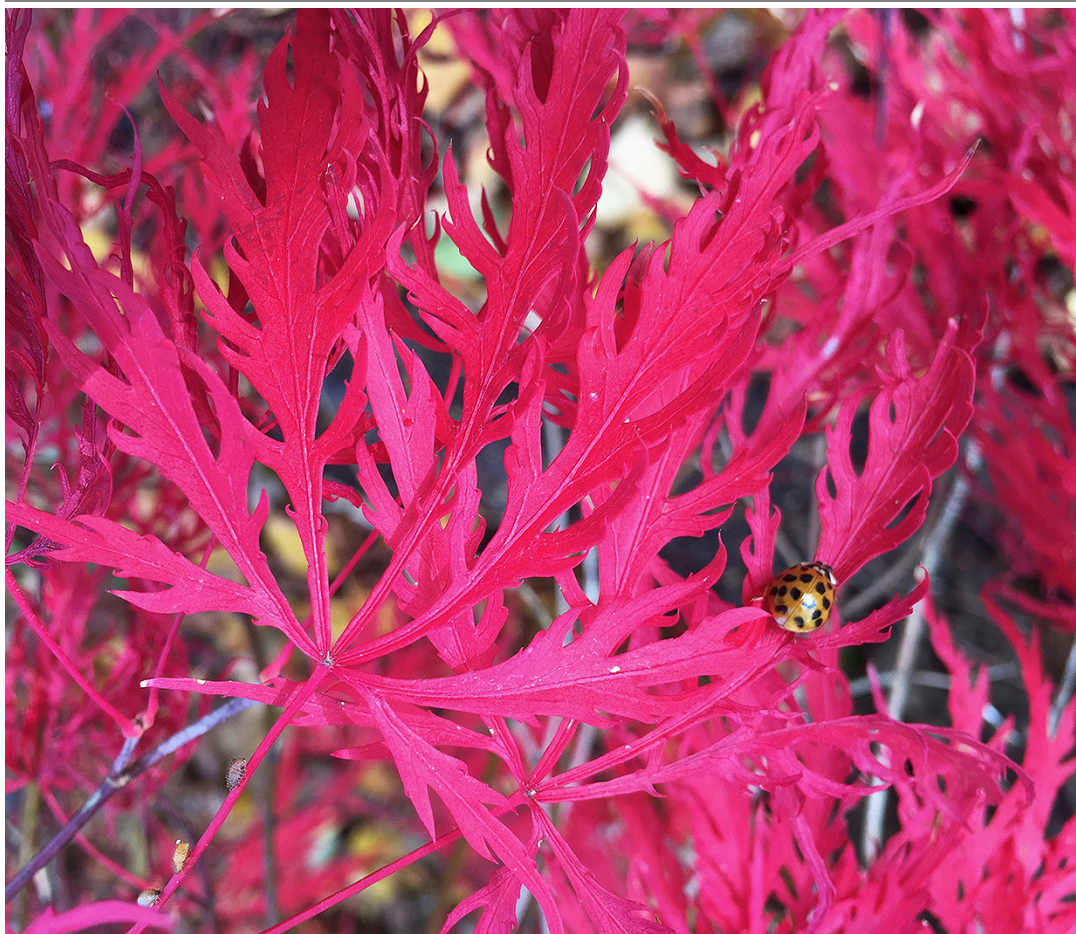


# Redland & Cotham Amenities Society



**Report from the Chair  
AGM Minutes and Accounts  
RCAS Gold Star award  
Community Partnership  
Pull-out Information Section**



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Front cover and this page:  
We have had some beautiful autumn colours this year.  
(Did you spot the ladybird?)

# Report from the Chair

This is my last report as chair of RCAS - but more about that later.

Let me start with a review of the past year. It has been a mixed picture with both highs and lows. Perhaps our most prominent setback has been the decision of the May Fair committee to cease running the Redland May Fair. News of this decision was published in the last newsletter and you will read more details on p22 in this newsletter from Julie Hart, May Fair committee chair for many years. The main RCAS committee is very disappointed about the need to take this decision but it was ultimately inevitable and we are entirely supportive. I would like to give my very warm appreciation to Julie and the May Fair committee for a job very well done.

This situation is mirrored, though less dramatically, by the challenge of obtaining new blood on the main RCAS committee. Although we have had some excellent additions to the committee in recent years, we have also seen several members stepping down. This means that most work of RCAS is carried out by a small number of trusty committee members, five of whom have served for over ten years. We do need fresh (and dare I say – young) blood on our committee. Sadly, for reasons unconnected with RCAS, we are unfortunately losing our brilliant secretary Graham Rogers this year.

You will also see from the regular reports of our membership secretary Kathryn Armitstead, that membership is slowly declining. Why? Perhaps you may have some answers for us.

Within Redland and Cotham lie some of the most desirable residential areas of Bristol and the role RCAS plays in keeping these areas so attractive is perhaps one of

Bristol's best kept secrets. Every planning development is scrutinised, many objections are lodged and many undesirable changes are halted. Many thanks to our tireless planning team of Alison Bromilow, Simon Birch, Gill Penrose (and until recently Roger Mortimer).

We enhance the area by enhancing parks, installing and maintaining children's playgrounds, improving street lighting and doing many other things to improve the amenity of the area. The Cotham in Bloom initiative, led by Gillian Penrose, is a great example. This initiative has won many awards and has enhanced the local street scene for several years and yet is probably taken for granted by most residents.

