



News September 2013

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WEYDAY

A brief report on the Weymede annual funday.

OTHER EVENTS

Do we want more social events on the estate?

FACEBOOK

Weymede now has a Facebook page and a refreshed website with a resident comment area is on it's way..

DOG ATTACK

A rather tragic incident between 2 dogs on the riverbank.

SPAN

Are we missing something about Weymede? Check out this Estate Agent's take on where we live.

WEYMEDE AGM

A discussion on the role of the committee, transparency and an appeal for candidates for 2014.

TIRED & LEAKY ROOF?

50 year old roofs are beginning to fail. A polite request from maintenance for old roof tiles.

GARDEN COMPOUND

Why the new signs?

GARDENING REPORT

Jill and David, our highly capable gardening team with a report on this summer's challenges and what's in store for the future.

NAG NAG NAG

No Weymede newsletter would be complete without assorted moans and reminders!



Weyday 20th July 2013

The weather held and a small but enthusiastic band of families and individuals enjoyed a day of games on the river reach. New this year was a Spanish theme that was well received as

was the 4 huge Paella that Alan from Paella passion cooked up for us during the day. A special thank-you must go to Weymede resident John Payne who provided his chef's



It's a donkey on the edge!

The Future of Weymede events?

Weyday has always been conceived as a summer opportunity for residents and their families to gather, meet and relax within what many consider to be a unique environment. Those who came this year had a ball but it has to be said that the attendance was not as expected. Have we lost our appetite for a summer event? Do we want to be more social? What events if any do we as a community want? Currently

and in addition to Weyday we organise an Easter and Halloween event for kids plus the Xmas mulled wine and mince pie event round the tree. Others have suggested the return of open air cinema on the green, a bridge or cribbage league, the "Grapevine" a bi-annual wine tasting event, an organised ramble on the occasional Sunday.

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Blue smarties or repeated attempts to pin the tail on the donkey?



expertise in preparing a "knock your socks off" Sangria as well as his time in manning the stall. Nipa Das took a circle of people from scepticism to excruciating tummy ache from laughing too much in her "Mediation by laughter" session and the winners of the kid's games enjoyed knocking seven bells out of the piñatas provided on the day. We have to say that the event was not as well attended as we had hoped leading us to ask the question.....



Maybe it's better late than never but Weymede now has a portal into the social network with it's own Facebook page and closed user group. Search in facebook for "Weymede Residents Society" and you will find our page. This page is open to the wider world but the group attached to it is not. If you want to join the group send a mail to communityaffairs@weymede.co.uk and you will be sent an invitation to join by return.

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Facebook of course is not for everyone and for some time we have been searching for a way for residents to share, appeal or advertise events or items for sale with fellow residents. We are currently reviewing our website with a plan to update the presentation, content and hopefully to introduce a private residents comment area.



Weymede AGM

28th November 2013. St. Mary's Hall Byfleet



WE NEED YOU!

The 2013 AGM will see sweeping changes to the management committee with only 3 of the current 7 members standing for election. Currently standing:

Hilary Milroy for Treasurer
Sarah Lighten for secretary.
Mike White for the painting role

The roles of Maintenance, Gardening and Community affairs are to be filled at the AGM. The quality and value of management is inevitably better with volunteer residents rather than a hugely expensive outside management company running the estate. We need more people for 2014. If you want more information on what working on behalf of the residents entails contact:

Sarah Lighten: secretary@weymede.co.uk

The role of the Committee

2014 will see efforts to strip back the core responsibilities of the committee and to further enhance transparency. There are differing views as to whether the restrictions in force at Weymede enhance our properties value. One thing is for sure: without the constant diligent care of the estate by people who live there the look of the estate would soon degrade and we will all suffer. We will explain all in the pre AGM report but please come forward and help maintain our environment.

Please attend the AGM. Use your voice and vote!

Dog Incident on the rivebank

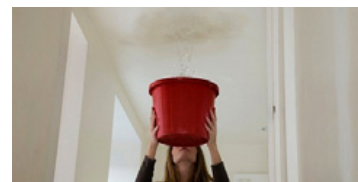
Not all Weymede news can be lighthearted and a pleasure to report. In June along the riverbank a small white fluff ball of a dog was attacked by a much, much larger dog. Both animals are owned by Weymede residents and both were not on a lead. You need not guess the outcome as the smaller animal sustained extremely serious injuries that required extensive veterinary treatment. I am pleased to report that the little pooch has made a full recovery. As indicated to the left the Weymede committee's role is one of maintenance and application of the covenants. Regrettably nowhere in the rules is there provision for the restraint of dogs so the only action we can take is to appeal to the better nature of dog owners and for the safety of the dog and others ensure that they are kept on a lead whilst in the estate's public areas and to help those parents who have cleaned poo from their kids shoes... please pick up!!!

To Span or not to Span????

Anyone who doubts what we have at Weymede might want to have a look at this link:

<http://www.themodernhouse.net/sales-list/byfleet-surrey/description-817/>

Unlike many estate agents locally The Modern House recognise the architectural value of Span housing estates and are charging (and have received) a premium because of it. More reason for us to preserve what we have.



Leaky Roof?

From the scaffolds and noise it would not have escaped your notice that a number of our 50 year old roofs are beginning to fail.

Maintenance would like to build a stock of original roof tiles so if you are having your roof replaced with new please let us know: maintenance@weymede.co.uk

Garden compound

You may have noticed some new signs have appeared on the gates to the garden compound. They could be argued to be "in yer face" so why?

The garden compound is essentially for green garden waste only and not as one kind resident believes a repository for a couple of tonnes of earth and concrete. The cost of removing this unwelcome donation has to be borne by all of us via our maintenance contributions. The yes please items are very welcome as they are composted for future use by the gardening team around the grounds



Gardening update

The dry hot spell we have experienced this year has left the lawned areas looking very dry. However, the recent rain means they are now starting to recover.

Another problem in August, caused by the dry spell followed by torrential rain, has been that some quite large tree branches have fallen. Tim Lawrence, our tree surgeon, has dealt with them very quickly & he is currently assessing all the

trees to see if we need to do some preventive work.

Refurbishment of the front gardens is almost complete. We will be planting new trees in the autumn to replace those removed on the square.

This summer we planned to leave a small area of grass on the riverbank to grow longer & see what wildflowers emerged, then to cut back in the autumn & prepare the ground for seeding. However the dry weather has meant that none of the grass grew at all! We will now mow the area in the autumn & prepare it for seeding with a wildflower mix. This is an exciting experiment & should be great for bees & butterflies, many of which are now endangered



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**Nag
Nag
Nag!**

A polite request more than a nag but can the gates to the Byfleet wood and riverbank be closed and locked when you go through them. Apart from helping prevent random strangers from fishing on our section of the river they are for the residents that live close by an important contribution towards security. Many thanks!!

And finally.....

Newsletters are not up for much without news and there's only so much the committee can relate so please, please send us anything that you might want to report or announce.

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or pop a note through to HN71.

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Or to reach all of us at once: committee@weymede.co.uk

Our maintenance office Alayne Dellow stepped down from post in July.
Maintenance duties will now be fulfilled by other members of the team until a
replacement is elected at the AGM in November.

For maintenance specific communications please mail maintenance@weymede.co.uk

