

# ELMER SANDS NEWS

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Welcome to the Autumn 2006 edition of the Elmer Sands News. When we put together the first edition five years ago some people said it wouldn't last. I couldn't be more delighted that we proved them wrong. It is still compiled, printed and delivered by volunteers. (Thanks to you all).

I do hope that you find this newsletter of interest. It is one way of involving everyone: Please read it, comment, criticise or contribute to it – This is your estate!



## ESATE PARKING ISSUES HELP NEEDED FROM RESIDENTS

### Parking on Roads and Verges

Your ESL Council continues with its struggle to keep the roads and verges free of vehicles. By now, everyone should be aware of the well-publicised rules for parking. For reasons of safety and to preserve the tarmac and surface water drainage system there should be No regular parking of vehicles on the roads and verges.

Please read the information flyer enclosed with this Newsletter and use the form provided to report cases of regular parking near you. HELP ESL TO SAVE YOU MONEY ON FUTURE ROAD AND DRAINAGE REPAIRS.

### Have you considered extending your driveway?

ESL positively encourages residents to undertake driveway extensions and alterations in order to increase the parking facilities at each property. Should you wish to use a section of the ESL verge for this purpose, please contact the Secretary for details of how to obtain an Accessway Licence.

### Wheel Clamping Service

The ESL Council has been encouraged by the positive response from residents to this service. Allied Parking Management has been operating its mobile response service during the summer and the roadway by the beach has been markedly clearer. Time and care was taken when setting up this service and its success has relied on some voluntary assistance, for which ESL is very grateful.

### Notice of ESL Membership Subscription for 2007

£101.50  
(Inflationary increase)

Direct debit payments subject  
to bank administration charge.

### DARY DATES 2006

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October  
Beach Clean up 10.00am  
Halloween Party 6.00 pm



## BOGNOR REGIS POLICE SECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

Neighbourhood Watch and Elmer Sands

We are now up to seventeen street coordinators and I would like to welcome **Mike Howell** who has taken on the Southern End of Sea Way ( 1 to 14). **Janet Filsell** is looking after Sussex Village and **Ed Hall** is helping Reg Beckett with Manor Court.

Neighbourhood Watch is totally dependant on you the householders and those of you who have taken on the task of street coordinators. My thanks go to all volunteer coordinators acting for all residents benefit.

More help is needed; we desperately need a resident coordinator for **Arundel Way**. I am looking at the situation, and there are now eighteen members with seven households still to see. There are other areas where we require additional coordinators; in fact help can be used in most areas.

There is at the present only one area on the estate where we have no Neighbourhood Watch, this being Sussex Court.

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*Neighbourhood Watch cont.*

### **Problems on the estate**

As a result of problems in the kiosk, beach area and the woods to the North of the estate with the help of ESL we put out an estate wide news sheet with the intension of making all residents aware of means of contacting the police when needed.

We now welcome Teresa Bridger who is our new Police Community Support Officer (PCSO). Teresa has now completed her training and is spending a lot of her time on the estate, she would be pleased to talk to anyone about any problems you may have.

**For Emergency crimes call 999  
For Non urgent crimes call  
0845 6070999**

### **Latest area issues**

Doorstep callers are still a major problem. If you have not arranged for anyone to visit you then you are advised not to allow access to any cold callers. Police advise keeping back doors locked and using any security device you have before opening your door to any strangers.

If you feel that you can help, (a coordinator is not an arduous task) please contact me, **Peter Appleyard on 587931.**

Additionally the coordinators are now holding regular get-togethers in The Cabin, you would be welcome to come and talk to us. Your coordinator will let you know when these get-togethers are. If you don't know who your coordinator is give me a call.

*Peter Appleyard  
Area coordinator for Elmer Sands  
54 Ancton Way, phone 587931*

### Garden Competition

I should be happy; I should be made up,  
I've just been awarded the  
'Gardening Cup'  
But why am I sad, why am I blue  
Because I won this trophy by default,  
Due to the apathy of you.

