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| **In This Issue**   * Christmas Fayre * Riverview Upgrading * SCOPHRA Notification * Winter Safety * Community Garden * Riverview Walkways * Gas Group   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** | Riverview Park Residents Association Would Like To Wish All Residents  A Very Merry Christmas And  A Prosperous New Year     Christmas Fayre: Karaoke Night:  We regret to inform residents that the Christmas Fayre and the  Karaoke evening have both been cancelled having taken the recent advice of the Scottish Government. We apologise for any  inconvenience caused and we will organise other functions when  Covid numbers reduce.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Upgrading:**  **Findhorn Park Upgrading:** We are already seeing a huge change to the  Findhorn Park area with new lodges and residents moving into their new homes.  The tarring of the road into Findhorn was held back but has now commenced  and bollard style lighting will soon also be done.  **Springbank:**  We are seeing empty plots being cleared and new lodges being sited which is  upgrading Springbank areas and we look forward to welcoming new residents  onto that part of the site…… exciting times.  Graham is keeping the Residents Association Committee up to date with all  issues and improvements across Riverview.  **Sewage work** has commenced behind Grosvenor with 2 large holes having  being dug, ready for the new sewage to be fitted. We are not sure when work  will continue due to predicted weather conditions and being so close to the  Christmas holidays.  **New Building Phase 1** will commence as soon as the planning permission goes ahead. There was a small article regarding the new building  in the P & J during this week.  **Onsite Grocery Store:**  The onsite store will now not be sited across from the Office but will remain  where it is at present, in the area behind Grosvenor Park, this will save the  Lodge being moved again when work commences on the new building. The  maintenance team have begun clearing the area so the lodge can be erected  properly. We will keep residents updated on all aspects of upgrading across  the site **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Update to SCOPHRA Notification:**  We notified residents last month of the alarming increase predictions to pitch  fees expected next year to all Residential Parks in UK. 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.  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.  With this in mind the Riverview Residents Association have already discussed  this point with Graham asking if the owners would consider that any pitch fee  increases are based on CPI and not RPI. Graham told Janet and Bill that any  increase would be given their utmost consideration to be as fair as possible. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Winter Safety:**    We have requested that the Maintenance Team have ensured the  grit boxes are filled with salt/grit to prevent slips and skids and we  would like to point out to all residents to be careful during the  predicted icy weather. For any new Residents, be especially aware if you have a ramp attached to  your home as this surface can become very slippy. Some residents have already  purchased rubber matting from Amazon, others have anti slip strips (the same  as on the ramp going up to the office/hub) from Screw-fix.  The Residents Association committee have pointed out to Graham and the  girls in the office the problems certain residents experienced last winter  concerning frozen pipes, lack of fresh water and power cuts etc. We have  brought this to their attention so Contingency Plans can be arranged in  advance.As per last year the Residents Committee will assist any resident  experiencing problems over the winter months. We can only hope we do not  experience anything like last year.  It is worth checking below your home to ensure that all pipes are properly  lagged to help prevent freezing.  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. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Community Garden:** The Group had a discussion, at the recent Committee Meeting  and we are looking into Grants and initial costs. Morag has been  busy working on ideas and suggestions for the layout of the  garden etc. We are initially trying to find out residents who are interested working on this  project and have already got a starting group. so if you want to join us please  give your name to any Committee member so we can keep you up to date with  forthcoming updates. Gavin recently phoned Bill regarding having allotment style areas included in the  garden………Bill has asked him to put all his suggestions in an email for the  committee to discuss and come up with the best solutions. Janet suggested that  the Community Garden can be a mix of allotment and group style with areas for  relaxation, a kids plot to introduce them to growing plants etc. Janet also  suggested we hold off on ordering a polytunnel or greenhouse at this point due  to the recent storm weather. Discussions to continue in future meetings.  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.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Riverview Walkways:**  We recently received an Email from Jo Logan requesting the committee provide  her with information and suggestions of Walkways that can be  created, examples being one down to the River Findhorn, another    being a Forest Walk and another being a walk into Forres. Janet  has contacted Jo and explained that due to illness within the  committee, recent storm damage and more trees have blocking  off the current pathways etc, her request of us supplying the info by 10th Dec  was impossible. While we are happy to assist with the idea and the suggestion,  we feel that waiting till after New Year would be more suitable…….updates will  follow. