

A NEW LIFE BY THE SEA

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Dear Homeowner,

I trust you are well and enjoying as I am, the Indian summer we have experienced on the east coast these past few weeks. I am particularly pleased as our long-awaited garden furniture has now arrived and it has been splendid to get some use this year. There are some cushions kept in a storage bin next to the shed if you prefer a softer seat, but please put them back afterwards as they are not waterproof and likely to cause, what is known in bake-off parlance, a soggy bottom!

Included in this month's newsletter is guide to the regular and not so regular events at Brigg Court & Chantry Gardens. This is starting fully, week beginning Monday 4th October onwards and there will be a noticeboard erected in the buggy store with more details of the dates and details of less regular activities (Film night, Quiz Night, Theatre visits etc.) and new events as they are set up.

The golden rule for all our social activities is that **all** homeowners are welcome to join in. It also doesn't matter how many take part. For example, at a development I worked at previously, there was an artist who would paint in the lounge every Wednesday afternoon and invited other Homeowners to join him. Some weeks there were several amateur artists busily painting away, but frequently he was on his own. It didn't matter as he always enjoyed his time, and the offer was always there for others to come. Which is a good point to make; as more homeowners join us and events gain popularity the group sizes will rise, but in the early days it may be a good idea to bring a good book just in case!

The events we are offering reflect the interests expressed in the recent questionnaire and thank you to so many of you for completing this. However, if you have an idea for an activity which you think others will enjoy please let me know and we can add it to our list, which no doubt will grow and develop over time into an enriching programme. I would like to add finally, that every homeowner will find the balance that suits them and that's fine. Please come to as much or as little as you like, in the full knowledge you are always welcome.



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Events in Brigg Court Communal Lounge

Programme Starts: Week Beginning 4th October Onwards

Weekly

Monday	11.00am	Coffee
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Tuesday	11.00am	Coffee
Tuesday	4.00pm	Beetle Drive / Games

Wednesday	10.00am	Armchair Keep Fit (approx. 25 Minutes)
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee

Thursday	11.00am	Coffee
Thursday	2.00pm	Games Cafe
Thursday	7.00pm	Film Night: Details on Notice Board

Friday	2-3pm	Techno Drop In
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Saturday	7.00pm	Saturday Night Telly: Strictly Come Dancing
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Sunday	11.00am	Coffee
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Monthly

Details to Follow	7pm	Quiz Night: See Notice Board for More Details
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Details to Follow	6.30pm	Fish 'N' Chip Supper: See Notice Board for More Details
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Occasionally

Theatre trips, Concerts and Meals out are being investigated. Once arranged, the details will be advertised on the Notice Board in the Buggy Store.

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EVENTS



Sue Pretty's Coffee Morning a great success

Sue Pretty and her friend Fay hosted a coffee morning at the Brigg Court Community lounge on Friday 24th as part of a national fundraising effort in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, entitled "The World's Biggest Coffee Morning"

Everyone gave cakes, savouries and donations to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support for people living with cancer. Sue said "It's wonderful people have come to support such a worthy cause".

Sue raised amazingly over **£463 plus gift aid**

People all over the UK host their own Coffee Morning and donations raised on the day are given to Macmillan. The official date was Friday 24 September but it can be held at any time. From a group in the garden, sharing a coffee over a fence or a takeaway cake and cuppa, you can hold yours however you like.

In 2020, Macmillan raised over £10 million and hope to top that this year.

Fundraising for

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SALES TEAM EVENT

19th October 'Cream Tea'.

More details will follow but it may be worth popping this date in your diary before it fills up.

1 – 3 October Americana Weekend at the Evron Centre, Filey

9 – 10 October Autumn Food Festival Evron Centre/Crescent Gardens Filey 10am to 5pm

20 – 21 November Christmas Food Festival



It's never too early to mention **25 DECEMBER** – 12 weeks to go actually. White Lodge Hotel has now confirmed they will be serving a 5 course meal at £90 per person. There will be 2 sittings 12 for 12.30pm and 3.30pm for 4pm. They require a non-refundable deposit of £30 per person at the time of booking. Tel 01723 514771

LEARN TAI CHI – The ancient art of Tai Chi Ch'uan is a beautiful set of gentle flowing movements to develop and exercise your mind, body and spirit. Tai Chi eases stress and calms the emotions, very useful if you have moved into a McCarthy Stone Property. Moving house is one of the most stressful events in your life. Tai Chi is suitable for any level of ability, you only need loose clothes, soft flat shoes and a smile.

We are considering arranging a weekly session in the Lounge if sufficient people are interested. Wendy Plougher takes classes at the Evron Centre on Monday afternoons but she is willing to come and talk to us about classes in the lounge. Cost £5 per person. If you are interested please phone Mary 07727 649461 at bungalow 3 Chantry Gardens or email mkptkenworthy@gmail.com. Tai Chi can be tailored to people less mobile and can be done seated. So you can relax, smile and enjoy an hour of exercise and company.

We understand that Jan, who is moving into bungalow 18, is accomplished at Tai Chi and she may be willing to run a weekly session in the lounge for armchair participants. We don't know when Jan will be moving in but it's something to keep in mind for the forthcoming winter days.

Filey's first Kite Festival was successful on 18th and 19th September as was the Soap Box Challenge the previous weekend and blessed with lovely weather.



The Forever Green Team (Resident 'gardeners') Fortunately William arranged for an extra funds for gardeners to weed recently and the whole site now looks under control with lots of Autumn colour so our team have been able to relax a bit this summer.

