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Camden Residents' Association

Newsletter: Autumn 2022

Dear fellow Camden resident,

On behalf of Camden Residents' Association, I am delighted to welcome you to this year's newsletter.

What a great year it's been!

As we've coalesced our activity around our "Four C's of Camden" vision (Champion, Connect, Contribute, & Campaign) we've enjoyed some real milestones in the life of our community.

We've seen Bath's undisputed most famous goats, Gilbert and Chocolate Brownie, at Camden Meadow; we've played games and raised glasses on Camden Road at our wonderful community Jubilee street party at The Claremont; we've taken part in convivial social events including a (fiendishly hard!) Camden-themed pub quiz, and a ghoulish Halloween Trick or Treat; and we've continued

to engage constructively with the Council on matters of import affecting our neighbourhood and residents' lives.

It's been fun! And it doesn't stop here. Please do come along to our annual community get-together (details overleaf) to hear more about the work of the CRA – the year's highlights, our vision for the year ahead, and how you might get involved. Most importantly, just come along to meet and mingle – and enjoy being part of Bath's most active and friendly community!

It would be lovely to see you.



John Long
Chair, Camden Residents' Association

Annual Camden community get-together and Camden Residents' Association AGM

It's that time of year again where we host our annual CRA AGM. This year with a difference

As a formally constituted residents association there are, of course, certain governance requirements we need to attend to each year – principally the election of committee members and a presentation of our finances. It's also an opportunity for Camden residents to hear about our work, make suggestions, ask questions, and think about how to get involved and play a part.

But this year's gathering will be more than an AGM. This year, the 'business' element will be shorter, and the real focus of the evening will be on gathering together as a community – meeting and mingling, conversations and connections. We've hired one of Bath's coolest performance venues, Burdall's Yard (where the bar has just been taken over by the creative folk at Always Sunday, so the drinks are great!), and we've booked local musician, Lloyd Edwards, to entertain.

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Burdall's Yard, Walcot Terrace / London Road, BA1 5NH

- **6.45pm – arrival, bar open**
- **7.00pm (prompt) to 8pm – CRA AGM**
- **8.00pm to 10.00pm – bar, drinks, conversation, & live music by Lloyd Edwards**

If you're a resident of Camden (please note that we will ask for names and addresses on the door), then do come along and join us. It promises to be a great evening.

(Note that there is no parking at the venue, but street parking and Morrisons are nearby.)

CRA committee, 2022 / 23

This year, eight good folk have kindly volunteered to serve as members of the CRA committee. The paper accompanying this newsletter gives you a little background to each of them. We are grateful for the time and skills they offer us. And, of course, do let us know if you would be interested in getting involved yourself, just email johnmarklong@gmail.com

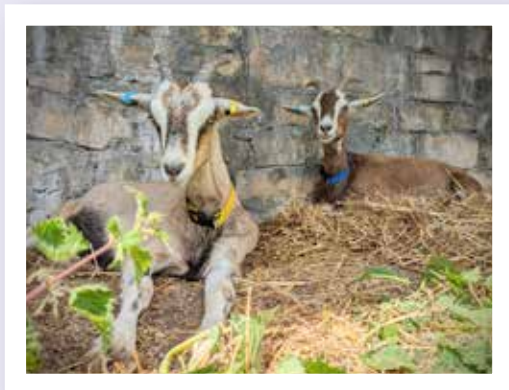
Highlights of 2021 / 22

There's been too much going on over the past year to cover it all here, but here are some of the year's highlights. Come along on the 23rd to hear more.



December 21

Bath Guitar School x Camden Meadow pop-up Xmas busk at Camden Crescent – music and mulled wine to raise money for Camden Meadow



Spring 22

Brownie & Gilbert arrive at Camden Meadow – a joyous and sustainable way to help maintain the land at Camden Meadow



June 22

The great Camden community Jubilee street party – fun and games on Camden Road outside The Claremont



Autumn 22

Liveable Neighbourhood consultation – actively engaging with B&NES to help shape plans for, and affecting, our area



October 22

Ghoulish Camden! – one of many great Camden community events, with many more to come



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Donations

We have decided this year not to request donations on doorsteps when we hand deliver these newsletters – it always feels a bit awkward, and people these days rarely have cash to hand anyway. Instead, if you would like to help contribute to the work and running costs of the CRA, please do so via bank transfer (details below) or in person via contactless payment at the annual get-together. We recommend £5 per adult per home.

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Candidates for the CRA Committee 2022/23



JOHN LONG, Chair
Lower Camden Place

Hello, I'm John. I live at Lower Camden Place with my wife Linda and our little lad. We love Camden! We've been here seven years and really see Camden as one of Bath's truly great neighbourhoods – a wonderful place to put down

roots. So I've been more than happy to play a part in championing all that's good about the place, and working to improve the few things that occasionally need a nudge. I like to get stuff done, and I guess my proudest moments this year have been getting the bees and goats on to Camden Meadow (www.camdenmeadow.org), and leading the Jubilee street party team with Lou and Carrie. Looking forward to the year ahead with the CRA, I want to say that I have inherited a really solid platform from Jeremy (a bit of local legend in my view!) that I, and the rest of the committee, look forward to building on. Professionally, I'm an ethical property developer (yes, there is such a thing) working around the UK on major urban regeneration projects that prioritise place-making, environmental responsibility, and the creation of social value.

