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|  | Riverview Park Residents Association www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com |
|  |  e-Newsletter December 2022 |
| **In This Issue**Merry Christmas to everyone 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 :SecretaryBill Gray1 Grosvenor ParkTel: 07872498494billgray479@btinternet.com**www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com** | A picture containing diagram  Description automatically generatedA picture containing diagram  Description automatically generated Text  Description automatically generatedRiverview Park Residents Association Would Like To Wish All Residents A Very Merry Christmas And A Prosperous New Year |
| We now have a RPRA Facebook Page, if you wish to join this groupgo to Facebook, and look up Riverview Residents Association, then ask Admin to add you to our group |

 We can offer residents space on our web site. To Buy & Sell items they no longer need. We can upload photos, details to the association website. Just click on the Buy & Sell button on the web site. Or click on www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com/buy-n-sell

RPRA is not responsible for any items sold through this process. This is purely between buyer and seller.

**We have been made aware of incidents of residents using bad language and aggressive behaviour towards members of Park Staff.**

**This reflects badly on all of us and is not unacceptable.**



**Bonus Ball Winners- past four weeks**

05/11 No 34 Donna Goddard . £60

12/11 No 39 Pam Armstrong £30

19/11 No 59 Jim Smith £30

26/11 No 11 Colin Byers £30

**The bonus ball prize for 24/31 Dec will be £100 each draw.**



We are open to all ideas and thoughts for improving our Park environment.

Equally we are keen to have other contributors to the newsletter. Whether it’s a story, poem, experience, photo’s, recipies or anything else.

Send all to:- mlreid@btinternet.com







Recent Photos Taken by Our Own “David Bailey” ,,,,,,,, Mr Mike Reid



**QUIZ ANSWERS**

1. Germany, 2. Eggnog, 3. Four. 4. An Angel. 5. Bethlehem, 6. Tom Hanks, 7. White, 8. Hansel & Gretel, 9. Dancer, Dasher & Donna. 10. The original St. Nicholas put gold coins in the stockings of 3 poor sisters, 11. Last six days of the old year and first six days of the new year, 12.Felix Navidad, 13. Minus 27.2 C, 14. Chances are 1 in 10, 15. 60 million, 16. Sandringham, 17. 15 years, 18. Poinsettia, 19. Max, 20. 10 million.

'Twas the eve before Christmas.

I left it too late.

The shelves are all bare.

Oh, why did I wait?

I swore I'd shop early,

I clearly remember,

And be done with it all

By the first of December.

But now here I am

With picked-over stock.

The boxes are crumpled

On the Disney knockoffs.

Sweaters too big,

Slippers too small.

The pushing the grabbing,

Get me out of this mall.

I will stop at the drug store

And purchase a card

And fill it with money.

Why make life hard?

It always fits

And suits everyone's taste.

No need to wrap it.

That's just a waste.

But should you not like it,

Dear, have no fear,

If you'd like to return it,

My pocket's right here.

  

**“Christmas is coming, the geese are getting fat,**

**Please put a penny in the old man’s hat;**

**If you haven’t got a penny, a ha’penny will do,**

**If you haven’t got a ha’penny, God bless you!”**

**Christmas Quiz**

1. Which country first put up a Christmas tree.
2. What popular Christmas drink is known as “milk punch”
3. How many ghosts show up in a “Christmas Carol”
4. What do families put on top of the Christmas tree.
5. Where was baby Jesus born.
6. What Hollywood actor played six parts in “Polar Express”.
7. What colour are mistletoe berries.
8. What fairy tale was the first gingerbread house inspired by.
9. How many of Rudolph’s fellow reindeer’s name starts with “D”
10. Where did the tradition of Christmas stockings come from.
11. What are the 12 traditional days of Christmas.
12. How do you say Merry Christmas in Spanish.
13. What was the coldest ever temperature recorded during a UK winter.
14. What are the chances of a white Christmas in the UK
15. How many Christmas trees are grown in Europe.
16. Where do the Royal family celebrate Christmas.
17. How old is a Christmas tree before it is sold.
18. What plant is known as the Christmas flower..
19. What is the Grinches dog called.
20. How many turkeys are eaten in the UK each year.