The high density of student accommodation in Redland and Cotham adds vibrancy and supports the economy but we still have to live harmoniously together and this doesn't always happen. I am very grateful to Rob Harris for the work he does on managing student related issues and relations with our two universities.

I'm delighted to say that the RCAS finances remain strong, even though we have kept household subscriptions down to £10 a year (which includes 4 newsletters a year and a revitalised website apart from anything else). We have had a generous legacy this year which boosted our bank balance and our financial challenge this year is to determine the best way, as a charitable organisation, to spend it. Thanks very much to Carew Reynell for competently keeping our finances in order.

In this regard, we have made a notable step forward with the introduction of our small grants scheme led by Graham Rogers. This allows us to consider funding local schemes

for the benefit of the area. The proviso (remember our small committee) is that schemes must be led and implemented by members, not delegated to the committee. I hope this will widen RCAS member participation.

This year the Open Gardens event was a fantastic success, as it was last year, and this is due to the very strong team led by Kelly Ann Hocking that runs it. Long may it continue.

The RCAS newsletter continues to be the flagship of our society and is eagerly anticipated four times a year. Many thanks to my husband Peter for putting so much effort into this over many years (he tells me it's now 14 years!). Peter pulls together articles and information submitted by the committee and other members, adds loads of colour photographs and edits it into an easy to read booklet.

RCAS is a major player in local politics and we owe a huge amount to Alison Bromilow for this. Alison has seen us through so many changes on the local scene, she attends many meetings on behalf of RCAS, she is a stalwart of the planning committee and she has been our representative on the Neighbourhood Partnership in its multiple various guises.

The Gold Star award, led by Simon Birch, continues to be an important feature on the local scene although this year there have been fewer developments of quality to nominate. Perhaps this is just part of the normal cycle.

Much is happening in our area and RCAS continues to thrive in times of change.

This brings me onto my concluding remarks concerning my own position. During my time on the RCAS committee I have been engaged in many other activities, including

being High Sheriff of Bristol which was a great honour for me and was a fabulous but very busy year (2016-17).

I continue to be active in a number of other charities and recently I have become Chair of Quartet Community Foundation (previously known as the Greater Bristol Foundation). This is a large philanthropic organisation which has many functions including investing endowment funds and giving philanthropic advice and guidance. Last year Quartet gave over £3 million in grants to local organisations. This will be keeping me extremely busy! If any of you are wondering how to use your pot of savings to assist incredible philanthropic work in the Bristol area, you couldn't do better than to tuck it away safely in a Quartet endowment fund!

Considering these demands on my time and energy, and having chaired RCAS for 11 years, I decided that it was time for me to step down from the committee. I have hugely enjoyed working with so many great people and I've relished the challenges of the role.

Alison Bromilow is the current Vice-Chair of RCAS and has kindly agreed to take over the reins again until a new chair is appointed (she was chair before me) and I am very grateful to her for this.

I would like to conclude by thanking most sincerely all those RCAS committee members, May Fair committee members and so many other members and supporters for all their brilliant help and support over the years. I will remain a loyal RCAS member and will 'do my bit' wherever I can. Thank you again.

*Hen Wilde*



# Minutes of the 46th RCAS AGM

## Redland Green Bowling Club Wednesday 14th November 2018

There were 39 in attendance including members of the committee and 5 councillors. Apologies received from Roger Mortimer, Simon Birch, Tony Jarvis, Emily Smithson and Monica Lougee.

The event started with refreshments at 7.00pm.

The meeting was formally opened at 7.30pm by the RCAS chair, Helen Wilde, who welcomed members, visitors and councillors. Helen noted that this had generally been another successful year for RCAS and thanked the committee for their work.

A less auspicious event was the demise of the May Fair after 42 years (see later item) and Helen thanked those who had been involved so successfully over the years (at least £20k raised for charitable causes). Helen also thanked the team who had again organised a very successful open gardens event. She also thanked the newsletter editor, Peter Wilde, and the distributors.

The planning team (Alison Bromilow, Simon Birch and Gill Penrose) were also thanked for their continued work that was given added power by the backing of the 700 household membership. Helen also noted progress on student matters via Rob Harris and the success of

the small grants scheme that was started this year and that required membership leadership to deliver.

Helen noted that the committee was in need of new (and younger) participation and that all offers of help would be welcome.

Helen announced that she would not be continuing as chair due to other charity commitments. She was thanked for her 11 years service as chair by Alison Bromilow and presented with a bouquet by Gill Penrose on behalf of members and the committee.

### 1. Approval of last year's minutes

The 2017 AGM minutes as set out in the December 2017 newsletter, and displayed



Helen receives a bouquet from  
Gill Penrose

in the room, were approved, being proposed by Alison Bromilow and seconded by Gill Penrose.

## 2. Annual report

The 2017 Annual report in the December 2017 newsletter was approved, proposed by Clive Stevens, seconded by Kathryn Armitstead.

## 4. Election of officers and committee

Elections for RCAS Committee were held and the following were successfully elected.

Annual appointments

Treasurer - Carew Reynell. Proposed by Julie Hart and seconded by Pewter Wilde.

Secretary - This post is currently vacant as Graham Rogers is stepping down.

3 year appointment

Simon Birch. Proposed by Alison Bromilow and seconded by Bina Shah.

## 3. Treasurer's report

The accounts were presented by Carew Reynell. These were in 3 sections: 'Administration' 'May Fair' and 'Projects'. The balance sheet was shown.

The overall picture was very positive with a surplus, in part resulting from legacies, of £44,492.

The accounts were approved unanimously, proposed by Julie Hart and seconded by Graham Rogers.

