

REC UPDATE

LATEST BUILDING NEWS

We are delighted to tell you that the refurbishment project is going ahead.

Work will begin in April and is expected to be completed by September in time for the start of our 2019/20 programme of courses.

Mark Chamberlain, Chair of Trustees said, "I'm delighted we have been able to select a contractor for the refurbishment which will start, as planned, next month. Trustees have spent a considerable amount of time developing and refining the project since planning permission was granted in 2016 as well as considering how best to pay for the improvements. It's great that thanks to the efforts of many people, generous donations from students and successful grant applications as well as the fantastic pledge from the Connolly Foundation (see opposite) we are in a position to give the go-ahead to the work."

The refurbishment project will require us to vacate 6 Rothsay Gardens and we have hired alternative accommodation for the summer term's classes as circulated on 5th March including the relocation of our Administrative team to Priory Methodist Church on Newnham Avenue.

If you have any questions or would like further details please contact David Wood, Chief Officer.

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A Big Thank You The Connolly Foundation

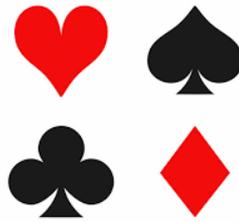
We are delighted to announce the very generous pledge of £50,000 by the Kathleen and Michael Connolly Foundation (UK) towards the refurbishment project.

This funding has provided the financial certainty to enable Trustees to give the go-ahead to the project.



Look out for our fundraising tree!

Our latest total is on our fundraising tree. We are currently at the fantastic amount of £80,600. Please keep the donations coming in!



Thanks to Colin, Sian and the Bridge students whose fish & chip Bridge evening last month raised £523 for the refurbishment.

Collections and contributions have also been received from the poetry, philosophy, garden history and Italian classes. There have been over 50 individual donations from students, tutors and trustees ranging from £10 to £2,000, all gratefully received.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDERS:

Gale Trust £3,000
Ibbett Trust £2,000
St John's Hospital Trust £6,000
Wixamtree Trust £5,000
Frank Branston Foundation £1,500



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CONTRIBUTIONS AND LEGACY

Our members have been more than generous over the years with their financial bequests, which has played a huge part in the REC being where it is today and facing a bright future.

There are a number of ways in which you can help to support the REC.

- One off donations – no matter how small or large by cheque or cash.
- The donation option on our website (to be found under the membership section of the information tab).
- Monthly giving via direct debit.
- Supporting us through a legacy in your Will.

For more information please contact admin@recbedford.co.uk

We also need volunteers to help us with our forthcoming fund raising events. Please let us know if you are able and willing to help.



Look out next term for an exciting fundraising development.

You will be able to make contributions when making on-line purchases.

WATCH THIS SPACE!