

Dear Resident, This years AGM will be held at 7:45pm on the 8th of July 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;

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

Nominations, motions or proposals must reach Chris Mackie (committee@llera.org.uk) no later than the 1st of July

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

Secretary – Chris Mackie

Treasurer – Eric Barrett

Vice Chairman - **VACANCY**

Social Secretary - **VACANCY**

Rob Miles - Committee

Wendy Miles - Committee

Ian Harrison - Committee

Karen Harrison – Committee

Tony Hall-Patch - Committee

Tracy Jones - Committee

Street Reps- **VACANCIES**

Those of us underlined joined since the last AGM and need your support to make it official, if you would like to volunteer for a vacant post or stand against any committee member then nominations must be sent to Chris Mackie by the 1st of July.

How do we spend your money?

Social events like street parties and quizzes are self-funding so we have focused on the expenses over the last 4 years to help you understand where your money goes. We feel your £4 goes a long way and will be looking for new projects to enhance the estate in the coming year.



- Gifts to retiring Officers 3 %
- Administration, including printing, publicity & officers expenses - 9%
- Hire of hall & refreshments for the Association's A.G.M.'s 19%
- Maintenance of the estate signposts and plaques 24 %
- Maintenance of the estate entrance 'island' 45 %

Eagle House Field – 69% of the estate are against the care home



As you are hopefully aware the refused application was appealed and has gone to an inquiry. We wanted to make sure we were representing the estate's views with regards to the care home and recently held a ballot. Ballot papers were sent to all 144 houses on the estate and 91 (63%) were returned which is almost as good as the turnout for the last general election. **69%** of those of you who voted were **against** the care home development. This information has been provided to the appeal inspectorate. Our chairman attended the appeal hearing and site visit however it is clear that this is just the start of the process and its unlikely that a final decision will be made for several months.

Proposal to amend the LLERA rules

The rules of the LLERA were drawn up and agreed in 1962 and updated in 1988, a copy of the existing rules can be found on our website. It was agreed at the last AGM that they should be updated.

The Key changes:

- The rules are now available electronically
- The document is now structured with main and sub headings rather than 25 numbered paragraphs.
- The number of committee members elected from the estate has been reduced from 7 to 5
- References to gender removed
- The processes for joining, communication, etc, have been modernised.

The following has been added:

- The Chairman may hold office for up to 3 years.
- All other committee members shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election.

A copy of the proposed rules have been emailed with this newsletter, If you would like a paper copy please contact Chris Mackie. Please provide any feedback or concerns in relation to the rules in writing to committee@llera.org.uk or to Chris Mackie at 11 Primrose Way by the 1st of July.

Commemorative Tree – Queens Diamond Jubilee 2012



A Copper Beech tree has been planted this spring to commemorate Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee of 2012. The tree, a copper beech was purchased by Coralie Ramsey who planted the tree on our behalf with her husband Graham. We would like to thank the Ramsey's who purchased the tree after the original ornamental cherry tree died and its replacement was eaten by deer whilst waiting to be planted. Protective netting has been placed around the tree to discourage any further nibbling by the growing population of red deer.

Social Events



A Quiz will be held at Uplands School in September and a date will be communicated nearer the time.

If you have any suggestions for events you would like to see this year or if you would like to volunteer as our social secretary please get in touch

How to contact us?



We all share a joint email address: committee@llera.org.uk or please pick up the phone and call but as some of us have young children please don't call too late into the evening.

Stephen Thomas: 01344 772951

Chris Mackie: 01344 771800



Tony Hall-Patch: 01344 750840

Robert and Wendy Miles: 01344 751 298

Ian and Karen Harrison: 01344 466035

Eric Barrett 01344 778333

Tracey Jones: 01344 773422

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

The LLERA Committee

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