

Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter August 2020

Welcome to the Bulletin for August – we would like to think this is the end of lock-down, but as ever we have to be cautious and for many of us, it is still not 'back to normal' and may not be for some time. As before, this Bulletin contains information about our local Community which you may find interesting or helpful. There is news of the re-opening of some local pubs and restaurants and even a couple of new enterprises within the community. The Bulletin also tries to give you information about opportunities to give help or to find help within our community. We have tried to cover online activities which may provide light relief or indeed educational stimulus for those of us still spending much of our time at home.

Your Community Association very much hope that you are managing to keep well. We wish our readers, their families and friends and neighbours the very best of health and strength to get through this time.

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1.Cumberland Basin/Western Harbour.

The Cumberland Basin Stakeholder Group have not yet had a response from the Mayor regarding his view on what constitutes Western Harbour. You can see the letter we sent [here](#)

HCCA, in conjunction with the Civic Society and the Stakeholder Group are planning to organise a number of walkabouts within and around the area of Western Harbour with the intention of gathering views and ideas. Given the current circumstances walks will be limited to 6 participants. This will also help to facilitate dialogue between everyone while maintaining reasonable distancing. We will publish more news as soon as we have dates, times, leaders etc. all organized.

2.Community Survey.

This is simply to give our readers advance notice of our intention to mount a community survey in the near future. This survey is intended to try and assess what is most important to people in our community and to try and respond accordingly. We will be sending out via Survey Monkey and also distributing hard copy through doors in the hope of maximising responses. We hope that you will participate when you receive the survey.

3.Piazza News

Three days in the last week of July was the opportunity for local children to come to the Piazza and use their creative talents to make pictures on the ground around the trees or on the open ground. The children were concentrating very hard when I dropped by and were obviously taking their pastel shading very seriously.

Towards the end of the summer break there is another opportunity for children to spend more time there under the supervision of Mhairi Stuart, Anna Wilson and Amy Hutchings The dates at the end of August are 18th,19th and 20th. Time is 11 a.m. – 12 noon. Children under 10 should be accompanied by a parent (or grandparent)or carer. Entrance to the piazza is opposite the Rose of Denmark – there is plenty of space to socially distance and all materials are provided. More information and a short film is [here](#)



4.Classes in the Piazza

Chris Tunstall is offering free taster sessions for his keep-fit classes in the Piazza. It is wonderful to see the space being used again in this way. He is offering free taster sessions on August 8th and 15th. You can contact him on his website

www.move.morefitness.co.uk

or you can find his post on [Facebook](#)

He says :-Sessions are for all abilities, we train safely and at a distance in line with COVID-19 safety & hygiene recommendations. We do morning/evening sessions in the week and Saturday mornings - in August we're kicking off our 6 week body transformation challenges again, so if you want to kick start your fitness after lockdown why not come and try this free session and see what you think!

5.Appeal from Trinity Church

“Two’s Company Telephone Befriending’

We are launching a new community service with volunteers from Holy Trinity and Saint Stephen’s. Two’s Company is a local telephone befriending service that connects volunteers with local people through telephone contact. The aim of this telephone befriending is to help reduce the impact of social isolation by making connections with others. This is especially important at this time of the Covid-19 crisis in the UK. Please contact Liz Leaman.liz.leaman2@gmail.com if you would like to know more. If you or someone you know would benefit from this befriending

service please call our new dedicated Two's Company telephone number: 07458 300 210.

We are waiting for further guidance from the Diocese with regards to reopening the church building for community gatherings and groups as well as for prayer and worship. In the meantime, we continue to gather as a worshipping community online. Please see our [website](#) for more details of these gatherings and updates on our reopening.

6.Hotwells Panto – Oh yes it is !

Really optimistic news at last! Here is part of a message from Sue Otty, calling on all potential actors, writers, scenery painters, helpers etc. to put their names forward. "We have decided to go ahead with planning the 2021 panto, in the knowledge that we might have to cancel it if things don't go back to normal. Here are the significant dates: Panto 10th-13th March 2021 Dress rehearsals: 28th February and 1st March. Tuesday rehearsals: 5th Jan - 9th March Read-through and casting: Sunday 3rd January Writers If you fancy trying your hand at script-writing, contact Amanda Webb amandawebb149@gmail.com The only qualification is having been in the panto. New recruits will be paired with old hands. The 2020 Panto made a net profit of £1,600. Our reserves are healthy and we are looking for bids from local groups (contact Sue Otty at sueotty@hotmail.co.uk)."

7.Local Food Bank Collection

All Food Banks are experiencing reduced supply and increased demand during the Covid epidemic and with so many families lacking normal income. Now the official school holidays many children will be missing 'Breakfast Club' at school which provided them with a good start to the day.