New outdoor furniture has arrived and looks good on the patio outside Brigg Court. If you take the chair cushions outside please put them back in the storage bin because they are not waterproof as we found out. We spent quite some time wringing out the seat pads. Thanks to everyone who took some covers to dry them out.

For those who don't know their plants Sedum is the pink flower and rudbeckia is the yellow flower.

Wildlife sightings on site and in the area

The Fox was seen at the front of the apartments recently and the hare visits regularly.

A Minke Whale was spotted off Scarborough North Bay and Dolphins are active in the bays at the moment.

Friends of Filey Parks – Meet once a month to carry out tidying. Contact Catherine 01723 516602

The U3A is up and running again see website <https://u3asites.org.uk/filey/> for activities. See also the schedule on the notice board.

Bungalows and apartments

All the bungalows have now been sold and residents are still moving in. According to Daniel there are approximately 20 apartments for sale.

BILLS

Eon – A few of us have now got account number which means you will get a bill shortly. The mysterious case of meter serial numbers being allocated to a different plot has now been resolved. Bungalow 3 was allocated to No. 5 and vice versa and 14 allocated to 15 and vice versa. If you have got patience and lots of spare time the Eon Telephone Number is 0345 052 0000

Council Tax – Most of us have now received the Council Tax Schedule and Valuation Band. If you want to move things along more quickly call in at the Council Offices in Scarborough.

Service Charge – The service charge invoices have now started coming through, if you have a direct debit set up the charge will be taken on the date shown and monthly thereafter as per the schedule.

Handy Phone numbers

Carpet Cleaning - Simon and the firm is Carpet Magic. His contact numbers are 01723 563307 and 07795233752.

TV aerial and satellite Specialist – Lee Adams 0780 4469734.

Trouble with your feet? – Angela recommends Michele Crawford 07904715635

Tunstall Alarm System

We are still nuisance of year due to the number of call outs by Tunstall to police and fire brigade because alarms are activated. Some sensors have been faulty so not totally our fault. Good for the fire brigade on 22 September as they were treated to the afternoon tea at the Sales Team event. As the alarm went off again Thursday evening they were here again. They will be allocated their own parking space shortly.

Unfortunately the bungalows are connected to the Brigg Court Tunstall system and when a faulty sensor set off the alarm at 4.05am it is a bit of a shock to the sleeping pattern.



Defibrillator

There is a defibrillator in the Brigg Court kitchen. A lot of us have had first aid training in our past life which is now out of date. We are considering whether to organise a basic first aid course. Further information to follow.

You will all have been given a fob with a red button for calling Tunstall should you be in difficulties in your bungalow/apartment.

PETS - Here is an extract from the recent email from McCarthy Stone “ Pets are part of your family – and ours! And research shows that pet ownership makes people happier and healthier. Which is why, with a few exceptions – like venomous snakes (!) - **we welcome well-behaved** animals into our retirement developments!”

Rumbled – the King Cobra in the spare room will have to go! Shame really it was getting on really well with the five Alsations. Maybe we could get a parrot for the lounge then if there is nobody else to talk to at coffee morning we could talk to the parrot.

WhatsApp group There is a “WhatsApp” group “Chantry & Brigg Community” contact Annie (Bungalow No. 10) for details.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE

1. Name, Age, Place of Birth

William 57 Bloxwich (near Walsall)

2. What is your proudest accomplishment?

Eventually realising, not before time, to not take myself too seriously.

“For what do we live (said Mr Bennett), but to make sport for our neighbours, and laugh at them in our turn.” (From Pride and Prejudice)

3. If you could live anywhere, where would it be?

Scarborough and Filey, are the best towns, in the best county, in the best country in the world. We are SO lucky!

4. What makes you laugh the most?

The second half of any Alan Ayckbourn comedy play. Always worth the build-up.

5. What would you sing at Karaoke night?

Anything from Jon Bon Jovi – can’t go wrong with a bit of shouty rock.

6. Who would you want to be stranded with on a deserted island?

Definitely my wife Sarah. The chances of finding anyone else that would put up with me are slim.

7. If you could go back in time, what year would you travel to?

I’d go prehistoric, late Jurassic and go on a dinosaur safari. This may go badly wrong and the dinosaurs end up going on a William Safari, but it would be fun provided I didn’t get munched.

8. What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

Giving up my job at 24 and moving area without another. It worked out fine. Looking back I’d worry less about everything. It’s a pointless activity and generally not necessary.

9. What do you do to keep fit?

Being a House Manager helps – it’s quite an active job. I also play tennis and any racket sport.

10. Are you related or distantly related to anyone famous?

No. But my cousin taught Flute to Orlando Bloom’s younger sister, so that practically make us family.

11. What is your favourite book to read?

I read Tolkien as a teenager. I don’t really read Novels. I like books on Politics and History generally. Oh, but ‘Room on the Broom’ is a great kids book if you’ve never read it.

12. What's the most unusual thing you've ever eaten?

I’ll eat anything but I don’t enjoy anything from the mollusc family, meaning anything squidgy is off the menu. So that excludes Oysters, snails, squid etc. I love fried Chicken, a medium well-done Steak and fresh fruit. And everyone loves ice cream, right?

Website – <https://www.chantrygardens.org.uk/> to checkout the website, send John johncl.clarke@btinternet.com with news, titbits & photos. **Our newsletter is a joint one with McCarthy Stone.**

We still do a print copy because some residents are not computerised. If you **do not** wish to receive a newsletter please let us know - John (No. 14) or Mary (No. 3) mkptkenworthy@gmail.com