

# ELMER SANDS NEWS

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This year we had the hottest October day in the history of the records - what a finale to summer. I hope you were all able to fully enjoy it.

We may have gone out on a high note with the weather however the summer of 2011 has not been the best in the history of our little community. Not only did we lose our friend the postman Malcolm Brown, but also we lost the Elmer Beach Post Office & Stores.

We tried very hard to save Malcolm's job with our petition but it appears that the decision had been made eighteen months before by the unions. Pity they did not consult their customers first. As a point of interest we have still not had a reply from the Post Office - not a very good indictment of their customer service policy!

As for The Elmer Beach Post Office it seems that the new Tesco Express and spiralling overheads made it impossible for Tracy and Tony to continue. What has happened to Britain the nation of shopkeepers? Maybe I'm just sour but I do find it rather alarming that Tesco has captured the hearts and wallets of British consumers so completely. I think the message here is if we want to keep our local shops we must continue to use them and the local pubs too.

Then there was that unpleasant incident with the giant bonfire on the beach fueled by the Estate's fences. Please if you see anything out of the ordinary in future, report it to the police on **0845 60 70 999**.

Apart from that things seem to have been progressing quite nicely. The SWMP (Surface Water Management Plan formed between ESL, Southern Water, the Environment Agency, Arun District Council and West Sussex County Council to investigate the Estate's flooding problems) is proceeding very nicely. The report is in its final stages and hopefully will be signed off by Christmas. In the meanwhile please stay vigilant and report anything you see.

All that's left really is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. LS

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

Please keep taking photos and log 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)

**Important! If you know of sewage discharging into the sea contact the EA pollution hotline 0800 80 70 60**

**We are compiling a Diary of Events Email us at [Esag1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Esag1@hotmail.co.uk) or through [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) listed under Elmer Sewage Action Group - Thank you**

## IT'LL BE ALL LIGHT ON THE NIGHT

To make the run up to Christmas a bit brighter we are pleased to announce that Elmer Sands will again be holding the competition that Scrooges hate and Griswolds adore. The Christmas Lights Competition is back!

This year Cosy Couch Coffee Company will sponsor it and generously donate prizes for the winner and runner up. Judging will take place from 5.00-6.00 pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December and the prizes will be awarded during this time.



**COSY COUCH COFFEE COMPANY** is proud to be sponsoring the Elmer Sands Estate 'Christmas Lights' Competition for 2011.

THE COFFEE SHOP HAS BEEN PROVIDING QUALITY COFFEE, TEA, & FOOD IN MIDDLETON VILLAGE SINCE MARCH 2010. WE OFFER A WARM & INVITING PLACE FOR FRIENDS & FAMILY TO MEET & WHILE AWAY THE TIME.

POP IN OUT OF THE COLD & ENJOY A DELICIOUS HOT CHOCOLATE, TASTY HOME-MADE SOUP, OVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO OR SPAGHETTI BOLOGNAISE. IF YOU HAVE A SWEET TOOTH TRY ONE OF OUR FAB HOME-MADE CAKES OR MINCE PIES ☺

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR FROM SAM & THE COSY COUCH TEAM



### **Coffee Mornings to encourage social exchange**

Ever felt like getting out more? Perhaps meeting neighbours and having a chat in a pleasant setting whilst sipping a nice hot cup of tea or coffee?! ESL has received a proposal to encourage some social exchange amongst residents, by supporting a regular coffee morning at the Jubilee Garden (in the warmer weather) It would be very helpful to gauge general interest amongst the community before this proposal is taken any further. Please phone, write or e-mail the Secretary if this idea interests you. All ages will be welcome, disabled access and shelter is available.

### **Residents Letters**

**Please send your letters via the ESL Secretary**

**Letters to ESL via the Website**  
[www.elmersands.co.uk](http://www.elmersands.co.uk)

### **1960's Cine Film**

"Just read your comments about Elmer on the ESL Website. I spent many happy holidays in Elmer in the 1960's in various bungalows, some of the names I remember are 'Pebbles' 'Anchor' and 'Cranmere'. My father took cine film of our holidays and this is now a lovely movie history of that time in Elmer Sands in the 1960's".

