

e-Bulletin – late Summer 2019

Introduction – Nils Clemmetsen

Welcome to the JRA late Summer e-Bulletin. This time we have the following for you:

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The e-bulletins and Newsletter summarise important events in Jesmond over the last few months. Information on these events has, in most cases already, been sent out as soon as we have it to those on the JRA email list.

If you or one of your friends would like to be added to the JRA email list, just send your email address to jesmond@jesmondresidents.co.uk. All communications are sent out BCC so that others on the email list are not aware of your presence.

Nils Clemmetsen, JRA Secretary and editor of this e-bulletin



A message from the Chair – Kathleen Cunningham

Welcome to the JRA newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our AGM meeting that will be taking place on Wednesday 25th September at the Royal British Legion at 7.30p.m. Come along from 7 p.m. onwards and meet the committee members and find out how you can get involved and support us. All our committee members are volunteers who willingly give up their time to enrich the local community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all personally for their dedication and hard work:

- Liaising with local businesses, landlords, students, universities and other community groups
- Taking an active part in the Jesmond Community Festival
- Fundraising and setting up the Acorn Road Christmas tree and seasonal festivities
- Running the Armstrong Bridge Bi-Monthly Food Market
- Representing you and submitting your views and comments on licensing and planning
- Tackling anti-social behaviour
- Setting up better communication channels through social media

We are a committed and positive group of people who believe together we can make a difference. We have a positive vision and we believe in an action based responses. I would also like to thank all the local residents who have supported us with their kind donations and positive comments. We look forward to welcoming you at our AGM.

Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour - ASB – George Gibson

JRA continue to work with the two Universities, Jesmond councillors & Keep Jesmond Clean to tackle ASB, we hope to have more news on programmes to reduce ASB when the new academic year commences. If you have any ASB issues you wish to discuss email JesmondASB@gmail.com.

Operation Oak

Newcastle and Northumbria Universities contribute funds towards 'Operation Oak', which helps to provide two extra police officers to patrol Jesmond, Heaton and Ouseburn at various nights of the week. For the first four weeks of the University Term including Freshers' Week Operation Oak will operate during the hours listed below.

Operation Oak commences Monday 23rd September for four weeks

Sunday to Thursday will be 10pm – 3am
Friday and Saturday will be 11pm – 5am

The regular hours after this time will be advised in due course.

The Operation Oak emergency anti-social behaviour contact number is: **07504 898148**.

Please text this number rather than call, as the Police/Council Officers may be attending a different incident and may not be able to answer a call immediately.

If you send a text they will respond at the earliest opportunity.

Blue House Roundabout update – Nils Clemmetsen

In August it was reported that revised proposals to transform Blue House Roundabout may not be published until 2020. In March it was reported that new proposals would not be finalised until the plans to cut pollution in the city were developed. Since then the Tyneside councils have submitted proposals to the government to cut pollution. These now only include a Clean Air Zone in the City Centre rather than one that effectively encircled Jesmond.



All the historical information is available on the website <http://bluehousegroup.org>.

Streets for People update – Nils Clemmetsen

The City Council have advised that the first of the Street for People schemes to be implemented in Jesmond is around the junction between Osborne Road and North Jesmond Avenue.

Information is available on the council website:

www.newcastle.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-transport/cycling/streets-people-1

Also on the web site is a response to some questions that were raised about the Osborne Road and North Jesmond Avenue scheme. [Osborne-Road-Reply-to-comments.pdf](#)



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Jesmond Community Festival – Chris Clarke

Once again, this year's Jesmond Festival provided a great showcase for all the active community organisations that we enjoy in Jesmond. Lasting for over three weeks in May and the first two days of June, the 2019 festival comprised 85 events of all types, ranging from family fun days, through music, drama and a comedy star from the Edinburgh Festival, to special events for older people.

Everyone will have their favourite events. The Teddy Bear Trail proved very popular once again, and it was great to see the large attendances for events in Brandling and Exhibition Parks, including bandstand concerts, a treasure hunt, model train rides and a brewery tour. There were a number of excellent events in Jesmond Library, including a talk by an archivist involved in the TV programme "A House Though Time" and musical performances by children from West Jesmond School. For the first time there were events at the Star and Shadow Cinema, Scottish Country Dancing at St Hilda's and "Sax on the Tyne" at St George's.

