

ELMER SANDS NEWS

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Welcome to the Spring 2012 edition of the Elmer Sands Newsletter. And

what a year this could turn out to be! Most of us would agree that 2012 has the potential to be a momentous year for our country. First there are the Olympics but if that's not enough it's also Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee. Elmer Sands has always had a vital community spirit, so let's make it a very happy and momentous year for the Estate as well. Hope to see you at a party – more about that later!

So what's been happening on the Estate over the winter? I think the most notable things are the re-opening of the Elmer Beach Stores and the completion of the Surface Water Management Plan Report, which is the culmination of many hours of work by Elmer Sands Ltd, Estate volunteers, Southern Water, West Sussex and Arun District Councils and the Environment Agency.

In addition, there has been a comprehensive overhaul of the Estate's surface and foul water drainage systems. Ironically they remain untested because of the record low rainfall this winter, but at least we are prepared!

In the meanwhile, spring is upon us, bringing with it everything that makes it pleasurable – the smell of the new flowers in bloom, warm weather that brings wildlife out of hiding. Soon days will start to grow longer and with it the temptation to stay outside will return and barbeques start to make a more regular appearance. Bring on the summer! LS

Chairman Retires

At the AGM in April Ian McCarthney will be retiring as chairman of Elmer Sands Limited. He is stepping down after a long service as Chair. On behalf of everyone, **thank you.**

“This is my last year as Chair of ESL, and I will be stepping down in April 2012. I would therefore like to take this last opportunity to remind all residents that without the support of each and every one of you ESL cannot continue to keep the Estate costs down. Help us to help you, if you can give support in any way please come forward, volunteer and/or help with various activities through the year.

In this year, 2012 our Olympic year and the year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we very much hope that the community spirit that exists amongst us will grow and I am encouraged to have already received proposals for street parties on the Estate and hope to have other community events planned soon. We have also made an application to the Woodland Trust for its Diamond Jubilee project. If you have any thoughts or suggestions or have other events planned do let us know as we can include them in our newsletters.”

From the Chairman's Report 2012

Dates For Your Diary 2012

Beach clean up 31st March
AGM 23rd April

Diamond Jubilee Street
Party
3rd June



Sunday 3rd June

**DIAMOND JUBILEE
CROWN
COMPETITION**
(Ancton Way Street party)
**Vintage or Bling -
whatever's your thing!**

A prize for the best
crown or crowns will be
presented on the day

ESL Annual General Meeting

**Will be held at
The Jubilee Hall
Middleton-on-Sea
On Monday evening
23rd April 2012
doors open 5.45pm
6.15pm prompt start**

Members will be updated
on Estate business and
new Directors will be
voted in for the coming
year. Refreshments will
be served and there will
be the opportunity for
informal exchange with
Directors and fellow
Members.



Diamond Jubilee Street Party

In this Diamond Jubilee Year some residents – supported by ESBAC and ESL – decided that what the Estate needed was a good old fashioned street party. Elmer Sands will be celebrating Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee in style in Ancton Way, on Sunday 3rd June from 2pm to 5pm. Everyone is invited to join in!

On that day, Ancton Way will be closed between The Layne and Arundel Way - depending on numbers - between 12.00 and 6pm. If you have any concerns please contact us (information below).

Residents are invited to bring a table and chairs – although some will be available on the day, contact us for information – and food and drink, plus some to share. To ensure the event is a success we also need donations of red, white and blue materials for decorations.

To raise funds we will be holding a 'Jubilee Quiz' at the Cabin - look out for details on the notice boards - all donations will be gratefully received and any surplus will go to the Voluntary Association for Surrey Disabled www.vasd.org.uk who facilitate 'Invicta Warren' in Ancton Way.

We also plan to hold some bunting-making workshops with our younger residents, which is where your spare red, white and blue materials will come in handy. Any other patriotic decorations will be gratefully received. We need to look the part on the day! If you are able to help in any way please

phone Jo on 583906 or email linda.smith@talktalk.net

If you are having a party of your own have a great day!

Residents Letters

Unfortunately there have been no letters since our last newsletter. However, thank you so much to the resident who took the time to phone the Secretary and congratulate the editorial team "on a brilliant newsletter"... which he said was very well put together. Its comments like that which make it all worthwhile. LS

Please send your letters via the ESL Secretary

Letters to ESL via the Website
www.elmersands.co.uk



Easter Beach Cleanup!

Calling all beach lovers, please join us on **Saturday 31st March** for our Easter beach clean. It's time to clean up the beach ready for that gorgeous summer just round the corner – always the optimist!

Meet at The Kiosk at 10.30 am
Please bring gloves

PARKING, Damage to roads and verges

Details of the Estate's parking management system can viewed on the website or obtained from the Office. The aim is to have clear roads and undamaged grass verges for the enjoyment and safety of everyone and to keep the costs of maintenance down. Please help us achieve this goal. THANK YOU!

Dog Fouling - A Community Issue

It has been highlighted that there is an increased dog-fouling problem on the Estate, with dogs being let off leads in the dark and fouling taking place un-witnessed on the grass verges. Other dogs are left to wander about alone barking and causing a nuisance in the daytime. The beachfront is also a problem area, especially due to the serious health risks to young children. Residents who witness incidents of dog fouling should report to the Arun District Council Dog Warden Tel: 01903 737679 or dog.wardens@arun.gov.uk

Since ADC will only act on reports that include identification of the dog owners, we need to find other ways to deter dog fouling. Several years ago, former ESL Directors secured a number of dog bins throughout the Estate and free weekly emptying services. However the Estate still suffers at the hands of those dog owners who couldn't care less, despite how their actions affect neighbours and their families, and they continue to create an unpleasant environment for everyone else to suffer. **This is a community issue and all residents need to be vigilant and try to report any incidents witnessed.**

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those volunteers who help distribute the newsletter. Also, thanks to all those of you who have helped with the Jubilee Garden and beach cleanups.