*Timothy Dowling*

### **Happy Holidays**

"When I was a youngster, we used to stay at Elmer every year. We stayed in the old house opposite the putting Green, painted yellow with an upstairs bedroom accessed by outside steps. I was thinking of coming down to visit, a trip down memory lane!"

"Finally got to popping down to Elmer Sands. It does look very different. The house we stayed in has indeed gone, sad but

predictable I guess. There is a lovely one in its place though. It's the one almost past the green, which looks kind of like two houses at an angle, with glass connecting them. I spoke to a few people and everyone was very friendly. I am pleased that the old putting green is still being used for positive things like Hog Roasts. Elmer would be a lovely place to retire to it has a real feel of a simpler more peaceful time.

*Nick Steddy*

(we think the house Nick stayed in was called 'Sea Sparkle')

### **Business Advertising on Elmer Sands Estate**

In these changing times of new technology, it is recognised that many residents are either self-employed offering services or they undertake work at home via the internet. Residents should be aware that individual home addresses on this Estate must not be included in any business advertising. Any activity undertaken should not be detrimental to neighbouring properties or to the Estate as a whole. Please refer to the ESL website for further details on restrictions or contact the ESL Office.



### **Elmer Beach Front, Coastal Erosion Update from The Environment Agency**

"Work will be commencing shortly at Clymping, hopefully within the next few weeks.

If there are any issues along the Elmer frontage they will be assessed and implemented whilst we carry out our work at Clymping. At this stage we are not planning to import any material

along the Elmer frontage, however as last year if there are any small areas that need addressing this can be done whilst we are on site. The annual Public Safety Risk Assessments for the frontage/groynes have been undertaken, any recommendations will be addressed. We are aware that some timber groyne planking is missing, this is in hand. The additional warning signage has been installed as agreed."

**14<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

### **Flood Coastal Risk Management Solent & South Downs Area Environment Agency South East Region**

*Update! During a meeting in July 2009 certain remedial works were agreed with regards to the Elmer Sands Sea defences. Unfortunately much of the work remains outstanding or now requires remedial action. Elmer Sands Ltd is now in the process of writing to the Environment Agency to ask them to complete the previously agreed tasks and look again at the Elmer rocks location.*

### **ESTATE PARKING RULES**

The ESL Council would like to thank those residents who faithfully comply with the parking rules and ensure that the roads and verges are kept clear, safe and undamaged.

In order to lower maintenance costs, preserve the grass verges and roadways and to promote safety for road users, Elmer Sands Ltd contracts Ethical Parking Management to operate a system to monitor parking throughout the Estate on a daily basis and to issue penalty tickets or immobilise vehicles in specific areas. Tickets and Clamping should only take place in cases of non-compliance with the Estate parking rules. *Cont. over*

Cont. Residents can find a copy of these rules in the form of a 'questions and answers' leaflet via the company website or on request from the Estate Office. The parking management system is designed to control parking and at the same time accommodate the needs of ESL Members, therefore feedback on the system is welcome. As they do not contribute to the maintenance of the Estate roadways, non-members are not afforded the same concessions as Members with regards to temporary visitor parking. If you have any concerns or queries about the parking management please contact the Estate Office.

**Jubilee Garden - kiosk garden Area**

There have been a number of worries about the future of the Jubilee Garden during the past year. As a result Elmer Sands Council agreed that if the garden was given a massive blitz by volunteers they would put its future maintenance out to tender. To date there have been four volunteer mornings that were well attended by residents and a lot was achieved – thanks to everyone. There will be more so please watch the estate's notice boards for further dates - any help you can give will be much appreciated.

