



Willowhayne News

2013 AGM Update

57 property's were represented at the AGM (this figure includes representation by the directors) Apologies for absence were received from 19 members. Thank you to all the residents who attended and contributed to the meeting and its outcome. The board hopes that the low turn out means that non-attending residents are generally happy with how things are being managed.

A resident's resolution was put to the AGM as follows: **"Signage 'Willowhayne—Private—No Public Right of Way' be installed at the gates in Angmering Lane and The Ridings. The current signage inside the gates shall remain for informational purposes"** The board was not opposed to the new wording. The resolution was passed with a clear majority.

Under the 'any other business' section discussions included the re-instatement of the weekend gate closure programme and whether

residents were happy with the current level of expenditure on "the guards".

Following the gate refurbishment the board received a substantial number of letters and emails supporting not closing either the Angmering Lane or The Ridings gate at the weekend. A straw poll was taken at the AGM and showed a majority wanting to restart the closure programme; the board felt that not enough residents were in attendance and the opinion is against the correspondence received during the year. A comments slip is attached to the back of this newsletter for completion and return to allow all residents to have their say and to give guidance to the board. It should be noted that even if we receive a majority to re-start the weekend closure arrangements this can only go ahead if we receive enough

volunteers to man the opening and closing of the gates every week-end between 08.00—18.00 (Saturday & Sunday).

In respect of our annual expenditure on Security and the guards we have not received any comments throughout the year to reduce our expenditure but the board feel that as approximately 30% of our income is spent on security we need to check with ALL residents to get a feel on what people think and want. The straw poll at the meeting was for expenditure to continue at the existing level. Included in the comments slip on the gate arrangements is a space on your thoughts on security. Please do send these forms back by 9th August so we can evaluate what you, as residents want.

A full copy of the minutes relating to the AGM will shortly be placed on the website.

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Problem Hedges & Leylandii

We last wrote regarding hedges and Leylandii back in the Nov. 2011 newsletter and whilst some owners did take prompt action (in the spirit of harmony) to ensure that their hedges were not causing a nuisance, unfortunately we do still too often see and hear about the problems experienced when hedges are allowed to grow too tall.

On our estate there are many fine specimens of Leylandii Tree, most are in large gardens and do not impinge on their neighbour's enjoyment or peace of mind. However, when they are planted right on a boundary to form a hedge, this is when problems are often caused. Leylandii are trees and not suitable for use as hedging. The most common problems between

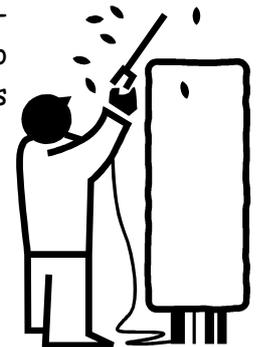
neighbours are issues concerning trees and in particular Leylandii. Whilst there are no laws that say how high you can grow a hedge, the recommended height is 2m. If you are the owner of large hedges (in particular Leylandii) we would remind you that you are responsible for looking after any hedge on your property and for making sure it is not a nuisance to anyone else.

This means trimming the hedge regularly, both its top and all sides and if requested keeping it to the maximum recommended height of 2m. Problems can occur if a hedge is allowed to grow unchecked.

If you are troubled by someone else's hedge the best way to deal with the issue is to talk to them about it. It is in

both your interests to try and sort things out; after all you have to continue to live near each other so it is better if you are on good terms.

If you have exhausted all avenues in trying to resolve your hedge problems, there are other means which you can pursue, in an attempt to resolve this matter. Under these circumstances please contact the WRA and we will try and guide you appropriately. However, we sincerely hope that it doesn't become necessary for any of our residents to take this action.



New Board Directors urgently needed

We now have vacancies for 3 directors and we really need to have the board at full capacity to allow us to evenly distribute the work load between directors and to continue providing the service you have come to expect and want.

Unless we can attract a full contingency of directors the time will come when the work load becomes too much for the remaining directors and we will be left with no

alternative than to pay to sub contract work out to professional companies. Sub contracting out work will inevitably mean either less money in the funds or the need to increase contributions to cover these costs. One of the reasons we can keep the maintenance contribution of the estate low, is due to the volunteer directors.

The maintenance and running of the estate is not an easy

job but it is rewarding to know that you are doing your bit in maintaining and improving the area in which you live. At the moment we could really do with someone who has either a legal or financial background to compliment the existing directors.

