

CHRISTMAS ELMER SANDS NEWS

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Dear friends,

This has been an extraordinary year. And it has called for an extraordinary effort by many people working within our community. We want to say a big thank you to everyone for their dedication and contribution to making things a bit safer and a bit happier for us all.

Soon it will be the festive season again, it may be a bit different this year but hopefully just as much fun. So put on your masks, wash your hands and seize every moment for all it's worth and have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



What do you get if you cross Santa with a duck?
Christmas Quacker!

This year, to lift the spirits and make our estate a brighter place, we will be having a **Creative Christmas Competition** Christmas Lights with extras, which, with your help, will be bigger and better than ever before. This is a festive challenge to decorate **Elmer Sands** like never before, but not just with lights, any medium is allowed. So, everyone get creative, get out whatever you have, your pens and paints, knitting wool, and bunting.

Do a bit of foraging from nature, pine cones, holly and gold paint. Get the children busy making Christmas pictures and hangings for the windows. Let's decorate our Estate like never before.

Judging will take place on Monday 21st December.

Emma, the new landlady of the Cabin has kindly agreed to be the judge. First Prize: Dinner for 2 at The Cabin. Runner up: Handcrafted Ceramic. Third Prize: Hand crafted Christmas Decor. Judging will be for the look of the properties from the outside.

So go on have fun and let's try and put a smile on everyone's face.

Linda Smith



What do you call a penguin in the Sahara Desert?

Lost!

Community Support

It has been extremely heart-warming to see our community come together to support each other during such extraordinary times in our lives!

The **Elmer Sands Volunteers**, set up in March at the beginning of the first lockdown, have been on hand to help out the elderly and vulnerable. Our wonderful group of over 25 volunteers have put

themselves at risk making trips to collect medications and shopping for those unable to venture out. A HUGE thank you to them all and I know that those who have benefited from this service are extremely grateful.

The Elmer Sands Volunteers will continue to provide support for the foreseeable future, so if you or a neighbour require any assistance please don't hesitate to get in touch, we will go out of our way to support you.

Contact:

**Volunteer Co-Ordinator
Jilly Kaufman on 586628
or mobile 07474 505705**

We celebrated **VE Day 75th** year in May with many residents decorating their properties in red, white & blue, dressing up and having social distancing street parties, a tribute to the service and sacrifice of the entire Second World War generation. What a fabulous day for the community again bringing so many neighbours together.

Also in May, once lockdown was finally lifted and our beaches were open to visitors, we felt the need to produce some rather unique signs to encourage protection of our beaches, asking people to

'leave nothing but their footprints' and hopefully take their rubbish home. We received lots of positive feedback and really hope the message got through!

And Finally, further support came from within our community with a number of residents making masks, crochet & knitted mask adapters for key workers, with help from residents donating buttons, wool, materials and their time. When masks became compulsory, we were lucky enough to have the offer of free masks being made for us all by these kind and skilful neighbours. Thank You.
Jilly Kaufman



Who hides in the bakery at Christmas?
Mince spy

What's a dog's favourite carol?
Bark, the herald angels sing

Elmer Sands Flood defences COMPLETED

As you are no doubt aware, the final phase of the Environment Agency (EA) beach defences has been completed. It was designed to remove the risk of flooding from the sea for much of the estate for the next 50 years. Walking along the top of the beach on a sunny evening it looked beautiful let's hope they got their sums right!

Also recently completed is West Sussex County Council's solution for surface water flooding. This project involved installing new larger diameter pipe work and gullies in the roads, new runs of drains for example at the Manor Way

entrance, and a re-profiling of the Elmer ditch to re-establish the route for surface water to the sea.

Personally, after so many years of what felt like banging your head against a wall I am delighted. It has been a long time since Geoff Matcham, a resident of The Hard, started his campaigns with his first letters of complaint in 1984. **Thank you to everyone who has been involved in achieving what at times has felt like the impossible.**

Linda Smith



Who's Rudolph's favourite pop star?
Beyon-sleigh!

Grass verge Protection in the Winter



Every Winter the grass verges are softened by the wetter weather and they get churned up by vehicle activity which reduces the efficiency of the drainage and leaves a muddy mess. Please DO NOT park on the verges when they are soft. Homeowners must repair any damage caused by their own activity. Any other cases can be reported to ESL for repair.



Which of Santa's reindeer has the best moves?
Dancer!

BOLLARDS

To protect the verges, Members are permitted to install bollards or posts of individual choice outside their

own properties. It is mandatory that these bollards are visible in the dark e.g. white/fitted with reflectors and they must not cause an obstruction or hazard.



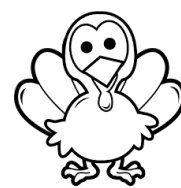
Please make Space for off Road Parking
Residents should avoid filling up the front of their properties with items that prevent them from using their own land to park.

We appeal to all Residents to be considerate when parking and to comply with the published ESL Estate Parking Policy.