The accounts are shown on pages 7 and 8 of this newsletter.

**The second part of the meeting from 8 pm was chaired by Peter Wilde.**

## 5. Gold Star Award

In the absence of Simon Birch, a Gold Star award was presented by Alison Bromilow. There was only one nomination this year, however it was an exceptional one.

The Star was awarded for 56,57 and 58 Sydenham Road and was received by the architect Frank Ghaidan who spoke positively about his early pre-application engagement with RCAS on the design. (details shown on page 17)

## 6. May Fair Lessons

Julie Hart highlighted the reasons behind the demise of the event after 42 years and presented some pointers to future practice. To some extent the event had become too successful for its own good and had ultimately lost the 'local feel'. It was also becoming more expensive to run. Julie noted the increased difficulties in dealing with the council including escalating licence costs, regulation, paperwork and poor communication from the Events dept. A shortage of volunteers had also meant having to employ security personnel. She suggested that future events on a different scale would be possible using the equipment and expertise of the committee.

Peter Wilde thanked Julie and the committee and the audience responded with heartfelt applause.

Alison Bromilow announced that the Redland Green Community Group are proposing a community event on Saturday 27th April 2019 which would involve using the privately-owned land round the green, such as the Church, church halls, bowling club and tennis club, in order to avoid the difficulties experienced by the May Fair committee of holding events in the park.

The chair of RGCG, Emily Smithson, will be asking advice of the May Fair committee and invites anyone who is interested in helping to get in touch.

## Councillor's Question and Answers

Five local councillors (Anthony Negus, Martin Fodor, Fi Hance, Clive Stevens and Carla Denyer) engaged in a lively and varied debate with the audience.

Much of the focus was on the fact that Bristol City Council (BCC) had just declared a climate emergency in a move proposed by Carla Denyer. This means that Bristol is



aiming to become carbon neutral by 2030 i.e. 20 years earlier than planned.

A wide-ranging discussion included a request for BCC to be more daring and visionary in its actions. The role of local people was discussed and one member cautioned against RCAS becoming overtly political. A response to this was that individuals were responding to a climate emergency and it was possible that RCAS could harness this individual enthusiasm to undertake actions to improve the area without displaying political allegiance, something that it has always managed to do in the past. It was acknowledged that this was a fine balance to achieve.

Antony spoke about diesel fumes and the institutionalising of fast-food vans near schools in our area as a consequence of budget pressures on parks to achieve an income. He has been holding discussions with Bristol Waste about recycling and University senior management and the Chief Constable about the possibility of funding Police Community Support Officer posts as has happened in other parts of the country. He was encouraged by the response.

There was discussion about the status of Houses in Multiple Occupation and gradual progress to improve relations with students and ensuring that the universities recognised their responsibilities to local communities.

Councillors noted that many of the issues discussed were affected by financial pressures and that some issues e.g. student council tax and ownership of bus companies by the council were influenced by central government policies.

Martin Fodor stated that there was a commitment by councillors that they were working to ensure consistency between departments e.g. cycling and transport are health issues that also touch on obesity campaigns.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

**Graham Rogers**  
RCAS Secretary



Alison presents the Gold Star award to architect Frank Ghaidan

# RCAS Accounts 2017/18

Income	16/17 £	17/18 £	Expenditure	16/17 £	17/18 £
<b>ADMIN</b>					
Subscriptions	6480	6247	Newsletter	3740	3680
Interest	19	20	Admin	192	821
Sales		7	Survey	549	0
			Meetings/events	40	229
			<b>Surplus</b>	<b>1978</b>	<b>1539</b>
Totals	6499	6274		6499	6269
<b>MAY FAIR</b>					
Stall rents	5435	3955	Entertainment	1035	1635
Advertising	300	200	Toilets	1362	1362
Collection	1556	1268	Security	619	550
Raffle (RGS)	100	104	Waste clearance	300	456
Donations	300	0	Printing	371	269
Gift aid	390	314	Licences	581	574
Transfer from Debtors		1213	First aid	242	256
			Sound system	175	150
			Insurance	209	209
			Expenses	154	75
			Donation	2345	1686
<b>Deficit</b>		<b>168</b>	Surplus	688	
Totals	8081	7222		8081	7222
<b>PROJECTS</b>					
			Trees	181	147
Cotham Hill in Bloom	70		Cotham Hill in Bloom	129	
			Chandos in Bloom	200	358
			Parks	228	
Cossins booklet - sales		1305	Cossins booklet		1980
Bequest		10000	Street party		150
			The Haven		500
Gift aid	969	1264	Whiteladies Gate	560	4127



Deficit	259		<b>Surplus</b>		<b>5307</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1298</b>	<b>12569</b>		<b>1298</b>	<b>12569</b>
<b>Balance sheet</b>				<b>30/9/17</b>	<b>30/9/18</b>
Bank account				39588	45480
Less creditors				-2859	-1234
Less held for other orgs				-620	-1298
Plus debtors				1578	1544
<b>Net assets</b>				<b>37687</b>	<b>44492</b>

Note: £5,246 is earmarked to help to pump prime any successor to the May Fair, and £10,000 is earmarked for small projects.

## Gift Aid

Many of you have kindly completed Gift Aid declarations, enabling RCAS to reclaim tax on your subscription.

For a Gift Aid claim to be valid, you must have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) which you donate to will reclaim on your gifts for that tax year. Other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. RCAS

will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 of your subscription and any other donations.

