

Redland & Cotham Amenities Society



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A winter sunrise highlighting historic buildings in St. Michael's Hill
(Yes, I know it's just outside our area but it was beautiful! Editor.)



A RCAS Committee meeting, the wine not yet having been opened!

L to R; Gill Penrose, Bina Shah, Helen Wilde, Roger Mortimer, Simon Birch, Alison Bromilow, Rob Harris and Graham Rogers. (apologies Carew Reynell, Kathryn Armitstead)
Photograph by Peter Wilde

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

We are certainly living in a time of great change, globally, socially and technologically. This newsletter is not the place to discuss US politics, Brexit, the NHS or other challenging and topical issues but it is useful to stop and reflect on our local area and in particular, the role of RCAS which I am privileged to chair.

The stated aim of RCAS is to conserve and enhance the character of our area, its architecture, streets, trees, parks, open spaces and amenities, for the benefit of present and future residents.

We are very fortunate to live in this area and there is a sense that members feel safe and protected by RCAS, whose core business is preservation of the area.

Several topics in this newsletter make us think about changes that are occurring around us. Many of these are related to the continuing pressure on public services which, as far as I can see, will proceed relentlessly over the next few years.

Financial cuts are adversely affecting library services and parks (see Alison Bromilow's articles on pages 6 and 7). We continue calling for volunteers for the May Fair and Open Gardens.

The membership survey (many thanks to Bina, Kathryn and Peter) suggests that we need to encourage new membership and involvement from residents in the locality. In short, we need more active

participation from our members and also from residents who are not members (most of whom can afford our very reasonable membership of £10 per household per year).

Our fine committee, some pictured opposite, do wonderful voluntary work but they are frequently very stretched and they can only do so much.

We are going to need more practical help and creative ideas for supporting RCAS activities. Maintenance of our parks by residents is going to be needed, or we will see them deteriorate. We need volunteers in libraries and at our community events.

I note with interest that several survey respondents commented that 'local events ...would be welcomed'. We are always delighted when members plan and organise local events. We will lend our support wherever possible.

RCAS is a member driven organisation with a solid base of long standing members. We want to encourage a wide variety of new members across our catchment area, not only to benefit from RCAS activities, but to contribute to them as well. The area is very desirable for professionals, young families and students. I would love to see these groups more involved in RCAS.

So my call to action is 'how are you going to practically support RCAS this year?' and 'who can you recruit as a new RCAS member this year?'

Hen Wilde

Front cover

This winter we have had several clear evenings with beautiful sunsets. This was viewed from Hampton Lane, close to Whiteladies Road.

PLANNING GROUP REPORT

12b Cotham Road

Dropped kerb and new parking space. Refused. Now subject to an appeal.

125 Redland Road

off Ermleet Road

Second scheme to create a dwelling by demolition of existing garages and replacing with a one bedroom first floor apartment, with 3 car spaces underneath. RCAS suggested better landscaping to the site entrance which is now offered. Pending.

8 Trelawney Road

Approached from and fronting Cotham Road

New detached house on site of garage and forecourt/garden. No objection. Pending.

St Saviour's Church Hall

Chandos Road

Change of use to two 2 bedroom flats. We regret the loss of this community building. There are very few community spaces in the area and a sustainable community needs such spaces. This building is the only retained community use element of the church building which was developed as apartments in 2005. The surrounding area is a densely occupied residential area and few community spaces for children's play, fitness classes etc remain. Pending.

4 Redland Court Road

Former High School use. To be a medical clinic. No objection. Pending.

Redland High School

Redland Court upper school site

A report in the Bristol Post states that this has been purchased for development by Kersfield, who have said they will 'sympathetically restore important listed

buildings and create new homes in an area of high demand'.

Redland High School

Junior school site

To be vacated after Easter 2017. No planning application received yet.

Redland High School

Woodstock Road

Bursar's office and sixth form buildings Application to create four 3 bedroom and two 2 bedroom residential units. Pending.