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Cont. While I'm at it, I think you would agree that Len deserves a big thank you for all his hard work painting the Kiosk fencing and the shelter - It's been totally transformed!

Why should I volunteer?

At Elmer Sands helping with maintenance etc. is one of the reasons our management fees are probably the lowest for any private estate on the South Coast – by continuing to help we can continue to keep the costs low. Remember you don't have to be on the Council to help!

Elmer Beach Stores & Post Office

As most of you are probably aware your local store has now re-opened.

Harry and Minal Patel took over on 29th November last year. An extremely hard working couple, they now have three shops. You might know them already from Eddie's Corner Shop at Downview traffic lights and Felpham Bazaar at Snooks Corner.

Harry, Minal and their staff, Nigel, Shirley and Pat, offer a friendly welcome, and will try their best to get the items you need. Available from the shop are all your grocery needs including fresh bread – baked daily on site - plants, newspapers, alcohol and tobacco.

The shop opening hours are as follows:

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| Monday to Friday | 6.30 am - 6pm |
| Saturday | 7.00am – 6pm |
| Sunday | 8.00am – 3pm |

The Post Office has now re-opened with Mike Wadey at the helm. A lot of you will know Mike and his wife Margaret from the church and other post offices. As the Post Office was shut for 3 months the powers that be at Head Office have said that it could only be open on a part-time basis. Oh well, something is better than nothing – fingers crossed that this will change in the future!

Post Office opening times:
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00 am – 1pm
Wednesday 1.30 pm – 5.30 pm
Saturday 9.00 am – 12.00



Unique Youth Project is a local not-for-profit youth club project, situated within the Parish of Middleton & Elmer, which operates from **St. Nicholas Church Hall, Middleton-on-Sea.**

After a short break Unique will be re-opening **on Thursday 19th April.** Hours are 6pm to 8.30pm.

www.uniqueyouthproject.org.uk

We are able to offer young people of the community aged between 11 and 15 yrs old the opportunity to have fun, meeting and socialising with friends, one night per week in a safe environment. We have mixed aged volunteers with a variety of skills (all CRB checked) who plan and facilitate social and special event nights to entertain our members.

Since Christmas we have also taken the opportunity to start a community allotment project in the newly created Hobbs Allotment, Bilsham. This exciting project offers the chance to involve a wider spectrum of local youth and is an opportunity to bring together all ages and skills in recreation, exercise, and education, while having a heap of fun.

Can you help in any way? Do you have a good sense of humour, a degree of tolerance and above all, a real enthusiasm for working with young people? If you have a few hours to spare we would love to hear from you.

If you would like any more information about our projects or would like to volunteer please contact us on 01243 585979 or at alanpendleton@metamorfis.co.uk

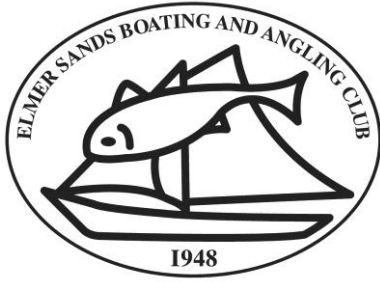
Problem with flooding/drains/toilets? Red beacon flashing?

Please keep taking photos and record any events wherever you are

Beacon Flashing - contact **Southern Water on 0845 278 0845** Use the code '100330 at post code **P022 6JS**' when reporting the beacon - this helps SW pinpoint the station (ask for a **CSMS No.** Customer Services Management Action Number)

**EA pollution hotline
0800 80 70 60**

We are compiling a Diary of Events please email us at Esag1@hotmail.co.uk



The official sailing and fishing seasons have already started, for further information please keep an eye on the ESBAC notice boards or our website at www.esbac.org

There have been a number of thefts over the last couple of years. ESBAC will shortly be able to offer a secure storage facility for all those smaller boating items - like kayaks and boat equipment. Please contact the Secretary for further information.

We have more fun events coming up in the year ahead including Kayak racing, Raft Race day and our annual Hog Roast. Please look out for posters and flyers.

ESBAC Committee members would like to thank existing volunteers who give up their time to organise these events.

However, the continuation of the events relies heavily on voluntary support. We are always looking for new volunteers. To become a 'Social Member' of ESBAC it only costs £5 per annum.

E.S. Boating and Angling Club

For further information please contact the Club Secretary,
Jude Williams Tel: 582980

The Hobbs Allotment and Gardens Society

Contact for Allotments:
Phone: 01243 545481
or email:
hobbsallotments@gmail.com

www.hobbsallotments.org

Caravan Park Climping CM/2/12

www.arun.gov.uk/main.cfm?type=WEEKLYLISTS

James Baird has just made an application for a 134-pitch touring caravan park at Climping, which could potentially impact on our community. If you would like to make personal representation contact Arun District Council's Planning Committee before 12th April 2012.

Welcome to



Elmer Sands

How is the Estate managed?

If you are new to Elmer Sands and would like to read our 'Welcome Booklet', please contact the Secretary. The booklet provides a simple explanation of the way this Private Estate is managed and answers many questions

HOW TO CONTACT ELMER SANDS LTD (ESL)

Please route all queries through the Company Secretary who can be contacted by phone, through our website or in writing:

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