



FIELDEND NEWS

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FRAL Board

Our AGM

Thanks to all the shareholders who attended our AGM on 22 February and to those who sent apologies. Your support is greatly appreciated by the Board. The draft minutes have been issued. We look forward to working with you all in the coming year.

The Finishing Touches

By the time you read this – and weather permitting – the outstanding work from last summer’s re-painting will have finished. All at the AGM agreed that Mark and Frank had done a very good job and recorded thanks to them and to Janet. It was noted, however, that despite the amount of repair and renewal of woodwork, we need to be vigilant for further signs of deterioration.

Car parking

As Roger Joiner has stepped down from the Board, he has handed back the management of parking issues to the Board. For new parking permits, contact Helen Middleton-Price (26).

Local news

Expansion Plans

Residents will have read of the plans for St Mary’s expansion and for Newland House’s nursery at 11 Waldegrave Park. There is to be a public consultation in the Shannon Suite at St Mary’s on Monday 24 April at 6.00-8.30pm, and residents are encouraged to go along to look at the proposals and give their views. Meanwhile, the Board continues to liaise with Strawberry Hill Residents’ Association and with the University itself, particularly on the issue of staff and student parking. The Board has also been in contact with Newland House and stressed the importance of having a staff member posted by our entrance to prevent parents from parking when the nursery opens in September.

Strawberry Hill Village Plan

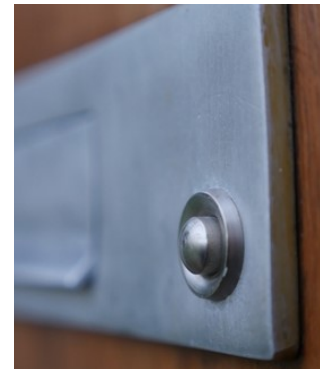
We had an interesting focus group in March covering everything from parking and pavements, improvements to Strawberry Hill village and to bus routes and facilities for pre-teens. The consultation period is now over and we understand that we will receive a report on the discussions in our area later in the summer.



Maintenance

Door bells

FRAL has a small stock of original-style door bell push buttons that can be fitted into either the original letter box (pictured below) or a later version (they just need a 15mm hole). They cost £8 each. If you would like one, please contact Theo Williams (44).



Triangle works

At last, our cooperation with our neighbour on Teddington Park Road has come to an end. The donation from this resident, in compensation for use of FRAL land for skips and access, will be invested in some large specimen trees to help bring the triangle back to its best just in time for summer.

French gravel

Some unpleasant looking tarmac was used by the Council to replace the paving slabs removed from around the large plane tree outside no 18 in the east square. In response to the Board’s representations to the Council, this has now been replaced by French gravel. The gravel outside nos 43-45 has also been refreshed.





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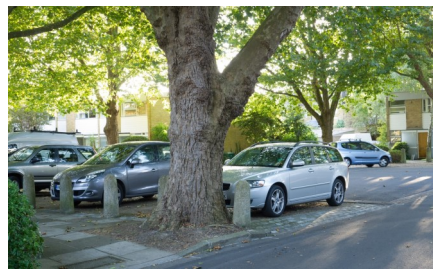
Garden notes

Tidy days

Thanks to all who helped on the tidy day on 25 March. If you were not able to come but would still like to help, please have a look outside your houses and dead-head any daffodils that have died; this is essential for their long-term health.

Plane trees

We are waiting to hear from the Tree Preservation Officer at the Council about plans for pruning the car park plane trees. There has been a change of contractor, so work has been delayed. Applications have been made for work to the planes in the east square; the Council will make a decision by May.



Garden waste bins

A reminder: the only waste allowed in the garden bins is green garden waste, ie: grass, leaves, twigs, hedge trimmings, weeds, plants, flowers and fallen fruit. Any plastic bags must be emptied. All prunings should be cut as small as possible to maximise space. The lid of the bin must be closed; if the bin is overflowing it will not be emptied.

Announcements

Stop press! More garage break-ins.

There was a garage break-in on the night of 27 March and at least one further break-in in the last few days by thieves using bolt cutters. Please check your garages and be vigilant. The police have been informed.

Fieldend diary dates

Tidy day: 3 June 2017. **FRAL Board meetings:** 20 April and 6 June 2017. **Summer party:** 8 July 2017.

20th Century Society publication

The 20th Century Society is publishing a book in the Autumn entitled *One hundred houses – one hundred years*. One of Roger Joiner's images of Fieldend (see below) will appear in the introduction to the book.



Website re-vamp

The Fieldend webmaster Sarah Dietz has given the website a new look. There is a new *Product File* page (under *Living on Fieldend -> Looking After Your House*), designed to help residents choose sympathetic substitutes for features that need replacement. The purpose is to share research and experience, and to avoid replication of effort. Please submit any contributions to Sarah, with product description, supplier and web address, mentioning if you are willing to be contacted by other residents. *Useful Contacts* has also been updated.

Fieldend Christmas card

After the AGM, we discussed producing a Fieldend Christmas card. There was support for this and for producing some notelet-style cards with no message. A Fieldend calendar was also suggested. Helen MP (26) is investigating the options and will be emailing you shortly to get an impression of the demand. In the meantime, if you have high-quality, high-resolution digital images of Fieldend that you would be happy to have used in this way, please contact Helen.

