

# IN & AROUND THE TERRACES

Information and news for Residents

Autumn 2020



## Welcome to the RRCTMA autumn newsletter!

The leaves are turning and the children are (actually) back in school - two welcome seasonal anchors in these uncertain times. We know this has been a challenging year for everyone, so we hope that this local newsletter will bring a little relief from the overwhelming global situation. We are tentatively but optimistically planning a Christmas event and hope to see you there - at a safe distance of course! *We always welcome feedback and contributions, so please do contact us about any local matters at [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk)*

## IN MEMORIAM: IAN MACINTYRE



**With great sadness, on this first anniversary of his death on September 26th 2019, we remember Ian - our dear friend, neighbour and formidable previous Chair of RRCTMA.**

Ian had been a resident on Regent Terrace for more than twenty years, returning to Edinburgh to live with his beloved long term companion Anne, Countess of Dunmore. An Edinburgh boy, schooled at Fettes and a language scholar, he moved south to further his career and his varied and interesting business life led to an appointment to the Dept of Trade and Industry under Michael Heseltine. He became an advisor on export to Scandinavia - particularly apt as by this time he was fluent in Norwegian!

Ian was enthusiastic about everything he was involved in, there were no half measures. From rugby commentating, careful cultivation of his allotment, travel afar and to

their second home in Orkney and his golf, we were lucky that he still found time to lead the resident's association in his customary professional and jovial fashion for seven years until 2014.

He was also a loved and loving family man, with 9 grandchildren to visit and have fun with, and Ian was proud to be the 17th Chief-tain of Camus-na-h-Erie.

But for those of us who saw him in the Gardens or chatted on the street, Ian was the one with the big smile, the cheery wave, the story to tell, the job to do. He was very much part of the Terraces family, and the large number who attended his moving funeral service last October is testament to that.

Ian, we miss you, but it is impossible to think about you without a smile - and surely that is the very best way to remember you. RIP.

## CAROLS IN THE GARDENS - TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

We hope very much to be able to host a 'Carols in the Gardens' event this year. Please pencil Tuesday 8 December in your diaries and we'll be in touch via email to confirm details nearer the date. In the meantime, we will keep fingers crossed that the Gardens Committee are able to celebrate bonfire night this year, and we hope to see you there, from a safe 2-metre distance!

## I SPRY FINE WINE

With the pandemic continuing into the autumn, we heartily encourage all efforts to support our local independent businesses. Spry has transformed the old hifi shop at the top of Leith Walk into a minimalist but very mellow haven for small-batch, organic wines accompanied by locally-sourced sharing plates. Our intrepid RRCTMA researcher went from Slovakia to Wiltshire via New Zealand, with some particularly delicious mackerel on the side. To top it off, Spry is dog friendly. Carpe diem.

*Spry Wines, 1 Haddington Place, EH7 4AE | Open Tuesday - Sunday 12 noon - 10pm*



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**Coronavirus Support Network** - The RRCTMA Coronavirus Support Network has been a little quieter over the last couple of months, but we are still here, at the ready! If you need any support, please email [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk) or call 0131 556 7280.

## NEW TO THE TERRACES? JOIN THE RRCTMA!

If you have recently moved into the Terraces, welcome! The RRCTMA is the local residents association for Regent, Royal, Carlton Terraces and Mews. We were founded in 1967 and work on a volunteer basis to support the local community - preserving the amenity of our neighbourhood, representing the interests of the residents to local authorities, and encouraging a warm neighbourly community through events and other activities. *If you would like to join the RRCTMA (membership is £10 per family per year), please download a form from our website ([www.rrctma.com](http://www.rrctma.com)) or contact [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk) for further information.*

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12 Triangles, 22-24 Easter Road, EH7 5RG. Open every day 8.30am - 6pm

## 12 TRIANGLES ARRIVES ON EASTER ROAD

The artisan bakery 12 Triangles has opened a lovely new shop/café on Easter Road - a wonderful new addition to our neighbourhood.

12 Triangles is a scratch bakery, working entirely with cold/slow fermentation sourdoughs. Their breads and pastries work on a 3 or 4-day cycle and everything is made and shaped by hand by their bakers in East Lothian, using mostly local, seasonal and organic ingredients.

The name '12 triangles' was inspired by a Dylan Thomas poem (for those of you that were wondering!). With no additives or improvers used in their doughs, customers can enjoy Sourdough breads, both white and whole-meal varieties, as well as more unusual loaves like charcoal, Miche, sunflower and rosemary seed and a porridge loaf.

All their produce is really delicious! Of course if you just fancy a coffee then they offer a very nice brew too. Definitely worth a visit.

## ELECTRIC VEHICLES - CHARGING UPDATE

We have great news from our local EV charger group (and Francis in particular!). Despite COVID-19, the Council's installation plan is apparently still on track, with plans for a batch of 22kW chargers installed on Montgomery Street and a couple of larger 50 kW points by the bus garage over the next few

months. Both of these are within easy walking distance of the Terraces, and a few of the early adopters on the Terraces are finding a weekly charge is usually plenty. Please email us at [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk) if you'd like to chat EV with a neighbour who's already made the switch.

## TRAFFIC ON THE TERRACES

While the volume of traffic along the Terraces may not yet be at pre-pandemic levels, it is certainly travelling as fast as ever. This is a major concern for many residents. The RRCTMA has continually lobbied for greater enforcement of the 20 mph speed limit and Royal Terrace was identified as one of the priorities in the New Town for police speed checks.

However, given restricted Police resources, this has led to only a handful of checks and therefore little impact on the speed of traffic along the Terraces. We will continue to push for more speed

checks and are actively looking into ways of gathering speeding data ourselves and a means of alerting drivers to their speed. We are also seeking an improvement to the road markings at the junction with Carlton Terrace Brae to make the traffic priority clearer.

If you see a vehicle travelling at excessive speed or otherwise dangerously along the Terraces you can report the incident (with the car registration number) to the Police by calling 101. If you have further ideas to help reduce this issue please email us at [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk).

## EASTERN ENCOUNTERS EXHIBITION AT THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

A new exhibition at the Queen's Gallery showcases four centuries of paintings and manuscripts from the Indian Subcontinent.

Tracing more than 400 years of literary and artistic output, the exhibition offers new insights into the shared history of the British Monarchy and the Indian Subcontinent through exquisite illuminated manuscripts, dazzling depictions of the Mughal court, royal portraits, Hindu epics and modern works.

The exhibition runs to 31 January 2021. Tickets available online at [www.rct.uk](http://www.rct.uk)

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## 21212 RESTAURANT – SPECIAL OFFERS FOR RESIDENTS!

Local Michelin-star restaurant 21212 on Royal Terrace has now reopened post-lockdown and is offering a complimentary glass of fizz for any residents dining in.

The restaurant continues to provide a delivery service for local residents with their supplier, Wellocks, providing a range of high quality fruit, vegetables, dairy and other foodstuffs. Residents can also buy bread baked on their premises, which is surplus to their requirements. *If you are interested in any of these offers please contact Katie at the restaurant on 0345 22 21212.*



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## AUTUMN IN THE GARDENS

Nature marches on, COVID-19 or not. Here are a few seasonal photos taken in Regent Gardens. If you are a budding nature photographer, please email us at [rrcta@live.co.uk](mailto:rrcta@live.co.uk) - there might be a space for you in the next newsletter!

**STOP PRESS** - Council workers are upgrading the street lights along the Terraces. The work will continue for another week or two. For further information visit [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetlighting](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/streetlighting).

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