

ELMER SANDS NEWS

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**ELMER SANDS LIMITED
ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING
MONDAY 24th April 2017
AT THE JUBILEE HALL
Middleton-on-Sea**

Doors open 7.10pm

Meeting Starts 7.30pm

Refreshments will be served

Agenda items include:
Sea Defences and
Drainage System
Maintenance of Roads,
Verges and Common
Areas,
Security and Parking

Meet the Directors who
have been managing the
Estate on your behalf
Everyone Welcome, we
hope to see you there
all enquiries to the
Secretary (01243)
584900 or e-mail
secretary@elmersands.co.uk

Retiring Directors

Nick Colgate retired as a Director of ESL last year followed by Alan Warwick who announced his retirement this month. The ESL Council is very grateful for their many contributions during their terms as Directors. Thank you from us all.

Valerie Waller has recently retired after nearly 10 years of service, she co-ordinated the Grounds maintenance of our Estate. Valerie will be leaving the Estate for pastures new so thank you and good luck for the future.



Invitation to join the Elmer Sands Council and serve as a Company Director

The Directors of Elmer Sands Ltd retire by rotation. At the AGM this year there will be NINE vacancies for Members to serve on the Council.

It is important that we maintain representation from our diverse community. All registered Members are entitled to serve on the Council regardless of how long they have lived on the Estate.

As a Council Member there is a commitment to attend monthly meetings (currently held on Monday evenings at the Middleton Sports Club) and to take a shared responsibility for managing the Membership funds and directing the smooth running of the Estate.

**Complete and return a nomination form to 23 Arundel Way, or if you have any questions contact our Secretary who will be happy to help:
tel: 01243 584900 or e-mail
secretary@elmersands.co.uk**

Deadline to return forms 28th March 2017



Easter Beach Cleanup!

Calling all beach lovers, please join us on **Saturday 22nd April** for our Easter beach clean. We will be meeting at **The Kiosk at 10.00 am. BRING YOURSELVES**, warm clothing and gloves.

Jubilee Garden

Join us for 'The Big Bug House Build'

This Spring we plan to build an insect hotel in the kiosk garden to provide many types of insects with nesting facilities during the warmer months and shelter or refuge in Winter.

As a start a kind resident has taken on the task of building the frame work for our 'mansion'. Thank you. I have been making some clay tubes to hold various materials. I was hoping that some of the younger members of the estate might like to help by filling them with insect bedding like stems and hollow canes. When this is done everyone, especially kids, will be invited to build our 'mansion' by stuffing the framework with the tubes and any other natural materials we can get our hands on.

If you or your children would like to get involved please contact me via the Secretary
Linda Smith



The ESL Council decided to replace the children's playground slide last year as the old one was getting quite rusty and uneconomic to repair. The selection of a suitable piece of equipment which would provide additional imaginative play resulted in a change to a wooden construction that will provide better value for money. A number of the ESL directors had an enjoyable although tiring four days, removing the old slide and erecting the new equipment which was received as a flat pack. A few modifications have been carried out to achieve planning approval and this has now provided a good piece of equipment that should give service for many years to come.

Costs were minimised through the use of volunteer labour for this project. The bushes surrounding the area have now been cut back by our grounds maintenance contractor which in preparation for another volunteer force to repaint the playground fencing in the spring.

Winter Verge Damage



The verges are very soft during the Winter, so please take care not to park on them or damage them because this compromises the surface water drainage soak away system and looks a

muddy mess. Where damage has been caused by activity at an individual property, the homeowner must undertake repairs. Other cases of damage can be dealt with by our Grounds contractor. Please report these to our Secretary.

Radar Speed Equipment

You may have seen a number of planning notices scattered around the estate, advertising an ESL application to install a piece of radar speed monitoring equipment. There has been increasing concern being reported of vehicles speeding on the estate roads and as a result the ESL Council will be installing a piece of equipment, that will be moved periodically between a number of locations, to show drivers what speed they are travelling at and to also record details for analysis. It is hoped that if drivers are made aware that they are exceeding our recommended speed of 15mph it will encourage them to drive more slowly.



