



WEYMEDE



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2010



Kitty (aged 2), Madeline (aged 6) & Abigail (aged 7) enjoying the early summer sun on Weymede





Wey Day preparations are 'under-way'

We have had to reconsider the date of this year's Wey Day. It will now take place on the **11th of September** instead of the 4th and we are busy planning the activities.

This year it will be a family fun day with children's activities, games and races in the afternoon, with prizes to be won. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be given for the best fancy dress costumes, so kids - start planning your fancy dress costume now!

And we haven't forgotten the adults - bring your gazebo's and BBQ's to the riverbank in the evening to enjoy the bonfire and music. A prize will be given for the best decorated gazebo. And save up your £1 coins - this year local businesses have donated some amazing prizes for a Wey Day raffle.

To help cover costs we'll ask for a £10 donation per family on the day. Further information will be coming through your letter box soon.

To make this community event happen we need your help! It can only be a success with community involvement so get involved! Contact Dawn or Olivia if you can help with any of the following...

- Sell raffle tickets door-to-door and on the day/night
- Be a DJ for the evening
- Donate paper, paints and brushes for the poster contest
- Lend us a rounders or cricket set
- Lend us a megaphone or karaoke machine
- Help with the 'morning after clear up'



Dates for your diary

Wey Day	Saturday 11 September
Pumpkin carving contest	Saturday 30 October
Trick or Treating	Sunday 31 October
Guy Fawkes bonfire	Saturday 6 November
AGM	Thursday 25 November
Christmas event	Saturday 4 December

This year's AGM

We're excited to announce that this year's AGM will be held at Mercedes Benz World on Thursday 25 November 2010.

With a strong interest in supporting the community, MBW have been kind enough to host our AGM in their beautiful facilities free of charge. Arrive at 7pm to have a look around and enjoy complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits. A paid bar will also be available. The meeting will start at 7.45pm and go on until 10pm - we look forward to seeing you there!

Committee update

Introducing our new committee Secretary, Jill Brum.

Following Lindy's decision to retire from the committee after 9 years, the search has been on for her replacement. We are delighted to announce that Jill Brum from HN79 has been trialling the role of Secretary since July. Jill has lived on Weymede since 2004 and totally embraces the Span concept of living. She looks forward to joining the committee and will continue to be supported by Lindy over the next few months. Jill can be contacted at HN79 or via email at secretary@weymede.co.uk



Parking on Weymede

We have had a number of resident complaints about inconsiderate parking around the development, with particular mention to the drivers who are parking on the pavements and corners. Not only does this obscure the lovely house number signs from view, but parking on the corners of the spine road and side roads makes it dangerous for drivers who are forced on to the other side of the road around the blind bends. The most notable problem is at the entrance to Weymede. This also forces larger vehicles such as the bin collectors to drive over the green areas to get past. We have also had complaints of cars parking on the pavements making it difficult to get past with buggies and causing damage to the pavements.

Please be more considerate to your neighbours when parking - the development isn't designed to allow all residents to park outside their houses but there are more than enough parking spaces to go around if residents make sure they use the allocated parking bays and garage forecourts first.

Riverbank

If you fancy making the most of the last of the summer evenings with a camp fire or BBQ on the riverbank, please be reminded that these should be positioned in the sunken area in the middle of the riverbank at the waters edge. Please feel free to help yourself to the seasoned fire wood in the compound.

Strain on the drain

A quick reminder not to put wet wipes down the toilet! We had two major drain blockages in one month that were caused by face wipes and baby wipes, and the cost of repairing the drains has to come from the limited maintenance budget for the estate.

Thank you

Mr & Mrs Meaden of Green Lane Close would like to thank residents for their patience whilst they had their garden re-landscaped and allowing the skip to be located on Weymede land. They subsequently gifted the committee 18sq metres of paving slabs which have been used for the front of house projects and to replace broken slabs around the estate.



Grow your own

Do you aspire to grow asparagus, or hanker after home grown veggies? Well we're looking for residents who are interested in starting a Weymede allotment. As mentioned at last year's AGM, there is a patch of unused Weymede land that may be suitable for allotments. Whether you want your own patch or fancy sharing with another resident, we would like to hear from you. If you're interested, then get in touch with Olivia or Margaret. If there is enough interest then we'll investigate it further and present a proposal to residents at the AGM in November. Who knows - we could be growing strawberries in time for next year's Wimbledon!

Window & Skylight cleaning

The committee has taken the decision to suspend the skylight cleaning until this can be discussed with residents at the AGM in November. In the majority of cases, the roof tiles are the original ones and after 46 years of weathering, are starting to show their age. As a result, the risk of damage to the roof tiles is too great to continue the skylight cleaning twice a year. Instead we propose that these are cleaned once every 3 years during the painting cycle.