If you have any concerns that your Gift Aid declaration may no longer be valid, please contact our Treasurer, Carew Reynell, at [carew.reynell@gmail.com](mailto:carew.reynell@gmail.com) or on 9443042.

**Carew Reynell**  
**Treasurer**

# Planning Report

## 47A Zetland Road

Application for two residential blocks of 8 residential units has been refused on grounds of over-intensive development, not contributing to provision of family housing, and of sub-standard sized units, and of being out of keeping with the area. RCAS objected.

## 27-31 Lower Redland Road

Application to create two residential units at first floor level. Withdrawn.

## Rear of 43 Cotham Hill

(facing onto Hampton Lane)

Construction of 3 storey HMO. Withdrawn.

## 15 Ashgrove Road

Revisions have been made to the application for a three-storey house. RCAS had objected the proposal to excavate a basement level which had the potential to damage the roots of the tree on the boundary with adjoining property.

The new line of the basement perimeter wall has been moved back from the boundary but RCAS still has concerns and has objected again.

## Redland Grove Garage, Meridian Road

A new application for a two-storey house and a single storey live-work unit has been submitted for this site. Although RCAS regrets the loss of a local business, it has not opposed the new application, which is more in keeping with the previous one and avoids the issue of overlooking of neighbouring properties.

## Appeals:

### Kwik Fit, Whiteladies Road

Change of use from light industrial to retail use.

### 16 Clyde Road

Demolition of garage and erection of single storey residential unit.

Alison Bromilow  
Simon Birch



Autumnal morning sunshine in Lower Redland Road



## Roll-out of super-fast broadband

BR Openreach has a brief to get fibre cable to every property in the country and, as a telecoms provider, it has blanket approval to carry out whatever works they need to do to achieve this.

In Redland Grove in October, the engineers arrived to install a new telegraph pole in the pavement to serve a small number of houses on Redland Grove. We were told that they work to a principle of ensuring that there is still a minimum width of 1 m clear pavement. The position chosen turned out to be unsuitable because there was already a cable in the pavement. They considered setting it out from the wall to avoid the cable or putting it on the opposite side of the road, in the Lovers' Walk/Redland Grove green space but the local residents persuaded them to reconsider. This would have been the only telegraph pole in the road, which is a conservation area.

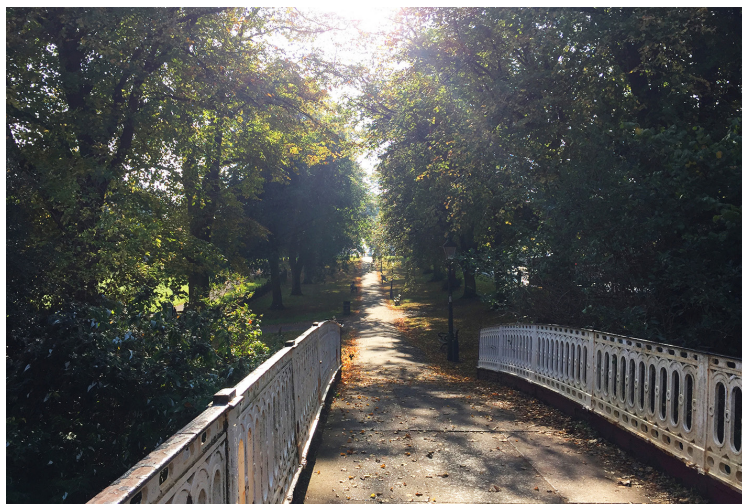
A further meeting of residents with the BT team and Councillor Anthony Negus took place a week later. The BT team were asked

to carry out further studies to put the cable underground, preferably using the existing ducting to draw new cables through rather than digging up the pavements.

There is no agreement for BT to use existing Virginmedia cable ducts which would appear to be the most sensible method. The costs of underground against overhead cabling is significantly higher, so BT are obviously aiming for the cheapest option, but they seem to have been persuaded that, in this case at least, this is inappropriate.

This turnaround was thanks to the alertness and swift action of the local residents. Councillor Negus is pursuing the implications for the wider city. We are not the only area to be facing this issue; we were told that there is currently no opportunity to be consulted on these works before they are carried out, but that if, after a new pole is erected, a significant number of objections are received, the pole will be taken down again. Apparently, this has happened in a large number of installations recently.

Alison Bromilow



Lovers' Walk is always worth a photo!

# Student Liaison

## Student parties and anti-social behavior developments

Following on from recent canvassing for action to deal with the problems of anti-social behaviour in our area, RCAS contacted the Chief Constable Andy Marsh. I highlighted the serious problems that can occur with students integrating into a residential area that can cause issues with rubbish, parking and in particular noise and anti-social behaviour. I also explained that RCAS has petitioned the University of Bristol, UoB, to take much more responsibility for the management of their students' behaviour in the community for the benefit of all long-term residents and students alike.

I outlined a scheme in Newcastle known as 'Operation Oak' where the University pays the police for patrols on Fridays and Saturdays to monitor student parties and general anti-social behaviour and asked him if this would be something that he would be prepared to take on with appropriate funding from UoB. Not surprisingly he responded very positively and has asked his seconded university officer to look into it. The hope is that pressure from the police will help UoB realise the seriousness of this issue and agree to pay for police involvement.

During October Diana Swain and Fiona McVey of Chandos Neighbourhood Association and Andrew Waller of the Noise Pages website met Sergeant Scott, a local police sergeant. They had a lengthy discussion with him about the problems of noise in the neighbourhood. He listened attentively and was sympathetic about the problem. As a result, the police presence was considerably heightened around Chandos Road during the lead-up to Halloween through the evening, although the patrols were called away during the night to other areas. He was keen that residents should

phone 101 to register unacceptable noise, and of course inform the university and Bristol City Council. For more information on contact details see the RCAS website.