There was no contest, no gardens to judge,  
I was the only entrant who could be bothered to budge.  
There are plenty of gardens on this lovely estate,  
The organisers thought so and so they did wait.  
For entries from households across Elmer Sands,  
The small and the medium, no doubt even the grands.

The competition is friendly and just plain good fun  
We all toil in the seasons and welcome the sun,  
To see the results when everything is in bloom,  
Is certain to get rid of most peoples gloom.

Be happy to show that you have pride in your pad,  
If you do not win you don't have to be sad,  
The judges won't trample over your pride and joy  
They're really quite friendly and will certainly enjoy.

So next time next summer when the notices go up,  
Why don't you try to win the Gardening Cup?  
So support the committee in whatever you do,  
They do it quite freely especially for you.  
*Congratulations to Don & Jean Johnson for winning the cup. A special thanks to Don for this poem.*

### **ELMER SANDS REGATTA**

Mad dogs and Englishmen! Who in their right minds would trust an English summer? My feet are being dripped on from the spokes of the oversized brolley that is the only thing between an August bank holiday downpour and me. Ten minutes later we swelter as the sun escapes through a gap between the clouds.

Elmer Sands Regatta is about to start. A flotilla of small boats is bobbing about in the spotlight of sunbeams breaking through the slate grey clouds They sit in their own private turquoise pool surrounded by a grey oily sea. The air horn sounds to start the first race of the day. Thunder rumbles ominously in the distance.

With the coming of the sun the crowd of spectators on the beach sit talking in groups sharing picnics, wine or a beer. The atmosphere is sleepy, the sound of breaking waves muffling the hum of many conversations. Some boys throw stones in the sea as spots of rain on the lens of my sunglasses heralds the next shower. The tough or foolhardy pull their towels round them and try to ignore it. The rest of us put up our umbrellas and shelter how we can.

As the tide raises so does the wind filling the sails of the little boats as they spin round the buoys, their sails bright coloured shapes against the horizon. Eventually they haul the boats up the shingle the sailors gathering in small groups to analyse the race. They swap stories of victories and near disaster laced with ribbing for winners and losers alike.

The clouds continue to look angry but people are happy as the event

continues. Tug o war, first the kids try and pull each other off their feet. Then the adults, men grimacing, determined to win. They dig holes in the shingle as they flex their muscles and pull with all their might. There will be a few sore muscles and rope burns tomorrow.

The swell rises as the raindrops start again, a boy and girl whoop with laughter as the waves smash into them knocking them off their feet. A lady passes and remarks, "the rain makes it more exciting somehow" another remarks, "more British." We all laugh. And then it's the raft race. Six craft race followed by flour bags, eggs and boys in canoes. A modified bathtub wins the day midst cries of come on and you can do it. It's a record no one sinks.

Next is the swimming competition as it teems with rain. Who cares when you're wet already? And the winner is the jet-propelled otter. He ploughs through the water to win every year, astounding to watch if you are as inept at swimming as I am. The air horn cuts again through the laughter and a stream of canoes speed round the rocks, a father victoriously beats his sons. Its time for the egg and spoon race, I cradle a mug of tea to keep warm.

Then for a finale the sun appears. The boats go back in the water for the last race in glorious August sunshine. They race while we on the beach watch. It is nearly the end of the regatta. The prizes are given out with jokes and laughter. Only one person turned up for the ladies swimming, she can have the trophy anyway. And the canoe race was not scheduled so here's a cup for the winner, porcelain with left over tea in the bottom, but

never mind. We all laugh as we start to pack up taking with us another good memory of summers at Elmer. *Linda Smith*

**Contact with Company Secretary**

ESL members and non-members continue to regularly call at the Secretary's private home without prior arrangement. ESL feels obliged to reiterate that issues should be registered via the ESL phone number 584900 or post placed in the ESL mail box at 23 Arundel Way or [kimedden@btopenworld.com](mailto:kimedden@btopenworld.com)  
The Company Secretary will not answer house calls on ESL business without prior arrangement.

**NEW RESIDENTS-** If you have not received your Welcome Pack please contact the Secretary.

**PLANT A TREE THIS AUTUMN!**

Elmer Sands Conservation Volunteers would like to invite you to plant a tree for the grand price of a donation to our tree fund. They will be native trees to help maintain and encourage our own native animals, birds, butterflies and insects in accordance with the environmental ethos of ESL Council.

