

The Ethelburga Newsletter

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NEW ETHELBURGA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (NERA)



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING + RAFFLE

Thursday 2nd December at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

You will have already received notice of our AGM. Please make sure that a representative from your household comes to this important meeting which will be attended by council officers and the recently enlivened committee. As it is Christmas time we are having **drinks and mince pies** before hand (from 7pm) and everyone attending will get a **free** ticket for our **Christmas Raffle** with some great seasonal prizes. We all look forward to seeing you there and to welcoming anyone who would like to join the Committee.

MAJOR WORKS

We have agreed with the Council that Major Works will continue and not be on hold until we have finished our exploration of self-management. Based on the aborted scheme we are currently drawing up a list of what we believe should be in Major Works. It is our intention that you will have a chance to comment before we sit down with the Council to see what can and cannot be included under Council rules. This way, we shall all have a chance to state what we would like to see included well before the Council goes out to tender.

In negotiation with the Council we shall be able to establish a number of costing models which we can then agree on after discussion. There will then be the usual and legally required consultation process before the Council finalises the Major Works programme.

ANY QUESTIONS? COME AND MEET US

Our residents' clinics which take place every Tuesday have got off to a great start and we are delighted to say that many residents are now turning to us for help and advice on a wide range of issues. We have also arranged with our Safer Neighbourhood Team to come along to the centre on a regular basis to discuss your concerns. This will start in the New Year and we will update you nearer the time.

Clinic Hours: every Tuesday - mornings from 10.30am to 12.30pm and evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30pm

The New Ethelburga Residents Association (NERA) Committee is made up of leaseholders and residents.

Jenny Ormonde, Jan Cumming, Camilla Ker, Peter Rae, Jessica Sebastian, Vitaly Vaysman, Peter Lanigan-O'Keeffe, Stephanie Tarrant-Cross, Caroline Kresfelder, Ben Marshall, Irina Rapiy, Pat Hughes

THE GARDENING CLUB

There has been lots of interest from residents about the formation of a gardening club on the Estate. We are now discussing with the Council what help we can get from them in establishing this and how we can take control of the gardening in specified areas. You can sign up for membership, or just express an interest at the AGM. This is just the first of many initiatives that we are working on and we would be delighted to hear your views, ideas and thoughts about developing community spirit.



THE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The new management committee has been working hard here as well and have had temporary repairs done to the windows, new front doors ordered and are putting together a plan for a major overhaul of this vital resource. We see the Centre as being at the heart of our community and are looking to develop a full range of activities for all age groups. If you know anyone interested in using the Centre please call Jessica or Peter on **0207 228 4453** between 9am and 5pm. Hire charges are £30 an hour for the big hall and £5 an hour for the committee room.

TV STATIONS—V. GOOD NEWS

We had heard from a number of residents that they relied on their private TV receiving dishes for news and entertainment from home. Naturally they felt concerned that with the removal of all private dishes from the Estate they would lose their links with home. We have investigated this with the Council and are glad to be able to report that with the purchase of a decoder box the Council-provided TV aerials are capable of receiving an endless list of stations, which are listed here http://www.aurora.se/hotbird_satellite_channels.htm. We have not been able to spot whether any are missing! You need to contact SCCI, tel. 01992789658 for a quote. If somebody knows about decoders, please be in touch.

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