

RCV Newsletter January 2022

Following the drama of the EGM (Emergency General Meeting) on 9th January, the new Committee has already met to assign roles and map out our path for the future. The members are as follows:

Chair: Paddy Doyle (Elizabeth Parade)

Secretary: John Ashbery (Leopold)

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: William Hobhouse (Longmead Terrace)

Special Projects (Electric Car Chargers): Joseph Thompson (Sovereign Point)

Summer Party Lead: Andrew Vickers (Alexandra)

Summer Party and Recruitment Publicity: Flo Penfold (Highgate)

Summer Party Support: Ali Penfold, Hilary Lee (Sovereign Point)

Membership The Committee dealt firstly with the reinstatement of membership subscriptions for 2022. With the Covid situation looking brighter and the prospects of a Summer Party improving we decided to reinstate subscriptions immediately at the following levels (figures are per household): membership £10 per annum, £2 for students and £1 for unwaged. As the treasurers have not yet completed the process of handing over, we cannot accept payment at present, but we will get back to you when new arrangements have been set up.

We also want to start a recruiting campaign for new members and will be leafletting Riverside homes to encourage them to join us. Our aim is to develop and support a vibrant community in Riverside, encourage new activities and do what we can to improve and enhance the area. I would ask our supporters who are reading this to become full members by emailing the Treasurer and Membership Secretary william.hobhouse@compotex.com.

Party June 5th Some weeks ago Caroline Quekett of Elizabeth Parade offered to organise a party for residents on June 5th to celebrate our emergence (hopefully) from the shadow of Covid, and also of course to celebrate the astonishing 70 years of service of our monarch Queen Elizabeth II. This idea has been eagerly taken up by the committee, so we hope to see a bumper turnout of Riverside residents on June 5th – more details will emerge as Caroline and the team make their plans.

The Future We also want to continue with the agenda set by the previous committee: expediting as far as possible the adoption of Stothert Ave and Midland Rd, sorting out the current unacceptable mess that is the bus gate and the parking situation in the Alexandra – Corinthian - Sovereign Point triangle (I have already arranged with Councillor June Player to meet a Council officer about these matters). We will continue to work on the provision of car charging points. There is also of course the need for us to be prepared for when Crest Nicholson eventually leave Riverside and Bath Riverside Estate Management Company becomes a reality.

Thanks I have been rereading my predecessor Jane Brown's reports and am reminded of the enormous amount of work she and her Committee have carried out while in office. Once again on your behalf I would like to thank them.

Here's to a happy and covid-free 2022!

Paddy Doyle

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