



Litter

Littering around Weymede seems to be on the increase. Lee does a weekly litter collection and is now collecting up to 2 full bin liners. Please be mindful of this and pick up any litter that you see in order to keep Weymede clean and beautiful. This will also help to make better use of our gardener's time.

Bin Collection

Please be mindful that bins need to be returned to your gardens promptly after Monday's collection. It's been noted some residents have become quite relaxed about this prompting discussions of reinstating the practice of confiscating bins left out for more than 2 days. **This would require a £10 handling fee for reclaiming your bins.** Of course, we would rather not have to go down this route.

New to You – items for Sale by residents

***2002 MGF**, Reg Y196 XKK, **only 23,676 miles**, FSH, recent checks and major service. Tahiti Blue, Black top in excellent condition. **£6000.**

Michael.alsop@ntlworld.com / 01932 353 607

***Outdoor wood dining table and 4 chairs.** Fold flat for storage, slightly weathered but good condition. £30 ONO.

***Chest Freezer**, works well and in good condition £50 ONO. 01932 406 676 and leave a message

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Byfleet Library risk of closing— Message from resident

As you've probably heard, our local library is 1 of 11 in Surrey under threat of closing by Surrey County Council following a review study into the 'public value' of Surrey libraries. Following an independent investigation and pressure from local residents, the Council have now admitted to errors in their Public Value Review study and the study will now be audited. This follows the disclosure of multiple errors in their basic data. 'Surrey Libraries Action Movement' is a group of volunteers established to fight the closures in Surrey and has helped push for the audit. The action group is supported by Jonathan Lord, MP and Geoff Marlow, our local county councillor.

Action group members are passionate about campaigning to keep our library open for use by local residents. So much so, they organised a protest rally outside Kingston Crown Court on the 26th July with over 80 protesters in attendance. The largest protest rally KCC has ever seen. If you'd like to lend your support or be kept informed of progress, please visit www.byfleetlibrary.org. The next meeting is scheduled for the 9th of August – to meet with David Hodge, Deputy Head of SCC. Mr Hodge is responsible for the initial proposal to make changes to Surrey libraries.

Painting – Summer cycle / winter work

Martin and Nathan are well underway with this year's painting cycle of HN 5-52. For those that have not yet been painted, please ensure all woodwork is in good repair and ready for painting. Should you find the need for repairs, Ian Reed, a local carpenter, comes recommended. You may find he has already quoted for the necessary work. You are in no way obligated to use Ian, but if so desired, he can be contacted on 07813884780. Martin and Nathan would like to make you aware they are available for winter projects and come highly recommended by residents for interior painting.



Maintenance Projects Full Steam Ahead

You would be hard pressed not to notice the transformation taking place on our porches and pathways. Years of grit, grime and moss have been steamed away making them look new and bright. So much so that recently a resident asked if they had been replaced! Alayne is now looking to maintain the pathways by hiring a sit-on sweeper. If you'd like to have a go riding it, she is looking for volunteers to drive it around the development. If interested, contact Alayne at maintenance@weymede.co.uk.

All wall lights are now of a similar style to the original Span design and ongoing efforts are being made to replace the green bollard lenses. The council will be replacing the street lighting soon as part of their updating schedule. We have even changed the lighting at the entrance utilising an upward beam emphasising the Weymede sign and slate plaque.

Drains continue to wreak havoc due to inappropriate flushing of wipes, cotton buds, feminine products and other inappropriate debris. Drain clearance and repairs to affected pipes is ongoing. This situation has been problematic for some residents. You can just imagine the odour and overflow in gardens and porch areas has left a lot to be desired. **Please remember our drains are now quite old, delicate and are foul and costly exercise to maintain. This affects us all financially by way of maintenance fees and we have only ourselves to blame. We ask that you be vigilant about what you are flushing down your loos.**

Gate locks have needed addressing on several occasions over the last year. Some are due to people climbing over the gates, throwing them out of alignment. Recently a locksmith was called out as the locking mechanism to the electric fuse board appeared to be gunged up with an orange dusty substance. It appeared we had bee's set up home inside the cupboard. At least we weren't to blame for that one!

Car Parking

Please be considerate of your neighbours and communal grounds when parking your cars and avoid taking up too much space. Several times cars are found to be parked badly preventing additional parking opportunities. We have recently invested in repairs to the granite sets that edge the lawns and planted areas as these are regularly damaged when cars mount the curb.

Despite previous communications, cars continue to park on the corners outside HN 60-65. This prevents the bin collection lorries from using the road and forcing them onto the lawn area. At the very least, please avoid parking in these areas on Sunday evenings to prevent this problem occurring on collection day.