Most of the costs of the festival are met by local organisations and businesses, with the help of the council's Ward Committees. The largest single sponsor in 2019 was Jesmond Community Leisure, the operators of Jesmond Pool and Gym. Many others provide help in kind, including 97 and Social, who hosted the Press Launch.

At the time of writing this report, planning for the 2020 Festival has already started. It looks like we will be starting with a new form of Launch Party on Saturday 2 May, with St George's Fete on 9 May and other events carrying on for two or three weeks after that. To take part, or keep in touch as plans develop, follow the Facebook site www.facebook.com/jesmondfestival or attend one of Jesmond Community Forum's open meetings. You can find out when the next one is by contacting Roberta_Harding@hotmail.com. Alternatively contact the festival coordinator chrisclarkenewbrough@gmail.com.



Jesmond Food Market

Jesmond Food Market reached its fourth birthday in April. From Saturday 7th September the market will be on twice a month. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month – 10am 'til 3pm. The market is proving very popular with locals and those who are prepared to travel some distance. It's becoming a bit of a destination for shoppers keen to access high quality local food produce.

News updates at: <https://twitter.com/jesfoodmkt?lang=en>



Jesmond Residents Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Jesmond Residents Association will take place at 7:30pm on Wednesday 25 September 2019 at the Jesmond Royal British Legion Club, 3 West Jesmond Ave, Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3EX (Ground Floor Function Room on left).

We welcome new committee members. If you are interested in joining the committee, please get in touch with the Secretary, Nils Clemmetsen. secretary@jesmondresidents.org



Jesmond Library: Update Autumn 2019

We are very pleased to report the continuing success of Jesmond Library. Jesmond Library which is organised and operated by volunteers continues to be a thriving, welcoming and diverse Community Hub, as well as a Public Library offering books, coffee/tea, newspapers, free WIFI and the People's Network Computers.

Regular Events and sessions continue to thrive;

Mindfulness, Camera Club, Story Telling, Play Reading, Community Singing, Holiday Activities for Children, Italian, Greek, German, Spanish, French and Mandarin Conversation Classes, Well-being for the over 50's, Poetry appreciation, Art appreciation, IT Drop in sessions, Languages for children, Music and Singing for children, Philosophy, Current Affairs Discussion Groups, Scrabble for children in Year 5 and 6, and many, many more.

Thursday talks: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Jane Gulliford	LowesThe Horse Keepers Daughter	19 th September
Keith Jewitt	Pre-Raphaelites at Wallington	26 th September
Diana Finley	Finding Lucy	3 rd October
Diana Whaley	Mapping Northumberland : The Ordnance Survey of c 1860	10 th October
Wendy Fail	Re-cycling Climate Change	17 th October 24 October
John Griffiths	Jesmond's Forgotten Artist : Pont of Punch	31 st October
Neil Murphy	People Powered Places : Cohousing and Community led development	7 th November
Ian Inglis	The Beetles in Newcastle	21 st November
Sandy Irvine	Changing Newcastle	28 th November
Keith Jewitt	Machiavelli and Me	5 th December

Jesmond Library Annual Yearly Meeting Saturday 12th October 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Please join the trustees and volunteers to celebrate another successful year at Jesmond Library.

We would love to see you and hear your comments and views.



KJA Services have started work on a pilot project to replace a small number of windows in the main room of the library. The scheme will give us more information on how difficult it will be to carry out further phases in future. The new windows will provide better heat insulation and renewed window frames, without affecting the appearance of the building. The major source of funding for the pilot project is the Suez Communities Trust, with an additional contribution from our own reserves.

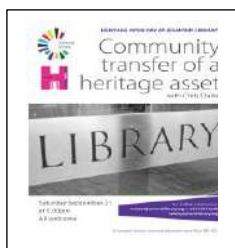
The library building will be open as usual throughout the works, although some of the bookshelves may be temporarily inaccessible.



Please donate to the Library fund

It costs £45,000 each year to keep the library open as a vibrant community venue. We need your help to stay alive - throw us a lifeline!

Please Donate Today!



Heritage Open Days in Tyne and Wear

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of Architecture, History and Culture. Chris Clarke, Trustee of the Friends of Jesmond Library, will give a talk about the community asset transfer of Jesmond Library, a listed building, on Saturday 21 September: 17.00 – 18.00.

