



FIELDEND NEWS

SUMMER 2017

FRAL Board

Board meetings

The next Board meetings are on Monday, 17 July and Thursday, 7 September. Please contact any Board member (details overleaf) if there are matters you wish to raise.

New Board member

The Board is delighted to welcome Robin Oliver (no 21) who has agreed to serve as a co-opted member.

Maintenance fee frozen

The Board is pleased to announce that the maintenance fee for 2017-18 will be fixed at £125 per month.

CPZ survey

If you have yet to fill in your survey from the Council regarding a potential Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Strawberry Hill, please do so ASAP. This has serious implications for our community, so it is vital that we all have our say. If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Barbara Atherton.

Digitising the FRAL archive

The Board is very grateful to Roger Joiner (no 5), who is taking on the project to digitise FRAL's records from the past 27 years. If you would be willing to give Roger a hand, please contact him soon.

Maintenance

Lighting the way at Fieldend



Welcome to a new, brighter Fieldend! George and Mark Hammond have now completed the lighting upgrade. All the planned works to remove and reposition most of the old, obsolete and mismatched light units were achieved plus a couple of extra new features added. We now have 13 amp outdoor sockets next to the fuse boxes of both Red Square and East Square, ideal for garden parties as well as for gardeners. Please use them thoughtfully. We also have a new LED light in the dark alley between nos 27 and 28. Many thanks to George and Mark, who quietly solved the many problems the job threw at them. Now we just need to get the Council to look after their lights properly!

Garden notes

Tree works

Unfortunately, some of our beautiful silver birches planted in the 1960s

are coming to the end of their natural lives. We have had to remove three specimens that have died, but plan on replacing all these in the future. This has prompted us to ask Out There Trees (OTT, our contractor) to review and update the 2016 tree survey. OTT is coming to Fieldend on 19 July to continue the non-urgent work recommended in the 2016 tree survey, and also - on advice from the Tree Protection Officer (TPO) - to fell the silver maple tree adjacent to Newland House. Later in the summer the two large planes in East Square will be reduced (see picture, below, just after they were last pruned in 2007).



Richmond Council has adopted the large plane trees in Red Square; these will be reduced later this year.

As new trees and shrubs are planted, it is very important that they are watered regularly, even in the winter. Since our gardeners are not here all the time, it would be greatly appreciated if residents could keep an eye open for new plants and trees near their houses and water them when necessary.



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Diary dates

Summer party

The summer party is...this Saturday! The children's party starts at 2pm in East Square and the adults' party starts at 8pm in West Square.

Tidy days

Thanks to all those who helped with the tidy days this year. The next ones will be on 26 August and 21 October.

Announcements

Bonfire night



Dom and Sarah Chudleigh (no 37) have organised bonfire night for nearly a decade and they – naturally enough – feel it is time for someone else to take over. Please speak to them if you would be willing to help.

Garage door locks

In the light of recent break-ins, residents might want to consider fitting stronger locks on their garage doors. If you have a garage with an original door and lock, you will know that these are easily broken, so it is best to avoid storing items of any value in your garage.

Toys around Fieldend

Parents, now that summer is here, please ensure that your children bring in their toys at the end of the day's play. Toys left out are a serious hazard for pedestrians and cars at night.

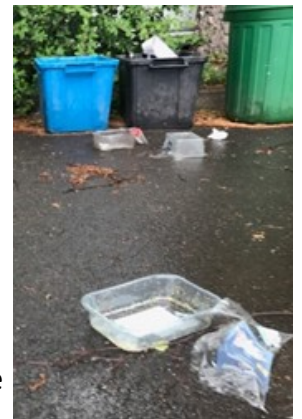
Street cleaning

The Board has sent a note of appreciation to the Council for the work of our road cleaners who have done such a fine job looking after the adopted roads and pavements around Fieldend.



Recycling

This is yet another reminder to please ensure you wash your plastic trays (from ready meals etc) before you put out your bins on Thursday night. If you don't, the Fieldend foxes will redistribute your recycling across the estate, making a fine mess (see image). If you really can't be bothered to clean them, then you should wait until morning to put out your bins.



Dogs on Fieldend

There is more evidence that dog owners walking their pets at Fieldend are not cleaning up after them. We believe this is likely to be the result of non-residents using Fieldend as their dogs' toilet, as we hope that Fieldenders are more responsible and considerate. If necessary and appropriate, please remind dog owners to collect their dogs' poo, especially from the play areas.

