

ANNUAL 1 GENERAL 4 MEETING

Dear Resident, This year's AGM will be held at 7:45pm on the 11th June at Uplands School, Albion Road. We will be providing refreshments from 7:30pm and hope you can join us.

The proposed agenda is as follows;

- Minutes of the last AGM
- Chairman's Annual Report
- Financial Summary
- Secretary's Report
- Election / confirmation of Officers and committee members
- Annual Subscription
- AOB

Do you think you can do a better job or do you want to join the committee?

Your committee currently comprises of ;

Chairman

Dr Steve Thomas

Social Secretary

VACANCY

Committee

Karen Harrison

Secretary

Chris Mackie

Committee

Robert Miles

Committee

Tracey Jones

Treasurer

Eric Barrett

Committee

Wendy Miles

Vice Chairman

VACANCY

Committee

Ian Harrison



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 would like to volunteer for a vacant post or stand against any committee member then nominations, motions or proposals must reach Chris Mackie (committee@llera.org.uk) no later than the **23rd May 2014**

Mel Calvert – Life President



Our founder and life president Mel Calvert sadly passed away at home on Thursday 6th February aged 94 just a few days after celebrating his 65th Wedding Anniversary. He and his wife Odette had moved to Broom Acres as some of the first residents in 1955. In 1962 he instigated the Longdown Lodge Estate Residents Association where he played an active part for over 40 years, later becoming Life President in recognition of his outstanding commitment. David Markby read a very fitting tribute at the crematorium to mark his passing. The association will be opening a discussion at the AGM to ask residents how best to honour Mel, possible ideas could include a tree, an engraved notice board, a bench?

Looking after your estate



Our tree at the entrance to our estate had become something of a landmark. It was damaged on Christmas Eve during the severe storms. We liaised with the council with regards to whether the tree could be saved and reshaped or whether it would have to be replaced. Luckily the tree was able to be saved however should it not survive over the coming years we shall look to source a suitable replacement.



Silver cabinets –Thanks to the sterling efforts of Eric our Treasurer we have managed to have the silver cabinets on the entrance to the estate replaced with green ones by T-Mobiles contractors.



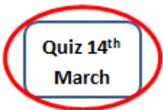
20 MPH Limit – Last year Wendy requested that BFBC considered a 20 MPH speed limit for the estate. We have just been informed that the estates roads have been included in the preliminary programme for 2014. They will be carrying out a number of speed surveys on the roads to ensure they meet the Department Of Transport guidelines for the implementation of 20mph limit. Following this, work will begin on the legal Order that is necessary to implement the new speed limit. It is currently programmed that the new 20mph limits will be installed towards the end of the year.



Bulb Planting – Last year we held a bulb planting event with daffodils and crocuses being planted on our green spaces,. Thank you to those who volunteered to help us. We hope you have enjoyed the display. We may plant more in the Autumn but would need some more volunteers to help, please contact us if interested.

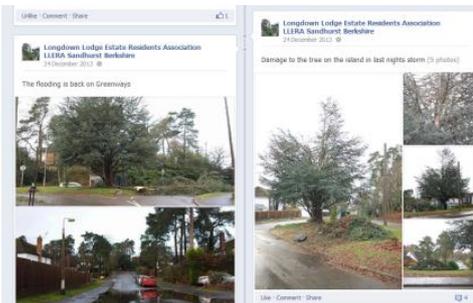
Grass cutting – The council will continue to mow the grass verges outside all the properties on the estate approximately every two weeks during the growth season.

Social Events



Unfortunately we had to again cancel the quiz in March due to insufficient interest, despite providing enough notice. What social events would you like us to organise? We will discuss possible future events at the AGM.

Facebook



Our facebook page is becoming a really useful resource. We are posting details of houses that come up for rent or sale on the estate, neighbourhood watch information, local news and events. Feel free to share recommendations for tradespeople here.

It came into its own during the recent storms when several people posted pictures of the damage and community spirit when residents pulled together to clear the estates entrance.

Keeping you informed and keeping in touch



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Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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