



FIELDEND NEWS

AUTUMN 2015

Fieldend diary dates

Bonfire night

Fieldend fireworks will be on Saturday 7 November this year. Further details will be circulated shortly.

Carol singing 2015

Christmas Caroling time will all too soon be upon us, so please make a note in your diaries. Merry songsters will gather at 6pm on Sunday 13 December outside no 1. We will be collecting once again for the Shooting Star Trust. Mulled wine and minced pies will be available at no 2 afterwards.

Christmas Directors' drinks

Christmas Directors' drinks will be on Saturday 19 December between 12 and 2pm. Barbara Atherton has kindly agreed to be our host at no 38 Fieldend.

FRAL Board meetings

The next two FRAL Board meetings take place on 17 November 2015 and 12 January 2016. If there are any matters that residents wish to raise with the Board, please make contact via the Chair's email address (overleaf).

FRAL maintenance charge

Everyone will now be aware that FRAL has increased the maintenance charge from £100 to £156 per month from 1 October 2015. This was necessary following the residents' vote to go ahead with the next re-paint in 2016.

The Treasurer hopes to reduce the maintenance charge somewhat in 2016-17, but this will depend on the financial situation at the end of next year.

If you are having difficulty meeting the increased monthly charge, please contact the Treasurer, Sarah Chudleigh, to discuss this in confidence.

Maintenance

2016 re-paint contractor appointed

The FRAL Board is very pleased to announce that local decorator Mark Tullett has been awarded the contract for the exterior re-paint of Fieldend next year.

Mark is a very experienced, highly regarded tradesman who has recently completed large scale re-paints such as Hampton Court Crescent and the neighbouring Riverside development in East Molesey. The finish of this work is of high quality, and consequently he comes with excellent references from these clients for his professionalism and dedication.

Mark will conduct the re-paint in a different way from previous contractors; he works on the project himself as part of a two or three man team, normally using ladders instead of costly scaffolding, working on just two or three houses at a time to ensure consistent quality and fewer security concerns. In addition, Mark will conduct the surveys prior to re-painting; he will make inspections of each house and produce bespoke reports detailing the recommended repairs. These will be completed by the end of November leaving plenty of time for repairs to be undertaken.

As he surveys each house, we hope residents will be able to meet Mark in person and hear more about his approach. As a result, the Board is hopeful that those residents who are planning to opt out of the joint contract will reconsider.

Garage doors

The appearance of Fieldend garage areas is deteriorating and new doors are often a poor match for the originals. If you are considering getting a new garage door, you need FRAL's permission to change its appearance. However repair is likely to be a much better and cheaper solution. Just recently, a resident was thinking of getting a new door but found that a repairman could put it right in a few minutes for a fraction of the cost. There are at least two local contractors who offer repairs: <http://garagedoorsandmore.co.uk/> (8892 1111/07949 020111) and <http://localgaragerepairman.co.uk> (07983 433921). Theo Williams and Roger Joiner are also happy to offer advice.

Cracking up on Fieldend

Growing tree roots and general wear and tear mean there are quite a few cracked paving slabs on the paths around Fieldend. Allen, our regular gardens contractor, will soon be repairing the most urgent of these to get us back on the level.



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Parking

YES to yellow lines

The petition requesting yellow lines for the entry road produced a clear majority in favour. Fifty of the 51 houses responded (one house being on the market). The result was that 41 households (82%) signed the petition and nine said that they did not wish to do so. Therefore the petition has gone to the Council and we should hear its verdict at the end of October.

We also received a good response to the questionnaire with 46 households participating, including all those who did not want to sign the petition, so their views are included in the attached results. There is a strong consensus in the answers: whether in favour of yellow lines or not, most of us felt that the parking issue is important and that we need to respond to the problem.

The questionnaires were sub-totalled by the various areas of Fieldend (entry road, and the three squares); again, there was considerable agreement. If anyone is interested in seeing those details, please contact Roger Joiner.

Parking permit reminder - St Mary's is back!

Please put your Fieldend parking permit in your windscreen and ask visitors to display theirs. Roger Joiner is happy to help if needed.

Announcements

STOP PRESS! Attempted garage break-ins

On Monday 12 October suspicious characters in a small white van were seen hanging around the garages on the entrance road. Following this, it was discovered that attempts had been made to break into two garages. Please check your garages and keep them locked. Let FRAL know if there are any further attempted break-ins.

FRAL Board

After five years of service to FRAL, Joanna O'Sullivan (no 31) has resigned her post on the Board to concentrate on her career. Many thanks to Joanna for all her hard work over the years, and good luck with the new job.

Barbara Atherton and Helen Middleton-Price have been co-opted on to the Board until the 2016 AGM when they will stand for election as Board members.

Blocked drains - urgent action required!

Recently residents have had to call out Thames Water to deal with drains that have been blocked by baby wipes and grease. Although many wipes are described as 'biodegradable', the drainage system cannot cope with the enormous quantities that are being flushed away. So, please do not put wipes of *any kind* down the loo, and avoid putting cooking fat or oils down the drain by wiping out pans with kitchen towel. New regulations mean that property owners are now only responsible for the section of sewer that serves their property alone *and* lies within their boundary. Otherwise Thames Water is responsible (and can be contacted on 0800 316 9800).

Foxy intruders

There have been reports in the neighbourhood of bold foxes entering homes through open back doors, probably looking for food. Whilst there are few credible reports of foxes harming people, Fieldenders with young children may want to take extra care.

Are you a chess player?

If any Fieldenders are interested in playing chess, either in the evening or during the day, contact David London (no 35). If anyone is interested in learning to play, David would be happy to teach them the basics.