We will be holding a stock of trees by the end of October from which residents can make a selection. Please ask the secretary for more information.

*Elmer Sands Conservation Group*

A beach rubbish clearance day has been organised for Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. We will be meeting at the Jubilee Garden at 10.00. More volunteers are always welcome.

**MEMORIAL FOR MOYA KENDELL**

As many of you will know Miss Moya Kendell, who recently died, for many years looked after the flower bed on the green outside her home at 9 The Layne. With ESL's approval it is hoped to construct and maintain a new flowerbed in her memory.

The proposed flowerbed would initially be designed by one of her friends on the estate, and we already have some volunteers willing to dig etc. We would like to start the preparation work as soon as possible, and would be very grateful for any help.

If you feel able to help us in this project, either financially or in other ways, please contact:

Shirley Brown at 3 Manor Way (Tel: 01243 587383, or email [sgenebrown@hotmail.com](mailto:sgenebrown@hotmail.com)), and we will of course keep you informed of our progress.



**HEDGEHOG WATCH**  
Having been subjected to metaldehyde poisoning from slug pellets all summer, the

local Hedgehog population faces new autumn threats. Firstly please bear in mind that Hedgehogs will bury themselves in piles of leaves or bonfires at this time of year, so please carefully check for them before lighting bonfires, particularly around November 5th. Also second litters of Hoglets often do not put on enough weight to get them through winter hibernation. In late autumn underweight 2nd litter hoglets come out of hibernation and succumb to hypothermia or starvation. Ideally the need to gain a minimum weight of 21 ozs. (600g). If you find small malnourished or weak hogs below this weight, please contact Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital on 641672 for advice. They will over winter hedgehogs brought to them, but last year were overwhelmed with hoglets and were desperate for volunteers to help look after them. Could you help?



### The Estate's Exclusive Boating and Angling Club!

The Elmer Sands Boating and Angling Club (ESBAC) continue to thrive, ensuring that the Elmer Sands Estate can boast an exclusive Boating and Angling Club. Its volunteers organise wonderful social events for all the Estate residents, their friends and families to enjoy and these events give Elmer Sands its unique sense of community and are much appreciated by all.

Not everyone is aware that whilst the events raise money to aid the running of the Club e.g. safety equipment and launching facilities, the majority of the funds are ploughed back into putting on more social events such as the coming Halloween Party for the children. Elmer Sands Limited is pleased to be able to support the Club's activities by providing premises, facilities and occasional donations and for this reason the coveted boat berths are a privilege given only to ESL members.

ESBAC operates as an independent Club with its membership extending far and wide. It is important to welcome Club members from outside the Estate to ensure the Club's success and that the facility remains for Elmer Sands residents. Therefore, a small number of non-residents are given access through the Estate to launch their boats. For this privilege, 25% of the ESL annual subscription is paid by each individual.

An Estate with a private and well run Boating and Angling Club is a rarity and can only serve to enhance the value of all our properties and of course our enjoyment as a community. Thank you ESBAC!

The next Boat Club event will be

HALLOWEEN PARTY  
On  
28 October from  
6.00pm

For further information on ESBAC please contact the Club Secretary,  
Jo Hedderly on tel: 586066

### Bird Flu

Lock up your hen house,  
make secure your hen.  
make sure your turkey  
is safely in his pen.

Don't kiss your parrot,  
he may have the flu;  
and if he's got it  
he'll pass it on to you.

Don't touch that dead sparrow,  
without a rubber glove,  
get out the shot gun,  
here comes a turtle dove.

Bird flu is getting nearer,  
nearer every day,  
get down on your knees my  
friend,  
and pray it stays away.

Is this Armageddon,  
the day we're taught to fear.  
Before I turn my toes up, Joyce,  
pass me another beer.

*Reggie and Jan 2006  
Sing to the tune "Brush up Your  
Shakespeare" (Kiss Me Kate)*

*Have a nice Autumn! Bye for  
now - LS & SB*

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