

## Return to socialising

Our late summer pavement party was a lovely informal affair organised by our social secretary Megan. As a committee we feel that it would be premature to plan for a large indoor winter party given the uncertainty over Covid rates in Bath. Instead we may have an outside carol singing, warm mulled wine evening pre-Christmas and wait for the Spring or Jubilee to hold our next gathering. As soon as a final decision and date is fixed we will update members.



## Low traffic neighbourhood planning

We understand that as one of the shortlisted areas to be considered for LTN planning we will learn more of the consultation and engagement process and plans in the next month.

We are encouraged that the council are conducting official monitoring of the impact of Queen Square traffic light system on the through traffic which rat runs and speeds on Marlborough Buildings and Cavendish Road given that this becomes the knock on traffic using Lansdown Crescent and Winifred's Lane. This monitoring will inform the Highway's team of the right mitigation that our entire area requires to reduce and calm the through traffic and return the residential streets to previous levels. We have been reassured by Councillor Mark Elliott that he will not support standalone measures in one residential street which moves the traffic to the next. The Association will organise a zoom meeting once the consultation and engagement process has been outlined to take any questions from residents.

## The Local Plan, Sion Hill Bath Spa University site

The Local Plan site allocation for the Bath Spa campus revealed certain ambiguities and a new development map diagram since the draft first released for consultation in January 2021. This highlighted the need for our Association to insist on a joined up approach to traffic planning issues in the lower Lansdown area. Addressing one rat run in isolation will simply push traffic on to the neighbouring residential streets and is actually not consistent with the Council's own Liveable Neighbourhood policy. We reiterated in our consultation submission as did many members that we do not support isolated interventions in one residential street to push traffic onto the next and we require the Council to deliver a Local Plan consistent with its own policies.

This is why we voted at our AGM to support joined up thinking and work with neighbouring Associations to develop improvements to the neighbourhood.

The Association has submitted our response to the Local Plan Partial Update and a representative will attend the Examination Hearing with the Government Inspector next year to try to get the amendments to the Plan that we have sought.

Both of our Councillors have broadly supported many of the issues in our submission. But many members particularly supported the pedestrian/cycle pathways to be opened up through the site parkland, East/West and North/South. The opening up of the parkland and the provision of these safe and pleasant pedestrian routes as public rights of way is viewed as a significant community asset for the entire Lansdown area in particular creating safer walking routes for local schoolchildren and we hope that Our Councillors will support us prior to the examination in requiring these new public rights of way and pathways as well as protection of the treescape to be locked in to the site development plan.

## Lower Lansdown Community Speedwatch Scheme



Several members of our Association are volunteering with other local residents from Cavendish Road, Crescent and Place and St. James's Square to work with the police and form a community speedwatch. We have undertaken monitoring of volume and speeds on both Winifred's Lane and Cavendish Road.

The team have all received training and comply fully with police guidelines and data privacy requirements. Many pedestrians and residents impacted by unsafe and speeding vehicles on these roads have been very supportive of the time these volunteers have given to make these roads safer .

Residents of Marlborough Buildings have since been encouraged by our efforts and are forming a team too (following a child being hit by a car at the Royal Avenue junction) . The group is very keen for volunteers to join so please contact Rachael for more information if you are interested.

In addition some residents have pointed out that the 20mph signage on Cavendish Road is very recessive, this is something which the Association will raise with Councillors. In addition our Speedwatch team with the Marlborough Buildings Speedwatch coordinator will be meeting with Wera

Hobhouse to discuss pedestrian safety on the roads of Lower Lansdown endangered by speeding vehicles (including Cavendish Road and the Marlborough Tavern Junction). We are regularly capturing volume data of 600+ cars per hour between the times of 3.30-6.30pm. Meaning approximately up to 1800 vehicles using Cavendish Road at this time of day. Many travelling at unsafe speed for a residential street, our highest captured speed is 47mph.