Kirwin and Lansdown Houses

Cotham Park North

Application by Society of Friends Housing Association for development of part of the rear gardens plus an existing parking area for Avenue House to create four 1 bedroom single storey dwellings for the disabled. Due to site topography and high boundary walls, there is little visibility from streets. It would create a valuable facility adjacent to the existing care home. Pending.

Tops Pizza

14 Cotham Hill

Application to be open till 1.00 am every day. To be opposed.

2 Redland Court Road

Second submission of an off-street parking application. RCAS objected. Second refusal.

Queen Victoria House, The Vincent

Application to fell a tree with a Tree Preservation Order. Retrospective Application for advertising hoardings. The two large boards on Grove Road that RCAS objected to have been removed and we have not objected to the other boards.

42 Ravenswood Road

Application to increase the size of the off-street parking bay from 1 to 2 cars. Refused. RCAS objected.

Telephone boxes Whiteladies Road

Outside 'Kitchens'

An application for an internally illuminated digital advertising panel, has been refused. Note, a similar one on Gloucester Road, (the Prom.) has gone to appeal.

4 Sydenham Road

Change of use application for two flats to a 4 bedroom cluster flat. Objected due to lack of information.

Zoo parking on the Downs.

In 2013 RCAS objected to an application to continue parking for a further 3 years, as did Bristol Civic Society, CHIS, FoDAG and other groups. Consent was granted but with conditions intended to encourage the Zoo to reduce car borne visits and find alternatives to parking on the Downs. This consent expired on December 31st 2016. The current application for 3 more years of 'temporary' use was only made on 18th November.

Although this is for a small annual decrease in the number of days of use the parking site area remains the same and public enjoyment of the Downs would still be damaged unacceptably. Our objection can be seen on the Council Planning Website. <http://planningonline.bristol.gov.uk/online> Application no 16/06311/X. The matter will not be going to Planning Committee till April so you may read this in time to comment online.

Since the 2013 consent the Council's introduction of parking control on the Downs, including Ladies Mile, has eliminated commuter parking. This has freed up space for visitor parking, with the 5 hour limit set at the Zoos request.

RCAS recognise the important work done and employment created by the Zoo and its attraction to Bristolians and visitors to the city, whilst seriously questioning the claim that loss of this facility would cost the Bristol economy £2m. in lost visitor spending. In any case, financial considerations do not justify planning consent contrary to policy such as this use of the Downs for car parking. This restricts recreational use, including by RCAS members, of an area of public green space that was gifted to the City for this purpose in the 1861 Downs Act, and supported by national and Bristol Planning policies.

The Zoo's use for parking on busy days coincides with peak use of the Downs for recreation and exercise and introduces more vehicles and pollution to the area.

The Zoo Director states that 'there are no alternatives' to continued use of the Downs parking, for example park and ride, including such a service from the Zoo's 130 acre site at Cribbs Causeway. Granting consent now for another 3 years of Downs parking would entrench an unacceptable situation.

Simon Birch
Alison Bromilow
Stephen Morris
Roger Mortimer

BISHOPSTON, COTHAM AND REDLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP (BCRNP)

Changes to Neighbourhood Partnerships

In the Bristol City Council corporate strategy, the council proposes to 're-shape the voice and influence of communities.....by reforming Neighbourhood Partnerships.....'

They envisage the reformed Neighbourhood Partnerships to continue at no cost to the council. Neighbourhood Officer posts are being closed, though we understand that there will be a six month period where officers are tasked with working with the community to help deal with the handover from a council-run organisation to a community led one. A parish council model has also been mooted. Communities are being encouraged to take over community buildings and run them to bring in an income to pay for community amenities under the Community Asset Transfer process.

Bishopston Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership have started to think about what a new 'community partnership' organisation would look like. The final Neighbourhood Partnership meeting is combined with a forum on March 16th and will focus on what we have achieved and how we can work in the future.

There is going to be an increased reliance on volunteers to carry out some of the work currently done by workforce paid through council tax. For example, the council has put forward a proposal for parks to become self-funding, though the

evidence from studies carried out by many other local authorities and organisations shows that this is not possible. Libraries are also identified as being run by some 'other' organisation at no cost to the council in the future.

