

Overview

The Friends of Iffley Village (FOIV) has about 280 paid up Members (including five Members not resident in the Village), representing just under one half of adult Villagers; a number of households have only one Member despite several adult residents in the household. The number of Villagers is expected to increase (by between 150-250 adults) once the Court Place and Iffley Mead developments are built and occupied. The welcome resumption of face-to-face interaction with Villagers after a two-year hiatus has enabled deliverers of the quarterly Newsletters (and through them the Committee) to gain some insight into the issues of concern to a number of Members. Though the planned and proposed developments within the Village and the protection of the Village's green spaces are of dominant concern, other issues such as traffic, speed limits and parking, security, noise, pollution, flooding and refuse collection have been raised for consideration by the Committee. One less obvious issue raised in the Village is one of loneliness, with a significant number of single, elderly, and frail individuals in the Village.

Membership

Membership comprises individuals who have an interest in Iffley Village (they need not be residents) and who support the objectives of FOIV. The only condition of Membership is the payment of the relevant annual subscription (currently L4). Membership has dropped slightly over the last three years, in part due to the lack of Newsletter deliverers meeting Villagers to collect subscriptions mainly because of Covid. The drive this year to get Members to pay their subscriptions through standing order or electronic bank transfer, and the requirement for people to sign consent for GDPR, has also resulted in a slight loss of subscriptions and therefore of Members.

Membership is spread fairly evenly throughout the Village, though there are some clear areas in the Village where few individuals wish to be Members.

Membership Fee

The amount of the Membership Fee, to be paid predominantly by electronic transfer, is being reconsidered in order to bring it into line with those of other comparable associations and to provide FOIV with a stable and manageable income base.

Delivery of Newsletters

The main activity of the Membership Secretary is to manage and organise the delivery of the quarterly Newsletter to all households in Iffley Village, assisted by a cohort of 15 deliverers, with those non-resident Members receiving copies by email. Approximately 550 Newsletters have been delivered each quarter. This year has been challenging for deliverers as they have needed not only to deliver the Newsletters but also to encourage Members to pay their subscriptions preferably by electronic transfer means and, for all recipients of the Newsletter, to sign a data retention and use consent form to permit FOIV to retain and use the personal data of Villagers. This has required several visits to individual homes. Clearly all Members must provide such consent as well as pay the subscription, while some Villagers have requested FOIV to delete their personal data from our records.

Social Activities

The highlight of the year was the celebration of her late Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June with a series of free events and a village party in the Church Hall and a marquee in The Glebe, with various live performances, sales, a lecture and a picnic. The events were open to all and were enjoyed by many Villagers, and over L1,000 was raised for Ukrainian charities.

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It is hoped to consolidate and extend the Membership to include more Villagers and others interested in the Village and in supporting FOIV, and to streamline the collection of subscriptions by electronic payments; the delivery of Newsletters by email more generally may also be considered. It is hoped that another Village event, possibly to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III, can be arranged.