If your windows have been painted this summer, your windows will be washed by hand over the next few months to avoid damaging any of the new paintwork until it's fully dried and hardened.

Help thy neighbour

Do you have a skill or trade that could benefit your neighbour? If the answer is yes, why not advertise on the Weymede website? Send us your details and we will put them on the website for you. Residents are regularly looking for trustworthy plumbers, electricians, plasterers, hairdressers, seamstresses, tutors and childminders as well as many other things. So whether you do these as a hobby or as a job we would love to tap into our own community for these skills. Alternatively, do you have a teenager at home who would like to earn some extra cash through baby-sitting, gardening, car cleaning or dog-walking? If so, let us know and we'll be sure to send residents your way. Send your details to webmaster@weymede.co.uk

Trusted Tradesmen

If you have used any tradesmen that you were particularly pleased with, please let us know so that we can inform other residents. Here are a few recommendations from residents to get us started:

Roofer - Frank Mason, All Areas Roofing, 01483 237 259 / 07754 253 332. Recommended by Nigel Embry at HN115. Frank retiled the roof of a 3 storey property for less than £2,000.

Bricklayer - Ian Paterson 0208 979 0452 / 07930 346 713. Recommended by Gay and Earle Bottrill at HN87. Ian rebuilt their garden wall and did an excellent job of matching the brickwork and mortar to the original colour.

Electrician - Richard Childs, Spartan Electrics, 07970 155 116. Recommended by Dawn Stewart at HN75. Richard is familiar with the unique structural aspects and demands of rewiring Weymede properties.

Bank Holiday bin collection

Thank you to all residents for helping us improve the Weymede development by re-homing your wheelie bins within the perimeter of your gardens. I'm sure you'll agree that it's made a huge improvement to the appearance of the development!

Just a reminder that bins that remain in the communal areas for two days following the weekly collection will be confiscated and will incur a charge of £10 on collection.

Please also be reminded that the bin collection will happen **as normal** on Bank Holiday, Monday 30 August.



Pet Corner

We'd like to feature a photo and story about those four legged Weymede friends that are as familiar to us as our two legged neighbours. Send us a photo and funny feline story, or a quirky canine habit and we will feature them in future newsletters.

MISSING! We're sad to say that some plants and bags of compost from the garden compound have been going missing. Please keep an eye out for anything suspicious!



Gardening Update

We're sure you've noticed all the beautiful new shrubs that have been planted around the estate in the last few months. We were very fortunate to have received a donation of plants and shrubs valued in excess of £2,000 from Isleworth College. They were about to embark on some building work which meant they had to dig up all their beautiful landscaping, so after a tip off from Allayne Dellow at HN101, Ingrid and Lee (our Weymede gardener) rushed to the rescue, and then set about replanting them around our estate over the following weeks. What a scoop!

During this replanting process the garden compound was closed to accommodate these needy plants. We would like to thank you for your patience during this time and thank those of you who have been helping water them since they've been planted. Can we please ask for your help in continuing to water them over the coming months as some are visibly struggling.

And finally, a quick reminder that only green waste should be dumped in the garden compound. Please dispose of plastic plant pots, garden wire, plant labels and plastic compost bags elsewhere as we get fined by the collection company if the green waste is contaminated by non biodegradable waste. These fines have to come out of our limited gardening budget! Increasingly, we are finding residents dumping wood and old flower pots in the compound as well. If there's something that you think another resident may be able to make use of, please put it to one side with a label saying 'please help yourself'. If it's simply rubbish that needs to be disposed of, please be considerate of other residents and take it to the Chertsey tip instead (as Martyr's Lane tip is closed until December).



Breaches of Covenants

We're clamping down on breaches of covenants. Over the next few months we'll be conducting a survey of the estate to review the worst offending breaches of covenants with a view to returning the estate to its original design. If you are thinking about replacing doors, windows, barge-boards, fencing, gates etc we ask that you check the 'Simple Guide to Weymede' to check that the changes you're making are in line with the covenants of the development. Please be reminded that sky/satellite dishes must be positioned below the fence line of your garden. The simple guide can be found online at www.weymede.co.uk

Welcome to Weymede

A big welcome to our newest residents:
 Angelica Stuebeggar HN83
 Mr & Mrs Stuart Telfer HN115

Attention tenants and landlords

Do you rent your Weymede property, or are you thinking of letting your house? If so, landlords are required to let our secretary Jill know your future contact details and the names and contact details of your tenants, so that we can keep in touch with both parties. If you're renting can you please send us an email to let us know your details and those of your landlord at secretary@weymede.co.uk

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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!

Email list

We maintain an email list of residents for passing on messages of interest to those living on Weymede. If you would like to join, simply email your details to webmaster@weymede.co.uk

Your contributions

If you would like to contribute any stories, recommendations or requests for the next Weymede Newsletter, send us an email at communityaffairs@weymede.co.uk