Weymede Events

We have seen several community events come and go in previous months. Last summer's **Weyday** event brought families out in full force to participate in games, relays and the fancy dress parade. There were prizes to be won and sausages sizzled under the careful eye of volunteers manning the BBQ's. Many households walked away with great raffles prizes donated from local and London business. One lucky winner received family tickets for the London Transport Museum....only to find out he'd recently retired from serving many years with Transport for London. Some might call that Karma! Either way, it produced an abundance of laughter. The raffle and sausage sales raised £745 to be used towards other Weymede events. Thank you to everyone who supported this cause. We combined **Halloween and Guy Fawkes** which included a pumpkin carving contest, more sausages, spooky woodland walk, huge bonfire and fireworks. Could we fit anything else into the evening event you ask? Of course, Chinese lanterns were lit and released into the air to close evening. **Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...** What a popular addition to our events calendar this was. Our very own Weymede Christmas Tree! Many gathered, young and old, to cheer in the lighting of the tree, sing along to Choir led Christmas carols and sip hot mulled wine. The best part is we all continued to enjoy the tree throughout the month of December. A special THANK YOU to David at HN 103 for making this possible by providing the electricity throughout December. **Ella** from HN 94 poses for a picture with the **Easter Bunny**. Flopsy and friends spent the morning hiding chocolate eggs for our first ever Easter Egg Hunt. **This years Weyday has been rescheduled for the 10th of September. Please see insert.**

Your committee

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Margaret Coombs treasurer@weymede.co.uk Treasurer	56
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Alayne Dellow maintenance@weymede.co.uk Maintenance	101
Olivia Williams communityaffairs@weymede.co.uk Community Affairs	43
If you have any ideas, issues or concerns regarding anything to do with life on Weymede, don't hesitate to drop one of us an email or pop round for a chat!	
Additional help	
John Payne joandjohnpayne@ntlworld.com Neighbourhood Watch	60
Email list We are trying to establish an email list of residents for passing on messages of interest to those living on Weymede. Despite previous requests, few have come forward. If you would like to join, simply email your details to webmaster@weymede.co.uk	



This Mountain is no Molehill



One of our young residents has embraced the momentous task of raising money for Help for Heroes and the Hershams Scout Group by travelling to Switzerland to climb Mt Breithorn. This mountain is 4000 metres above sea level and requires climbing over snow and ice, not to mention jumping out of a perfectly good helicopter. But this isn't his first climb. 13 yr old Harry Berg of HN 56, travelled to New Zealand last year to undertake a similar task with his Scout Group. Mum, Margaret says he is a very determined young man and seeks out challenges and adventure wherever possible. Harry has set his sights on joining the SAS one day and as of yet cannot be dissuaded. I sense mum would rather he do something a bit more conservative. If Harry missed you when seeking sponsorship for his climbing expedition, it's not too late to support his efforts by donating a mere £5 or £10. Drop it through the letterbox or email Margaret at Margaret.coombs1@ntlworld.com

Gardening

What likes rain one day, sun the next, rain, sun, rain, sun, and so on? Not only do our trees and shrubs thrive on this pattern but also the weeds. We have seen significant growth on Weymede of anything green which challenges even the best of gardeners trying to maintain landscaping. Please remember we have one gardener and 15 heavily planted acres. If he hasn't made it round your house yet, he will.

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Welcome to Weymede

A big welcome to our newest residents:

Name yet unknown	HN16
Julie Holloway	HN31
Christina & Kevin Gregory and family	HN55
Eleanor Bearne and family	HN64

...and belated congratulations to....

- HN94 - Scott and Julie who have welcomed baby Charlotte.
- HN41 - Michelle and Dan who welcomed baby Max in May.
- HN113 - Jamie and Lilliana who welcomed a baby daughter in April.

If you're considering putting your house on the market please let Jill know your plans at your earliest opportunity. Your buyer's solicitors will need a wealth of information from the Weymede Residents Society in order to prepare the contracts for purchase, so the earlier you can let Jill know, the smoother things will be.

Window & skylight cleaning

Most, if not all residents will have had their skylights cleaned in recent days. It was agreed that part of this service will include a roof audit to identify any problems. If there are multiple broken tiles, heavy moss, rotten wood or conditions make it too hazardous for the skylights to be cleaned, you will be notified. Dawn will be communicating this to individual residents via a letterbox drop. If you do not receive anything, you can assume all is well. We continue to work with New Horizon to improve the service level and communication challenges we've seen in previous month. I ask that you please be patient whilst a solution is found. In the short term, do not hesitate to contact them directly for any concerns you may have. Kate - 01932346996