## The Dell and pathway to Park Street

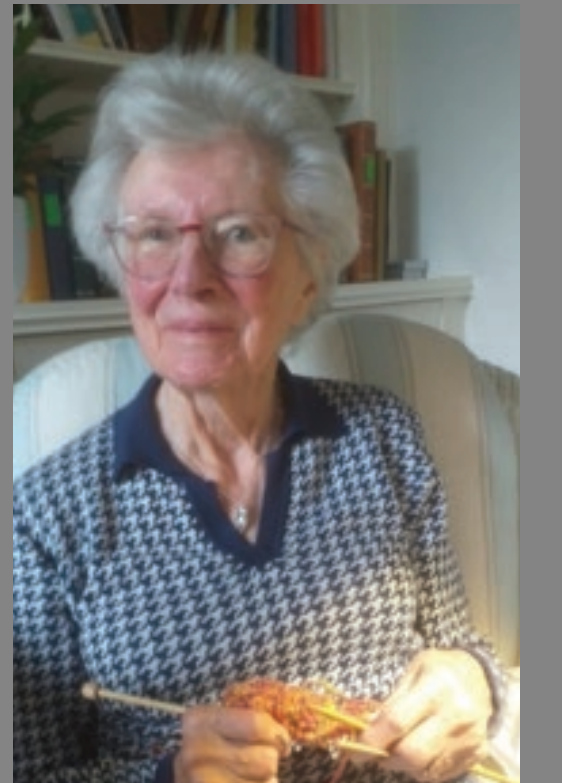
We are due to have the existing and worn tarmac on the pathway to Park Street, (which is treacherous when wet) replaced by the Council. They have told us that it will take place during this financial year. As soon as we hear of the proposed dates we will inform members.

In addition James from Lansdown Place East (with some observation from Robin) addressed the muddy (eastern) section on the dell pathway as this is unadopted and not part of the Highway's remit. We hope that the Council cleansing team will now remove the cleared, compressed mud which James has worked hard to remove.



## Congratulations Stella

The Association wants to wish Stella Morris a belated happy 90th birthday! Stella is a much loved member of our community and longstanding member of our Association.





### Welcome Barry Gilbertson

The Committee and trustees have unanimously agreed to ask Barry Gilbertson of Somerset Place to be a trustee of the LCA. Barry has accepted. Professor Barry Gilbertson is the pro bono Independent Chair (appointed 2017) of The City of Bath UNESCO World Heritage Site. Barry's professional career as a Chartered Surveyor included serving as the 123rd President of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and being declared as 'one of the 65 Greatest Chartered Surveyors of all time' (as part of the RICS 150th anniversary celebrations); a Partner at Price Waterhouse Coopers; Adviser to the Bank of England; Non-Executive Independent Chair and/or Director at five publicly quoted companies in Austria, Canada and UK. He is the author of two university texts on Valuation and on Design Economics; is a Visiting Professor at two UK Universities and; has spoken or lectured at 23 universities around the world and at 12 global events for the United Nations and others. A former Trustee (and volunteer guide) at Bath Preservation Trust, former Governor and member of the Council of the University of Bath, served on the Executive of the Federation of Bath Residents Associations, Chaired the Circus Area Residents Association for 4 years and also created and currently serves as the Chair of Bath's Upper Town Residents Associations. Alongside Judith and Robin he will be a valuable addition to our team of trustees who are legally responsible for the management of the field and provide our Committee with invaluable advice.

### Beckford's Terraces

The Association has not learned of any more developments regarding the potential development of the Terraces. We have been in contact with the Bath Preservation Trust and the Council's Conservation team to reaffirm that the Association will oppose any attempt in the future to dismantle the gateway on Upper Lansdown Mews to allow construction or vehicle access to the site. The Bath Preservation Trust are in agreement that this gateway and wall is listed, protected and must remain intact. We will update members of any developments as they occur.

### Lansdown Crescent Field

Robin and Sarah Kerr have shared a wonderful photograph taken 51 years ago, when horses grazed on the field this was taken in front of Lansdown Place West. Robin can't remember if the horse was a Peter or a Lucy, can any of our longstanding members remember? We would love to receive any photos from the past in the area so do let Steph know if you have any to share.



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