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Newsletter June 2014



The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Tuesday 8 July 2014 in the Unitarian Church, Emmanuel Road at 7.30 pm, followed by refreshment both liquid and more solid.

Our guest speaker will be Keeley Russell, Head of Client Liaison for Balfour Beatty in their work of installing improved lighting for the streets and roads of the county. She will explain the work and take questions.

Present committee members are Anthony Bowen (Chairman), Sue Ilsley (Hon. Treasurer), Susanna Brown, Nick McCave, Fiona Sinclair and Margaret Tait. Martin Smart, elected last year, upon declaring himself a candidate in this year's elections to the City Council, was stood down.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Last year's AGM fell when a proposal for an ice-rink on Christ's Pieces was live. All ward councillors were present to hear what people had to say; soon afterwards they put round a leaflet to say that the idea would not be pursued. I record my thanks to all who made their views known to Council officers or to the councillors, and to the councillors for their careful consideration of all the interests in the matter.

Since then your committee has met four times formally, and by e-mail in between times. Members have attended or responded to various City and County Council initiatives such as West/Central area committee meetings and other conferences.

Several members attended the Mayor's planting of a tulip tree to replace a diseased horse chestnut on Christ's Pieces.

The houses being built in Eden Back Street are expected to be finished in the autumn; new lights have been installed on Parker's Piece; we hope to learn from our guest speaker what other lights are due.



We note a continuing problem of taxi-drivers ignoring the rules of the road in Emmanuel Road; the police are aware. Parking on pavements is also a live issue. We studied the new draft plan for the Kite Conservation Area, and commended it.

Two matters come up for members of CPRA to consider: a count of trees in local gardens and the continuing use of house walls to carry plaques for street names.



In our ongoing programme of talks, we enjoyed in December Professor John Morrill of Selwyn College on 'Oliver Cromwell and Cambridge', and in April David Hodell of Clare College on 'Ancient Civilisations and Climate Change.' These talks are subvented by the City Council through the West/Central area committee, and we are grateful to them. Our bid for a third subvention has been successful and enables us to plan for two more

talks in the coming year. Again, we are grateful to the Council. Ideas from members of CPRA for talks and ideas for speakers are always welcome. Whether further subventions will be made is under review; I will explore the situation at the AGM.

I am grateful to Professor Geoffrey Martin, archivist of Christ's College, and to John Patman of Milton House for their efforts to create an occasion for CPRA members to visit the College; I will report on the possibilities at the AGM.

Finally, I thank my fellow members of committee for their work during the year, and I note the speed with which Council staff have cleared up litter, especially on Sunday mornings; how much they have to do in that respect is nevertheless very sad.

Anthony Bowen