If you feel you could assist, please do come forward and volunteer!

Sea Kale— *Crambe maritima* L.

A question came up from the AGM with regards Sea Kale and whether it was a protected species. Below is one of many statements which can be found on the internet which confirms that Sea kale is definitely a protected plant and as such we need to look after and protect this plant when doing any maintenance on the beach or the Tamarisk Hedge. This statement has

come from the University of Sussex and their website address is : www.sussex.ac.org

Being generally restricted to shingle Sea-kale is a rare plant, although it may be locally abundant where it is found, forming impressive colonies. This plant is protected under the Wildlife & Countryside Act (1981) and must not be picked without permission from the land-

owner. Sea-kale is even rarer in France and is protected by national law.



East Preston Parish Council Beach Clean—26th May

The East Preston Parish council beach clean was deemed a great success, with the council hoping that this will become a twice-yearly event, once at the beginning of the so-called summer, and

once again at the end. The council have asked that we pass on thanks to all residents who participated in the clean up. A big thank you to all who helped.



Dog Bins

A question came up at the AGM on how many Dog bins we have on the estate and what the cost is for each empty as the accounts only show a total cost.

Each bins costs £348.27 (inc Vat) per annum to maintain. However the invoice we received in April this year

from Arun DC showed us only being invoiced for 2 of the bins—we are keeping quiet about this oversight. We now have 7 bins situated around the estate (including The Greensward) so there is no excuse for anyone not to clear up any mess their dog makes. If you see anyone not using the designated bins please do



stop and remind them that to not do is both unlawful and anti social!!

Photo's of the Estate

We are looking at updating the website and would like to include residents photos. If you have any nice photos which you feel would look good on the website and capture the essence of living on the Willowhayne, please send them in. Please send any photos either through the website or via email to Hobdens.

New Chairman & Vice—Chairman

Amanda Adams is the new Chairman of the Willowhayne Residents Association and **Kerrie Peskett** is the new Vice Chairman.

Both Amanda and Kerrie will be familiar to you as they occupied the reverse roles last year. Amanda lives in Angmering Lane with her

husband Jonathan. They have lived on the estate for a little over 11 years. Kerrie lives in The Roystons along with her husband Alan and their young daughter Chloe.

She has lived on the Willowhayne for a little over 7 years.

Both Ladies look forward to

the forth coming year and working with the team of directors to enhance, maintain and preserve the estate. Your support and contributions are crucial to the well being of the estate so please get involved.

Thank you to our retiring directors

A big thank you to both Mike Warnock and George Schlich for all the hard work they have put in as directors.

Mike was the driving force in the coordination of the "gate" project, liaising almost daily with the numerous contractors involved in such a large and

emotive project, from initial planning through to installation.

George is known to many as his involvement with the WRA has spanned some 7 years. He has primarily focused on the financial side of the association along with

the unenviable task of upholding the rules and regulations aspect—something which needs to be done to protect the uniqueness of the estate.

Thank you, both.

East Preston Twinning Association

Warning - French Invasion - If you hear more than average spoken French at the end of August or English spoken with a French accent - then they're here! EP is hosting a contingent of guests from Brou from August 30th to September 2nd. East Preston has been twinned with Brou since 1978. This year they are visiting us and next year we are visiting them. They stay in our homes and we show them the delightful sights of the south coast and of course

particularly Sussex. Many long term friendships have been made over the years and we are currently liaising with EP Infant school and two junior schools in Brou hoping to get the children 'talking' to each other by email or facebook. You may have seen the twinning group in action during the festival, we hosted the "Call my Wine Bluff" evening. New members are always welcome. If you'd like to

know more please contact the chairman Linda Rooke, 5, Springfield Close O1903 776031 or email east-prestontwinning@yahoo.co.uk



What's on?

If you know of a local event please let us know so that we can let our residents know, how many times have we all said "I didn't know that was on or I would have gone along?"

July

Wednesday 17th July 2013 - 19:15 The Walter Gardiner Archive - photos from the past (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston) For more than 30 years, starting in 1893, Walter and Annie Gardiner took professional photos of people and scenes in and around Worthing. Their family continued the work and the huge photographic archive now belongs to the West Sussex County Library Service. Martin Hayes,

Do you have an event which you wish to advertise? If you have responsibility for organising any local events or know of any good events/activities which need publicising, please write in and let us know so we can let all our residents know and hopefully boost attendance. With the planning and printing of the Newsletter we do need at least 2 months notice of events in order for items to be included.