No more money will be allocated for distribution by Neighbourhood Partnerships (ie Small Grants, Wellbeing grants or for local highways projects). Discussions are being held within the council about how financial contributions to mitigate against the impact of development, Community Infrastructure Levy and section 106, will be allocated in the future.

It is very disappointing that the value of enhanced volunteer work that our Neighbourhood Partnership has generated has not been recognised. The Street Scene group has calculated the value of the volunteer hours that the Street Scene volunteers have donated per annum as follows.

'The Streetscene Group provides about 375 days volunteering per annum. About 80% of this time (300 days) is devoted to removing tagging/graffiti. If Bristol City Council paid an external contractor to undertake this work it would cost £180,000 to deliver it.'

We regret that the council has stopped support for an organisation that has significantly supported council services and enhanced community engagement.

Their view is that not all communities have been as successful as BCRNP. So are we being punished for our success perhaps?

If anyone wants to get involved in shaping a new organisation, do make sure they are on the Neighbourhood Partnership mailing list. Sign up at www.bcrnp.org.uk

Alison Bromilow

REDLAND AND BISHOPSTON LIBRARIES



The closed Cheltenham Road library opposite Colston's Girls' School, at the junction with Cheltenham Road and Winsley Road

There is some good news for residents who use Gloucester Road as their main shopping centre. The library building is due to open in spring 2017 (after the closure of the Cheltenham Road Library on 27th February, and the transfer of the library stock to the new building).

However, both libraries will face challenges under the current budget cuts

and the Friends of Redland Library are already working on how the library could be run in the future with more volunteer input. They have recently had a day of action, planting up the flowerbeds in front of the library with edible plants. The AGM of the Friends of Redland Library will be on 7 March and you can get in touch on

friendsofredlandlibrary@gmail.com

Why not sign up to their email news to keep abreast of what is happening?

Alison Bromilow



Final building completion of the new Gloucester Road facilities on the old Bristol North Baths site

UNIVERSITY MASTERPLAN

TYNDALL AVENUE PROJECT

See plan view inside rear cover

A consultation on the proposals being brought forward by the University to carry out work around the Tyndall Avenue ran through February. RCAS forwarded information about the consultation to members who are on our email alert system. If you did not receive notification and would like to in the future, please make sure you have signed up on our website. Look for the link under our Publications.

The University has previously proposed closing off Tyndall Avenue to traffic and RCAS and other local community organisations have objected to the privatisation of public space. Tyndall Avenue carries the buses (9 and 72) which serve the residential community north of the University in Redland and links Cotham, Kingsdown and the Triangle for vehicles and pedestrians.

The new plan proposes that the traffic which currently uses Tyndall Avenue is relocated along a newly widened road along St Michael's Park to the rear of the Library, Computer Centre, Sports Centre and Senate House. The Tyndall Avenue route would be retained as a pedestrian and cycle route (and service route for vehicles to access the Chemistry building) but would be closed off to public traffic.

The university is proposing that land in their ownership, which currently houses service yards along the backs of the Library and Senate House is used to create a wider road along the line of St Michael's Park. This will be able to accommodate a line of parking bays and for two-way

traffic (including buses). The university owns the buildings along both sides of St Michaels Park and the crèche is housed here. It is proposed that the entrance to the crèche will be moved to the rear of the building off Osborne Villas.

Tyndall Avenue will then be remodelled to create a landscaped public space which will link the buildings along either side and to provide more accessible access to the university buildings which are difficult for disabled people to enter currently because they are above the road and pavement level. The space will link up with the new and original Royal Fort Gardens.

RCAS attended a presentation about the proposed development where concerns were expressed including about

- The possible loss of public space into private ownership, which would be controlled by University security staff
- Routes which combined people on cycles and people on foot
- The practicality of bus movement given the narrow roads and restricted turning at junctions
- Whether local residents would feel welcome into an area dominated by students
- Loss of car parking bays including disabled provision (UoB would be proposing disabled car parking provision on their land which could be used by residents as well as students/staff)

There were also comments of support for the scheme

- Welcome for a high quality new public space which supported pedestrian and cycle movement
- Welcome for better setting for important university buildings, and increased accessibility
- Welcome for a traffic management plan which would reduce the conflict at the junction with Woodlands Road, and revisions to University Bus stop locations

RCAS has not expressed a committee view but has identified issues to the University

that we would expect our members and local residents would be concerned about, such as any privatisation of public space.