**Elmer Sands Limited**

Would like to invite **tenders for the coming years Grounds and Maintenance contract.**

Interested Parties need to contact ESL Secretary for full job specification. See back page for details.

**CLOSING DATE for TENDERS 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011**

**DID YOU KNOW.....**

Friday 11/11/11 was a palindrome meaning it read the same forwards and backwards and at 11:11:11 on the 11/11/11 there was a 12 digit sequence when the time/datetime read 11 seconds past the 11th minute of the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month of the 11th year of the new millennium.

Number 11 is said to be a figure that signifies intuition, patience, honesty and sensitivity and is considered a 'master number' in astrology and basic numerology.



Elmer Sands residents at the annual beach clean earlier in the year.

Unique Youth Project - is on a short winter break!

Due to problems with storage (lack of), transport & a shortage of volunteers we have called a break but be assured we are working towards a solution.

We also still have a number of projects in the pipeline e.g. there are two major gardening projects in the planning stages.

**Volunteers are still wanted!**

**Can U help?**

If so please call

**Steve Burrows at**

**Middleton Fiat Garage (during office hours) on 01243 582767**

**Unique** is a not-for-profit community group for the youth and people of Middleton and Elmer. It began on 19th May 2011 and now has 60+ members aged 11+. Typical club nights involve arts, craft, gaming equipment, outdoor activities and simply socialising with other local young people in a safe environment.

**UNWANTED CALLERS...**

Consider reporting any persistent unwanted caller or suspicious persons to the police on **0845 60 70 999**.

**AND REMEMBER IF AN OFFER SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE – THEN IT PROBABLY IS!**

**Elmer Sands Limited**

Would like to invite **tenders for the maintenance of the Jubilee Garden/Kiosk area.**

Interested Parties need to contact ESL Secretary for full job specification. See back page for details.

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMODORE

Dear Residents

### Family Fete and Hog Roast

First of all I would like to thank all our Sponsors, who helped once again to raise funds for ESBAC; Buntings, Stuff for Gardens, Elmer Tandoori, Mandarin Chef, Logic 1<sup>st</sup> Ltd, Middleton Farm Shop and Chalks Spring Fishery. It is brilliant to see so many local businesses involved.

It was another eventful and exciting day with the hog catching fire in the afternoon and the rain starting just before the fete. To say the least stress levels were high!! But never mind, we got over it, the sun came out at 2pm and apparently the hog tasted better than ever (could we please try and burn it every Year!!!), but no crackling. The fete was a huge success and the cakes were loved by all once again (Joan, a special thank you to you and all your family).

The main reason for writing this letter is to thank all the volunteers who made this a truly special day. You all know who you are!!!!  
THANK YOU.

I would also like to encourage as many ESBAC members as possible to come forward next year. We are only a small Club and any help (baking, running a stall, making salads or watching the hog) would be very welcome. Please don't feel shy to phone or speak to me, I am very nice it's only Grit who bites!

We now have 12 months to recover and start planning for next year. It would be so amazing to see some new faces volunteering and coming to support the fete and hog roast. We need all of your support to keep the community spirit alive and help Elmer Sands remain the truly unique place it is to live.

Thank you  
*Adi Howe*  
Commodore ESBAC  
583778



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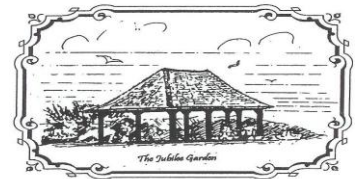
Please route all queries through the Estate Office  
23 Arundel Way, Elmer Sands,  
PO22 6JH

Tel: 01243 584900

e-mail:

[secretary@elmersands.co.uk](mailto:secretary@elmersands.co.uk)

*Welcome to*



*Elmer Sands*

### **How is the Estate managed?**

You may be interested to read a copy of the 'Welcome Booklet'

which the ESL Council aims to give out to all new residents. The booklet provides a simple explanation of the way this private Estate is managed on behalf of the membership

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