Report on open meeting of Chandos Neighbours Association held upstairs at the Kensington Arms on Monday 12th November.

Invited guests included local police officers Ben Scofield and Danni Packer and councillor Anthony Negus.

Ben Scofield gave a roundup of recent student parties and outlined the sort of action that could be used to deal with anti-social behaviour and 'big parties'. He said that the police have powers to close excessively loud parties down and take further action under Anti-Social Behaviour legislation.

He also said that in the Chandos Road area there was an additional door knock by Police and Neighbourhood Enforcement with targeted noise and ASB messages and that there was a visible police presence in the area throughout October.

Diana Swain highlighted the response from UoB Deputy Registrar Lynn Robinson regarding the University's approach to managing their students' anti-social behaviour. As reported in local media there will be a standard fine of £100 per householder for the first offence of an anti-social party and compulsory attendance at an impact awareness course (costing £50) on anti-social behaviour. Students are required to write to their neighbours to apologise and the students' head of school is notified. A repeat offence causes the fine to go up to £250 per householder.

This is a positive and helpful effort by UoB who have become more aware of the effect of the 'big parties' on the local residents. I think they are also very concerned about the negative effect this has on their public relations. It is therefore now even more important to notify the University of any student anti-social behaviour.

Contact Joni Lloyd Community Liaison Officer

community-living@bristol.ac.uk

0117 95 46640

Joni has worked very hard dealing with complaints from the community and has really made a difference.

The key issue for many residents is of course overnight response to excessive noise. Lynn said that having discussed possibilities with the UoB security teams, involving them in night patrols would not be helpful and we are instead pursuing two options - university funding for dedicated police or police

community support officers to enable them to patrol along the lines of the Newcastle initiative; and, at an earlier stage of discussion, possibly working with the Bristol City Centre Business Improvement District (whose advisory board she chairs) to expand their street marshal scheme.

Lynn also explained how the students' union is offering support to students who wish to organise an event or activity which brings together students and long-term residents, using the Community Fund.

Councillor Negus reported on a recent conversation he had had with the Chief Constable, where the Chief Constable said that he was very concerned about the risks to students of having serious accidents at some of the 'big parties' when they get out of hand.

Further contact information.

Andrew Waller of the Noise Pages at [www.thenoisepages.com](http://www.thenoisepages.com)

Rob Harris



Join us by the children's playground.

## Parks

### Cotham Gardens

Are there any keen or novice gardeners with time on their hands and not enough garden to satisfy their needs? Could you help with keeping the flower bed at Cotham Gardens weed free and kempt? It is more fun working with a friend; get in touch if you could help Alison with this (and thanks to the kind person who has put in a passion flower which will be a great asset when it trails along the fence). If you have plants to donate, let us know.

### Redland Green

Redland Green Community Group are working with the organisations around the green to bring forward a community event on Saturday April 27th 2019. if you

would like to help, get in touch with Emily Smithson the chair of RGCG

emily\_foulkes@hotmail.com  
or check their website  
[www.rgcg.org.uk](http://www.rgcg.org.uk)

### Carols by lantern-light

Redland Green  
22nd December 6-7pm on the green.  
All are welcome.

Refreshments will be provided in Redland Parish Church Halls after the Lantern Lit Carols event.

**Alison Bromilow**



Leaf clearance morning on Lovers Walk/ Grove Park – 42 bags this time!



## Bishopston Cotham and Redland Community Partnership

The next meeting of the CP will be in early spring when we will be asking the community to identify projects which the councillors can support with the Community Infrastructure Levy funding pot at their disposal. The first year of the new system for CIL allocation did not include any consultation on projects but we are hoping next year to improve the process and allow more debate before the decisions are made at the Area Committee meeting. The 2017 meeting did not allow for community input other than as a public forum statement which the CP felt was insufficient. We have responded to the review consultation

and hope that the council adopts a more open and engaging process in the future. BCR has a smaller pot of money than most of the Area Committees because of the already densely developed nature of the area, so fewer infrastructure projects can be brought forward locally. The Street Scene group, which used to be supported by the Neighbourhood Partnership funding pots, is pressing for more support through the CIL funding to continue its work fighting flyposting and graffiti in the area.

**Alison Bromilow**

### RCAS Small Grant Scheme

There may not be much council money for our area, but there is money available for Redland and Cotham projects from the RCAS small grants fund and if you have an idea for a project that you would like to bring forward, get in touch with details. We are currently supporting several projects on Redland Green brought forward by RGCG: hedge-laying, replacement tree planting and the Carols event.

### Street Parties

Now is the time to start planning next year's events. If you are considering organising a street party don't forget that Sustainable Redland hold a stock of useful equipment such as road barriers and bunting for BS6 communities. To find out more have a look at the street party website

<http://www.streetparty.org.uk/bristol/>

## Hedge Laying

Essentially what RCAS volunteers were doing on a recent weekend is called hedge laying. Trees were planted by local residents 10 years ago along the edge of backs of garden walls as seen in the photographs.

A hedge laying expert tutored us in how to cut into the trunk of the tree just above the ground to allow the whole tree to be laid over to form a hedge. A hedge is considered to be a better environment for wildlife than the trees themselves.

