

Taunton Heritage Trust

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Dear Residents

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter. We all hope that the next few months will be kind to us despite the ongoing pandemic & we ask everyone to be extra careful and vigilant at this time in order to keep everyone safe and well on all Trust sites. We are confident that the strength of our community will get us all through the coming months but please don't hesitate to get in touch with any of us in the Office by phone should you have any Trust-related queries or concerns—or just want a chat. With best wishes to all, Karen White

Bins There have been some instances recently where the recycling bins have had a large amount of non-recyclable items such as tissues, yoghurt pots, banana peels, lids etc found in them. Please remember to check which bin your refuse needs to go in first.

General waste needs to be bagged and tied before putting into the bin.

If you are unsure as to which bin to use then please ask your Warden.

The Council will refuse to collect the bins if this continues.

Below shows the efforts Ali has resorted to in her quest to sort the bins out.



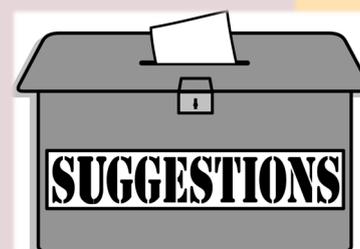
Welcome to our new Residents Fred & Doris!...

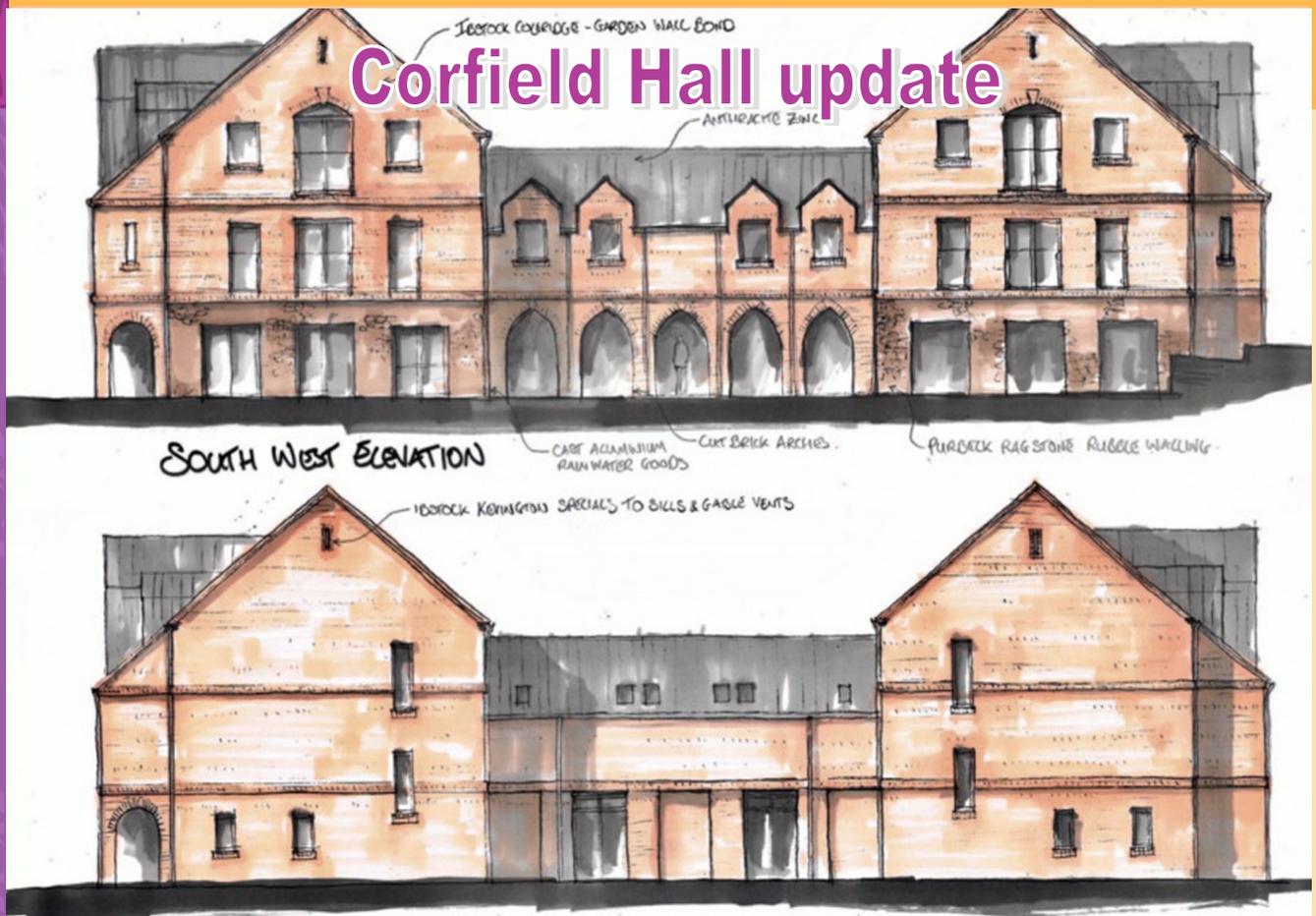
90! Happy 90th birthday to our Resident Elsie. She celebrated with her neighbours and family.