Jesmond Library Opening Times:

Tuesday/Saturday 9.30am – 4.30pm Thursday 9.30am – 7.30pm

Address St George's Terrace, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2DL
Telephone 0191 281 2385

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Donations and subscriptions: finance@jesmondlibrary.org

Volunteer enquiries: volunteers@jesmondlibrary.org

Visit the Library and get a friendly welcome from the volunteers and appreciate all that this valuable community resource has to offer - right in the heart of Jesmond!

Planning Issues update – Nils Clemmetsen

Change of use from hotel (Class C1) to create 6 residential apartments (Class C3), erection of extension to first floor rear, alterations to elevations and formation cycle store and yard to rear (as amended by plans received 30 May 2019)

Former Jesmond Park Hotel 74-76 Queens Road Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 2PR.
Granted Conditional Permission. Note that this is not for use as an HMO for the flats with three or more occupants.

Planning Appeal

81 Bayswater Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3HR

Change of use from dwelling house (Class C3) to (Class C4) (HMO) and construction of two dormer windows to rear roof area. Status: Appeal dismissed

Developments at Jesmond 360

Erection of a 342 space multi-storey car park, along with associated access and landscaping works (as amended by plans received 5 November and 21 December 2018)

Car Park Jesmond Three Sixty Newcastle upon Tyne Ref. 2018/0982/01/DET

The application has still not gone before the Planning Committee.

There was a pre consultation by the planning consultants for an 18 story residential tower on the site of the former Quaker Meeting House on the opposite side of Jesmond Road to the Jesmond Parish Church.

www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/plan-15m-jesmond-skyscraper-flats-16555515

Good news: Banqueting Hall Update – Eileen Strouzer

The Armstrong Studio Trust is meeting with James Cross (CEO Newcastle Parks and Allotments Trust,) and those parties which have been most actively involved in the preservation and development of the Banqueting Hall, within enduring wishes of Lord Armstrong's Deed of Gift.

The meeting is to be held in September/October and will be an opportunity for those parties to share information and discuss future proposals. Presentations will be made by the Armstrong Studio Trust and Jesmond Heritage, with contributions from Callum Duncan, the architect elect. At the beginning of the process the National Trust suggested that the idea of "Spirit of Place," should be included. * This meeting would be best described as part of the strategy of a steering group with representation from all main areas of interest.

So now, Residents, we have the start of a new meaningful development for the Banqueting Hall. It has been wonderful having your support, and thanks to you all. The work is just beginning. I will continue to represent Jesmond Residents during future discussions and will keep you updated about developments.



The question of Newcastle City Council's application to the Charity Commission in order to change Lord Armstrong's Deed of Gift is yet to be answered.

**(Spirit of place is defined as the tangible (buildings, sites, landscapes, routes, objects) and the intangible elements (memories, narratives, written documents, rituals, festivals, traditional knowledge, values, textures, colours, odours, etc.), that is to say the physical and the spiritual elements that give meaning, value, emotion and mystery to place.*

(ICOMOS Quebec Declaration on the Preservation of Spirit of Place, 2008)

JRA Committee 2018/19

Chair: Kathleen Cunningham (Licensing) chairman@jesmondresidents.org

Vice-Chair: Vacant

Secretary: Nils Clemmetsen (Planning) secretary@jesmondresidents.org

Treasurer: David Etchells treasurer@jesmondresidents.org

Jeannie Davison

Hannah Evans

George Gibson (ASB)

Alan Grant (Noticeboard)

Sarah Kettle

Eileen Strouzer (Jesmond Dene Banqueting Hall)

You can contact the JRA via

chairman@jesmondresidents.org

Financing the JRA

The forthcoming AGM marks the start of a new year for the JRA; along with the regular business of the Association each year brings new challenges.

Working for the benefit of all Jesmond residents the association is run on a voluntary basis. However unavoidable costs such as newsletter printing and distribution, website upkeep and room hire arise. To help with this we ask each household to give an annual contribution of £10, cash and cheques are accepted but most donations are by standing order. For a one off donation you should send a cheque, payable to *Jesmond Residents Association* to:

Nils Clemmetsen, 3 Bemersyde Drive, Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2HL.

Alternatively if you would like to donate by standing order or internet banking, please email David Etchells at treasurer@jesmondresidents.org and he will send you details.