

# CHRISTMAS ELMER SANDS NEWS

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Dear friends,

It's that time of year again, the festive season is nearly upon us.

Wishing you all some well deserved time-off to indulge in the festive spirit. Whether it's over eating, watching terrible movies, playing board games or spending quality time with friends and family. **Have a very Happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Linda**



## LIGHT UP THE ESTATE FOR CHRISTMAS

Hi all, after the wonderful efforts you all made last year, we're delighted to announce ESESC are running the Christmas competition again this year to light up and dress your properties with seasonal delights and guess what...prizes to be won!

Winners will be announced during the **Christmas Party at The Cabin on Saturday 18th December**. So get your best baubles, decorations and lights at the ready to **'LIGHT UP THE ESTATE FOR CHRISTMAS'**.

**ESESC CHRISTMAS MARKET & CHILDRENS PARTY, SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER - FESTIVE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY.**

Tickets available from Jilly on 07474 505705 or by email to [secretary\\_esesc@hotmail.com](mailto:secretary_esesc@hotmail.com) and not The Cabin.



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**WITH ADAM THE MAGIC MAN**

Children's Party Tickets  
£2.50 Pre purchased, £3.00 on the door  
*Including a little gift from Santa*  
*(limited capacity - get your tickets early!)*

**SANTA ARRIVES AT 4:00PM**  
**ENTRY TO CHRISTMAS MARKET FREE**

Join us in the evening for a festive **PARTY NIGHT** at The Cabin  
from 7:30pm - **FREE ENTRY**

Sponsored by Elmer Sands Events & Social Club (ESESC) and The Cabin  
Tickets available from The Cabin or by contacting Jilly on 07474 505705



## Sing along to jolly Christmas tunes and Carols with our guest choir singers

At The Kiosk on Tuesday  
21st December at 6.30 p.m.

**MULLED WINE or SOFT DRINK  
AND MINCE PIES!**

**Dress warm and our ESL  
Volunteers will fill you  
with good cheer!**



## **Elmer Sands Limited (ESL)**

<http://www.elmersands.co.uk/>

What or who is ESL? It was originally titled Elmer Sands Association (ESA) set up in early 1930s when the estate was first built with representatives to organise the ongoing issues for the estate. The first four annual publications of the ESA (1932 to 1935) have recently been passed to me with a bundle of historic documents, kept by one of the first "settlers" building their property at 12 Alleyne Way. Interestingly these publications show that they were addressing the same issues that the ESL Council deals with today.

ESL decisions are taken by the elected members, all estate property owners who volunteer their time and services for free, safeguarding assets and maintaining the estate as best they can. They decide on the charges to be levied on property owners and how funds are spent. All decisions are taken by the Council members as a whole, if necessary by a majority vote. All issues are considered carefully before a decision is taken, however it is recognised that unfortunately some decisions may upset some of the members, that's the nature of democracy.

Currently new members are desperately required on the Council and while those who have retired from employment may have more time younger input is much needed. We currently have 8 Council members with ages ranging from 60 to 85. (The ESL rules allow for a maximum of 15 Council members) ESL directors are expected to work as a member of the team, accepting the decisions of the majority, ignoring self interest, and in the interests of the membership majority.

In 2019 a questionnaire was issued asking members thoughts on a number of key issues, only 30% of members replied. In 2021 members were asked to respond on the AGM matters requiring a vote but only 29% of members replied. The result was that the AGM motions were not passed and have been carried over to the 2022 AGM. The lack of member involvement could result from apathy or perhaps satisfaction in the performance of the current Council? Whatever the reason, if you want to make a difference please think about joining us.

During the pandemic the Council has found that Zoom Council meetings have proved very efficient and so we will be continuing that way for the foreseeable future, however the 2022 AGM is planned to be held in a hall.

Our most recent achievements have been significant improvements to

surface water management, sea defences and battling unauthorised parking, and we continue to manage these issues, for example continuing to pressure for completion of a planned project by the Environment Agency, for more small rock islands to the east of Poole Place, to slow the ingress of sea to the east of our estate.