For the past two months there has been a very easy way for us to donate in the form of a weekly collection in Pooles Wharf – it is every Monday. If you would like to take along donations – the address is 57 Pooles Wharf Court. Dropping off point is at the garage there which will be open from 10-12. Social distancing is accounted for as Jenny Hendy (the owner) will be sitting nearby while you make the drop. North West Bristol Food Bank collect shortly after midday each Monday. There is also a collection made at the Lion every week, so if it is more convenient for you to deliver there please contact 07867 796961 to check on the time for delivery. Only dried or tinned food is allowed (no fruit or fresh vegetables). If you are not sure what to take along – here is a [link](#) to the particular needs during the school holidays.

8.Residents Parking Permits.

Please note we have learned from Bristol City Council that they are no longer sending out reminders about the expiry of your permit. It is up to you to remember when your permit runs out! Apparently digital renewal reminders will be sent out by MiPermit who are running the digital scheme.

9.Three New Businesses in Hotwell Road

The line of empty shops opposite the garage on Hotwell Road have provided a sad and somewhat depressing entrance to the Hotwells community in the past year. However – in recent weeks there has been a lot of new activity and investment in the area.

Eco-move

We mentioned last month that this new enterprise had opened. This week it was officially opened by Tim Bowles the Mayor of the West of England. He was impressed by the space behind the shop where you can try out your skills on either mopeds, scooters or e-bikes. Click here for the full picture. [Eco-move](#)

Photography Studio

The good news does not stop there. Next to Eco-move are definite signs of life. Potted plants in the window and antique artefacts standing just inside. It looked quite intriguing. The new owner was only too happy to provide information. He is [Jon Craig](#) a photographer and Hotwells resident.

He has great plans for the property – and envisages a studio at the back with a front area with an area for people to drink good coffee while looking at the work of local artists and writers. This is definitely a project in the making – on the window it says ‘Opening soon’

Hotwells Hideout Café

This new venture is just across the road – next door to the Mardyke. The two ladies running it have put a lot of effort into setting up this business and are even offering a pre-order service where they bring the order directly to your car. There is a strong rumour that the fish and chip shop next door will also be re-opened quite soon.

[Watch this space.](#)



10. Hotwells Vet

The whole of this building has recently been sold at auction. The notice on the window says there is no immediate plan to re-open the practice in Hotwells (because of its size and the Covid restrictions)- customers should refer to the main Zetland Road practice. It is unclear at this time whether this branch will re-open in the future or not.

11. Covid Information

The latest Coronavirus information and advice newsletter can be found [here](#). It was sent out on July 31st so takes into account the latest information from the Government. However, advice seems to be changing often as we all know. The news from Bristol is generally positive – but reference is made to the localised outbreak at an Industrial site in Avonmouth.

12 An added note from Sage

This message was sent to us by Richard Hancock on behalf of SAGE – whose aim is ‘to provide robust, independent advice to HM Government with the purpose of helping the UK navigate COVID-19 whilst minimising fatalities’

Evidence based recommendations around policy for dealing with COVID available via The Independent SAGE (<https://www.independentsage.org>), a group of very senior professionals, including local resident, and retired Director of Public Health, Gabriel Scally.

13. Parking on the Downs.

We expect that many of our readers are lovers of the Downs as well as of the Zoo. Many will know of the long running debate about the desirability – or otherwise – of the Zoo being allowed to use a “corner” of the Downs for a car park on certain days of the year. The pressure group Downs for People has suggested that the Downs Committee’s grant of a 20 year licence for Zoo car parking on the Downs is unlawful. The group has asked the Lord Mayor to seek legal advice urgently. If there is no reply or the lawyers say that the decision is legal then Downs for People intend to mount a legal challenge. They are hoping for personal pledges and will also be seeking crowdfunding. If you are interested you can get more information from susan.carter231@gmail.com

14. Watershed Re-opening

Many of us will have missed the Watershed during the Pandemic. The venue has remained closed since early March– but has finally decided to re-open on September 1st.

Here is an excerpt from the newsletter

‘Here at Watershed we are all just a little bit tired! Over these last four months we’ve done our very best to keep going – creating and sustaining an ongoing programme,

keeping in close touch with you our wonderful audiences, supporting our partners, artists, filmmakers and young people – and of course doing all the planning and preparation for our re-opening’.

To read it in full – click [here](#)

Let’s hope that Government restrictions will not prevent this happening.

15.Tobacco Factory

Unfortunately our nearest local Theatre will not be re-opening soon, although the catering facilities and the on-site local market are now operating fully. You can read more details [here](#) and should you wish to offer support .

16.Balloon Festival -nearly!

