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|  | e-Newsletter January 2023 | |
| **In This Issue**  Happy New Year to all Residents’ on Riverview Country Park.  £400 Energy Grant  Onsite Updates  Residents Recipies  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-resident-assoc.com** | A picture containing diagram  Description automatically generatedA picture containing diagram  Description automatically generated  **Happy New Year**  The Residents Association Committee would like to wish all our residents across  the park a Happy New Year and best wishes for 2023  Interesting facts about January  January is the first month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and  the first of seven months to have a length of 31 days.  It is a winter month in the northern half of the world and a summer month in the  southern half.  January is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern  Hemisphere (where it is the second month of winter) and the warmest month of  the year within most of the Southern Hemisphere (where it is the second month  of summer).  January 1 is New Year’s Day in the Gregorian calendar that is used around the  world. Many other cultures and calendars, however, celebrate their new year on  other dates.    Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet has his birth celebrated  throughout the country on  25th. January with a traditional  Burns Supper taking place.    We now have a RPRA Facebook Page, if you wish to join this group go to Facebook, and look up Riverview Residents Association, then  ask Admin to add you to our group  **£400 Energy Grant:**  **STILL NO INFORMATION FROM UK GOVERNMENT ON APPLYING FOR ENERGY  SUPPORT. MORE INFORMATION PROMISED FOR JANUARY 2023**  As it currently stands......    **Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding:** The £400 Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding will provide much needed help for those households who do not have a domestic energy supply  and have not received support through the main Energy Bills Support Scheme.  This includes residents of park homes and care homes, as well as other  households who either receive their energy through commercial intermediaries  or are off the energy grid entirely. We will be publishing further detail about  eligibility shortly.  As these households cannot be identified by their energy supply, the scheme  cannot be delivered in the same way. The government has worked through a  number of alternative delivery options, including procuring an external delivery  partner and administering the scheme centrally. We have since concluded that  the best way to deliver the scheme is through Local Authorities in Great Britain,  who are best placed to process applications and carry out verification checks.  As there is no single register of eligible households, payment is still a complicated  matter. We are working flat out to ensure that the right money gets to the right  people at the right time. This includes making the process as simple as possible  for applicants. An eligible household will be able to fill out a short form on  GOV.UK with a few simple details, including their name and address.  Much of this data will be verified up-front to reduce burdens on Local Authorities,  who will then verify the address and administer the payment. We are currently  finishing and testing the application model, including verification and antifraud  measures, to ensure that it functions as intended before it can go live. Whilst we  understand that speed is of the essence, we must do all we can to prevent errors  that could result either in households not receiving the support they need, or in a  loss of public money.  The scheme will open for applications in Great Britain in January 2023, and we  are committed to delivering the payment to households this winter.  The exact date that an eligible household will receive support will depend on  when the application is made and when the payment can be processed by the  relevant Local Authority. It will be extremely important to make clear to potential applicants how they can  apply for the Alternative Funding. Public messaging will need to provide clear  guidance on eligibility criteria and key groups likely to be in scope, on timings and  the application window, as well as information on how to apply via GOV.UK.  Alongside general communications to the public, it will be important to work with  core stakeholders to reach specific groups, bearing in mind that potential  applicants may be disproportionately elderly and more vulnerable compared with  those covered by the main Energy Bills Support Scheme.  ​  **Alternative Fuel Payments:**  The government recognises that growing bills are not limited to gas and electricity  – fuel costs are increasing across the board, and that is why we have doubled  the Alternative Fuel Payments to £200, delivering support for those in properties  using fuels such as heating oil, liquified petroleum gas, coal or biomass for  heating. The vast majority of Alternative Fuel Payments eligible households in  Great Britain will receive payment automatically via their electricity supplier with  no need to take any action, and we anticipate this payment being made shortly  after the Energy Bills Support Scheme Alternative Funding has opened.  There will be a small number of customers who are unable to receive the funding  automatically, for instance households in Great Britain who are located in areas  on the gas grid but do not have a gas connection, and we will ensure there is a  route for those households to apply for and receive the £200 support.  This support and Energy Bill Support Scheme Alternative funding will be  delivered as soon as possible in the new year.  