



Hotwells and Cliftonwood Community Association – Newsletter September 2020

Welcome to the Bulletin for September. Lockdown may be over in some senses, but life is hardly back to 'normal'. Empty buses still run along Hotwell Road, more people than before can be seen wearing masks, and many businesses are still struggling to survive. However, we are lucky as cases of the virus have been low so far in our area.

As before the Bulletin contains information about our Local Community which we hope you find interesting or helpful. We also give information about opportunities where you could help others or seek help within the community should you need it.

Your Community Association very much hopes that you are keeping well. We wish our readers and their families, friends, and neighbours the very best of health and strength as we move into the autumnal phase of this strange year.

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1.Cumberland Basin/Western Harbour

After reminding the Mayor early in August that we had not received any response to our email in June, we had a [reply](#) on the 27th of August. Unfortunately, Marvin’s response did not answer the main point of our June email and so we will write again and try and get clarification as to exactly what constitutes Western Harbour in his mind.

We have been in correspondence with the Council to try and ascertain if anything has been going on since March. We have received the following reassurance

“I understand there has been some concerns that plans have progressed on Western Harbour before engagement with communities and stakeholders has taken place.I want to reassure you that this is not the case, we are committed to engaging with local communities, businesses and stakeholders before

progressing any plans on Western Harbour and working with you to get your input and guidance along the way”.

We are still hoping to organise guided and informative walk-about later this month, in conjunction with the Civic Society and the Stakeholder Group. It is proving more difficult to pull together due to the time of year. We will send out a separate Bulletin with information on times and dates as soon as they are definite.

2. AGM.

The HCCA AGM is due to be held on Monday November 9th. At our last committee meeting we decided unanimously that in the circumstances we will hold a virtual Zoom meeting which will just focus on the business element required of us each year. Further details will come out next month. We hope you will join us on the night.

3. Neighbourhood Forum.

We had to cancel our Neighbourhood Forum in June. The next one is scheduled for 5th October. The decision has been taken that this will be held by Zoom. If you are on the Forum mailing list you should hear soon about the details. If you are not on the Forum listing and would like to be please contact us at admin@hotwellscliftonwood.org.uk and we will make sure that you are added.

4. Liveable Neighbourhoods.

A city-wide campaign has started to get Bristol City Council to work with local people to create ‘Liveable Neighbourhoods’ across Bristol. Residents and local businesses still have full access and can get deliveries. Traffic reduces and brings all sorts of benefits: clean air, easier social distancing, safer streets, more trade and footfall to the local high street – even higher life expectancy. HCCA has signed up to support this campaign and Anna Wilson has agreed to take a lead on it for us. Further details can be found at liveablebristol.org.uk

The website encourages you (as do we) to sign a petition to get Bristol City Council to act to support Liveable Neighbourhoods. This petition is through change.org and we are informed that signatories to this petition will be recognised by the Council.

A little more information from Anna on Liveable Neighbourhoods can be found below

‘This network comprises community groups and representatives from across the city, cycling campaigns, Bristol’s Older People’s Forum and many other stakeholders. They have been meeting since January, working to develop community-led ways of improving walking, cycling, road safety and local amenities. We will be setting up a local group to look at specific ways we can improve things in our area. We developed a [traffic strategy back in 2008](#) which is a good starting point’.

The petition is found [here](#)

Each ward has been assigned a Facebook page and you can find the Clifton one [here](#) and the Hotwells and Harbourside one is [here](#)

5. New HCCA Facebook Page

We have just created a new HCCA Facebook page. The intention of this page is to let followers know what projects we are supporting and how they are doing. It is also to give readers/followers the opportunity to comment and to add their own ideas. This page is very much in its infancy – so please forgive any slowness in getting it to a final stage. We hope that you will look at it [here](#) and keep an eye on it for further developments. If you could ‘like’ or ‘follow’ it that would be even better. You will be able to post your own comments once it is fully running. We are optimistic that this will be a useful way to exchange information about HCCA and the current ventures in our community.

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

6. Art under the Flyover- Piazza update

As the school summer holidays draw to a close and the rainfall & XR focus our attention on climate change, let’s celebrate our local young people.

This summer, nearly 30 kids have adorned the piazza with their pavement art. We have photographed all the artwork and over the next couple of months Anna & Mhairi will carefully paint some of the images to form a winding trail through the piazza. If you would like to help paint please contact anna@artwithinthecracks.org



You can see more pictures [here](#)

Lovely greenery on the piazza spotted recently in the Piazza. Thanks to Farouk and Shilpi.