Here is a message from the Festival Team

‘In order to adhere to the governmental guidelines around social distancing, the 2020 edition of Bristol International Balloon Fiesta cannot take place as normal.

Instead we’re bringing you the inaugural Fiesta Flypast, which will see iconic balloons flying over the city on one morning to be selected between 1-14 August.

We are inviting Bristolians to watch the balloons from the safety of their own doorsteps and gardens. Social distancing means we absolutely cannot gather in parks or Bristol’s open spaces or invite our audiences to see the balloons take off or land, to protect our pilots and the public.

We have also teamed up with BBC Radio Bristol for another lockdown treat, in the form of a virtual nightglow, staged with extra special additions and a soundtrack produced to lift the spirits of the city on Saturday 8th August. [Full details here](#)’

17.Message from Cancer Support South Bristol

This is for anyone who has lived in South Bristol or has family or friends living there who have been affected by cancer.

‘As part of our work with Macmillan Cancer Support looking at improving support for people in South Bristol we are running some online discussion groups. I was wondering if you would be able to share this information below. We are reaching out to people across Bristol as we are looking for people who live or have previously lived in South Bristol to take part.

The Care Forum is working with Macmillan Cancer Support looking at how they can improve the support available for people living with cancer in South Bristol. If cancer has affected you in any way while you were living in South Bristol, either personally or through supporting or caring for someone, we would be keen to speak to

This discussion group is a chance for you to share your experiences and discuss with others what works and where support is missing. This discussion group is a chance for you to share your experiences and discuss with others what works and where support is missing. We are interested in everyone's experiences good or bad, from any point in the last six to eight years.

Discussions will be held on Zoom – you will be sent joining details.

The discussion groups are taking place on Wednesday 26 August. There are two times you can choose from:

- Morning – 11 am–12.30 pm
- Evening – 6–7.30 p.m.

You can book your place by following this link to the [Eventbrite page](#).

If you can't make this date or time we are also able to speak to people 1-2-1, please email peterclasby@thecareforum.org.uk or call 07756 796886 to find out more

18. Local Businesses still needing our support

It is difficult to know if things are opening up or about to close down in the next week or so. However, as I write – most of the pubs/inns/restaurants in the local area are to some extent back in business. Please be aware that as Government policy is changing rapidly – so may this information. I'm including links to Social web sites as this seems to be the preferred means of communication for most food/drink outlets.

Local pubs/restaurants

The Pump House- Harbourside pub still operating as a mix of shop and pub offering food and drink from 8.30 onwards. Lots of outside seating.

<https://www.facebook.com/pumphousebristol/>

The Lion Cliftonwood – still offering take-away menu but not on site eating

<https://twitter.com/lioncliftonwood?lang=en>

The Cottage – harbourside pub. Re-opened just a few days ago

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCottageBristol/>

Rose of Denmark – open again and serving food

<https://www.facebook.com/roseofdenmarkbristol/>

The Bear- has recently changed landlords but is open again. It still seems to be the home of the BeBop Modern Jazz group

<http://www.thebebopclub.co.uk/>

Orchard Inn- Spike Island – this pub has been operating take-away but is now fully open.

<https://www.facebook.com/orchardinnbristol/>

The Grain Barge – taking part in the Government's 'Eat Out to Help Out' so you can save up to 50% on food orders (to a max of £10 per head)

<https://www.facebook.com/grainbarge>

Nova Scotia- no online information – but definitely open judging by the people sitting outside eating and drinking.

Underfall Yard – the Yard itself is still closed until further notice. However the café is open to the public and there is plenty of outside seating along the water.

Restaurants cafes in Hotwells

Raj Bari – Hotwell Road. This legendary restaurant has recently opened its doors

again to a small number of customers to ensure safety. Please check their Facebook page for details

<https://www.facebook.com/Rajbaribristol/>

Chai Shai – bottom of Jacob Wells Rd. This restaurant is now open for take-away as well as offering a delivery service. Please see their full details here

<https://chaishaikitchen.co.uk/>

Rassassy Hotwell Rd opposite Dowry Square- now open for indoor eating as well as take-away.

<https://www.indianrassasy.com/>

Local Thai – this restaurant is only open for take-away orders currently

<https://www.localthaibristol.com/>

Lockside – this hidden away gem is finally open again. There is seating inside and outside and you can also take-away. It is also part of the Government's current Eat Out to Help Out – so you can save up to 50% (£10 per head max) on food and non-alcoholic drinks.

<http://www.lockside.net/index.php>

19.Reminder

We always welcome requests to print information of events or possible events from those within or near to our community. If you know of any events that you would like to share, then we would also be pleased to hear from you. The community is what is most important – if we don't hear from you – we are not sure what you would like in this Bulletin!

Please feel free to send us information via admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk or leave us a message on **0117929183**