

IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for Residents

Spring 2014



Welcome,

to the Terraces Association Newsletter, with a brand new look for 2014! We have revamped our communication so we can better inform you of what's happening in and around the Terraces. The newsletter aims to expand and enhance residents' experience of living within the Terraces - by providing news and views of Calton life.

In your Spring issue: we catch up with one of our newest neighbours, the Crowne Plaza, Royal Terrace Hotel and hear about some of the great deals they have available for residents, we talk to Ian MacIntyre, retiring Chair of the Association (RRCTA) about the last 7 years and much more.

An Interview: Ian MacIntyre



After 7 years at the helm of RRCTA, our fantastic and formidable Chairman, Ian MacIntyre, has decided it's time to retire. What will we do without him?

Ian is an Edinburgh boy who grew up in Murrayfield and was schooled at Fettes. He then spent many years away from Scotland studying languages - at no less than 3 universities - then pursuing an interesting and varied career. Ian began in the wine business in London, then moved to the West Country to work with Morlands, the sheepskin tanners, and from there to the classic raincoat company, Aquascutum.

This significant experience meant he was an ideal candidate to be brought in to the Department of Trade and Industry by Michael Heseltine, where

he became an advisor on export to Scandinavia, particularly as by this time he could speak Norwegian!

Eventually Edinburgh managed to draw Ian home to Regent Terrace and Anne. Over these last years both Anne and Ian have done so much for the community within our Terraces. Ian is proud that during his tenure - Regent Terrace was successfully closed to through traffic by bollards, the Tram project didn't close access to the Terraces and the gull-proof rubbish bags eventually arrived. All these issues took time, effort and perseverance from the RRCTA under Ian's professional and jovial stewardship.

But Ian won't have time to be lazy. With his golfing, visits to Orkney, trips to see his 9 grandchildren and more fruitful time to spend in his allotment, he is not hanging his boots up just yet!

Thank you Ian and enjoy!

The last drop of High Spirits



The Queen's Gallery at the Palace of Holyroodhouse has regular exhibitions that are well worth a visit. The current amusing exhibition is of comic art by Thomas Rowlandson.

Rowlandson was one of the most popular caricaturists of Georgian Britain, and the absurdities of fashion, the perils of love, political machinations and royal intrigue were his daily subject matter. Great fun for residents of these Georgian Terraces to imagine what Rowlandson would make of the discourse in our Drawing Rooms today! The exhibition ends this Sunday March 2nd so hot foot it down the hill!

The next exhibition starting later in March is 'The Art of Tudor and Stuart Fashion'. www.royalcollection.org.uk

Traffic Issues:

There are two potential issues which could have a major impact on accessibility to the Terraces.

- **T Junction replacement for London Road roundabout:** A project in development as part of the 'Improvement of Leith Walk' scheme, and crucial to the functioning of the Terraces. *More details to follow soon.*
- **The Picardy Place Plan:** The ongoing proposal to build a hotel on the existing roundabout at Picardy Place which would completely alter the road traffic plan and add several sets of traffic lights. Best information to date can be found if you Google 'Spurtle, Picardy Place Plans' for more info.

Planning Applications:

Very few applications in the last couple of months. Three houses in Regent Terrace are undergoing transformation and there have been several applications for new and refurbished skylights. And one application for a flagpole!

Stop Press: Next Annual General Meeting (AGM) is Tuesday 11 March, 7pm in the SCO Rooms, 4 Royal Terrace. The AGM provides an opportunity for new and longer standing residents to join the RRCTA, find out about current activities and meet neighbours over a drink. All welcome! Contact Claire Tait 556 7565 or email us at rrcta@live.co.uk.

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Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace

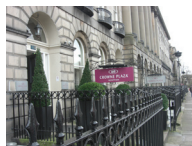


The Crowne Plaza is now part of life on Royal Terrace. Formally known as The Royal Terrace Hotel, the

owning group Fontenhall (Scotland) Ltd, as part of Prima Hotels, have spent over £2 million refurbishing and rebranding the property, now known as Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace, part of Intercontinental Hotels Group (IHG). The hotel welcomes guests from all over the world.