THE RT HON GRAHAM STUART MP  Minister of State for Energy and Climate  **Christmas Singalong:**  A very successful Christmas Singalong was organised by the resident’s  association on 16th Dec.  A number of residents’ braved the elements for the get together, there was  Mulled wine, Sausage rolls, and Mincemeat pies also roasted chestnuts were  served from the barbeque…... which also kept us warm. Seasonal music was played, and there was plenty of banter Looks like it could  be an annual event.    **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    A picture containing clipart  Description automatically generatedWe 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.  Send all to:- [mlreid@btinternet.com](mailto:mlreid@btinternet.com)  **Bonus Ball Winners- past five weeks**  03/12/22 No 23 Fiona MacMillan £30  10/12/22 No 54 Tam McHale £30  17/12/22 No 32 Alison Saunders £30  24/12/22 No 19 Tom Patterson **£100** 31/12/22 No 19 Tom Patterson **£100**  Yes folks, you are seeing it right…… Tom & Irene Patterson won the Christmas and New Year Bonus Balls…. How lucky can you get !!  A picture containing text  Description automatically generated  **Recent Photos Taken by Our Own “David Bailey” …… Mr Mike Reid**    **Deer feeding in fields behind Riverview park Duck cruising on Mosset**    **Swan getting airborne on Sanquhar Loch Heron taken on the Mosset burn, Forres**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  A picture containing text, clipart, plate, dishware  Description automatically generated 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](http://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.  **A picture containing tree, sky, outdoor, house  Description automatically generatedPlaces to visit:**  **Benromach**- Handmade Speyside single malt with a  subtle smoky character, matured exclusively in first-fill  casks. It takes just four ingredients—barley, water, yeast  and a human touch. Benromach is within the confines of  Forres, and well within walking distance of our park.    **Dallas Dhu:-** The Dallas Dhu distillery, built less than  two miles outside Forres, is one of the western-most  Speyside distilleries and uniquely powered parts of its  production with a water wheel until 1971. As an operational  distillery. It has had a somewhat rocky time ; for more than  twenty years of its distilling history it lay silent.  The mothballed distillery was purchased in 1988 by Scotland’s Historic buildings  and monuments, who now operate the site as a museum.    **Glen Moray:-** Is one of Scotland’s best loved single malt  whiskies. It has been crafted since 1897 in the ancient town  of Elgin, the capital of the Speyside whisky region, on what  was once the Elgin West Brewery site on the banks of the  river Lossie.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Residents Recepies**    **Haggis Neeps & Tatties**  I**ngredients**  2 1/2 to 3 1/2 pounds haggis,  1 1/4 pounds potatoes peeled and coarsely chopped ,  1/2 teaspoon sea salt, tablespoons (2-ounces) unsalted butter, 1/4 cup milk,   1 pinch freshly grated nutmeg, freshly ground black pepper, to taste, 1 1/4 pounds turnips, peeled, and coarsely chopped.  **Method**  Cook the haggis first by placing it in a large pot and covering it with cold water.  Cover the pan with a lid and bring to boil over high heat.  Reduce the heat to a simmer. Cook for 40 minutes per pound; for a 3 1/2-pound  haggis, cook for 2 hours and 20 minutes. While the haggis cooks, prepare the  potatoes and turnips.  Place the potatoes in a large saucepan. Cover with cold water. Add a pinch of  salt.  Cover the pan with a lid and bring the potatoes to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and  cook until tender, about 20 minutes. Mash the potatoes with a potato masher or  ricer. Set aside.  Add the turnips to a large saucepan. Cover with cold water. Add a pinch of salt.  Cover the pan, bring the turnips to a boil, then reduce to a simmer. Cook until  tender, about 20 minutes. Drain the turnips. Mash the turnips with a ricer or  potato masher. Set aside. In the pan that you cooked the turnips, add the  remaining 2 tablespoons butter and 2 tablespoons milk. Melt over medium heat.  Add the cooked turnips and stir until smooth and creamy. Once cooked, remove  the haggis from the water, place on a serving dish and let rest for 5 minutes  before cutting it open with scissors or a knife. Slice the haggis and serve with  neeps and tatties.  **Panettone Pudding**  **Ingredients**  1 cm thick slices of Panettone, 6 egg yolks, 50g caster  sugar, 300 ml double cream, 300 ml single cream,  **Method**   Butter a wide shallow ovenproof dish. Cover entirely with Panettone slices.  In a bowl beat egg yolks and both double and single cream. Pour this mixture  over the sliced panettone. Place in an oven 150 deg. C/130 Fan. Gas mark 3.  and bake until filling is just set when you gently shake the dish. Optional, Scatter  some golden granulated sugar over the top and blast with a blowtorch briefly.  Serve warm with golden granulated sugar on top.  **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.  .  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.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **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 still only £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**  Peter Gilchrist  [petergilchrist334@btinternet.com](mailto:petergilchrist334@btinternet.com) Phone: 07880346847  Morag Groundwater  [Morag.groundwater@gmail.com](mailto:Morag.groundwater@gmail.com) Phone: 07895 528100  Angie Vaughan angievaughan@hotmail.com Phone: 07963303165  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 !  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** | |
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