



## Weymede Spring Newsletter 2012

### Intro

Hi Everyone

I'm the new editor of the Newsletter & am looking forward to bringing you info on what's been happening on Weymede & on planned events. I would welcome any snippets, ideas & journalistic advice from residents. This is **our** newsletter – so please do send in contributions. We are very lucky to live in this amazing setting with such a good community spirit. Last year's events attracted a lot of residents & the more of us who get involved, the more fun it will be.

Jill Patrick HN89



### Gardening

Jill Cherry, HN119, the committee member responsible for gardening, is pleased to announce that as of January 2012 the gardening maintenance contract has been awarded to David Meagher, a resident of Weymede, who has been in the landscaping business for many years. The tree maintenance and stump removal contractors remain unchanged. All comments, concerns or requests should be directed to Jill. Her email is [gardening@weymede.co.uk](mailto:gardening@weymede.co.uk).

### Window cleaning

Please remember to leave your gates open for the window cleaners (1<sup>st</sup> week of the month unless you have a note from them saying otherwise). Also please ensure your garden is free from dog mess as they obviously don't want to drag hoses through it or step in it!

### Rubbish!

Just a reminder to take **all** your bins in a.s.a.p. & **no later than Tuesday!!** Warning stickers will be placed on errant bins & bins that regularly refuse to go home will be put in the compound!

**Also**, if you create litter when you have a barbecue, fireworks or picnic, please clear it up & take it home. That way we can all enjoy our fantastic grounds.

### Dogs (1)

Bag up your dog's mess & take it home, or put it in dog bins in the woods – as the weather improves there will be children out playing & it's **totally** unacceptable to leave it around for them to step in. It's unpleasant to clean off and it's unhygienic.

**Be a considerate neighbour!**



## Residents' Feature

### 1. Swan Song

Kevin Gregory came home from work one afternoon to find a juvenile swan in the middle of the road near his house. He put it in his garden, where it settled down, and fed it some bread. He then phoned the swan sanctuary at Shepperton who gave him a contact. Half an hour later it was safely in the back of the guy's van en route to the New Haw sanctuary. Apparently the adult swans on our river would have killed it had it been put back there, and had probably herded it off in the first place.

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Diana Telfer who has her own photography business, won the Hamper in the Christmas raffle last year. In addition, her boys came 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> in the pumpkin carving competition!  
Well done all of you.



## Kids' Quiz

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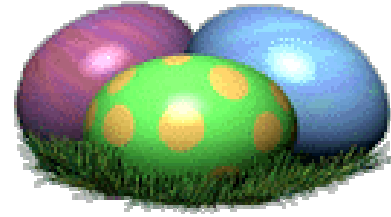
1. What date do the games officially start?  
a) 27 July b) 3<sup>rd</sup> August c) 10<sup>th</sup> August
2. For the opening ceremony the organisers have made the world's largest .....?  
a) bell b) firework c) pair of trainers
3. How many different sports will take place?  
a) 16 b) 26 c) 36
4. Which sport will take place first?  
a) swimming b) basketball c) football
5. How many miles will the Olympic Flame travel on its way to London?  
a) 2000 b) 4000 c) 8000

Answers on back page Questions taken from [www.free-for-kids.com](http://www.free-for-kids.com)



## Intelligent New Street Lights

Have you seen our flash new street lights?  
Three are still to be finished but, once all the borough lights are done they will 'self report' when they run out of power - leading to quicker replacement and less time with broken lights..  
Plus ... it didn't cost Weymede a penny!!



## Speeding- slow down!

**Lighter nights mean children out playing when some residents are driving back from work. Please make sure you drive carefully and slowly on the estate, especially on the spine road – and make sure your younger family drivers do too. Watch out for cats as well. They may hide under cars & have little concept of the speed a car is going. Thanks.**

## AGM

**Advanced notice of the date: 29<sup>th</sup> November.**



## Hobby Corner

It would be great to have a regular feature on residents' hobbies. We could fit at least 1 & maybe 2 in each newsletter. Do you fish, sew, run, collect, belong to a club ....whatever it is we'd like to hear about it. Here's the first one .....

## Tracing your Family History

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I went to this year's 'Who do you think you are' exhibition, where Tony Robinson introduced one workshop by saying that genealogy was now accessible to the 'Baldricks' of this world and no longer the preserve of the 'Blackadders'. The popularity of TV programmes suggests the fascination with genealogical research is widespread, and more and more of us are delving into our family history. Going back 20 generations to the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> century we all have over a million ancestors and we can find links to the famous (and infamous!) It's also interesting to go into more depth about our recent ancestors.  
My daughter and I have uncovered an extensive family tree which makes Alfred the great my 33<sup>rd</sup> great grandfather, no wonder I'm not into cake making! I am also trying to find more about the life of my paternal grandfather who died 8 years before I was born. I have also enjoyed visits to areas where various ancestors have lived -some of which have museums and archives with useful information. There are a vast number of sources of information including subscription and free internet sites giving access to census returns from 1841 to 1911, registers of births, deaths and marriages. If anyone on Weymede is also involved in their family history or interested in getting started I would be pleased to share experiences. It's surprising how much you can discover with no genealogical training and only basic computer skills.  
John Patrick HN89



### Planned Events (cont)

#### 3. Planning Group

I would like to set up a **Planning Group** for events. Is anyone interested? I already have a couple of names but really would like a few more. More people bring more ideas! You would not be expected to be involved in every event - just as much as you can manage. It's a great way to get to know people.

### Cats

There are so many friendly cats on Weymede. If you would like one of your own, why not contact the Cats Protection League & adopt a rescue cat? Call the Woking branch on 01483 721700

### Dogs -again

**Some dogs have also been aggressive to other residents -we have had instances of them biting people, and other dogs. If your dog barks at people when you take it out - it really isn't funny, and it's not something to ignore. Please don't say : "he/ she won't hurt you" - put it on a lead, and if necessary muzzle it, then get it some dog training. Please!**

### Planned events

#### 1. Easter Egg Hunt: 8<sup>th</sup> April

On Easter Sunday we will be holding our famous Easter Egg Hunt. More details later, but get the children to put the date on the calendar. Any offers of help or donations of eggs will be very welcome - contact Jill P at HN89 or on [newsandevents@weymede.co.uk](mailto:newsandevents@weymede.co.uk)

#### 2. Weyday: 2<sup>nd</sup> June

We plan to combine this year's Weyday with the Jubilee weekend. Planning is in the early stages but it would be great to have a 'street party' with stalls, games for the children, & food to share.

### New Committee – contact details

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**Feedback & articles for the Newsletter welcome**

### Kids' Quiz Answers

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