We spoke to General Manager, Lucja Leonard, to find out more about what's on offer for Terrace residents at her hotel. "We invite all our neighbours to come and enjoy the beautiful and unique surroundings of our hotel," encourages Lucja.

"Especially when the weather starts to warm up as we have fabulous, private terrace gardens, ideal in summer time for a sundowner."



"We offer all residents living within the Terraces a 15% discount, not only off food but also off any drinks, so why not pop in for lunch or dinner?" Lucja will send out full details soon, please feel free to start making use of this discount from today.

The hotel, which expands over 7 of our Georgian Townhouses, has very kindly invited all Terrace residents later in the Spring for drinks, canapés and a tour of the hotel. More details in our next newsletter.

Making the most of Crowne Plaza Edinburgh - Royal Terrace:

- **Residents enjoy 15% off food and drink** – The Terrace restaurant offers locally sourced food in contemporary surroundings.
- **Looking for a location to celebrate Mother's Day Sunday 30th March?** – The hotel has a 3 course menu for only £19.95pp and £9.99 per child. Please contact the hotel on 0131 557 3222 for reservations - don't forget to mention your 15% off!
- **Want to join a health club closer to home?** – The hotel offers a gym, pool and steam room for only £15 a month. Join on a month-by-month basis with no contract to worry about.
- **Fancy joining a jog club?** – Join Lucja as part of the newly launched jog club. Meet in reception, Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm for a 3 – 4 mile gentle run. A beginners run is on Thursday at 12.30pm - a walk building up to a light jog.

Pet residents – Amber and Chestnut



Royal Terrace is delighted to welcome two new residents! Orla Tait, who is 8, is now the proud owner of two very friendly guinea pigs.

Amber and Chestnut arrived at Christmas time! They are now 6 months old – and you can see in the lovely photo of Orla and Chestnut they are quite an armful. And quite a handful! Orla has lots of jobs to do to look after them. They live in a lovely big cage with a fenced run in the corner of Orla's bedroom, and are great company.

Inside Amber and Chestnut have a wooden half-pipe shelter where they snuggle up, (and hide when strangers appear!), and lots of interesting things to play with. Orla cleans the cage weekly – often with a bit of help from Mum or Dad.

She has to feed the guinea pigs twice daily with lots of Timothy hay and dandelions and they really enjoy parsley and celery. They also like to be outdoors when the weather is fine. So they'll be playing in the garden with Orla, and little sister Alice, in the summer.

Amber and Chestnut, who both have lovely dark glossy eyes, hop when they are happy and make a deep squeaking noise. This is what Orla hears when she wakes up. Her two new friends asking for breakfast!

Terraces Housekeeping

Bin Etiquette: 2013 saw the introduction of black gull proof bags. Initial feedback has been very positive. To help keep visible rubbish to a minimum, the following guidelines are recommended:

Only present containers for emptying on day of collection:

- Black gull proof bags – Friday 5.45pm.
- Grey food bins/red & blue boxes – Friday from 8am.

Help to keep the pavements clear - Please bring in all empty rubbish receptacles **as soon** as possible.

Reduce bin sightings in the Mews – please keep green wheelie bins in garages, discreet areas or hidden behind large plants when at all possible.

KEEP OUR STREETS SAFE AND LIT!

Do you know how to report a street light fault? If you spot a light out on the road/pavement just follow these 3 easy steps:

Step 1: Make a note of the street light column number (located below the street light), light location (e.g. outside 33 Royal Terrace) and what the problem is (e.g. bulb blown).



Step 2: Email the details to: clarence@edinburgh.gov.uk or phone City Development on 0800 232323.

Step 3: Check your light is back on within 7 days.

Fascinating fact - the lighting maintenance team will attend to over 23,000 faults in a typical year.

Tell us what you think? We would welcome your feedback, ideas and contributions to the newsletter so please contact us at rrcta@live.co.uk