**Places to visit**

**Sueno’s stone** is to be found at the eastern end of town. Legend suggests that the stone was erected for King Dubh mac Ailpin. The Annals of Ulster reported "Dub mac Maíl Coluim (mac Ailpin), king of Alba, was killed by the Scots themselves"; the usual way of reporting a death in internal strife and place the death in 966. It has been suggested that Sueno's Stone, near Forres, may be a monument to Dub, erected by his brother Kenneth II (Cináed mac Maíl Coluim). It is presumed that Dub was killed or driven out by Cuilén, who became king after Dub's death, or by his supporters.

**Kinloss Abbey** was founded in 1150 by King David I (famously coming to him in a dream) and first colonised by monks from Melrose Abbey. From an initial 12 monks (often called "White Monks" due to their grey or white habit), Kinloss Abbey became wealthier as more lands were granted to the Abbot by King David I and the monarchy over the next 100 years. The abbey received its Papal Bull from Pope Alexander III in 1174 and later came under the protection of the Bishop of Moray in 1187. It went on to become one of Scotland's largest and wealthiest religious houses in Scotland. Eventually, the timber buildings were replaced with new stone constructions worthy of their status. Entrance is free, a donation would be gratefully received by Kinloss Abbey Trust

**Forres.** Or you could just visit our local town and see the many small business that are there. I am sure that if you do this you will find most of your gifts for Christmas. Thereby supporting the local traders. Even just having a coffee in one of the many lovely cafes and establishments will help local people survive.







The official park office hours are

10—2pm Tuesday

10-2pm Thursday.

2—4pm Friday.

Phone 01309 672000

HOWEVER, OVER THE FESTIVE PERIOD THE HOURS WILL BE

Closed from Mid-day Friday the 23rd. December 2022

Reopen 0900 Wednesday 4th January 2023

**Please ensure you have sufficient electricity credit etc to see you through this period.**

Emergency Contact 07850 062925



**USEFULL INFORMATION**

As a residential Park Homeowner, you have several obligations to adhere to with regard to your property.

* Ensure your property is fully insured, see below.
* Your gas appliances are inspected once a year, and a compliance certificate is provided.
* Your electrical system must be inspected on a regular basis, this can be from 3 to 5 years depending on the age of your property. Again, a compliance certificate must be provided.

**It is imperative that anyone conducting any such inspections is fully certified/qualified to carry out such work. Anyone working on park home gas installations must be LPG qualified.**

**Similarly, anyone carrying out electrical inspections must be qualified to work on park home installations**

You may also find that your chosen insurer may require that your lodge/home be painted externally every so many years. Check your policy, it will outline their requirements. Every three years is the usual norm.

A copy of these documents should be given to the park Owners office, so that in the event of some disastrous consequences, there is a separate record to prove you are fully legally covered.

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Park Home Insurance: Under the Mobile Homes Act 2013, All Residential Park Homes must be insured. Park Home insurance is not normally issued by normal insurance companies and has to be a policy specifically designed for residential park home and lodge owners.

Here are a list of Park Home Insurance Specialists….. Protect your property.

Park Home Assist <https://www.parkhomeassist.co.uk/>

Towergate Insurance <https://www.towergateinsurance.co.uk/>

Coast Insurance <https://www.coastinsurance.co.uk/>

Safeguard Insurance <https://www.safeguarduk.co.uk/>

PB Insurance <https://www.pbinsurance.co.uk/>

**These contacts are for information only. The final choice must be yours**.

**Winter Fire Safety Advice.** As some of us will be lighting our fires more often, it is recommended that the chimneys are swept at least once a year and that a carbon monoxide detector is fitted. Always check the detector to ensure it is working and, give it a clean as dust and insects can gather.

Unplug fairy lights and other electrical goods such as phone chargers etc, when you go to bed or are leaving the home unattended for a period of time.

Do not leave cooking unattended and do not cook whilst under the influence of alcohol, as most home fires start in the kitchen.

**Government Electricity Winter Help**

William Tandoh, from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities has informed us of the following with regard to the £400 Electricity payment.