This scheme is not yet at planning application stage and there will be a process to work through to agree highway and service relocation with Bristol City Council before it is confirmed that this project is feasible. We will keep you informed of any future consultations if you sign up to the email alerts.

You can see the University project proposals on their website www.bristol.ac.uk/estates/projects

Alison Bromilow

REDLAND MAY FAIR

**Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017
1-5pm on Redland Green**

Come and join your fellow RCAS members, friends and neighbours for a fun-filled afternoon at this year's May Fair. There will be lots to see and enjoy with an eclectic mix of over 100 stalls, live music, children's entertainment, and teas and refreshments at the Bowling Club, Redland Green Club and in the Church Halls.

This year our nominated charity is Caring in Bristol - a small, local charity that looks after homeless and vulnerable people in Bristol. Its projects include Bristol Nightstop, which arranges temporary and emergency accommodation for young homeless



people through their volunteer host network, Caring at Christmas, where 800 volunteers help to provide shelter, food and clothing for people in need over the festive period, and Growing for Bristol - a community growing project which provides fresh produce for homeless projects in the city.

Please give generously to the bucket collection for Caring in Bristol and visit their stall at the May Fair to find out more about their inspiring work.

www.caringinbristol.co.uk

Abigail Shepherd
On behalf of May Fair committee

RCAS MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Introduction

Recently the RCAS committee and members have discussed status of the Society and its current and future role. In many ways RCAS is a very successful community organisation with a large membership of about 1200, an active committee and sound finances. There are, however, still questions for us to consider. Are we doing the things that members want? Should we make efforts to widen membership? Are there any new ideas from our membership?

With this in mind the committee decided to support a membership survey. This was carried out by Bina Shah, Kathryn Armitstead and Peter Wilde. We chose to circulate existing members using an enclosure in the December 2016 newsletter. This was felt to be the best way to reach most members.

We considered circulating the survey more widely across our area using a letter box distribution but this would have been a larger, more expensive and time consuming project. We can always do this in the future if necessary.

An summary of the results of the survey follows. The final report is being made available to the committee and any further relevant findings will be circulated.

Survey Results

We had an amazing response to the RCAS survey which was distributed in the December 2016 newsletter to 710 households. We received 182 responses, a response rate of over 25% which is very good for this type of survey. The responses were analysed and the key findings and recommendations were discussed with the Committee at a meeting on 19

January to agree the main actions to be taken in 2017.

Many interesting views were expressed which we have distilled into a small number of key findings.

1. Overwhelmingly, there is a great deal of support for RCAS driven by a desire to protect, and feel a part of, a beautiful area to live in. The surprisingly high response rate is evidence of the loyalty that many members have towards RCAS.

2. The vast majority of respondents (87%) have been members of RCAS for over 6 years and many (55%) are retired. This bears out the trends that have been seen in the membership over recent years, namely a small but steady decline in membership. Some older members no longer require membership and some members move out of the area. We don't see these losses in membership being matched by new members.

3. Many respondents mention 'planning' as a key reason for joining and, in general, there is a high level of support for the high quality of the planning responses and interventions undertaken by the Committee. In the comments made about planning, the commonest response was about avoiding turning further front gardens into parking spaces but many other topics were raised.

4. There was a wide range of other concerns about our area but there is no single 'stand-out' key issue.

Common concerns were

- The state of local streets (rubbish, bins, overhanging bushes)

- Houses in multiple occupation and student issues
- Green issues (parks and environmental)
- Transport (bus routes, residents' parking scheme, cycling)

5. The newsletter receives the highest approval rankings with 97% saying it is useful or very useful.

6. Respondents would, however, also like to receive information by email (70%) and websites (40%) but interestingly only 40% (email) and 25% (website) find those from RCAS useful or very useful.

