

They say a week is a long time in politics – well, three months is certainly a long time in lockdown! Life has been on hold and now we're slowly emerging into a changed world. One change that has been very welcome is the increase in neighbours looking out for each other – long may that continue.

### Coleridge Community Forum Food Hub

Many people who have never before needed help with food now find that their income is not sufficient to feed themselves and their family. Local food hubs can help. There are notices in the BARA notice boards in Birdwood Rd and St Thomas's Rd and on the side of the community library (near the central bus stop in Birdwood Rd) saying times and places for food hubs. The nearest is in St Thomas's Hall every Thursday (4-6 pm). Donations are gratefully accepted at St Thomas's Hall 3-4 pm Weds and Thurs. If you are one of the fortunate people who has a full time job and can't get to the Hall at those times – email [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) and we'll arrange to pick up your donation. Thank you.

### Sunflower competition

Yes!!!! This can go ahead. It has been an unusual spring/summer weather-wise and some sunflowers are flowering now – well ahead of time. And don't worry if your sunflowers are a bit puny – most people's are! If you want to enter the competition, fill in the slip below. There are 3 adult categories and the same 3 for children. The competition is open between 21<sup>st</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> September. You can enter as many times as you want and for as many categories as you want. Just fill in a separate entry form for each and post through the letterbox of 52 Birdwood Rd. There are at least six prizes of £10 vouchers and a few more prizes for enthusiasm – and youth. Prize winners will be notified by a member of the Committee and their names will be posted on the notice boards and in the newsletter. Good luck!



Categories: Tallest plant.    Greatest number of heads on one plant.    Largest flower.

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Name

Age (if child or young adult up to 18)

Address

Contact details – email or phone

Height of plant in cms

Number of heads on one plant

Diameter of largest flower (measure across the middle of the flower in cms)

## BARA events postponed

Our AGM and mini-conference on 'Climate Change and local action' due in June has had to be postponed. We hope to run it (or similar) next May/June.

We have also postponed our annual coach trip which was due at the beginning of September. We felt it was just too early for people to be confident of coach travel. We hope to organise it for next spring, or summer, or autumn.

## Wine Tasting

After the success of the last tasting, just before lock-down, we will be organising another when we are allowed! Matthew Boucher has agreed to come and talk us through wines of the season – we just don't know yet what season that will be!



## Community Library



During lock-down this has been a huge success. Books come and books go. There are four sections: Fiction, Non-fiction, Children and Young Adult and Books in Other Languages.

As we no longer have the benefit of the phone box, the books are only available in dry weather. It is in front of 52 Birdwood Rd. Do come and browse.

## Come and join us

We have a committee of nine. We meet three or four times a year and are informal and friendly. We need more people! We can co-opt more members so if you want to join us, do contact us! [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) or put a note or knock on 52 Birdwood Rd.

## Newsletter by email

If you can receive this by email, please do. It is so much easier for us! Just send an email to [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) with your postal address in the subject line.

### If you need to contact our local Councillors, here are their details:

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If you think there is a general problem for the area, do contact us. And if you have ideas for future events or anything to increase neighbourliness, we'd love to hear from you.

Our aims:

**to promote neighbourliness and a sense of community and to form a conduit to the City and County councils about issues relating to this area. We cover Birdwood Rd and all roads leading off it. Email address [birdwoodara@gmail.com](mailto:birdwoodara@gmail.com) This is our preferred contact point but if you would rather you can put a note through the door at 52 Birdwood Rd.**