**Rob Harris**



Bending a prepared tree behind a standard tree which was left untouched



All in a day's work

## Gold Star Award



### Three Houses, 56, 57 and 58 Sydenham Road

Architect: Ghaidan Architects

Developer: Life Space Limited

Main Contractor: New Space Design and Build Limited

The Gold Star Panel was impressed by the way in which these three townhouses were fitted into a compact, corner site formerly occupied by rundown garages. This is an excellent development of an under-used but prominent corner site in Cotham and has made a positive contribution to the local character of the area.

The choice of materials was especially well thought out, and the whole development was constructed with care and craftsmanship. The Panel particularly liked the use of Pennant stone on the street elevations, which have been designed to complement the local architecture.

Simon Birch

Below: garages on the site before the development



# Armistice Centenary Commemoration

## St. Saviour's War Memorial, Chandos Road

*This local event was organised by the Chandos Neighbourhood Association, led by Di and Geoff Swain. On Sunday 11th November, just before 11.00am, approximately 50 local residents attended a simple ceremony in which a wreath was laid, local people read the short histories about local soldiers (described below) and a two minute silence was observed. Those attending felt that although it was a small and very local event, it was at the same time appropriate and very dignified. Geoff Swain has written a brief account below of the history as we know it.*

**Editor**

The War Memorial on Chandos Road, by the former St. Saviour's Church, today seems rather impersonal. "Dedicated by relatives to the Glory of God and the memory of their dear ones", it gives just the initials and surnames of those who lost their lives.

In 1920, when the memorial was erected, these men were no doubt well-known and the impact of their death on the wider community clear. However, one hundred years later the names alone tell us little. To find out more about those commemorated on the memorial, and the impact of their deaths on their families and community, I started by looking up their names on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website. For roughly one in five of the names traced, the War Graves Commission gave an address. Once I had found addresses for all the roads in the immediate vicinity of St. Saviour's, there seemed a possible way forward.

By linking the names and addresses obtained from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to the 1911 census, it was possible to put together pen portraits of nine of the forty eight men recorded on the memorial. These pen portraits were brought together in a display next to the

war memorial, and outside the houses on the relevant streets individual pen portraits were hung near a red poppy painted on the pavement. In this way the residents of each street near St. Saviour's could identify with a house and family in their street which had had to cope with the sacrifice of war.

It is important to note that the choice of those for whom there are pen portraits was entirely chance. Unless the Commonwealth War Graves Commission gave an address, I could not make progress. For Stanley Road, Lansdown Road and Roslyn Road, I found two addresses, and chose the house occupied by an older, married man as the vast majority of those recorded on the memorial were young unmarried men in their late teens or early twenties.

In social terms, the vast majority served as privates or corporals, and in civilian life had been clerks or labourers. The highest ranking officer was Lieutenant Henry George Phippen, who came from Easton in Gordano.

*Read the nine short histories overleaf.*





### **Roslyn Road**

#### **Walter William Beer**

Private Beer, of the Somerset Light Infantry, was killed in action on 22 August 1917 aged 33. At the time of his death the Somerset Light Infantry was fighting the Third Battle of Ypres, also known as Passchendaele. He lived with his wife, Letitia Mary Beer, at 2 Roslyn Road and before then, in 1911, at 34 Shadwell Road in Bishopston. Before the war he had worked as a grocer's porter. His daughter, Gladys Letitia, was born in 1910.

### **Stanley Road**

#### **Herbert Thomas Dore**

Private Dore, of the Gloucester Regiment, died of his wounds on 20 July 1916 aged 20. At this time the Gloucester Regiment was taking part in the Battle of the Somme. When he died his family lived at 16 Stanley Road, but a few years prior to that, in 1911, they had lived at 34 Brighton Road. Before the war Herbert had worked as an apprentice hairdresser. His father, Herbert William Dore, worked as a dairyman, his mother Elizabeth Hester Dore was a housewife. His older sister, Lillian Thomas Dore, worked as a housemaid.

### **Lansdown Road**

#### **Charles Oliver Moore**

Private Moore, of the Gloucester Regiment, died on 29 July 1916 aged 20. At this time the Gloucester Regiment was attacking Pozières in the ongoing fighting on the Somme. His family lived at 12 Lansdown Road and before the war he had worked as a fishmonger's porter. His father, John Moore, was a carter at a furniture depot, and his mother, Bessie Moore, was a housewife. His elder sister, May Eveline Moore, worked as

a shop assistant, and he had three younger brothers, Arthur John Moore, William Herbert Moore and Reginald Frank Moore.

### **Chandos Road**

#### **Francis Howard Moore**

Lance Corporal Moore, of the Somerset Light Infantry, was killed in action on 7 December 1917 aged 22. At the time of his death, the Somerset Light Infantry was involved in fighting near Marcoing, northern France. His family home was 33 Chandos Road, and before the war he had worked as a decorator. His father, Ebenezer Moore, was a plumber and decorator, and with his wife Eliza Jane they had eight other children. Francis had an older sister, Fanny Flora who worked as a clerk; two older brothers, Ernest Leonard, who was also a clerk, and Stanley Raleigh who worked as a decorator; a younger brother Joseph Etie, and three younger sisters Edith Dorothy, Ivy Nora and Marjorie Phillis.

### **Brighton Road**

#### **Francis William Fitzgibbon**

Rifleman Fitzgibbon, of the London Regiment, died on 10 March 1917 aged 28; no cause of death is recorded. In February 1917, on the Somme, the Germans withdrew to a defensive system known as the Hindenburg Line. The London Regiment was involved in probing these defences and attacked on 14 March. The family home was 15 Brighton Road and before the war he had worked as a clerk to a stockbroker. His mother, Sarah Jane Fitzgibbon, worked as a laundress, and his father, William Patrick Fitzgibbon, who had been born in Dublin, worked as a greaser for a steamship company.