7. A relatively small number of respondents indicated that they would be willing and able to volunteer (22 respondents). Mostly they were able to offer a small number of hours per month on an adhoc basis, e.g. to do some local, community activity such as leaf clearing or maintenance.

8. A number of respondents suggested that local events, typically street parties, would be a welcomed.

Initial Actions

These recommendations follow discussion by the survey team with the RCAS committee. Survey responses indicate that there is much that RCAS is doing 'right', but also that there is opportunity to better serve our members and area. Our initial recommendations are based on a realistic view of what can be achieved over the next year, taking into account the available time of those directly involved.

The newsletter is highly regarded and the electronic communications are less highly rated. Although it was appreciated that some members will still prefer the

paper newsletter, we were missing wider opportunities because our website is old and not very 'user friendly'. We also don't have a coherent strategy linking newsletter, website and email communications.

Our first task for the next few months is to create a new, inviting, simple and informative website that is easy to navigate and is the first port of call for potential new members as well as current members.

Once we have the new website ready, we aim to have a coherent website and email communication structure. We aim to communicate with members via email on a regular basis and we will also start to link social media into the website format. This will complement the valuable work the distributors carry out with the newsletter.

The Committee plans to continue discussion about how RCAS can be more appealing to the broader demographic of the RCAS catchment area and attract potential new members. As this is addressed, it will be reported in the newsletter.

The Committee will also discuss how volunteers can help further, taking into account the changing nature of Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Finally, thank you to all those who participated in the survey. and also to our fantastic newsletter distributors. This exercise has given us a good idea of where we are, what works and what areas we still need to work on.

Bina Shah
Kathryn Armitstead
Peter Wilde

BARRIERS TO WALKING

A number of responses in the membership survey included comments about problems with pavement obstructions. These included issues with cars parking with their wheels on pavements, which helps the traffic but not the pedestrians, people leaving their refuse bins and recycling boxes out on the pavement and overhanging hedges and shrubs.

The obstruction of pavements, or reducing the usable width of pavements, causes a lot of problems for people with buggies, pushchairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters. These people are forced into the street, often to walk out around parked cars. Often too, if there are no dropped kerbs near the obstruction, they are forced to backtrack to find a place where they can bump down off the pavement onto the road to get round the obstructed area or to cross the road.

People with vision impairments have a lot of trouble with overhanging branches



Hedges...

as they are not able to detect them until they have already walked into them. We have had requests for support, from people who use white sticks for instance, to get holly and pyracantha cut back because they have been injured by them.

So please can you help by checking the following:

Keep your hedges cut back

Can you please check that your hedge is not causing an obstruction and keep it cut back to the line of your boundary wall (particularly if it is a thorny hedge!)

Keep your bins and recycling boxes off the street except when collections are due

Bristol Waste Company (who now deal with Bristol's waste and recycling) ask that bins are on the pavements by 7am and put away after collection. They can be left out overnight the day before the collection, but they are very hard to see in the dark and having myself heard someone fall over a black box full of glass bottles, it can be hazardous. If you can put the boxes and bins close to your boundary wall, taking as little pavement space as

possible would help.
Use the Bristol City Council website to report any problems

www.bristol.gov.uk/report-a-street-issue

There are forms for overgrown hedges, flytipping, graffiti, blocked drains, dog fouling etc. You can also log problems and send photographs (and see what other problems have been identified in your area) on Fixmystreet www.fixmystreet.com/reports/Bristol

If you think the issue is caused by a student household not managing their waste and recycling properly, please use the Street Issue website but you can also contact the university community liaison officers through their email addresses on the Love Where you Live website <http://lovewhereyoulivebristol.co.uk/bristol-student-community-partnership/>

Please park considerately

There is a campaign by the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association urging the government to take forward a bill following the Private Members Bill proposal in 2015 which would allow enforcement action to be taken in the future by Police and



...and bins.

Councils. Currently this is not possible. Bristol Walking Alliance is working on this problem locally. Contact them through their website www.bristolwalkingalliance.org.uk

Take direct action

Join the Street Scene volunteers who pick up litter, clean graffiti, move pavement obstructions and report issues across the neighbourhood, and work with Bristol Waste Company, Community Payback teams, and the council to keep the streets clean and attractive, on the 'broken window' principle, that if we deal with issues quickly they will not escalate.

