



# FIELDEND NEWS

## WINTER 2019

### FRAL Board

#### 2019 AGM reminder

The 2019 AGM will be held in the Alexander Room at the Alexander Pope, Cross Deep, Twickenham TW1 4RB on 12 February at 8pm. Please attend to ensure your voices as shareholders are heard.



#### Tidy days

The next 'tidy days' are Saturday 9 February and Saturday 6 April. Please join us at 10am in Red Square. These days are a great opportunity to meet your neighbours and contribute to the Fieldend estate.



### Maintenance

#### Repainting

With 2020 the year of our next round of house painting, 2019 is the year to start preparing the external fabric of your house so that the new paint will last as long as possible. Now that our houses are nearly 60 years old their exteriors need ever more care to look their best (sound familiar?) In previous years pre-paint surveys have been undertaken around six months prior to the repaint but this has resulted in incomplete repairs and other scheduling problems come the repaint itself next year. It's crucial householders do all they can to have their houses ready to be painted for spring 2020; so FRAL have a plan to make that as easy as possible. Our decorator, Mark Tullet, is going



to begin a detailed round of surveys at the end of February 2019. This means that in mid to late March you will receive his report and have a full 12 months to arrange any work needed on your windows, porches and fascia boards. Remember, FRAL can often help recommending and even supplying some of the finishing materials such as weather boards and cladding.

#### Board meetings

The next Board meetings are on 27 February and 24 April. Please contact any Board member (details overleaf) if there are matters you wish to raise.

### Garden notes

#### Pruning works

Allen and his team have cut back the Pyracantha on the perimeter fences and had a bonfire to dispose of the trimmings.





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## Announcements

### Welcome to new residents

Welcome to Fieldend Judith and Nigel Palmer at no 7.

### FRAL Christmas *At Home*

Many thanks to Theo and Clare (no 44) for welcoming residents into their home for the Directors' Christmas drinks on 9 December.

### Bonfire night

Thanks to Killian and Joanna O'Sullivan, Shaun Betteridge, Dominic Gregory, David Finnigan, Theo Williams, James Blishen, Andy Whately, Lars Otterbu and everyone else who helped organise a great bonfire night on 3 November.

### Westfield Span Visit

On Saturday 1 December, three Board members from Westfield Span estate in Ashted, Surrey came over to visit, in particular to explore the pros and cons of applying for conservation area status. The FRAL Board Chair, Sarah Dietz, met with them, along with Barbara Atherton – who was Chair when our conservation area was established – and Helen Middleton-Price. We were able to answer a lot of their questions over coffee, and later walked around Fieldend with them; this gave us the opportunity of discussing some of the challenges of maintaining a 60-year-old estate and the Westfield directors gave us some suggestions for suitable substitutes for some architectural elements on Fieldend. So, what started as a desire to help Westfield, ended up with Fieldend receiving valuable information, highlighting the importance of such inter-estate communication. We hope to

maintain contact with Westfield, with the possibility of a return visit next year.



Thank you!

Fieldend Residents Association

## Fieldend Carols

Many thanks to all the Fieldenders who turned out to sing carols for charity. Particular thanks go to Jim Strike for making all the arrangements and hosting the event, especially in light of this year's challenging weather. Thanks to everyone for contributing.

## Twentieth Century Society

Previous newsletters have mentioned the Twentieth Century Society and their book, *100 Houses - 100 Years*, which includes a photograph of Fieldend by Roger Joiner in its introduction (page 7). A number of Eric Lyons enthusiasts led by the society's Jack Head toured Fieldend in October.

The Twentieth Century Society campaigns to safeguard examples of modern British architecture from 1914 on wards. If you would like to consider joining the Twentieth Century Society, you can visit them at: <https://c20society.org.uk/>.