Did you know?

The water on earth today is the same water that was here when the earth was formed and when dinosaurs lived. We keep using the same water over and over.

the county's Local Studies librarian, will describe the work of Walter and Annie Gardiner and show some of their fascinating photographs. All welcome. Visitors £3 (pay at the door).

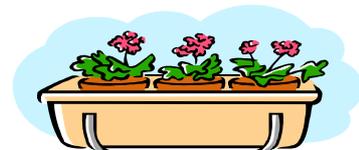
EP&KPS members free.
Event organiser: East Preston & Kingston Preservation Society

Wednesday 7th to Saturday 10th August 2013 - 19.30 The comical musical Kiss Me Kate will be appearing at the Windmill Theatre, Littlehampton.

As Cole Porter's most well known production this promises to be a highly entertaining evening. For advance bookings please call LMCS 01903 730775 Tickets priced between £10 - £13.

The Round-headed Rampion is the county flower of Sussex. Known as the Pride of Sussex, the 'sharp-blue' flowers are more common on the South Downs than anywhere else.

Friday 19 July 2013 - 20:00 to 23:00 East Preston Films (Conservative Hall, Sea Road, East Preston). The Great Gatsby(12a). Tickets at £6.00 each. On sale from 10th June at Seaview Stores & Hedgers Newsagents, both in Sea Road. Event sponsored by 'Cooper Adams Estate Agents'. Profits will be going towards purchasing and flowering 2 planters.



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Contact us by either writing C/O
Hobdens, 41 Beach Road, Littlehampton,
West Sussex, BN17 5JA

Or send a message using the website

www.willowhayne.org

(If you have forgotten the password please
just give Hobdens a call and they will advise
you; for security reasons we don't want to
publish this information in the Newsletter as
the website is for residents use only)



One of our residents has set up a Willowhayne Forum, so that the residents can discuss various topics, ideas, help each other out or arrange trips etc. The username and password are the same as for the WRA website. This Forum is not a platform to address any issues relating directly to the WRA Board or as a method of communicating with the board. www.willowhayneforum.co.uk

Directors : Amanda Adams

Kerrie Peskett

Steve Robinson

Adrian Gotts

Jorge De Silva

Garry Styles

Malcolm Barnett

What do you want from your Newsletter and board of directors?

The purpose of the Newsletter is to keep you informed as to what is happening on the estate. It would be helpful if you could let us know what you wish us to include in the Newsletter and what you want us to leave out. We welcome articles to be submitted for inclusion in the Newsletter, but please bear in mind that they may need to be edited for content and suitability (depending on content and space available). Please submit your articles via the website or post to Hobdens.

All the directors are volunteers and work many hours (often without any recognition and in addition to their day job) trying to improve the estate and ensuring we all benefit from living on such a lovely estate. Our sole objective is to serve the estate to the best of our ability so if there is anything you want us to consider or think we could do better then please just let us know.

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July 2013 – Residents’ opinions and thoughts on Weekend gate opening and closing and Security expenditure i.e. “The Guards”

Notes on completion of this form: Only 1 form to be returned per household. Each question has a Yes/No answer, please delete the answer that does not apply to your views.

All forms to be returned to Hobdens, 41 Beach Road, Littlehampton, West Sussex, BN17 5JA by the closing date of 9th August 2013. The board will evaluate all comments received within 8 weeks of the closing date and the findings will be used to guide the board and published in the next Newsletter after this date. Anonymous communication will not be considered. Please mark any additional comments on the reverse.

Members Name :

Members Address:

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Weekend gate opening and closing comments.

- 1. I wish the Angmering Lane and The Ridings gate to remain open 7 days a week (as at present) and for these gates to be closed only once a year to preserve our right to close the gates. Yes/No
- 2. I wish the Angmering Lane and The Ridings gate to be closed on alternate days at the weekend. Yes/No
- 3. I wish the Tamarisk Way gate to be open at the weekend if the Angmering Lane or The Ridings gate are closed. To allow access through 2 gated entrances on the estate. Yes/No

Security expenditure comments.

- 1. I wish the existing level of security to continue—i.e. 5 evenings a week at a cost of approx £32,000 per annum Yes/No
- 2. I wish the security cover to be reduced to cover only weekends and school/Bank Holidays and a corresponding reduction in expenditure. Yes/No
- 3. I wish security cover to be suspended completely Yes/No