## Cowper Road Percival John Bevin

Percival Bevin was a driver with the Royal Field Artillery. He died of his wounds on 18 August 1917 aged 21. On 2 August 1917 the Royal Field Artillery were involved in heavy fighting at the Battle of Pilckem Ridge, part of the Battle of Passchendaele. The family home was 12 Cowper Road and before the war Percival had worked as a greengrocer's porter. His father, John Bevin, was a butcher's assistant and his mother, Louisa Bevin, a housewife. He had two elder brothers, Victor Bevin, an engineering apprentice in a laundry, and Stanley Bevin, a grocer's clerk. He also had a younger sister, Gladys, and a younger brother Reginald.

Grenadier Guards had been involved in heavy fighting on the same on 25 September near Lesboeufs. He was the husband of Eleanor Pickard, formerly Keer, who lived at 113 Hampton Road, with Cecil's parents Richard Pickard, a building and decorating contractor, and Eva Pickard, a housewife. Second Corporal Leonard Gammon Pickard, of the Royal Engineers, died of his wounds at 113 Hampton Road on 12 August 1917 aged 21. The Royal Engineers had been heavily involved in the Battle of Arras in April 1917. Between Cecil and Leonard, Richard and Eva had a daughter Eva Gammon Pickard, who worked as a clerk to a butcher, and a second younger daughter Phyllis Gammon Pickard.

## Collingwood Road James William Scott

Private Scott served in the Royal Army Service Corps. He was brought up in Darlington by his father, John Scott, and his mother, Elizabeth Scott; there were five younger siblings Polly, Albert, Agnes, Gilbert and Thomas. James worked initially as a mill labourer, married Louise in Newcastle in 1918, and then moved south. He died of illness on 14 March 1919 aged 29. He was then working at a logistics base responsible for a prisoner of war camp in Arquata, Italy. His wife Louise Scott survived him in his Bristol home, 24 Collingwood Road.

## Elgin Park Reginald John Cecil Nurse

Second Lieutenant Nurse, of the Gloucester Regiment, died on 23 March 1918 aged 22; no cause of death is recorded, however on 21 March the German Army began its spring offensive and the Gloucester Regiment was in the front line, trying to defend Doignies. His father, William Richard Nurse, was an auctioneer, and his mother, Florence Kate Nurse, a housewife. Before moving to 15 Elgin Park, the family had lived at Mona Lodge, Southville Road, with their servant Rosina Chidsey. Reginald had two older brothers, Lawrence and Harold; both worked as auctioneer's clerks.

## Hampton Road Cecil Gammon Pickard and Leonard Gammon Pickard

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Private Cecil Gammon Pickard, of the Grenadier Guards, died of his wounds on 26 September 1916, aged 24. The

## Redland May Fair – Concluding Report

In 2018 the Redland May Fair was 42 years old, and this year it was a great day and the sun shone! (see the report in the May Newsletter, No. 180). The bucket collection raised £1686 for Freewheelers, a local charity delivering vital medical supplies. Over the years, the May Fair has raised about £20,000 for charities, including funds raised by stalls.

Why has the event been discontinued? Unfortunately, the Redland May Fair has become a victim of its own success. It is no longer financially viable in current form, this year having lost £1400 (which has been covered by a contingency fund from previous years.)

In recent years costs and bureaucracy have risen substantially. This year we instituted a 'no diesel' policy in order to avoid numerous commercial vans running diesel engines on the green for the whole afternoon. It was noteworthy that the event took on a more community feel but obviously this step reduced stall income. Also, the wet spring further restricted the stall spaces that could be offered.

We have had increasing difficulties in dealing with the council. Parks funding policy has led to escalating licence costs and more regulation has required individual public liability insurance and risk assessments as well as increased monitoring of food health and safety regulations on the day. It has been necessary to renegotiate the cost of waste bins each year.

The popularity of the event means that traffic control has been a bigger problem and we have had to employ security personnel for longer hours. Previous generous support with signs, barriers and cones which has been supplied by Forest Traffic over ten years

has now come to an end. It is noteworthy that the Redland May Fair has become very well-known across Bristol and beyond and whilst this is a testament to the quality of the event, it does mean that it has a much more commercial feel than it originally had and has ceased to have a 'community feel'.

All this has put great pressure on the organisers. Communications with council officers have been slow and this has led to long email trails and frustrating delays which has obviously put more pressure on the organisers.

It is also proving more difficult to run the event on the May Bank holiday as more and more people (including organisers) tend to make family plans for that holiday weekend.

We have actively sought new membership for our May Fair Committee over recent years but our efforts have not been fruitful – we have no new volunteers. Taking all the above into account, the committee (several of who have served for over 10 years) has decided to step down.

Each member of the committee undertook a specific role in organising this annual event and had become somewhat of an expert in that field. We all agree that it has been both fun and rewarding to work together over the years and a bond of true friendship has developed amongst us.

The committee would that to give special thanks to the following organisations and individuals who have supported us over many years.

RCAS  
Redland Church  
Tennis and Bowls Clubs  
Redland Green Community Group and the allotment holders



Redland Green School and Bristol Grammar School

Our local councillors

All our stall holders, suppliers and entertainers

And all our hardworking volunteers

We have given some thought to the future. We do of course still have Redland Green, so let's use it! Various equipment (stakes, rope, bunting, litter pickers, gloves, steward jackets etc.) is available to pass on to any new team. RCAS itself would support a similar non-commercial event which could start on a smaller scale, and be easier to manage and less costly. We think refreshments should be

restricted to the Church Halls and the tennis and bowls clubs.

