



Dear Resident,

2012 is drawing to a close and the Committee would like to wish you and your families a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Looking back on 2012 the estate has enjoyed a quiz evening hosted by Ian and Karen Harrison at Uplands School earlier in the year. Great fun was had by all trying to answer the tricky questions whilst enjoying our refreshments. In June, thanks to the Street Party committee there was a very enjoyable street party in Beech Ride to celebrate The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and luckily we picked the best weather of the whole wet weekend. There was a fancy dress and cake competition, pin the tail on the corgi, circus skills, great fun and games had by all. Some of you may have noticed a tree has been planted to commemorate the occasion on the corner of Greenways and Beech Ride – a plaque will be in place shortly.

This year a number of the estate's residents have passed away and our thoughts are with their families. Please be a good neighbour during the cold winter months and check on friends and neighbours to make sure they are okay, especially those who are elderly and vulnerable.

### **Eagle House Field**



The planning application to build an 85 bed carehome on Eagle House field was refused in September and there are no immediate threats of development for the field and no appeal has been lodged although an appeal is still possible until March. For your information, we have uploaded the refusal notice to our website. Many of you will have

noticed that the horses are no longer grazing on the field and that the fences at the front of the field have been removed. The local police insisted that the horses were evicted from the field after a number of escapes onto the Crowthorne Road.

### **Social Events**



We are planning a Quiz evening at Uplands School in March and will publicise the date nearer the event. If you have any suggestions for events you would like to see next year or if you would like to volunteer as our social secretary please get in touch.

### **No Cold Calling Signs**

Are you concerned about cold callers knocking on your door? We have sourced 140+ signs from the local council and are attaching one to this newsletter.



## Discounts

In future newsletters we hope to support local trades and to be able to negotiate discounts with local companies. If you would like to promote yourself and offer a discount to our estate please get in touch.

## The LLERA Rules

You may or may not be aware that the LLERA is guided by a set of rules. These can be found on our website or a copy can be provided to you if you get in contact with us. We have been reviewing these rules against current best practice and legislation and are bringing them up to date. Copies will be sent out for your review before next year's AGM.

## Would you like to join the committee?

We would like to welcome Tony Hall-Patch back to the committee as a general committee member but are sad to see Burt Hickman our Treasurer step down and would like to thank him for his long service and hard work over the years. Until a replacement is found Steve Thomas is covering the role. Volunteering for the LLERA is rewarding and can be a lot of fun, currently we have been meeting every 6-8 weeks often at the Bird in Hand Pub but going forward will probably meet quarterly. We are currently looking for people to fill the following roles:



- Treasurer
- Vice Chairman
- Social Secretary
- 2 General committee members
- A Broom Acres Odd Numbers Street Rep

If you would like to volunteer for a role or just want to find out more please email us at [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk) or give any of us a call using our contact details below

## Take a look at our website



The Association has a new website [www.llera.org.uk](http://www.llera.org.uk) to help us communicate better with our members. If you don't have access to the internet don't worry we will continue to communicate with you by more traditional means.

## Keeping you informed



This year we have been gathering peoples email addresses and were surprised how many of our members use email. If you haven't provided us with an email address please email us at [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto:committee@llera.org.uk) with your details if you are happy for us to contact you in this way.

## How to contact us?



We all share a joint email address: [committee@llera.org.uk](mailto: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

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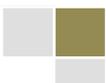
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Ian and Karen Harrison: 01344 466035

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

## The LLERA Committee



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