

The Ethelburga Newsletter

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NEW ETHELBURGA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NERA)

Major Works Presentation

Each NERA Committee member will have finally completed their investigations and deliberations into what to ask the Council to include in Major Works. We will be putting all these together during a forthcoming Committee meeting. As promised, we would like to give everybody an opportunity to see what we shall be proposing to the Council. This does not mean that the Council will, or even can, agree to what we are proposing. We shall have to negotiate and will let you know that outcome at a next meeting.

Come to our presentation & open discussion on Major Works on **Tuesday 15th February, 2011 at 7.30 p.m. at the Community Centre**. This will be your first chance to make your ideas count and be included if possible.

Gardening Club

The formation of the Gardening Club is proceeding. We need more members; membership is open to every resident on the Estate.

We are exploring with the Council the taking over of all gardening on the Estate, which will be coordinated by the Gardening Club.

We are trying to establish whether you are interested in taking on responsibility for any of the gardening requirements near your flat (or anywhere else on the Estate). If you are interested, please send us an e-mail, telephone or drop a short note into 46 Maskelyne Close explaining your interest. We will try and accommodate your wishes under the master plan we will be drawing up for the Estate.

We shall be arranging a meeting on this soon.

Housing Survey

A Borough-wide survey of housing on behalf of the Council will commence soon. A proportion of households will be called for a 15 minute telephone-only interview. If selected, you will receive written notification in advance; if you do not want to be called, please advise the Council's **Suzanne Hackett on 020 8871 7829 before Feb 17**.

Membership Registration

Over the next few weeks you will be asked to sign-up as a member of the Residents Association. This is an annual exercise required by the Council. The reason for this is that the Residents' Association receives a grant to cover its running costs. This grant consists of a basic £2.00 per household plus another fixed sum of £150 upwards per 100 households, providing at least 20% of the Estate become members. If we achieve a 50% sign-up rate, the per head payment gets doubled. This grant is our only income; we need it to cover costs, like the production of this newsletter. We want to increase communications, so will have more frequent newsletters in future. Around 400 flats are potential members, let's go for a 100% sign-up

Please sign-up. It commits you to nothing, and enables us to be a better Residents' Association. You can help by taking responsibility for everybody on your block to sign up. Please collect the requisite form for your block from 46 Maskelyne Close. We need the completed membership forms by the end of February.

If you have an e-mail address, please include it; likewise, if you have a mobile telephone or even land-line number. This information stays with us and assists in getting news and information to everybody



The BIG LUNCH

<http://www.thebiglunch.com>

We missed out on this last year. This year it takes place **Sunday June 5th**. This time it would be a shame not to have a BIG LUNCH on our Estate.

We shall want volunteers to help organise it, and of course we shall need as many as possible to come to the BIG LUNCH. We will be providing more information soon, for the moment please put this date in your diaries and start praying for a sunny Sunday. If you have any immediate ideas and suggestions, and want to help organise the Big Lunch, please drop a note with your name and suggestions into the letterbox at 46 Maskelyne Close.

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