For more details of how to be part of the group contact the group through info@brcnp.org.uk.

The group will continue to do this work, even if the Neighbourhood Partnership organisation ceases. And thanks to the RCAS members who are already part of the group.

Alison Bromilow

If this layout makes you feel 'hemmed in' imagine trying to get your mobility scooter through these gaps!

Editor

BACK IN THE '50's

Some reminiscences from Roger Mortimer

Today, change of use to a 'student house' understandably causes concern if not strong opposition. In 1952, when I moved into a house in Hampton Park with four other architectural students I think mild curiosity about 'students' was the general reaction. Students then were mainly male and wore much the same uninteresting clothes as much of the population, but could often be distinguished by their Bristol University scarves, and in the case of budding architects perhaps a bow tie. The number of students in Bristol was small and quite a few were local. Many lived in University accommodation and others in 'digs' or bedsitters. Student houses were a rarity.

The Royal West of England Academy School of Architecture was entirely separate from Bristol University and had no student accommodation. Initially I lived with friends Pat and Colin in the gardener's cottage at Willsbridge Castle. Getting to the School of Architecture involved a long bus journey to Old Market and then we walked through a bomb site that is now Castle Park and on to the School in Great George Street. The uncertainties of bus travel and the constraints on social life made a move into town essential. We found a furnished house in Hampton Park which was to be home for five of us in the last year of our 5 year full time course, which ended in 1953.

The war had created some gaps in Redland streets and buildings were generally shabby and dirty in those pre 'Clean Air Act' days. The contrast with today's smart and colourful scene could not be greater. Fortunately, the sturdy Victorian

character of the houses of Hampton Park gave the street real character and the scene was helped by the almost universal front gardens, some still growing vegetables. Although the iron gates had gone to make weapons, houses had retained their stone gate pillars, ours bearing the optimistic inscription - 'Virtue Villa'.

It was somewhat primitive inside, with an erratic hot water supply from a voracious coke stove, a larder (no fridge) and very limited and tired furniture. But loads of space!

The street felt positively spacious due to the very small number of parked cars. One of these was 'Homer', a 1930's Wolseley saloon, owned by Pat. Due to our mechanical ignorance this spent too much time parked in the street, where neighbours helped with advice and occasional push starts.

Daily shopping for food was normal, and we were well served by the range of shops in the Cotham Hill area. Some elements of wartime food rationing were still in force, so we were registered at butchers, grocer etc. the latter shop being in Abbotsford Road, now Earthbound, which I still patronise. There were no plastic wrappings or containers, so purchases came loose in paper bags or wrapped in newspaper. Drinks came in returnable bottles and milk was delivered. No one ate or drank in the street and I recall few issues with litter or dustbins. This does not mean the streets were clean. The quantity of fag ends indicated how extensive smoking was. Inadequately toilet trained dogs made their contribution..

This was our last year and in addition to working on our final design thesis (in my case a Library of Commerce for the site now occupied by the former Norwich Union next to Castle Park) we had to prepare for the Royal Institute of British Architects Final Exams, which we sat in the imposing Royal West of England Academy galleries. These exams all had to be passed before the Holy Grail of becoming a Chartered Architect (ARIBA) could be achieved.

Study did not prevent some relaxation and traditional student behaviour featuring alcohol, music (jazz) and association with the opposite sex. The School of Architecture was almost the spiritual home of the Avon Cities Jazz Band. (The 'last' concert was in 2016, with one ex-architect and one RCAS member still in the front line.)

Our local pubs included what is now the Jersey Lily, and what was then Crockers

in Cotham Hill. Georges Bitter Beer was 1/1d. a pint (about 7p). To put this in context, average weekly earnings in 1953 were £9.50, for a 45 hour week. An occasional alternative refreshment was a Red Biddy, cider from the barrel topped up with Empire port wine, a lethal combination.