7. Centre of Gravity

A special notification from Anna:

Opening on October 2nd at The Old Soapworks, next to Gardiner Haskins, this iconic building sets the stage for a unique exhibition. Over 30 artists and collectives will be showing work that responds to the building, it's surroundings and the city as a whole. On the ground floor Bristol-Artist-Led Forum invited audience participation and profiles Community-Led arts interventions, including our own Hotwells Piazza. Entry is free and more information is available here <https://centreofgravity.uk> with artists adding programme details for talks and performances throughout September and October

8. HCCA Survey update

Later in the autumn we will be posting a survey to as many people as possible within the community. Its purpose will be to try to assess what is most important to those in our community and to try to respond accordingly.

Hopefully we will be putting a link to this survey (Using Survey Monkey) in a Bulletin – thus enabling you to complete it at home and to return it immediately with a click of a button. We recognise that not everyone has access to technology and so we will be posting copies and also placing copies in local shops/pubs. The link to the online questionnaire will be printed on the paper copies to encourage as many people as possible to send replies electronically. The results of the survey will be made public – ideally at a meeting (but who knows when that will be possible?) but certainly via a Special Bulletin and on our Facebook Page.

9.Holy Trinity Church Bells

Everyone who lives in the Hotwells/Cliftonwood community area will have realised that the bells are no longer ringing at any time of day or night.

Here is the full statement from their website:

Due to a number of recent complaints we have decided to silence the church clock bell on an interim basis whilst the PCC (Parochial Church Council) investigates options, including making a change to the 24-hour ringing mechanism. The cost of adjusting the existing mechanism for the bell to ring for only part of the day would not be inconsiderable and if this step is taken we'd welcome contributions towards this cost from the local community. We sympathise with members of the local community who may be having problems sleeping and we hope that this interim measure will go some way to improve this. We also know that some members of the community will be saddened by the interim silencing of the bell, particularly during the day (the current striking mechanism only allows us to operate throughout the day and night or not at all) and we really hope that the community can help us reach a solution that will work for everyone.

If you wish to make a comment or offer a solution – you can comment directly on <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityhotwells>

10.Holy Trinity Community News

Preparations are underway for our first joint services after the re-opening of churches, at Holy Trinity Hotwells on Sunday 6th September and Sunday 13th September at Saint Stephen's. We are making plans to have all the appropriate Covid-19 safety measures in place. This will include:

- taking a track & trace register
- asking all attendees (apart from those exempted) to wear a face mask
- hand sanitiser at the entrance
- spacing the seating to have a minimum of 1m between groups

Current guidance means children's work is not possible. Families are very welcome, but we feel it is best to let you know at this time that if you have children that would normally attend Junior Church or Small Church they will for now sit with your family group. To comply with guidelines we ask you to keep your children with you - we are hoping to provide some activity packs.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. To make sure we can sit people safely in line with guidance it would be really helpful to have an idea of the number of people we are expecting. If you are planning to join us on the 6th of September, please could one person per household [RSVP on the calendar event](#) OR contact the Saint Stephen's church office by email (info@saint-stephens.com), giving the number of people you expect to have in your group. We are also hoping to live stream this worship on Facebook, for those who are unable to attend in person - more details to follow. Further information about our services going forward will be shared soon.

More details can be found by following this link <https://www.holytrinityhotwells.org/>

11. Local Food Bank Collection- Change of Day

The collection from The Lion and 57 Poole's Wharf Court has been running successfully for more than four months. It is a very easy way for people in this community to donate food/toiletries which are much needed at this time in different parts of the city. Collection day will now be

Thursdays 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

In Poole's Wharf you can drop off your goods at the garage of no. 57. It will be quite clear as Jenny Hendy (or one of her neighbours) sits to the side – so that you leave your bag/box quite safely at a social distance. If you want to enquire more about dropping off goods at the Lion Pub then please call 07867 796961 for more information. For an update on exactly what is URGENTLY needed – you can check on [this website](#)

12. Clothing Bank at Hope Chapel

This bank has been set up to raise funds for the PTA at Hotwells School. They have done very well so far and are looking for someone who could help to monitor it over the next few months. If you think you could help, please use the email below

hotwellspta@gmail.com

More information is [here](#) on the PTA Facebook page

Below is a message from the school

All donations go towards enriching the children's experience at Hotwells Primary School.

