

ELMER SANDS NEWS

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Since the last newsletter a lot has happened in Elmer Sands. Personally this year has raced by – it seemed that no sooner was it beach weather than I was back to warm clothes and stoking the fire.

What an eventful summer – the wettest for 100 years I'm told – it was a palpable patriotic feast of red white and blue. What with Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, which I hope, everyone enjoyed as much as I did.



(Thank goodness for Elmer Sands private weather system.) Then there were the Olympics. I don't know about you, but at the time, it's passing left a bit of a hole, all that passion, hard work and determination - still all that seems ages ago now.

There was a down side to the summer - few of us were not affected by the 'monsoon' in June when rain fell in biblical proportions. The National Flood Forum said that we had experienced a 1 in 200 year storm and as most of the

surface water infrastructure is designed for 1 in 30, it was, as we all know too well, a recipe for disaster.

Our thanks go out to all those who helped – our thoughts are with those who were flooded, and are still dealing with the aftermath.

In this winter's newsletter we are focusing on something, which is long overdue, **ditch maintenance** and **flood prevention**. Inside is a map of Elmer Sands surface water drainage system, along with information on good drainage practice - Please keep it for future reference!

BEACH REPLENISHMENT

It's nice to have some good news for a change. After years of meetings, phone calls and letter writing, we at last have the beach replenishment that was promised such a long time ago. YEAHH!! Considering that the situation was critical I'm not going to make any smart comments – I'm just grateful something's being done.



Jubilee Woods Project

We are pleased to announce that the application for trees made by Ian McCarthney, on behalf of the Estate, has been successful.

This means that he has taken delivery of about 400 saplings. The pack contains a mixture of trees including Ash, Silver birch, Wild Cherry, Common Oak, Rowan, plus a Royal Oak sapling. Due to our locality next to the sea, their experts determined that these stood the best chance of survival in a coastal environment.

It is hoped that the planting of the trees will be a community venture, involving families and children and can include some sort of event to plant the official Royal Oak Sapling which needs to be located somewhere relatively special. Any ideas?

We desperately need people to come forward to make this project happen. Please contact The Secretary if you would like to help.

Problems with flooding? Beacon flashing?

Please keep taking photos and record any events

Beacon Flashing - contact **Southern Water on 0845 278 0845** Use the code '**100330 at post code PO22 6JS**' - this helps SW pinpoint the station (ask for a Customer Services Management Action Number)

**EA pollution hotline
0800 80 70 60**



Diary since June

- West Sussex County Council (WSCC) was the first to announce they were starting flood investigations; the results are to be published at the end of November 2012.
- Middleton-On-Sea Parish Council then announced that they would set up a forum, the Parish Council/Residents Association, (PCRA) to pressurise WSCC for major drainage improvements locally.

So far they have held one meeting, when local residents associations representatives were informed that a Middleton Parish Surface Water Management Plan (SWMP) was to be set up. The next meeting is to be held in December after WSCC publish the results of their investigation.

- Elmer Sands also had a visit from Nick Gibb MP.

He promised his continue support for the residents of the estate. He has suggested that another meeting should be held, again, after WSCC publish their results.

- Elmer has also held its first flood forum meeting. Local residents who experienced flooding came together to discuss and swap data on the issues that effected them.

The next step will be multi-agency meetings where a core group will talk to the agency responsible for those problems, taking the information back to residents.

- National Flood Forum flood protection exhibitions.

Hopefully some of you were able to attend one of them.

APPLICATION FOR WSCC FLOOD FUND ££££££££

Last May Elmer Sands was given just over a week to make an application for some of West Sussex County Council's Community Flood Prevention Fund money.

Time was of the essence. This was not helped by the fact that they required what seemed like an unrealistic amount of information given the time frame.

Not being given to waste a challenge Linda Smith and Kim Edden – Elmer Sands Secretary – set to it, to win some of the money.

First decision was what did the Estate need? Plenty, but again the time frame was against us.

In the Atkins Report one recommendation was the installation of water butts to intercept roof runoff to soakaways. The benefit of this would be to delay rainfall reaching the drains or the ground - simple but effective. So a quotation was hastily organised for one water butt per household and an application was sent off to Middleton On Sea Parish Council.

We are told that our application is proceeding nicely.

NEWS ON ESTATE PARKING

The laws for immobilising vehicles on private estates have changed. Ethical Parking Management (EPM) will now issue penalty tickets to all non-compliant vehicles throughout the Estate.

Beach Access should be kept clear for emergencies at all times. The roadway is marked by Yellow Lines to highlight this.

The roadways and grass verges throughout the Estate are owned by Elmer Sands Limited and can be used for Members' brief temporary parking of visitors, services and deliveries. Regular parking will be subject to penalties.

No parking of any commercial vehicles is allowed on roads or grass verges overnight.

Non-Members' who are not paying for the upkeep of the Estate will receive penalty tickets for parking on the roads or grass verges and they are not permitted to use the land for temporary parking at any time.

For more detailed information relating to the parking rules of the Estate, please visit the Company website www.elmersands.co.uk or telephone the Office on 01243 584900

Members should ensure they fully understand the rules for compliance to avoid penalties.

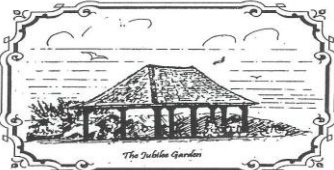
If you observe a case of non-compliance, please report this to ESL by e-mail, letter or phone. The case will then be followed up by EPM.