It was virtually impossible to get a drink after last orders at 10pm due to the strict control of Bristol's Watch Committee (licensing). Few pubs were allowed music; raising ones voice in song could lose a licence. This must have meant that noisy student (mis)behaviour was rare. I do not recall any complaints from our neighbours in Hampton Park. However, 1952 was Coronation Year, so perhaps Bristol was somewhat more celebratory than usual. Overall, the totally different 'student timetable' of today must be a major reason for the continuing issue of late night anti-social behaviour and noise, not just from students.

continued overleaf



Inspection of the 'troops' before the West v. Wales rugby match. Architectural students shouldered their T-squares. A young Roger Mortimer is front right!

An annual public display of Bristol student life was the Rag Day procession. This assembled at Clifton Down station coal yard and proceeded noisily down to the Centre. Architectural students also put on a public show at Temple Meads when their opposite numbers from Cardiff arrived for the annual rugby match – in which the Welsh inevitably triumphed. It was also a tradition for us architectural students to attend the Theatre Royal panto, occupying the front row in a highly participatory fashion.

strong family connections with Bristol, as my grandfather had been in business in Bristol (very unsuccessfully it appears) and my father was born in North Road, Leigh Woods, and brought up at Walls Court Farm, Stoke Gifford.

Hampton Park was to be the first of my four homes in Cotham and Redland, the last being our new (1967!) house in Elmgrove Road. What is it about Bristol and our area in particular that attracts such loyalty?

In living in Hampton Park I was renewing

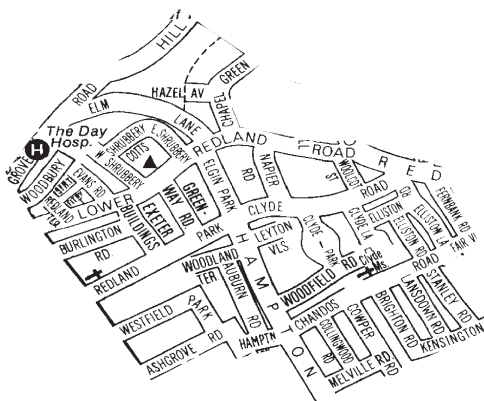
Roger Mortimer

OPEN GARDENS 2017

Don't forget to put
Open Gardens
in your diary

**Sunday 18th June,
2.00 - 5.30 pm**

(the programme will
be included in the May
newsletter)



REDLAND WEST

For those who have not participated in the past this is a lovely community event, a great opportunity for a pleasant stroll, to meet the locals, and perhaps to get some gardening tips or ideas.

We are now looking for members to open their gardens and if you are interested and would like more information please contact Kelly-ann at Kellyann.hocking@googlemail.com.

Don't be put off if your garden does not look as if a celebrity gardener designed it: veggie, family or picture perfect - access permitting, all gardens are welcome!



redland may fair

Join us for the all-dancing, food-tasting,
family-friendly, entertainment-celebrating,
craft-collecting, bric-a-brac selling, local
gastronomical bank holiday bonanza of
redland may fair fun!

Bank Holiday Monday May 1st
1-5pm at Redland Green.
All welcome!

redland 
2017 **may fair**

www.rcas.org.uk/redland-fair

If you'd like to join our band of willing volunteers for an hour on the day please
email RedlandMayFairVolunteers@gmail.com

– even a little help makes a big difference!

FRIENDS and NEIGHBOURS may want to join RCAS

The annual subscription is £10 per household. The postal subscription for those living outside the RCAS area is also £10.

We prefer to collect subscriptions by Standing Order in order to reduce work for our distributors.

We will supply a Standing Order mandate form on request.

For those who do not wish to use Standing Order, subscriptions will be collected by distributors in May

Those wishing to join should contact the Membership Secretary

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BS6 7EH
Email: membership@rcas.org.uk

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Do mention if you are able to help with any RCAS activities.

Tyndall Avenue Public Realm Project



Concept Illustration: Plan



4.

Consultation February 2017

See the article on this topic on page 8 of this newsletter

Image: Nicholas Pearson Associates Ltd





Spring is just around the corner.....