Information available:
Elmer Sands Estate Parking Policy

Driveway Alteration Application
www.elmersands.co.uk
secretary@elmersands.co.uk
Office tel: 01243 584900

Talking Turkeys By Benjamin Zephaniah (For the veggies)



*Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas
Cos' turkeys just wanna hav fun
Turkeys are cool,
turkeys are wicked
An every turkey has a Mum.
Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas,
Don't eat it, keep it alive,
It could be yu mate,
an not on yu plate
Say, Yo! Turkey I'm on your side.*

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Please make an appointment
if you wish to visit the Office
in person

**HAVE YOU RECENTLY
MOVED TO ELMER SANDS?**

Remember to complete the
Registration Process for your
new home

and make sure you are aware
of the general rules and
requirements for living on
this Private Estate

**'A Guide to the
Management of the Estate
Members' Code of Conduct'**

ESL Website:

www.elmersands.co.uk

THANK YOU

**Anyone who would like to
join and use the facilities at
the club, please contact:
the Commodore, Adi at
esbacemail@gmail.com**

Hello from The Cabin

Hello from all of us at The
Cabin. For those of you that we
haven't met yet we would like
to introduce you to the newly
refurbished community pub.

We opened the doors again in
August, with new ownership
and a completely new look, the
pub has had a much needed
makeover and is now bright,
clean and fresh, we have
introduced food and this is
going from strength to strength.
We use fresh produce and
locally sourced where
available, we have some
traditional pub favourites and
also some exquisite additions
giving a varied menu for all.
Also keep an eye out for our
special offers which have
been a great success.

We also offer live sport, so if
there is a big game on The
Cabin is the place to visit to
watch and have a drink from
our extensive range. We do
hope in the future to bring back
live music, quizzes etc, but
sadly during these
unprecedented times we
ensure we adhere to guidelines
and importantly keep all our
customers and staff safe. But
as soon as we can we will be
doing all the things the local
community enjoy. So, if you
haven't been into see us yet,
pop in and say Hi (once we're
able to open again).

The Cabin is proud to be
sponsoring Elmer Sands
Estate Christmas Lights
Competition this year and we
are super excited to have a

walk through and see all the
wonderful decorations and
welcoming the winner to come
and enjoy a meal on us.
All the team at The Cabin

Children's Christmas Competition



Paint, Draw, Colour on A4
and leave in box at The Little
Library @ The Kiosk



All entries will be displayed at The Kiosk
over Christmas



There will be prizes awarded so
please add your name & age



Whilst in The Kiosk Library pick up a
Christmas Decoration to colour and bring
back to place on the tree at The Kiosk in
December



**Comet Corner
Improvements – Or Not!**

As some of you may be aware
a petition was raised April 2018
to challenge West Sussex
County Council to consider
making road safety
improvements to Comet
Corner, which I'm sure you will
agree continues to be a
dangerous and difficult road
junction to traverse. That
created some attention - so
thank you to all who signed.
However, the junction has
continued to prove hazardous.

Up until Covid struck,
discussions and planning were
running fairly smoothly with
further schemes to improve the
A259 from Flansham to
Littlehampton. As plans
currently stand, these schemes
are going for Public Review
and Strategic Planning Review
which may hopefully be
completed by year end or soon
thereafter. However, it has now
come to light that these
improvements must go for a
Business Planning Review and
the date for submission is not
until second quarter 2023 -

ESBAC



We have had many positive
comments on the
improvements to the
appearance of the boatyard
and its surrounds. Thanks to
the volunteers. Work is
ongoing through the winter ...
watch this space, roll on 2021!

It is with heavy hearts we mark
the passing of Clive 'Angus'
McDonald on 30th September
2020. Clive had been part of
the fabric of Elmer Sands and
particularly the boat club for
more years than we can
remember; both as an active
member of the club and
latterly, for many years, as
Treasurer. He will be sadly
missed by us all.

TWO AND A HALF YEARS AWAY! This review is then expected to take about nine months, after which a decision would be made as to whether the improvements would be approved or not.

This means we would not know until 2024 if the improvements will happen and potentially construction may or may not happen until 2025/2026.

Our concerns have been raised with Middleton Parish Council who, at the time of writing, seem to accept the WSCC schedule.

Myself and a number of other residents have now formed a Committee (**Comet Corner Improvements Committee - CCIC**) to start our own campaign to lobby that improvements to Comet Corner are made sooner. Your comments and support on this matter would be very much appreciated as homeowners of Elmer Sands and if anyone would like to join us in our campaign by becoming a member of CCIC please contact me direct.

Pamela Godfrey
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me



Elmer Sands Estate is covered by Neighbourhood Watch, remember this when you are applying for home/contents insurance as many companies offer a discount in areas covered by a NHW scheme. If you need the police :-
Call 999 if:

- a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- someone is in immediate danger or harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- a serious disruption to the public is likely

If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use textphone **18000**. If you're in danger but you can't talk on the phone, you should still call **999** and follow the instructions from the call handler.

Call 101 for non-emergency enquiries or online at <https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>.

A Politically Correct Christmas....
~ Anon



Twas the night before Christmas and Santa's a wreck...
How to live in a world that's politically correct?
His workers no longer would answer to "Elves",
"Vertically Challenged" they were calling themselves.
And as for gifts...why, he'd never had the notion that making a choice could cause such a commotion.
Nothing of leather, nothing of fur...
Which meant nothing for him or nothing for her.
Nothing that claimed to be gender specific,
Nothing that's warlike or non-pacifistic.
And fairy tales...
while not yet forbidden, were like Ken and Barbie, better off hidden,
So Santa just stood there, dishevelled and perplexed, he just couldn't figure out what to do next?
His sack was quite empty, it was flat on the ground, nothing fully acceptable was anywhere to be found.
Something special was needed, a gift that he might, give to us all, without angering the left or the right.
So here is that gift, it's price beyond worth...

"May you and your loved ones enjoy Peace on Earth."



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