

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION OPEN MEETING AND AGM 26th JUNE

The Community Association are holding an open meeting (including the AGM) at 7.30 pm on Tuesday, 26th June at Westbury Park School, Bayswater Avenue. The evening will include a short presentation by First Bus First Mile Trial (see item below). There will be an opportunity to raise issues and give views on Community Association priorities in the next twelve months.

The meeting will be informal and refreshments (wine / prosecco / soft drinks) will be available.

There are just the five of us on the Association's Management Committee and we would like to attract new Committee members to share tasks (not too onerous !!) and bring new ideas. If you are interested in joining the Management Committee please contact Kevin Chidgey kchidgey@blueyonder.co.uk

WESTBURY PARK FESTIVAL

The Westbury Park Festival starts on Sunday, 10th June and runs until the end of the month. Events include a prom style concert on Friday, 15th June, a Festival Garden Party on Saturday, 16th June, a buffet evening at Westbury Park Pub and Kitchen on Wednesday, 27th June and the Art Fair on Saturday, 30th June.

The Festival Programme is being circulated to all households in Westbury Park and is also being sent out with this Newsletter.

OTHER EVENTS IN JUNE

Trip to Gloucester on Thursday, 9.30 am – 6.45 pm, Thursday 14th June

The Henleaze Society has arranged a trip to/around Gloucester on Thursday 14, June (Gloucester Cathedral, Gloucester Docks, Highfield Garden World). The Society have extended an invitation to Westbury Park Community Association members who would like to go on the trip.

Tickets are £18.00 and are available from the Henleaze Society at henleaze.treasurer@gmail.com or by post – 7 Carmarthen Road, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4DU.

Summer Concert, 7.30 pm, Saturday, 16th June

Sounds of Song, a female choir, and Cheddar Male Voice Choir are presenting a evening of song at Henleaze United Reform Church, Waterford Road, Henleaze. Tickets (£10.00) available on the door.

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR)

In order to comply with the new GDPR that came into effect on 25th May the Community Association was required to contact all Members to provide information on the new regulation and to ask Members to give permission for the Community Association to hold their personal information (contact details - primarily email addresses).

Many thanks to everyone who responded – over 200 replies were received, all but a handful giving the requested permission. No responses were received from about 80 people on the Association's contacts list and their details will be deleted from our records and they will no longer be contacted by the Community Association.

RESIDENT PARKING

While the Community Association is aware that some parts of Westbury Park (eg. the Etloe Road / Queen Victoria Road Road area) are strongly in favour of resident parking it is not clear whether this is the case in other parts of Westbury Park possibly less affected by commuter parking.

The City Council conducted a household postal survey on parking issues in Westbury Park in January 2015 and concluded from the responses (and lack of responses) that there was only sufficient support to progress with resident parking in the Durdham Park and Manor Park areas. Since then parking pressures have worsened in parts of Westbury Park following the introduction of resident parking in Redland and parking restrictions on The Downs. As a consequence areas in Westbury Park that might have been only marginally affected by commuter parking in 2015 are now far more affected and possibly more receptive to resident parking.

The Community Association plans to carry out a straw poll of Members in the next month to gain a more up to date views on resident parking in different parts of Westbury Park. A summary of these views will be shared with local councillors who have a key role to play in making the case for new resident parking schemes.

BUT a few words of caution – the Council's guidelines relating to new resident parking schemes agreed in November 2017 were not very positive in tone and challenging, both in terms of the complex process for securing a new scheme and in setting a high bar for new schemes (eg. new schemes have to cover areas of 1,000 – 4,000 households). The guidelines also seemed to rule out the possibility of extensions to existing schemes – an option that might have been appropriate in parts of Westbury Park.

Our ward councillors are lobbying the Mayor and Council's Executive Member for Transport to make the guidelines simpler and more flexible but it seems that resident parking is not a high priority for the Mayor.

REDLAND MAY FAIR

Many people enjoyed a splendid sunny day at this year's Redland May Fair and over £1,300 was raised for the nominated charity, Freewheelers EVS.

The event is organised by the Redland May Fair Committee, a small group of volunteers working on behalf of Redland and Cotham Amenities Society (RCAS). For various reasons the Committee has decided to step down and a new team is needed to plan the staging of the event in 2019.

If you are interested in helping to secure the future of the May Fair then please contact RCAS by email on info@rcas.org.uk.

A NEW COMMUTER TRANSPORT SERVICE – “MY FIRST MILE”

Local bus operator First West of England has joined forces with Bristol-based technology start-up Esoterix Systems to trial a new commuter transport service in the Henleaze and Westbury Park area – “My First Mile”. The service, which started on 25th May, will transport people during morning commute hours by a shared taxi from 1 of 25 pick-up points near their home to high frequency bus services on the Gloucester Road.

In the evening passengers will get off at the bus stop near the Co-op supermarket on Gloucester Road from where shared taxis will drop them off at home.

FORTHCOMING NEIGHBOURHOOD / PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

The next **Bishopston, Cotham and Redland (BCR) Community Partnership Forum** meeting is from 7.00 – 9.00 pm on Monday, 11th June at Colston's Primary School, Cotham Grove. The agenda will include updates on police local priorities, the 20 mph speed consultation and the Libraries review.

The BCR Partnership are also hosting a **“conversation” event with the Mayor** from 1.00 – 3.00 pm on Friday, 15th June at Horfield Friends Meeting House, 300 Gloucester Road. The meeting will include group discussions on local issues with participation by the Mayor.

The next **Henleaze Neighbourhood Forum** meeting is from 7.00 – 9.00 pm on Thursday, 28th June at Henleaze Library. The meeting offers an opportunity to raise concerns and issues about local services with your local councillors.

NUMBER 20 GUESTHOUSE, DEVONSHIRE ROAD

Number 20 Guesthouse offers accommodation for friends, family and visitors looking for somewhere to stay in the local area. The guesthouse offers two double and one single bedroom. Prices for bed and breakfast start at £65 per person per night. More information can be found at www.number20guesthouse.com

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