



FIELDEND NEWS

AUTUMN 2016

Fieldend diary dates

Bonfire night

Fieldend fireworks night will be on Saturday 5 November this year.



Christmas Directors' drinks

Christmas Directors' drinks will be on Sunday 11 December between 12 and 2pm. Barbara Atherton has kindly agreed to be our host at no 38 Fieldend.

FRAL Board meetings

The next two FRAL Board meetings take place on 18 Oct 2016 and 30 Nov 2016. If there are any matters that you wish to raise, please make contact via the Chair's email address (overleaf).



Tidy day

The next gardens tidy day will be on Saturday 5 November, just in time for bonfire night.

Fieldend matters

Fieldend Re-Painting

We're almost there! Our houses have been painted and snagged, and we have said a fond farewell to Mark and Frank, who worked incredibly hard for us throughout the re-painting project. Despite variously, rain, too much rain, sun and too much sun, we finished on schedule and on budget, and as one resident has commented, "Fieldend is sparkling in the autumn sunshine". The garage gutters have been cleaned and sealed with bitumen, railings in the play area have been replaced and the gate now closes. All that is left is for Janet and Mark to have a final walk round at the beginning of February, after which the retention can be paid. There is no doubt that things would not have gone as smoothly or as well without the dedication and professionalism of our project advisor, Janet McDougall (No 14); we are hugely grateful to her.

Maintenance charge

Residents will already know that the maintenance charge has been decreased to £125 per month from 1 October 2016, following the large increase last year. The Board has set this amount for the current financial year, and aims to ensure we accumulate sufficient funds for the next re-paint in 2020 and for general estate maintenance.

Primus has (almost) left

Residents, especially those with gardens backing onto the northern side of the perimeter road, will be relieved that Primus has now almost completed its work at Newland House. The Board is grateful to residents for their co-operation, in what proved to be a far more intrusive use of our land than we had originally envisaged. The good news is that we have negotiated a good increased payment and are now just waiting for the landscaping to be completed. Please be assured that this will be done – Barbara still has them on speed dial!

Contacting the FRAL Board

The chairfral@gmail.com email address is given on the back of every newsletter. Please remember that most Board members have busy lives, and whilst we respond as soon as possible, you might have to wait if the relevant Board member is busy or away. If it is an urgent matter, please contact the appropriate Board member directly.

Retiring Director

Many thanks to Roger Joiner who has stepped down from the FRAL Board, having volunteered to be Acting Chair through a period of hiatus.



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Great events

A swim marathon success!

Hannah at no 47 says a big 'Thank You' to fellow Fieldenders for their sponsorship of the Dart 10k in support of MIND. She completed the journey from Totnes down the Dart estuary to Dittisham in 2hrs 38min on 4 Sept and has, to date, raised £2k.

If you would like to make a donation visit:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/HannahDelahay-Dart10k>



Fieldend summer party

Huge thanks go to the following people for organising both the afternoon and evening Fieldend summer parties which were greatly enjoyed by all those who attended: Sarah Dietz, Joanna O'Sullivan,



Hannah Delahay, Sara Layton, and especially Lars and Gili for once again marshalling a marauding mob of over-excited children into games and races, which were great fun for everyone.

Announcements and reminders

Fly tipping

Recently, a large amount of builders rubble was found in the green garden bin by garage no 16. Jim Strike kindly cleared it out so that the bin was emptied. Please keep a lookout for fly-tippers and challenge anyone dumping rubbish in green bins.

Bins and recycling boxes

Dustbins and boxes should be kept in our gardens between collections. Please remember to take in all your dustbins and recycling boxes after the Friday collection.

Recycling ready meal containers

At a recent tidy day, scores of food containers were found in the wooded area behind nos 14-16; this is the area where our resident foxes have their dens. It is most likely that foxes take these containers from the recycling boxes on Thursday nights. Please wash out food containers; it will discourage the foxes and will make recycling easier.

Dogs on Fieldend

There has been a significant increase in the numbers of dogs living at Fieldend. Children play on all the communal grassed areas, so please ensure your dog does not foul these areas. Even when mess is removed, harmful infectious residue can remain.

