

Regent, Royal & Carlton Terraces Association
'RRCTA'
NEWSLETTER

May 2009

Volunteer for 'Clean Up' Day

Tuesday 26th May from 10am to 12.30pm

Can you spare a couple of hours to help clean up our neighbourhood? If so, please join us on the morning of Tuesday, May 26th for two and a half hours - or however long you can manage.

The Squad will include volunteers from two council offices in the centre of town, town and community councillors, together with neighbours and friends of the area. Members of the Council's Specialist Task force will be joining us.

Volunteers will be split into four teams. Team 2 will focus on Calton Hill/ Regent Road (including ex RHS), and the weeds in Regent Terrace between the sets of bollards. Team 4 will concentrate on the Canongate Kirk and Abbeyhill Crescent. Team 1 will cover Waterloo Place/ St James Centre/Leith St, leaving Team 3 to clean up the High St and adjoining closes.

If you can join us, please email RRCTA@live.co.uk (or ring 556 7134), for more information. We shall gather at 10am, on Tuesday 26th at the vehicle entrance to the former Royal High School. *A light lunch will be available for all at CEC offices, 1 Cockburn Place, from 12.15pm onwards.*

Garden Structures

If the arrival of summer is encouraging you to refurbish your garden, please be aware that the gardens belonging to houses in the Terraces are part of a Conservation Area. Planning permission is therefore required for any permanent structure in a garden – shed, pergola etc.

The guiding principles you should bear in mind are that the structure should NOT exceed the height of the party wall with the big Garden, the materials used should be sympathetic and the structure should not block the light and sun from neighbouring gardens.

Receive the Newsletter by email

We are sending this Newsletter to those households whose email address we hold. We're trying to save printing, distribution costs and to reduce the amount of paper posted through your letterbox! If you would like to receive the Newsletter by email in the future, please email your address to RRCTA@live.co.uk

Welcome to the newsletter.

It's designed to provide information and news on matters affecting life in and around the Terraces and Calton Hill. It lets you know what the Association is doing on your behalf.

What do we do? The Association was formed in 1966, to protect the architecture of the area and its general amenity. Today we are also actively involved in a wide range of local issues.

Who can join? Anyone living on or around Calton Hill can join.

How can I join? Simply call Claire Tait on 556 7565, for a subscription form - £20 per household or £10 for a single occupant. We encourage the use of standing orders.

Picardy Place – the proposed Hotel

The consultation period for the Council's development policies for Picardy Place ended in April. Their proposals included a multi-storey hotel within the gyratory 'triangle' to replace the Thistle St James, is scheduled for demolition along with the rest of the St James Centre.

Contrary to expectations, the proposed development policies will not be considered by the Planning Committee in May, but later in the year.

Celebrating Burns

The Burns' Monument on Regent Road has been undergoing restoration since January to mark the bi-centenary of his birth.

The refurbishment, which was long overdue, is partly funded by the Edinburgh World Heritage Trust. Work is currently on schedule and due for completion by mid June 2009.

Summer Garden Party

Regent Gardens are having a garden party on
Sunday 14th June from 3pm

Events include:
Treasure Hunt
Pitch and Putt
Croquet
Children's games
Tennis Finals

Tea and scones will be served from 3pm
Barbecue and a glass of fizz from 5pm

Sign up to take part in this year's
Tennis Tournament – doubles, men's and ladies singles
regentgardens@live.co.uk for details

Tickets for the bbq are £5 for adults and £2.50 for children

For tickets contact Claire Tait 556 7565, 28 Royal Terrace

The View from the Hill

Plans are still in place to close the carriageway onto Calton Hill to unauthorised users. The signage has been changed to reflect the new conditions.

We have been told that the gate remains open, for the time being, because the contractors working on Nelson's Column require constant access for vans etc. Work to restore the column is scheduled to last until August 2009.

To reduce the theft/damage plaguing the buildings on the Hill, two former Gurkhas have been engaged as security guards to patrol the area between 8pm and 8am.

The 2009 Beltane Festival attracted 20,000 visitors and residents.

Welcome to Restaurant 21212

This new restaurant at 3 Royal Terrace promises gastronomic delights and opens on 20th May 2009.
We wish them success in their new venture.

Beware Fake £20 Notes

The police have advised us that forged Bank of Scotland notes are in circulation. They look used, are dated April 1st (*yes really!*) and don't have the same authentic feel as real banknotes.

Traffic Matters

We are delighted to bring you the news that we can expect improvements at the junctions with Easter Road.

London Road & Easter Road Junction:

We have been advised that:

"as part of the Tram works this junction will be..upgraded and include a dedicated right turn arrow for vehicles wishing to turn right off London Rd up Easter Rd towards the Regent Rd/Abbeymount junction". This confirms the news that Andy received the morning of the AGM in March.

Regent Rd & Abbeymount/Carlton Terrace Brae Junction

The Tram team are examining the knock-on effects on traffic flows on this junction (they had previously refused to acknowledge any possible impact).

In addition a video survey will be carried out, to determine whether improved road markings would help those turning right into the Brae.

The Committee thanks all those who attended the Association's 2009 AGM in March

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