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| **In This Issue**   * Christmas Fayre * Riverview Upgrading * New Staff members * Zero Tolerance Policy * Community Garden * Ongoing Dispute with Local Farmer * SCOPHRA Notification   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** | **Christmas Fayre:** Following on from the success of our recent Halloween Party, and having residents ask for more get togethers it has been decided  that we have a Christmas Fayre in the hub.  You can book a table for Sunday 12th December 2021 to sell your wares,  whether its crafts, cards, jewellery, candles, knitted goods etc  No second hand goods or alcohol please (no licence). Vendors keep all monies.  There will be hot drinks and nibbles available to keep you warm.  If you are or your family members are interested, please let the office or a committee member know.  The hub will be opened at 9am for setting up and will “trade” from 10am  throughout the day.  We hope all residents across Riverview support this project and join in the  Festive Fun.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Upgrading:**  **New Building Phase 1** will commence as soon as planning permission  goes ahead, there has been an amendment to the application……  Graham has told us that new residents, coming to Riverview (Bill and Angela  Griffiths) want to create a grocery store onsite as part of the new building.  A temporarylodge will be situated across from the office and set up as a shop  until the new building is created.  Bill and Angela have also had a chat with Janet & Bill Gray, regarding any  suggestions of what items would be in stock.  They suggested us sending out a survey to establish what products residents  would want to see in the store.  They will be happy to take orders and deliver to residents who may have difficulty  getting to the shops themselves.  **Findhorn Park Upgrading:** We are already seeing a huge change to the  Findhorn Park area with new lodges and residents arriving.  Graham has told us that tarring of the road into Findhorn will commence around  Nov 23rd and low level bollard style lighting will also be installed. Graham is keeping the Residents Committee up to date with all issues  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  New Staff Members:  We are pleased to tell Residents that there is a new member of office staff. Her name is Lynsey Fletcher and she is settling in nicely to the  office systems and getting to know residents. This will enable the office to be "manned" all day every day.   We also have a new member to the maintenance team after Victoras left to  return to Lithuania. His name is Nicky Russell, and he has already got stuck in  helping Mendes and Paul with the incoming new homes onsite.We wish them both well and hope they will enjoy working for Riverview Country  Park. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Zero Tolerance Policy:**  Following 2 recent incidents where certain residents have  entered the office and become hostile towards Graham and  Debbie, the company have announced a Zero Tolerance Policy. The CCTV cameras are now functional and Signage  displayed.  Any further issues will be reported to the Police.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Community Garden:** We have nowbeen shown the area of ground we can develop for  the community garden, which is a considerable area of land.  During our recent Committee Meeting the group discussed ideas  and costs. We will identify a sub-committee to run the project,  which will be open to all residents across Riverview. It will operate as one unit  with everyone working together as opposed to an allotment style.   Morag suggested we try to find out residents who are interested working on this  project, so anyone interested in being part of this project, please contact any  member of the Residents Committee so we can include you and keep you up to  date with the latest updates.  Fiona Graham has raised the point of trying to get a Funding Grant, she has  previously had experience in these matters and suggested Berryhill Windfarm or  the Baxter Foundation as a starting point…..this is being looked at.  The only rulings the park owners have stipulated are that the Residents  Association runs it, and that we ensure it is as "green" as possible, this will mean  no chemicals, fertilisers or pesticides, we will also create our own compost  and gather rainwater.  Mendes has spoken with the Committee and he will initially clear the site for us.  We have requested from Graham that there be a disabled access for any of the  residents with mobility problems.  The Committee are just beginning the planning of the ground layout, possibility  of Polytunnel / Greenhouse, shed, tools etc.  Any donations of tools or other items would be greatly appreciated. All residents are welcome and we look forward to any ideas you may have.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **SCOPHRA Notification:**  **ALARMING RISE IN PITCH FEES EXPECTED NEXT YEAR**  Park Home residents can expect big pitch fee rises next year. The UK rate of  inflation has been rising rapidly from a low of just over 1% in January 2021 to an  unprecedented high, compared to recent years. The Office for National Statistics  November report on the October levels of inflation, show the Consumer Prices  Index (CPI) at 4.2%. The Retail Prices Index (RPI) stood at 6%.  Unfortunately for park home residents, annual pitch fee increases are based on  the RPI and if increases continue, we could see a 7% rise in fees for 2022.  For a monthly pitch fee of £150 this would represent an increase of £10.50 per  month.  Retirement pension increases are based on CPI in September each year and  after the cancellation of the 'triple lock' by the Westminster Government, pensions are expected to rise by only 3.1% in April 2022. Since pitch fee increases are  based on the RPI, a 7% rise wipes out the pension increase twice over.  