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|  | Riverview Park Residents Association |
|  | e-Newsletter March 2022 |
| **In This Issue**   * Membership * Riverview News * The Riverview Shop * SCOPHRA Aims * Ground Fees * Memorial Bench   e-newsletter :  Welcome to our  e-newsletter.  In a bid to cut down on paper and ink costs, also to reduce recycling, we are hoping that residents will use this version of newsletter. For residents who do not have internet access we still deliver a paper version so all residents on Riverview are kept up to date with onsite news.  Contact Us :  Secretary  Bill Gray 1 Grosvenor Park  Tel: 07872498494  billgray479@btinternet.com  **www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com** | **Residents Association Membership:**    Just a reminder to those of you whohave not renewed your  membership or to any new residents to Riverview Country Park. **Membership renewal was due from 1st March 2022. Subscriptions are  still only £5 per home per annum**, this also includes subscription to  membership to the Scottish Confederation Of Park Homes Residents  Associations (SCOPHRA) who are fighting for all of the Residential Park Home  Members across Scotland.  Payment can be paidto either Mavis Jewitt (90 Beech Ave) or Bill Gray  (1 Grosvenor Park). Please use the renewal form on the Onsite Updates Page  **Stronger Together !!!**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Exciting News:**    Riverview Country Park’s Big Giveaway has now been launched  in the Press and Journal.  If you would like to enter the  competition we have some entry forms in the office, a maximum  of 2 per household can be given out.  The final of The Big Giveaway is on  Saturday 16th April, the same day that we are holding our Country Fayre.   We have over 30 trade stands, food and drink vans, Forres Pipe Band, and  horse and carriage rides.  Please bring family and friends and help support our  first Fayre.  It is open from 11am-4pm and the final of the Big Giveaway starts  at 3pm.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    **Riverview Country Shop:** Work is steadily progressingwithin the shop, which has been totally  relined, with shelving, freezers and other equipment already on order. Bill and Angela Griffiths, who are running the store, will be moving  into No 2 Findhorn on Wednesday 23rd March, which will make it a  great deal easier for them to set things up. We enclose a questionnaire in this edition of the newsletter to assist them begin  dealing with suppliers etc. Please can everyone fill in their shop questionnaire  as soon as possible and pop it into the office, it’s the only way they are going  to be able to stock exactly what residents would like them to have on-sale.  Bill has told us that once set up and fully operational they are willing to accept  orders placed by residents who are infirm or cannot manage to get to the shop  on their own, he will also organise delivery of goods. We really hope that all residents will give full support to this new addition to our  community.  Please note that the shop is now being called Riverview Country Shop.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**   * 1. **SCOPHRA:** SCOPHRA’S aims for 2022 are as below.... Join us and  help us achieve these aims........   **1.** Raise awareness of SCOPHRA, with all park home residents throughout  Scotland.  **2.** Raise awareness of park home issues with MSPs, Councillors and local  authorities.  **3.** Seek the formation of a Cross-Party Parliamentary Group on Mobile Homes  in the current Scottish Parliament.  **4.** Seek consistency throughout Scotland in respect of site licence conditions.  **5.** Seek the introduction of licence conditions that enforce the Mobile Homes  (Written Statement) (Scotland) Regulations 2013.  **6.** Regularise park rules either as licence conditions or legislation to parallel the  English legislation the Mobile Homes (Site Rules) (England) Regulations 2014.  **7.** Seek serious action against holiday site owners selling homes as permanent  residences. Some buyers have incurred massive personal losses in this regard.  **8.** Seek Tribunal or Arbitration facilities for park homes e.g. giving the existing  Scottish Housing Tribunal the powers to include park home issues.  **9.** Seek to have the commission on park home sales abolished. This outdated  form of feudal payment only serves to distort the housing market. Park Homes  are cheaper at first purchase compared to traditional homes, but the imposition  of a commission charge (often a five-figure sum) later really only increases the  original price. Surely it would be better to price the homes accordingly at first  purchase. The commission element puts many quality buyers off!  **10.** Have the annual pitch fee increase linked to the Consumer Prices Index  (CPI) rather than the Retail Prices Index (RPI). The majority of park home  residents are of state pension age and the state pension is linked to CPI, not  RPI (RPI increase in 2022 - 7.5% / State Pension increase 3.5%).                        SCOPHRA Executive Committee will have a meeting with Scottish Government  Officials on 31st March to discuss the above points. Riverview Country Park now  has one of our Residents Association Members on the SCOPHRA Executive  Committee, and will attend this meeting and keep you updated. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Ground Fees Increase:**  By now all residents should have received their letters regarding the forthcoming  ground fee increase of 5%. As we previously told you, the Residents’ Assoc . Committee discussed with Graham a couple of months ago, about whether the  owners would consider using Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rather than Retail  Price Index (RPI) to calculate the increase this year. All parties came to an  agreement with ourselves that they would not increase by any more than 5%,  which, true to their word they have not done.  Janet and Bill informed SCOPHRA of this news at a recent SCOPHRA General  Meeting and they were really impressed that we had managed to achieve this  figure as other Residential Parks attending told us they were already paying  increases of between **7.5% to over 10%.**  **Note:** The Office for National Statistics currently has the figure for January 2022  running at **8.2%.** and still increasing.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Raymond Barrett Memorial Bench:**  After much discussion, concern has been raised about the possibility of damage  to the collection bench at the riverside. The idea put forward is that this bench  will go in the Community Garden when it is ready. An alternative more robust  bench will go down by the river. In the meantime, If anyone would like to see the  collection bench you are welcome to call at Janet and Mike’s...3 Grosvenor Park.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Welcome:** The Residents Association would like to welcome the following  new residents to Riverview Country Park…… If you wish to join  our Residents’ Association, just contact any of the Committee  members for an application form.  Bill and Angela Griffiths No 2 Findhorn Park  We hope you enjoy your new home and love living on Riverview Park.    **Bonus Ball:**  The Bonus Ball winners for the last 4 weeks  19.02.22   Bill & Vicky Young 26 Grosvenor No 26 £30.00p  26.02.22   Willie Ogg 8 Springbank No 20 £30.00p  05.03.22   Dave & Flora Heath 24 Grosvenor No 48 £30.00p  12.03.22 Agnes Cruickshank 19 Grosvenor No 16 £30.00p 19.03.22 Dave & Flora Heath 24 Grosvenor No 7 £30.00p  Committee Members will be coming round over the next week to collect subscriptions for the next 5 week period  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    **The Ospreys are back:**  (from our wildlife correspondent Fiona Graham)    Well, at time of writing (22/3/22) at least one is back in Scotland,  and two more have been spotted at Rutland Water.  The male, known by his ring number LM12, returned to Loch of the Lowes for  his twelfth summer on 13th March. This is the earliest that he has arrived.  One year he did not land on the nest there until 29th March.  The RSPB Loch Garten Nature Centre has opened for the season but as yet no  osprey pairs have occupied the nest left vacant by the former resident female  EJ since 2018.  For everyone who reads the newsletter online, here is the link to the countdown  of osprey arrivals: <http://ukospreys.uk/countdowndt.htm>  Let’s hope that between now and late August we will have the chance to see  ospreys hunting along the Findhorn.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Buy ‘n’ Sell:**     1. Just a reminder, that anyone wishing to advertise items for  sale / looking for, you can send us the details and a pic and  we will upload it to our Buy 'n' Sell page on the Association  Website for you. We have recently helped a few residents sell items…. we could help you too !! Have a look and see what items that residents currently have for sale, just click  on the **Buy’n’Sell** button on the website or use the following i.p. address   [www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com/buy-n-sell](http://www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com/buy-n-sell)  **Note:** The Residents' Association is not responsible for the condition of any item,  that is between the buyer and seller.   **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Dog Fouling:**  In reality there should not be a problem…You own a dog, it eats, it poos, **you** clean it up. Failing to do so is Anti-social, smelly and causes diseases. Please act  responsibly and be a sensible dog owner.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Clocks Change:** Please remember to change your clocks and watches forward by  1 hour on Sunday 27th March at 01:00  Image result for clocks go forward  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Your Ideas / Suggestions:**    We would love to hear from you with ideas of what you  would like the Residents Association Committee to set up or  try to arrange for residents.  Give it some thought and let us know your suggestions.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**      **Beef Goulash:** Make this hearty beef goulash to feed the family on chilly nights. Stir in the  soured cream and parsley for an indulgent, crowd-pleasing supper  **Ingredients:** 700g stewing steak, cut into chunks 1 large onion, thinly sliced Beef stew in dish with soured cream and parsley 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped 1 green pepper, deseeded and thinly sliced 1 red pepper, deseeded and thinly sliced 2 large tomatoes, diced 300ml beef stock 75ml dry white wine 4 tbsp olive oil 30g plain flour 2 tbsp tomato purée 2 tbsp paprika 2 tbsp flat-leaf parsley leaves 150ml soured cream  **Method:** Heat oven to 160C/140C fan/gas 3.   1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a flameproof [casserole dish](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/review/test-best-casserole-dishes) or heavy-based  saucepan.  Sprinkle 700g stewing steak chunks with 30g plain flour and brown well in  three batches, adding an extra 1 tbsp oil for each batch. Set the browned  meat aside. 2. Add in the remaining 1 tbsp oil to the casserole dish, followed by 1 large  thinly sliced onion, 2 finely chopped garlic cloves, 1 green pepper and 1  red pepper, both finely sliced. Fry until softened, around 5-10 mins. 3. Return the beef to the pan with 2 tbsp tomato purée and 2 tbsp paprika.  Cook, stirring, for 2 mins. 4. Add in 2 large diced tomatoes, 75ml dry white wine and 300ml beef stock.  Cover and bake in the oven for 1 hr 30 mins - 2 hrs. Alternatively, cover  and cook it on the hob on a gentle heat for about an hour, removing the lid  after 45 mins. 5. Sprinkle over 2 tbsp flat-leaf parsley leaves and season well with salt  and freshly ground pepper. Stir in 150ml soured cream and serve.  **Cooking Time:** 2 hrs - 2 hrs and 30 mins   **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Park Residents Association (RPRA)**  **Run by Residents for the Residents**  **Membership**  is open to all home owning residents with the exception of all Riverview  Country Park Staff. As a member you will also have membership to the  Scottish Confederation of Park Homes Residents Associations [S](https://www.naphr.co.uk/)COPHRA ([**www.scophra.scot**](http://www.scophra.scot/))  This a voluntary organisation who give advice on Mobile Home Law – Written  Statements – Problem Solving etc. Riverview Park Residents Association (RPRA) has been recognised by the  Park Owners as a Qualifying Residents Association.  **Membership is £5 per home per annum**  **Chairperson**  Janet Reid [janmreid@btinternet.com](mailto:janmreid@btinternet.com)  Phone: 07766716077  **Secretary**  Bill Gray  [billgray479@btinternet.com](mailto:billgray479@btinternet.com) Phone: 07872 498494  **Treasurer**  Mavis Jewitt  [chickenbones@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:chickenbones@tiscali.co.uk) Phone: 01309 674803    **Other Committee Members**  Fiona Graham [shapeybeings@googlemail.com](mailto:shapeybeings@googlemail.com) Phone:  Morag Groundwater  [Morag.groundwater@gmail.com](mailto:Morag.groundwater@gmail.com) Phone: 07895 528100  Fiona McMillan [m.fiona@yahoo.com](mailto:m.fiona@yahoo.com) Phone: TBA  Jake Lee [jakamodzi@hotmail.com](mailto:jakamodzi@hotmail.com) Phone: TBA  Anyone wishing tojoin / rejoin**,** please contact **……….**  **Mavis Jewitt 90 Beech Ave or Bill Gray 1 Grosvenor Park.** Membership is still only £5 per year.  We are working for the benefits of all residents on Riverview Country  Park**……** Stronger Together ! |