



Season's Greetings from the Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association December 2014

Dear Resident



2014 shall be remembered as the year Mel Calvert our founder and life president sadly passed away aged 94 and the year that our landmark tree at the estate's entrance was damaged in storms. In Mel's memory the footpath between Orchard Gate and Wellington Road will be named "Calvert Walk" and signs funded by a community grant shall be installed after the issue of flooding in the alleyway has been rectified by Bracknell Forest Council. In addition the association shall be planting a Sweet Gum tree on the corner of Broom Acres in his memory. Our thoughts are with his widow Odette at this difficult time of year.

Mel sadly is not the only resident who has passed away since last year's newsletter and our thoughts are with all families who have lost loved ones.



We would like to welcome many new residents and families to the estate since last year we hope you will be very happy in your new homes. In Primrose Way alone we have 4 new families.

Drinks and Nibbles



A drinks and nibbles event was held in Little Moor in September with over 60 residents attending. Thanks to all who came and to the committee and residents of Little Moor who made it all possible. The event was attended by young and old alike including many who had not previously attended association events and was considered a great success!

Social Events



In the new year we will be meeting to plan events for 2015. Would you support a street party, another drinks and nibbles event, a quiz, a children's halloween or Christmas party. What type of event would you like to see us put on? We have provisionally booked March the 13th to run a Quiz at Eagle House School please save the date and look out for flyers nearer the date. Drop us an email or call with your ideas.

Remembrance Sunday 2014



2014 was the centenary of the start of the First World War. The association attended the events at Sandhurst Memorial Park on Remembrance Sunday and Eric Barrett, our treasurer laid a wreath on behalf of the association to commemorate the lives of those who have fallen in conflicts around the world.

We want to help get new clubs off the ground

If you have ever wanted to start a club, perhaps walk, ride, run or play bridge with like-minded residents we are here to help. If you have an idea about a club you would like to start we are happy to help you get it off the ground by advertising it to residents, connecting you with residents and helping to seek out grants and funds. We have already been approached by people interested in walking, riding and running. If you would like to be put in contact please get in touch.

Parking and Emergency access



With many elderly residents living on the estate we often have emergency vehicles in attendance. Our roads are narrow. On road parking has become a major issue and parts of the estate have been unpassable by larger vehicles in recent weeks. Please park off the road if you have a drive and encourage your visitors to do so also. Please do not be the reason that an emergency vehicle cannot attend to your neighbour!

Wildmoor Heath – Spring Woods access

The Spring Woods entrance to access Wildmoor Heath has been improved after we contacted the Bracknell Forest Council and the Ranger Service. They laid scalplings and dug gullies to help water drainage so you don't have to paddle through mud when you first go into the wood. Long may it last!

20 MPH Zone



The public consultation to turn the estate into a 20 MPH zone is programmed for the New Year and depending on the comments received it will be installed in March / April 2015. This is something that has the association's full support and we hope that you feel the same way.

Would you like to join the committee?



Volunteering for the LLERA is rewarding and can be a lot of fun, we meet quarterly either in each others homes or at the Bird in Hand pub. If you are new to the estate it's a great way to meet new friends and feel a part of the community. If you are interested or want to find out more please contact us. We are currently looking for people to fill the following roles,

- 2 General committee members
- Street representative for Primrose Way,
- Street representative for Spring Woods/Little Moor,
- Street representative for Beech Ride (evens from newer houses to Spring Woods)

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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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