She received these lovely flower pot people as a gift from her family and they look very happy together sat on their little bench watching the world go by.

We want to hear from you!

To enable you to easily feedback your ideas to us, Suggestion Boxes have been installed on every site for your use. It is important to us to ensure that we provide our Residents with the best possible service in terms of housing provision, and so please feel free to put your suggestion, however big or small into the box and these will be reviewed by Staff and Trustees on a regular basis.





A fantastic result was achieved for the Planning and Listed Building Consent for new Almshouses at the Corfield Hall site. The committee of Local Councillors who unanimously voted in favour of the scheme with 12 out of 12 votes provided the following feedback:

“Very good example of putting houses in where sorely needed”

“Right scheme carefully considered”

“The best designed planning application I have seen presented to this committee – fantastic scheme”

“Carefully thought through – the design looks good.”

“5 Star – absolute gold standard”

Johnathan Rhind were appointed by Taunton Heritage Trust to design a new Almshouse facility which would include 11 new flats, a community hall and new offices for the Trust’s staff.

The proposals involve the demolition of the existing Corfield Hall to make way for a sensitively designed three storey building.

Working closely with the architects a design was prepared which went through several stages of pre-application consultation with Somerset West and Taunton Council Planning and Conservation Officers, Historic England and the South West Design Review Panel. Sunlight and Daylight modelling was critical to ensure the design would not impact the neighbouring residential block.

We are delighted with the outcome and look forward to progressing this prestigious project to site in the near future.

Source: Jonathan Rhind Architects: www.jonathan-rhind.co.uk

Pumpkin carving competition



Now that we are fully into autumn and with many of our usual events cancelled we thought it might be a bit of fun to have a little pumpkin



carving competition.

We are asking to see your best carved pumpkins with a design of your choice!



Once finished please take a photo of your fabulous carved pumpkins to share with us.



Prizes will be given to the best 3 pumpkins!

We have shared a few examples of



pumpkins designed and carved by the families of Ali and Laura over the last couple of years.



What to do in a power cut?

- Make sure you have multiple torches along with extra batteries.
- Make sure you keep your mobile phone charged so you can make calls in case of an emergency.
- Keep fridges and freezers closed, with a blanket over as they will stay cold for many hours.
- Keep important documents safe and handy.
- Look out for elderly neighbours and ensure they are prepared for a possible power cut.
- Switch off appliances - turn off items such as irons, ovens, electric fires and fryers as they could pose a hazard if the power comes back on when you are not there.



<https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/seasonal-advice/your-home/what-to-do-in-a-power-cut>

Emergency details! By Jacqui



Following a recent incident on site, I thought it would be useful to remind everyone of the importance of having emergency details available.

A few months ago, we introduced the emergency contact tube, for you to keep within it your personal details, which could include current prescription forms and any other relevant information you feel may be important.

The best place to keep this is on the Piper speech module in your flat. Paramedics can quickly spot this, as they did recently when I was present in an emergency situation. We all agree that they do a fantastic job and it has made me realise that by having this info at hand, we are also helping them. It would also make it easier if a First Responder were in a situation that meant having to administer first aid or deal with any unexpected event. Often, we Wardens are off duty when Residents become ill or have a fall and there can be a delay before emergency details are accessed. Time can be precious in an emergency!

Quite a few of our Residents have this in place & so please contact us if you don't have one. Now may be an opportunity to remind you to keep all information updated and especially any amendments for your support plan—this is so important for the Helpline too. If you are unwell or susceptible to falls it is a good idea to have an overnight bag ready – just in case! Keep safe

everybody! Jacqui Avison ☺

Pear, hazelnut & chocolate cake



Ingredients:

- 100g blanched hazelnuts
- 140g self-raising flour
- 175g butter , cut into small pieces
- 140g golden caster sugar
- 2 large eggs , beaten
- 5 small, ripe Conference pears
- 50g dark chocolate , chopped into small chunks
- 2 tbsp apricot jam

Method:

Step 1: Preheat the oven to fan 140C/ conventional 160C/gas 3. Butter and line the base of a 20cm round cake tin. Grind the hazelnuts in a food processor until fairly fine. Add the flour and mix briefly. Add the butter and pulse until it forms crumbs. Add the sugar and eggs and mix briefly. Peel, core and chop two of the pears. Stir the pears and chocolate lightly into the cake mixture.

Step 2: Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin and smooth the top. Peel, core and slice the remaining pears and scatter over the top of the cake. Press down lightly and bake for 50-60 minutes, until firm to the touch. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out and cool on wire rack. Warm the jam and brush over the top. Serve warm or cold.

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/pear-hazelnut-chocolate-cake>

Site Security

With the evenings now getting darker earlier please can we remind everyone to be extra vigilant when it comes to site security. Please can we make sure doors are not left open.



DEANE HELPLINE

If for any reason the piper system goes down in your flat, you are still able to contact the Deane Helpline on the following number:
01823 257185.

With lots of us taking up new hobbies from home this year we thought it might be fun to have a go at doing Origami with paper.

Have a go at making an origami fox out of a square shape piece of paper.

We would love to see your finished foxes or perhaps some other origami masterpieces that you have made!

Laura is able to provide larger instructions if required.

Origami Fox - how to make...