Residents who do not have enough space to park all their vehicles within their property should apply to ESL to widen their access and convert their own land for parking. It is not acceptable to continue to park on the roads and verges regularly and cause

permanent damage, which has to be paid for by everyone.

ESL would like to thank all those Members who continue to look after the grass verges and comply with the parking rules. This helps keep the costs of maintenance low for everyone, promotes safety and enhances the environment for the benefit of all.

Welcome to



Elmer Sands

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

If you have moved to Elmer Sands this year please make sure you have contacted the Estate Office and registered yourselves as new owner/s of the property

CONTACT DETAILS

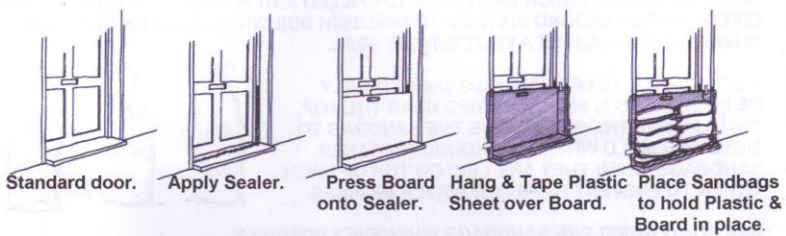
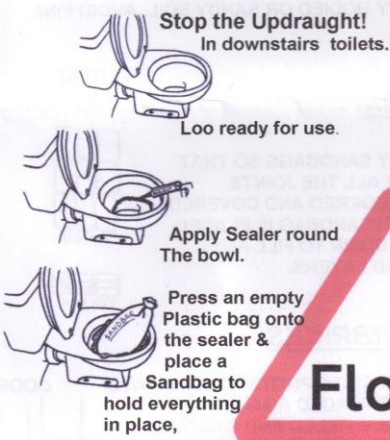
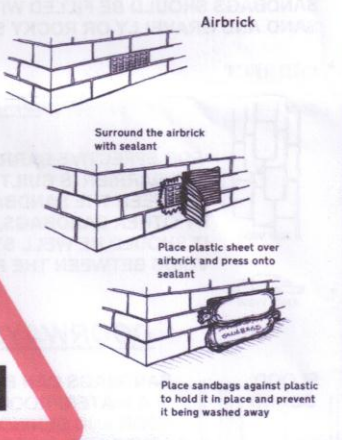
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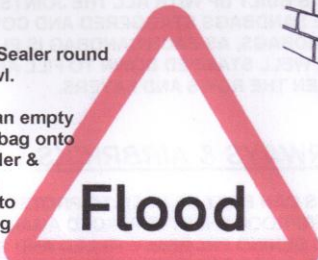
Please ask for your copy of the 'Welcome Booklet' which explains how this private estate is managed

Registered Office
23 Arundel Way, Elmer Sands, PO22 6JH
Tel: 01243 584900

Flood Defence

EASY IDEAS FOR FAST PROTECTION



Flood

For further information call **Floodline on 0845 988 1188**

- Find out what flood warning system is open where you live
- Get practical advice on what to do before, during and after flooding
- Get a Quickdial number for easy access to information on flooding in your area.

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

(The above information came from www.proearthdev.com 01985 218397 who were at the National Flood Forum exhibitions)

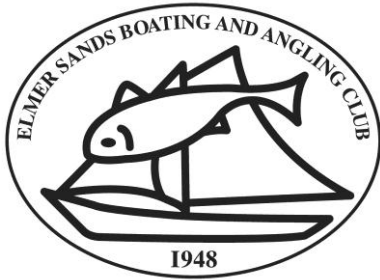
- **Developing Property**
- **Widening or Adding a Driveway**
- **Planting Trees on Verge**
- **Skips or Deliveries on Verge**

If you are intending to do any of the above, there is a formal process to follow.

Please ensure you contact Elmer Sands Ltd in advance.

Re-introduction of (ESL) Window Stickers

To assist with Membership identification the self-cling car windscreen stickers are to be re-introduced for 2013. Members will be issued with stickers on payment of Estate Management Fees. Stickers should be displayed in front windscreen of vehicles. Stickers do not authorise parking on the Estate.



2012 has been a good year for ESBAC although the weather could have been kinder and the beach erosion certainly made launching boats a real challenge! But there were some days where sailing was possible, and there have been some successful fishing trips.

On the social side we had a great "Beach Weekend" with sandcastle building competitions for the youngsters, and then the annual Fete and Hog Roast that were fun for everyone.

The Boat Club has purchased a container, so we now have secure storage for kayaks and outboards. There are a few spaces left but hurry - they are going fast!

We aim to end the year with a Turkey and Fries Quiz night in

The Cabin in December. Details are being finalised so watch out for posters going up around the estate soon!

For any more information and membership details please contact the secretary - Margaret - either by email magsg2u@gmail.com or phone 01243 587550

Please Note:
You can now be prosecuted for driving too fast through floodwater.
In the event of any future flooding
Please Slow Down!

Winter is coming...

A Message to our Elderly or Vulnerable Residents

Most of our elderly or vulnerable residents are known to their friends and neighbours who will automatically check up on them during extreme weather conditions, floods etc. However, if you would

like your neighbours to be made aware you could be in difficulty and would appreciate a friendly face to check up on you, the ESL Secretary will be happy to hold a record and pass on your details to neighbours, especially if you feel unable to do this yourself.

You can send information to Kim, the Secretary at the Registered Office.

We can all make sure that no-one in our community is left helpless this winter

Thank you



And finally ...
Merry Christmas and best Wishes for Peace, Health and Happiness throughout the coming year.
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