There is still no definitive answer as to how this payment is to be paid to Park Home residents. What we do know is the payments will be made directly to residents and not to/or through Park Owners.

This £400 payment is separate from the winter fuel payment made to pensioners annually, which this year will be £500 per household.

**Breaking News as of 30/11/2022**

**The latest news, Park Home residents and similar, will NOT receive the £400 payment before January 2023**

Legislation is moving through the parliamentary systems whereby Site fees for Park Homes will be determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as opposed to the Retail Price Index (RPI). At the moment RPI is sitting at approximately 11% where the CPI is only 8%. Not a huge amount, but better in our pockets than elsewhere.

Whether this will be in law by the time next year’s site fees are agreed we don’t know. However previous experience with the owners would leave us confident that an agreeable figure will be reached.

For example, earlier this year during discussions over the renewal of site fees, RPI was at 8%. Through intervention by the association committee members, the owners agreed to a 5% increase, which they did not have to do. But in the interests of co-operation this is what was achieved. So, all credit to both the owners and the association in coming to a beneficial agreement. Hopefully this type of co-operation will continue.



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**Park Announcements**

**We welcome the following new residents to Riverview Country Park**

 **New Residents**

 **Robert Elliot Riverway**

 **Paul & Mandy Corran Findhorn Park**

 **Jan Milne Leaffonley Lane**

 **Why not join our Residents Association ?**

 **Speak to one of the Association Committee Members for
 an Application Form**



Sadly, one of our residents, Willie Ogg passed away recently. Willie (93) lived in Springbank for many years and was the longest permanent resident. A very keen angler. He was mentioned three times in Trout & Salmon magazine for his angling prowess A fact which he was rightfully very proud of. He will be sadly missed RIP.

**Residents Recepies**

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**Stovies**

 I**ngredients**

30g lard or butter, 1 onion chopped, 2 chopped

carrots. 500 grams leftover lamb/beef or corned

 beef. 700 grams chopped peeled potatoes,

500 mls lamb or beef stock

**Method.**

Melt lard/butter in med sized pot. Add onion and fry for 10 mins. Add carrots and fry for another 5 minutes.

Stir in the meat if using leftover lamb/beef, then the potatoes. Pour the stock in, seasoning generously. Bring to the boil then reduce to a simmer, cook for an hour till carrots are soft and potatoes have broken down completely. If you are using corned beef, add this to the pan 20 mins before the end of cooking



**Clootie Dumpling**

**Ingredients**. 4 cups self-raising flour, 1 3/4 cups dried currants, 1 2/3 cups raisins, 1/4-pound shredded suet, 1 cup dry breadcrumbs, 1 cup sugar, 1 egg, lightly beaten, 1/2 cup milk, 1 tsp mixed spiced, 1 tsp baking powder, 1 pinch salt, 1 tbsp molasses.

**Method.** 1. Bring a large pan of water to the boil. 2. Meanwhile, in a large bowl combine flour, currants, raisins, suet, breadcrumbs and sugar. Mix egg and milk with mixed spice, baking powder, salt and molasses. Stir into flour mixture to form a wet dough. 3. Dip a heavy cotton cloth in boiling water and then sprinkle it with flour. Place dough in center of cloth, draw opposite corners together to form a ball, leaving a bit of room for the dumpling to expand, and tie tightly with twine to seal. 4. Place the dumpling in the boiling water, reduce heat to a low boil and cook 3 1/2 hours, topping water off as needed. Remove the dumpling from the water, remove the cloth and dry the dumpling in an oven at 150 deg. Until surface is dry. Serve.

**Riverview Park Residents Association (RPRA)**

**“Run by Residents for the Residents”**

Membership is open to all home owning residents except for Riverview Country Park staff. RPRA has been recognised by Riverview Country Park owners as a Qualifying Residents Association.

As a member you will also have membership to the Scottish Confederation of Park Homes Residents Association (SCOPHRA) www.scophra.scot. SCOPHRA is a voluntary organisation who give expert advice on Mobile Home Law—Written Statements—Problem solving etc.

**Membership is £5 per home per annum**

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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 !