answer questions, particularly about traffic, bus service and parking on Bathwick Hill. We have attached a survey to get your views.

During last year Citizen's advice was our charity of the year. They have been very appreciative of our donations, the most recent being £150 raised in November for the sale of the print 'A view of Bath from Beechen cliff' by Charles Joseph Hullmandel, very generously donated by Colin Martin and Sue West.

Our November event last year was a visit to the Iron Art works in Larkhall. Andy gave us a very interesting talk on restoring ironwork and showed us around the work shop. They work closely with English heritage and the National Heritage Ironwork Group to maintain a high standard of ironwork and have restored and replaced iron work not just in Bath but all over the country. Iron Art have open days, so for those who did not make it, you may want to contact them about joining an open day if you are interested. We have posted a link to the NHIG web site on our web site.

Agenda BHRA AGM – Thursday 17 March 2016 7:00 to 9:30pm at St Mary's Church Hall

Arrivals 7.00-7.30 pm for drinks and nibbles

7.30 pm Welcome from the Chairman

Guest Speaker : Kirsten Elliott –Sydney Gardens one of Bath's pleasure gardens
Kirsten is a well known local guide and author and is shortly to publish a book on Bath's Pleasure Gardens.

8 pm Short break

8.15 pm The AGM

1. Apologies for absence
2. Chairperson's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Federation of Bath Residents' Associations Report
5. Election of the Committee**
6. Annual Programme of Events
7. Local Councillors' Report
8. Any Other Business

** Volunteers and Nominations for committee members may be made on the night or submitted one week in advance to Claire Jackson (Secretary) 3 Woodland Place, Bathwick Hill Claire.jackson77@btinternet.com

The committee places include:

Chair person, Secretary, Treasurer, FOBRA representative

Social organiser

Committee members

We would also like to appoint a web manager to post on our web site – no need to join the committee.

NEWS : BANES Placemaking Plan 21015-2029

BANES has put out for consultation a draft Placemaking Plan covering the period to 2029 (the consultation closed on 2 February 2016). The plan is based around two main themes: growth and sustainability.

The plan notes that the population of Bath is currently 90,000 with 20% being students and foresees a growth in the working age population, school children and people aged 65+ (especially 80+). To accommodate a rising population, and 10,300 additional jobs, 13,000 new housing units will be required over the 2011-29 period, of which 30% will be affordable housing. In Bath itself over the plan period 6,950 new jobs and 7,020 dwellings are forecast.

To meet housing demands requires an increase in past rates of housing delivery in BANES from 380 to 700+ per annum. The plan largely prioritises the use of brownfield sites for housing and retains the Green Belt with a few exceptions (land adjoining Odd Down, East Keynsham, South West Keynsham and Whitchurch).

A separate December 2015 document from BANES made forecasts for student numbers. The University of Bath has grown from 6,776 students in 1994/5 to 16,184 in 2015/6. The university forecasts that this number will rise to 19,291 by 2020/1.

Forecasts of student numbers are made for the period beyond 2020/1 but these are speculative and have not been endorsed by the university; continuing the long term trend rate of growth of student numbers would result in 24,500 students by 2029.

The number of beds on campus is currently 3,156 and this is forecast to rise to 4,156 by 2020/1, implying that there will be significant additional demand for student accommodation in the city. Bath Spa university is considerably smaller – it has 7,400 students and is forecast to grow to 10,500 students by 2020/1.

The plan continues the current transport policy of seeking to reduce car dependency and working towards making walking, cycling and use of public transport the more attractive options for travelling. A Park & Ride to the east of Bath is assumed in the plan.

Diary for 2016

AGM Thursday 17th March (agenda and details below)

Easter Egg hunt – Sat 26 March from 10:30 to 12:00 at Little Claverton

Open gardens : Saturday 11th June details to be confirmed.

We are also planning a summer walk and an autumn event, details to follow.

MEMBERSHIP

Once again the tricky subject of membership subscriptions raises it's head. The subscription of £5 per household is due in March and can be paid at the AGM in cash, by standing order (see below) or delivered to Andrew Temple-Smith at 2, Dunsford place, (cash only please) with your name, and post code as a reference. **We prefer standing orders to reduce administration work.**

New members : Please apply by email or post your name, address, phone number and email address to Andrew Temple-Smith. Then either enclose £5 cash with it or set up a standing order as below.

Standing order mandate

Please set up an annual standing order for £5 to Bathwick Hill residents' Association to be paid annually on March 17th starting on March 17th 2012.

To : Bathwick Hill residents Association , Santander Account : 48259801 Sort code : 09-01-55

reference : _____ (last 3 characters of Post code and surname)

From my account :

Account name _____ Account number _____ Sort Code ____-____-____

Please send or take this to your bank. You may also be able to set up a standing order online if you do internet banking. Thank you.

How to keep up to date with local news & events from BHRA

Dragging the BHRA into the 21 century – we want our membership to access our web site, we realise this has presented problems, so we have simplified it. Our calendar will keep you up to date with details of our events.

OUR WEB SITE: www.bathwickhill.info Is no longer password protected, so the scope of the web site is limited. It gives information only; you can not interact with it.

We post news about local issues that we think would be of interest, updates about BHRA social events and local events. If we have your email you will be notified of new posts. Each post is listed on the web site under NEWS; as is our calendar of events - CALENDAR and all newsletters - NEWSLETTERS.

Every year before the AGM we send a paper copy the newsletter to everyone on Bathwick Hill, and will continue to do so. All other newsletters will be posted on the web site, if you want a paper copy please either email bhra21C@gmail.com or write to Old Apple Bathwick Hill, Bath BA2 6LA with your name, address and phone number, or call 01225 330 928 and let us know you would like a paper copy. We know some members do not use the internet and are happy to deliver to them.

To stop our emails going to spam please add bhra21C@gmail.com to your contact as this is now our contact email for web site information.

BUS & PARKING SURVEY

This will also be emailed to you and if you can fill it in online please do.

We would like to find out how residents feel about the bus service and parking on the hill. Please bear in mind that this service is essential for the university, and BHRA would like to be able to put the views of the residents to the Council, bus companies and the university.

Each person in your household can complete it if you want to, for example do you have children who use the buses?

* means mark your preference please

What is your post code : BA2 _____

Buses :

Do you use the buses : never / occasionally / regularly / most days *

Which bus stop on Bathwick Hill do you normally use? _____

Do you find buses empty seats do not stop for you? Yes/No *

If 'no' how often does it happen?

Do you find you can't catch buses because they are full? Yes/No*

If so, at what time of day?

What hours would you like to see the buses running 24 hours/ 6:00am to 2:30 am

if neither state your preference _____ *

Would you like to see : no change/ more buses / less buses*, if you would like a change please state what and why.

Parking : Do you live in a permit zone? If yes, which zone.

Do you think availability of places for casual parking is reasonable? Would you like to see any changes in your area

Do you live in an unrestricted zone?

If so would you like to see permit parking only Yes/No*

Would you like some non residents parking for restricted times Yes/No*

If so for how long : 30 mins / 1 hour / 2 hours / 4 hours*

Please add any further comment