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**      **Gas Group:**  At the recent Committee Meeting, group discounts on bulk gas  was suggested by Jake. Bill explained that there is currently a  Residents Gas Bottle Group supplied by Flogas…current prices are ……47kg  @ £79.05 + 5% Vat = £83 13kg @ £32.05 + 5% Vat = £33.65 and suggested  that perhaps we could ask Flogas if bulk supply could be added to that group…. Updates to follow. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Welcome:** The residents Association would like to welcome the following new residents  to Riverview Country Park……  **Jess and Toby 88 Beech Ave**  **Alan Kerr 17 Findhorn Park**  We hope you enjoy your new home and love living on Riverview Country Park. If you would like to join our Residents Association please contact any of our  Committee Members for an application Form.  ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **Bonus Ball:**  The Bonus Ball results for the last 3 Weeks were…..    27-11-21 No 9 Fiona McMillan £30  04-12-21 No 47 Rollover £00  11-12-21 No Rollover £00   Some lucky resident will receive £90 on 18-12-21  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **Speed limits:** Graham has asked that we once again makeResidents and their  visitors aware that the speed limit across all roads in Riverview is  10mph. There have also been complaints from several residents on  Grosvenor Park concerning cases of speeding and even wheel  spins recently.  Graham has made it clear that this will not be tolerated. We have also been asked to tell residents to park their cars and their visitors  cars in their driveways where possible to prevent blocking roadways. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **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 !! **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**     **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**  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **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.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    holly.jpgholly.jpg    **Irish Cream Tirimisu:**  **Ingredients:**   * 4 eggs * 100g golden caster sugar * 500g tub mascarpone * 100ml Irish cream liqueur (we used Baileys coffee flavour) * 300ml strong coffee, made with 2 tbsp coffee granules and 300ml boiling water * 175g sponge fingers * 25g dark chocolate * 2 tsp cocoa powder   **Method:**  **STEP 1** Separate the egg whites and yolks into two large [bowls](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/content/top-five-mixing-bowls). [Whisk](https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/content/top-five-whisks) the whites until stiff. Add the sugar to the yolks and whisk again (no need to clean first) until thick and foamy – this will take about 5 mins. Whisk the mascarpone and cream liqueur into the egg yolks until you can’t see any streaks of cheese. Carefully fold the whites into the mascarpone mixture with a large  metal spoon to keep in as much air as possible.  **STEP 2** Get your serving dish ready (ours was 20 x 15 cm). Pour the coffee into a shallow dish and  dip in a few sponge fingers at a time, turning them for a few seconds until they are nicely soaked, but not soggy. Layer these into the dish until you have used half the biscuits, then evenly spread over half of the creamy mixture. Using the coarse side of the grater, grate over most of the chocolate, then repeat the sponge and cream layers (you should use up all the coffee). If you want a pretty finish, you can pipe on the final cream layer.  **STEP 3** Cover and chill for a few hours or overnight. This can now be kept in the fridge for up to two days. To serve, dust with cocoa powder and grate over the remaining chocolate.  **MERRY CHRISTMAS !!**    **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**       1. What beverage company has been using Santa Claus in its advertising  since 1931? 2. Which animal carried Mary before she gave birth to Jesus? 3. Which one of Santa’s reindeer has the same name as the god of love? 4. What is Scrooge’s first name? 5. What is traditionally hidden inside a Christmas pudding? 6. What’s the name of the period leading up to Christmas? 7. What is the name of a male Turkey? 8. Which country started the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree? 9. What are pigs in blankets called in Scotland? 10. How many ghosts show up in ‘A Christmas Carol’? 11. What type of food did Christmas crackers originally contain? 12. Which band sings the iconic Christmas song ‘Mary’s boy child’? 13. Which animated film features the song ‘Walking in the Air’? 14. The Christmas wreath originated as a symbol of Christ – **True or False**? 15. Who wrote and directed the film ‘The Nightmare before Christmas’? 16. According to the song, what did my true love give to me on the ninth  day of Christmas? 17. Who wrote ‘A Christmas Carol’? 18. The tradition of sending Christmas cards originated in USA – **True or False?** 19. Which plant, beginning with P is associated with Christmas? 20. Which traditional Christmas plant supposedly wards off demons?   **NAME:**  **ADDRESS:**  **CONTACT No:**  **Return your answers to 1 Grosvenor Park for the chance to win a prize**    **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**    **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 ! |