SCOPHRA and other residents’ organisations in the UK are pushing their  Governments to ally pitch fee increases to be based on CPI not RPI. SCOPHRA  particularly, is campaigning for this change in Scotland as soon as possible.  Home owners have no right of objection to a pitch fee increase properly based  on RPI, unless the 'Amenity of the site has been reduced from the last review  date.' \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Ongoing Dispute with Local Farmer:**  Her latest classic was telling the Chairman of the Fishing Association that he could bring in diggers and create a “road” down to the river,  pointing out the land she was allowing for use….. He was a bit  dubious at her sudden kindness and positivity so he spoke to Graham telling him where she said it could happen…… it turns out to be land owned by  Riverview. On a positive note, there is a possibility that the Fishing Association  and Graham will work on something together to create a Viewpoint area.  **Welcome:** The residents Association would like to welcome the following  new residents to Riverview Country Park……    June & Gus Speirs 28 Grosvenor Park  Debbie Watson 15 Grosvenor Park  Wilma McGregor 7 Findhorn Park  Pauline Wheat 5 Grosvenor Park  Bob Cruickshank 8 Findhorn Park  Caroline Bell 10 Rowan Road Stuart & Sui Price 20 Findhorn Park  We hope you all enjoy your new homes and love living on Riverview.  ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Bonus Ball:**  The Bonus Ball restarted on Nov 6th ….. first winners were Irene & Tom Paterson  33 Grosvenor, followed last weekend by Ruth Cowan 91 Beech Ave, then this weekend, Chrissie Barrett, all winning £30  Christmas and New Year week’s the payout will be £50 for each winner.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **OFFICE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES**  The Manager’s Office opening hours for the festive season are as follows….    **Christmas Week New Year Week**  **Friday 24th Dec - 9am till 2pm Friday 31st Dec - 9am till 2pm**  **Saturday 25th Dec – Closed Saturday 1st Jan – Closed**  **Sunday 26th Dec – Closed Sunday 2nd Jan – Closed**  **Monday 27th Dec – Closed Monday 3rd Jan – Closed Tuesday 28th Dec – 9am till 5pm Tuesday 4th Jan – 9am till 5pm**  **\*** We advise anyone using Bottled Gas to ensure they have enough ordered to  cover the festive season. **\*** We also advise residents using Electric Cards to ensure you have plenty credit  in your meter to cover the festive season.  Stay warm and safe this winter \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Avon Calling:** For anyone interested in Avon Products perhaps as Christmas gifts etc there is  an Avon Representative visiting homes on request. Her contact details are …..  **Aileen Brennan Tel: 07814541386**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Request from Graham:** Graham has had severalcomplaints from Una 28 Grosvenor Park that individuals  have been walking across her garden. He has asked us to remind everyone that  gardens are private and not public walkways.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Festive Season:** We would love to hear your ideas and suggestions how we can spruce  up Riverview for the Festive Season. Please contact any of the  Committee Members or leave us a message on our website………. www.riverview-park-residents-assoc.com/contact-us  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **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.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    **German Apple Cake:**  **Ingredients:**   * 2 dessert [apples](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/apple), peeled, cored and sliced into thin wedges * 1 tbsp [lemon juice](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/lemon_juice) * 125g/4½oz [butter](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/butter), softened, plus extra for greasing * 140g/5oz golden [caster sugar](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/caster_sugar) * 3 free-range [eggs](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/egg), at room temperature, beaten * 225g/8oz [plain flour](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/plain_flour) * 2 level tsp [baking powder](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/baking_powder) * ½ tsp [salt](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/salt) * 5 tbsp full-fat [milk](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/milk) * 1½ tbsp [demerara sugar](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/demerara_sugar) * ½ tsp ground [cinnamon](https://www.bbc.co.uk/food/cinnamon)   **Method:**   1. Preheat the oven to 170C/150C Fan/Gas 3. Butter and line 23cm/9in round  cake tin. 2. Coat the apple wedges in the lemon juice and set aside. 3. In a large bowl, beat together the butter and sugar, using an electric hand mixer,  until pale and fluffy. Add the eggs and beat until smooth. Sift in the flour, baking  powder and salt and mix well. Slowly add the milk, mixing well after each  addition, until you have a smooth batter. 4. Transfer the batter to the cake tin. Arrange the apple slices, flat-side down, on  the batter in a spiral pattern. 5. For the topping, mix together the demerara sugar and cinnamon. Sprinkle over  the batter. 6. Bake in the middle of the oven for 40–45 minutes, or until a skewer inserted in  the centre of the cake comes out clean and the top is golden-brown. Leave to  cool for 15 minutes in the tin. Run a knife around the edges of the cake and  turn it out of the tin onto a wire rack. 7. Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream.   **ENJOY !!**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **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 ! |