All age ranges of clothing taken. Please note, they do not take: pillows, duvets, cushions or quilts. All clothing, bags, paired shoes and belts gratefully received.

Please consider donating high value and light weight items to charity shops as we are only paid per kilo.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Hotwells PTA

13. Help Prevent a Local Lockdown

Here is a direct plea from the Council to ask people to be extra vigilant as Coronavirus cases show a slight increase in the area. Read the information [here](#)

14. Covid Information update from BCC

Here is the latest update on Coronavirus in the Bristol area and an appeal from the Mayor for people to maintain social distancing and avoid large gatherings. There is further information, including the '*Your City Our Future*' project and an opportunity to take part in a survey aimed at improving the city and quality of life for all communities. Read the full advice [here](#).

15. “Domestic Abuse’

Encouragement to look out for your community during a more than normally stressful time - from Avon and Somerset Police. Read the details [here](#)

16. Two New Businesses in the area

A new fish and chip shop has opened at 132 Hotwell Road adjacent to the Hideaway Café. It has been totally refurbished to an extremely high standard. You can visit in person or order by phone from JustEat who will then deliver for you. The menu is extensive and covers a range of vegetarian options. I have to admit I couldn't resist making a small order when I went by to have a look – I was very impressed by the cleanliness of the premises and tastiness of my order.



[Order their food from JustEat here](#)

Chef's Table Bistro 1a-2a Avon Crescent. This is not exactly a new business but rather a definite change of direction. The owner chef, Conrad Jenkins has now converted his previous business (Cherry Picked Catering) into a bistro offering lunch-time and evening menus. The emphasis of the menus is on fresh and seasonal and locally sourced ingredients. He writes ' We are super excited about this new venture and I hope you will join us in seeing this as a positive step forward in what has been a difficult year'. To make a reservation you can email conrad@cherrypickedcatering.co.uk or leave a voice message on 01179300776



Full information here www.chefstable.restaurant

17. Appeal for help from Merchants Arms

Here is a message from Mike the Landlord of the Merchants Arms.

'I am taking this opportunity to ask for your help. As you may remember, it is now nearly 3 years since the car went into our pub. Fortunately, no one was injured too badly, but since then, an elderly gentleman has been killed on the crossing and this row of buildings has had several near misses, see the broken curb near our front door. Mark Wright, our local councillor is keen to help us get some railings installed, to protect pedestrians and anyone else walking along this stretch of busy footpath.'

You can read Mark Wright's reply and sign the petition yourself by following [this link](#)

18. Clifton Climate Action

In spite of the impossibility of holding live meetings, Clifton Climate Action is holding two meetings in September and two in October via Zoom.

- September 10th – 'Improving Your Home Energy Efficiency'
- September 24th – 'Bristol's Road Building Plans – Do we need them?'

Details of speakers and how to book your free ticket can be found on the following link

<https://www.cliftonclimateaction.org/events.html>

19. Museum and Other re-openings

Good news is that Bristol Museum and Art Galleries will open mid-September. M Shed will also re-open around the same time. There are no definite dates – but the information is [here](#).

20. Watershed

Our wonderful independent cinema on the Harbourside has just re-opened its doors. They have worked hard to produce an environment which is safe and have chosen a special selection of films to tempt their customers back. For those who missed it, they are showing 'Bait' the Bristol made film on the tensions between tourists and locals in Cornwall. There is a range of classic films including 'Sunset Boulevard' and 'North by Northwest' Full details of their new booking system and what it will feel like in the 'new' Watershed can be found [here](#) in their newsletter

21. Local Businesses

We all hope very much that local businesses – the restaurants and pubs within our area will survive. We don't want to lose any of them. The Government scheme was taken up by several of them – but it is not due to continue in September. You are advised to check with each establishment before booking.

Local pubs/restaurants

Merchants Arms Our traditional local pub is back in business and has had the full anti-covid treatment to keep its customers safe. You can be guaranteed a friendly welcome. Here is their Facebook page

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

The Pump House Harbourside pub still operating as a mix of shop and pub offering food and drink. 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 – recently re-opened harbourside pub.

<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 – open and operating very strict track and trace policy

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

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

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 site for full 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 –Famous for its brunch – there is seating inside and outside and you can also take-away is you prefer.

http://www.lockside.net/food_and_drink.php

P.S. We just heard that the vet in Hotwells has closed permanently – sad news for those who are regular customers.

22.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 0117 929 1833