Proposer: Nigel Pollard | Seconder: Jeremy Labram



NIGEL POLLARD, Treasurer
Leopold Buildings

Leopold Buildings have been my home since 1992. My interests, apart from looking after our CRA finances, have been with Hedgemoad Park (through the Friends Group), together with the future of the land above it, Camden Meadow.

I am also an active member of 'The History of Bath Research Group'. Local community issues including the Council's plans for 'Liveable Neighbourhoods' and a more sustainable traffic use are other topics that interest and matter to me. In my 'spare' time, I much enjoy Bath's rich art, festival, music and theatre scene.

Proposer: Rachel Demuth | Seconder: Robert Williams



LOUISE COATES, Secretary
City View

It's been a busy, fun year. Helping to organise the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party was quite a lot of work but so worth it, seeing our many neighbours and their guests mingling and enjoying the old-fashioned games and quizzes, and the wonderful way in

which many people contributed their time, resources and tombola gifts.

Having got a taste for community events, my husband Richard and I ran the Bath-themed quiz at our local happy-place, the Claremont pub in September. Being part of the Friends of Camden Meadow and goat care team over the year has also been very rewarding – literally rolling up my sleeves and getting down to the earth we walk past every day has deepened my affection for Camden and all who work and live here.

As a regular volunteer at the new World Heritage Centre, I'm reminded every day how lucky we are, with the thousands of visitors to Bath admiring our city and our own beautiful Camden corner.

Proposer: Elaine Morrell | Seconder: John Long



BOB WILLIAMS, Website Manager
Upper Camden Place

In my role as website manager my main achievement this year was to move our site to a cheaper, UK based hosting service that uses renewable energy.

After the disappointment of not getting a Liveable Neighbourhood approved for Camden, we are regrouping and working on our future approach to traffic problems in our area. The CRA has also been involved in supporting the community throughout the pandemic and has helped with other initiatives to improve Camden. I'd like to continue to be a part of that.

Proposer: Louise Coates | Seconder: Nigel Pollard



JEREMY LABRAM,
Committee Member
Prospect Place

As I hinted at in last year's statement, I relinquished chairmanship mid-year to the brave and highly motivated, John Long. Between us, we've been gradually handing over and I'm very glad to support what John is doing and will

further support his formal candidature as Chair for next year.

Much of what I realistically hoped for last year did not win favour from the Council's process for judging the various wards' bids for consideration as a Liveable Neighbourhood but we have received encouraging noises from the LN Programme's new management which we are following up vigorously.

I'm very interested in matters other than traffic, believe it or not, and have provided personal labour to the Camden Meadow project (great not being the boss!) and will love to see the various 4C activities, which are in full flow this year.

Proposer: John Long | Seconder: Chris Smith



CARRIE STOCKTON,
Committee Member
Prospect Place

Originally from London and more recently Marlow/Bourne End in Bucks, I followed a lifelong dream to live in Bath and moved to Camden Road last November.. We have just bought a house in Prospect Place

and are very much looking forward to settling in our new home and community. I spent the previous 16 years living in a hugely collaborative, community focussed area where I was an active member of our neighbourhood Residents' Association helping improve connectivity through community-based activities.

I have worked in HR/Learning & Development my whole career and for the past 20 have run my own businesses. I am passionate about whatever I get involved in whether that's work or play.

I live with my cycling-crazy husband, Neil, and we have two (almost) grown up children (both still at university) and two dogs. We both love Camden and are keen to help make Camden an ever more wonderful place to live.

Proposer: Louise Coates | Seconder: Nigel Pollard



JONATHAN SAUNDERS,
Committee Member
Claremont Place

It's been a year since Janet & I moved to Claremont Place from the Cotswolds, and we love it.

We chose Camden because of its architecture, perfect location overlooking the city and easy walking distance to everything.

I relish new leadership challenges requiring critical thinking, complex problem-solving and strong decisive actions. My core skills include board level experience, ability to lead, plan, grow and manage teams and processes to deliver on objectives.

Getting involved in making the Camden neighbourhood something to be proud to be part of is really important to me and I'm happy to roll my sleeves up and do anything I can to help.

Proposer: John Long | Seconder: Richard Coates



JOHANNA SCHWARTZ,
Committee Member
Camden Crescent

Hello I'm Johanna (Yo-hanna) - my family and I moved to the wonderful Camden Crescent in April 2020 - right in the middle of the first Coronavirus lockdown! In fact, I had to get special permission from the

police in writing to do it. So that was an exciting start.

Prior to CC we lived in Hackney, East London for 20 years, which was amazing, but I couldn't be happier to be right here right now. I am a documentary filmmaker working all over the world on my own projects and ones for broadcasters/news/commercial clients and a founding partner in my husband John's (yes, another John) design agency, Soapbox.

I hope I will bring some good ideas to the table as well as enthusiasm for meadow work, filming and photographing Camden, negotiating with whomever (not as good as John Long but if I can talk a policeman into letting us move house...) and of course exercising my pull with a great graphic design team.

Proposer: John Long | Seconder: Carrie Stockton