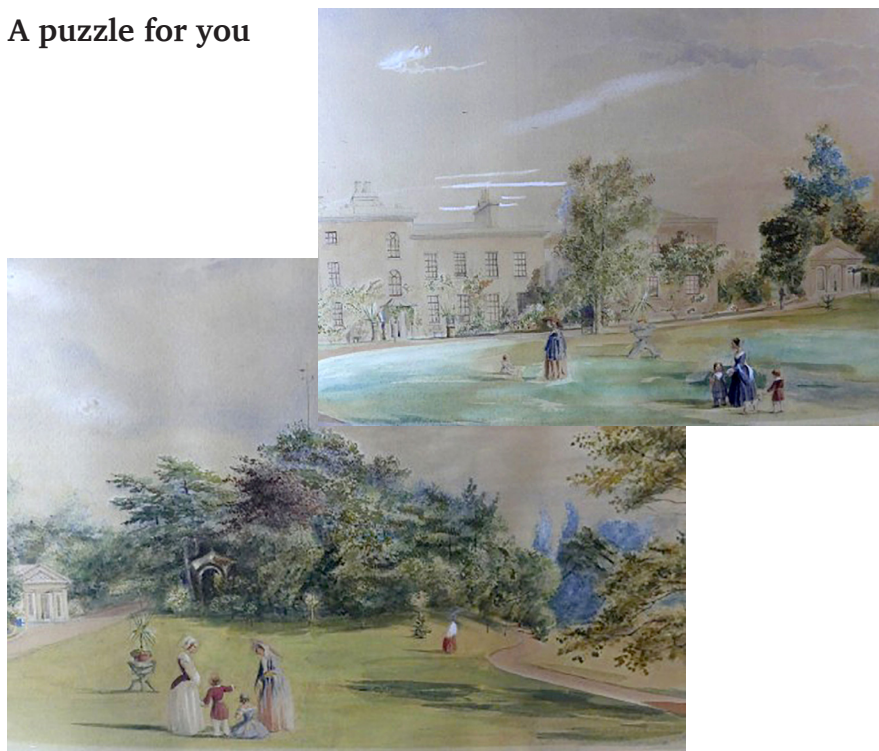
It might be possible to change the day in order to free up the May bank holiday weekend.

The now retired May Fair committee is of course, very willing to advise any new group who may wish to restart an event on Redland Green. Some interest has already been shown in these approaches. More news will follow on this if there is any new initiative.

**Julie Hart**

**May Fair Committee chair**

## A puzzle for you



Our eagle-eyed secretary spotted these pictures entitled Dr Francis Edwards (British, mid 19th Century) - 'A Pair Views of Cotham House, Bristol and it's Gardens' in an auction catalogue and wonders if anyone can identify the location?

## Local History

### John Bryant and Emily Clifford memorial drinking fountain

#### Redland Green Road

The fountain, decorated with carved Irises, set in the wall of 151 Redland Road at the corner of Redland Green is dedicated to the memory of John Bryant and Emily Clifford'.

The inscription refers to the Reverend John Bryant Clifford (1804–1886), the incumbent from 1838 to 1879 of St Matthew's Church (at the eastern end of the Kingsdown ridge) together with his second wife Emily (1817–1870).

In St Matthew's Church there are fine

memorials to both of them and there is a Clifford family grave in Redland Chapel. It would appear he only came to live at Hillside House (now 152 Redland Road which is named Clifford House) when he was retired from the living at St Matthew's, having previously lived in Highbury Place, St Michael's.

There were six children of the second marriage. Mary born in 1842 was active as an elected representative on the Barton Regis Board of Guardians, an early fighter





Above: John Bryant Clifford's memorial in Redland parish churchyard.

Below: 152 Redland Road - 'Clifford House' (at the junction with Chapel Green Lane)



for women's rights, and there is a plaque dedicated to her in Bristol Cathedral. Edward was born 1844 and became a well-known London portrait painter. Margaret was born 1847 and married Henry Williams, becoming missionaries in India; she returned to 152 Redland Road after the death of her husband. Emily was born 1848. Alfred was born in 1850 and became the first Bishop of Lucknow, India, in 1893, retiring in 1911 to become vicar of St Mary, Stoke Bishop until 1920. Agnes was born 1858.

We do not know when the fountain was erected; it is not on the 1882 Ordnance Survey map but it is present on the edition surveyed in 1901-1902. As permission would have had to be granted by the Vicar of Westbury and Minister of Redland Chapel living in what was then the Vicarage (now 157 Redland Road),

it would have been before the death of the then Vicar Rev Cartwright in March 1900; no contemporary newspaper record has yet been discovered.

The fountain is most likely to have been erected by the Clifford family who would have a visible reminder of their parents from their first floor window. It was listed as a Grade II monument in 1977. Redland and Cotham Amenity Society paid for its restoration in 1993 but sadly it ceased to be useable as part of the concern over the health issues of public drinking fountains.

Perhaps it could be restored to public use again?

Gerry Nichols

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This page:

This autumn has featured many wonderful clear sunny days with the sun low in the sky, forming amazing long shadows.

Back cover:

We have also had some extraordinary crystal clear blue skies. It's not often that the upper atmosphere is so completely still that an aircraft's vapour trail remains totally undisturbed.



