



Cambridge Riverside Residents' Association

Cambridge Residents' Association Newsletter – Autumn 2025

Balcony Cleaning

The clocks will be changing next weekend when we move back from British Summer Time. As in previous years, we recommend that residents carry out the regular cleaning of their balconies over this weekend (**25/26 October**) so we all know to expect some water! If it is not possible for you to do this over that weekend, please alert any neighbours below you before starting on an alternative date.

Under the lease agreement, you will be aware that responsibility for **cleaning** the balconies **remains with the resident**. This is a relatively easy task providing it is carried out regularly, but it can result in dirty water splashing onto lower balconies.

The cleaning regime is very simple and as follows:

- a. Sweep with a stiff brush to loosen any algae and accumulated dirt
- b. Collect and dispose
- c. Clean with a weak solution of water and mild detergent and a stiff brush
- d. Alert Encore to any loose screws or damaged boards (this is very important)

Please do not use any chemicals or a power jet.

Planning application

Thank you to all residents who have made a comment in response to the latest planning application for 73 Newmarket Road. The website is not very accessible so bravo to all those of you who managed to make a comment online! The Directors and your Residents' Association are continuing to challenge this application and thank you for your support.

Residents meeting with Sergeant Sutcliffe

Following the disappointing meeting in September when neither of our local speakers were able to attend, there will be a short meeting with our community police officer on **Tuesday, 11 November at 7.00 pm** in the Burleigh Arms. I am now in telephone communication with Sergeant Sutcliffe, so will be able to let you know if he is called away on an emergency.

Bin Rooms

Please remember it is not possible to leave furniture or unwanted household items in the Bin Rooms. If you are moving out and need to get rid of anything like this it should be taken to one of the Household Recycling Centres in Cambridgeshire. Our nearest one is currently in Milton.

Hallowe'en is coming to Cambridge Riverside

Hallowe'en preparations are now in full swing — and a huge thank you to everyone who's volunteered to help make this year's celebrations spooktacular! Here's what's coming up:

- **Foyer decorating — Saturday, 25th October (10–11 am)**
We'll be decking out each foyer with festive decorations — and we'd love your help, especially from our youngest residents! If you'd like to join in, just pop down during the hour.
Got some decorations to spare? You can bring them along or drop them in the Hallowe'en Box near the Concierge Office.

- **Hallowe'en fun for everyone — Friday, 31st October (5–6 pm)**
The evening's activities will take place in each foyer and around the estate, kicking off at 5 pm in the Concierge Office. Expect face painting, cookie decorating, apple bobbing and spooky games — plus, with Ian on duty, we'll see what "Gandalf" has up his sleeve this year! Friends and family are welcome, so invite the grandkids and join the fun. No little monsters in tow? No problem! Come along anyway and enjoy a glass of mulled wine under the Darwin overhang while you soak up the eerie atmosphere. Fancy dress is optional — but highly encouraged!
- **Thirsty Fri(gh)tday at The Burleigh Arms (from 6 pm)** — We're extending the Hallowe'en fun with a special Thirsty Thursday, delayed to **Friday, 31st October** to coincide with the festivities. Join us at The Burleigh Arms for a well-earned drink and a few laughs after the Hallowe'en happenings.
- **Sweet donations welcome** — This year, we're focusing on fun more than sweets, but a few treats are sure to be welcome. If you'd like to contribute, please drop wrapped sweets (like mini Haribo packets or fun-size chocolate bars) into the box near the Concierge Office.

Bulb planting – volunteer gardeners welcome!

Saturday, 25th October will also see the first of our bulb-planting sessions this year. If you're willing to help out, join us at 3 pm (weather permitting!) and bring a trowel or fork. We're aiming to plant up the raised beds on Darwin slope, which should take 30-40 minutes. There is no need to donate any bulbs this year, we have plenty!

Film Group returns

This week saw the welcome return of our Film Club, which last convened in 2023. Thirteen Riversiders met at The Burleigh Arms to consider a new format for the club and to review the Papal drama, *Conclave*, and several more indicated they will be joining future sessions.

Film Club will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month—the next meetings, therefore, will be the **5th and 19th November**. Here's the agreed format.

- **6:15 pm – Zoom meetup:** everyone joins a short Zoom call to say hello, catch up and hear a brief introduction to the film from the person who chose it.
- **6:30 pm – Watch the film:** members watch the chosen film individually or in small groups. The films we select will use a widely available platform (e.g., Netflix, Amazon Prime, YouTube, BBC iPlayer, etc.).
- **Post-film discussion:** after the film, we meet in person—usually at the Burleigh Arms or another nearby venue—for drinks and discussion.
- **Special screenings:** occasionally, we'll choose a film showing at a Cambridge cinema (e.g., the Arts Picturehouse) and hold our discussion afterward at the bar there or nearby.

Tony Brown has kindly offered to chair the Film Club. He will be put together a members list and WhatsApp group, so [email](#) to let him know if you want to join (if you haven't already!). At each meeting, Tony will assign the next film choice to a member.

For Wednesday, 5th November, the film (chosen by Mark) is "Something's Gotta Give", starring Jack Nicholson, the late Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves and Frances McDormand.

Food Bank

Many thanks to those residents who have been contributing to our food bank boxes over the past few years. It has been greatly appreciated. However, the amount of donations here has now reduced considerably and so we will not be collecting any more after Monday. Most supermarkets provide a facility for making a donation and we are aware that a number of residents already make regular financial donations to this provision. If you would like to do this, you can visit: [Trussell.org.uk](https://www.trussell.org.uk) or [Cambridgecity.foodbank.org.uk](https://www.cambridgeriverside.org.uk/foodbank)

CRRA website

And lastly, a reminder that our website is a source of useful information! www.cambridgeriverside.com

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