**Peter Treble, Chairman of ESL**

### **Advance \_\_\_\_\_ Warning Gas Main Upgrade**

D J Utilities Ltd have advised that they will be replacing the old gas mains across the estate starting in January and taking 16 to 18 weeks. They will be threading new pipes through the old so little or no trenching is expected, but at every junction in the pipe they will need to dig a hole. This could well be in driveways and they will also replace old metal pipes leading up to properties. All excavations will be made good using the same type of material removed. If affected you can expect a visit from their representatives. A plan on the ESL website shows the pipework in yellow that is being replaced .





Following the community spirit engendered through the difficult times experienced by all last year, a group of like-minded resident volunteers set up the new ESESC club in May 2021. Our aim is to build upon this spirit by bringing people together through a range of fun-filled family focussed events.

With only a short time to organise, we launched our first event - a Summer Fete & Fiesta on the Field - on a beautiful sunny day in July. Thank you for all the positive feedback we received for this, what a great success it was! We then had some fun Halloween competitions with residents creating 'scare-y-crows' and pumpkin carving with prize-giving held at The Cabin. Finally for 2021, we hope to see you all at the Christmas event on 18th December at The Cabin.



For more information contact [secretary\\_esesc@hotmail.com](mailto:secretary_esesc@hotmail.com)

Elmer Sands Events & Social Club (ESESC)

### Recently I discovered a few interesting facts about Christmas.

Did you know for example? The origin or the use of Christmas trees goes way back to ancient Egyptians and Romans. In Greek, Christ begins with the letter X. So, Xmas simply means Christmas. Santa Claus comes from Sinterklaas which is dutch for St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop who provided for the poor and needy. Santa Claus initially wore clothes that were in green, purple, or blue. Coca Cola decided to dress him up in red to match their brand, and that stuck. Carol singing is based on the English custom of wassailing, which was a tradition to toast to someone's good health and fortune. Christmas is also the time of exchanging gifts. But do you know what the largest Christmas present ever given was? It was the Statue of Liberty which was gifted by France to the USA as a Christmas gift in 1886.

As they say, that's all folks!

Linda Smith

### Childrens Halloween Party

It was lovely to see so many children (and adults too) enjoying the fun and games at the party before going off trick or treating. Lots of helpers, too many to mention, lending a hand on the day & providing some spooky sweet treats. Despite the dreadful weather the Kiosk area was filled with some wonderful witch, wizard, zombie and ghostly figures! Seventy

estate children had said they planned to attend and it seems most of them and more turned up with their muggles.



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### 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'  
available from the ESL  
Website**

[www.elmersands.co.uk](http://www.elmersands.co.uk)

THANK YOU



ESBAC

We are all looking forward to another year at the Elmer Sands Boating and Angling Club, and would love to welcome any new members who would like to join us.

Anyone who would like to join and use the facilities at the club, please contact the Commodore, Adi at [esbacemail@gmail.com](mailto:esbacemail@gmail.com)

**Planting on Verges:**



Members are reminded that ESL encourages the planting of trees by members, but operates a licence scheme for any tree or trees to be planted on the verge abutting their property.

The licence is necessary to ensure appropriate trees are planted and also to ensure future maintenance of the trees. The licence must be completed and signed by the homeowner before planting. Any member wishing to plant a tree on their verge is invited to contact the ESL secretary as ESL can provide advice and possibly source the tree for planting. **ESL Council**

**Further Dates for your Diary**  
**THE CABIN**  
**December 4th - A night of festive fun**  
**December 11th - Abba Tribute**  
**December 17th - Elvis Tribute**  
**December 18th - Christmas Party**  
**December 19th - The Grooverz**  
**December 31st - Drew Diva**



**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

As the Winter months set in, we just wanted to let you all know that our group of volunteers are here to support you.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything we can help you with.

For assistance and further information please contact ESESC Secretary, Jilly Kaufman tel: 07474 505705 or by email to [secretary\\_esesc@outlook.com](mailto:secretary_esesc@outlook.com)



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