South Coastal Path

The Government's Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 aims to improve public access to, and enjoyment of, the English coastline by creating clear and consistent public rights along the English coast for open-air recreation on foot. It allows existing coastal access to be

secured and improved and new access to be created in coastal places where it did not already exist. As part of implementing this legislation Natural England have recently advised property owners along the south

coast of their preferred course for the section covering the South Coastal Path, the plan shows where this is proposed to pass through our estate. They have chosen not to follow the existing public footpath that runs behind the boat yard but to establish it along the top of the sea defence. Whilst this may deliver their objective of providing public access to the coast it will of course permit public access to the beach that we have for many years regarded as our private beach. Whilst Natural England have been asking property owners along the proposed route for their comments it is difficult to see that effective opposition can be mounted based upon the legislation that has been put in place.

However it could well be that this will have little difference in practice. A number of public already walk along this route when venturing from the east and as there is little or no parking close to the Elmer beach area it may be that there is little or no increase in numbers venturing onto the Elmer beach.

More information can be found using this website address <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/5327964912746496>.

Can any of your readers help us to trace the owners of the white tom cat that roams around the southern part of the Estate. It has taken to regularly attacking our cats, spraying our lounge and has recently cost me over £800 in vets bills. Angus - 01243 583131

**IMPORTANT:
PLEASE CONTINUE
to CHECK THAT
YOUR WATER
BUTTS ARE
EMPTY!**

Please ensure capacity is available to take up any sudden heavy rain.

Please note: **Elmer Sands Emergency Contingency Plan** can be downloaded from our website.



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH
ELMER SANDS ESTATE
UPDATE FEB 2017**

You will probably have noticed new signs at the entrances to the estate because Elmer Sands is now a "No Cold Call" zone following a large number of complaints about pushy salespeople/charity workers. Reputable companies and charities advise workers not to cold call at properties in these zones. However, we all need to remain vigilant and protect ourselves from doorstep crime. This is the time of year, lighter evenings & warmer weather, when cold callers are out and about in force.

While most visitors will be genuine, the sad fact is, some could be calling with an ulterior motive. To be on the safe side, you need to be extremely wary about who you answer the door to. Be on your guard, keep doors locked, check any callers ID, don't be fooled into letting people in AND don't

forget – if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

If you are in any doubt about the validity of a caller do not let them in. Call the police immediately on 999 if the person is still in the area or 101 if they have left.

Please let me know if you would like to receive regular e-mail updates about crime in Bognor Regis or if you would like to know more about setting up a Neighbourhood Watch street scheme in your road. I try to regularly update the noticeboards on the estate with current Neighbourhood Watch issues.

I can provide "No Cold Calling" door stickers to anyone on the estate who would like one. I can be contacted on 07973 330276 or leave a message on this Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Bognor-Regis-Neighbourhood-Watch-108709752882796/>

Sandra

END OF AN ERA

Jack & Audrey Hendra used to holiday in Elmer Sands in the 1950's until finally they bought 2 Arundel Way in the freezing cold winter of 1962/3. They would visit with their family at every opportunity, eventually moving to live here permanently in 1972. There was a great community spirit, local shops, Laynes Stores, the wine shop, 'Candy House' stores to name but a few. The boat club was busy with lots of fishing competitions and sailing, there was a slipway then in full working order. Every year there was an annual dinner & dance for the club held at various venues. Thier daughter writes, " Mum & Dad used to do the produce store at the Elmer fete which was always 'buzzing' and held on The Hard. They were very good

friends with so many of the 'old crowd' Les & Barbara Rutter, Reg & Joyce Came, Betty & Eddie Fildes, Gerry Banks to name but a few. There was an active putting green which was manned by volunteers and in the 1950's/60's we used to have putting competitions. Sadly Dad passed away in 1998 at the good old age of 90 and mum stayed at the bungalow till a fall took her in July 2015 resulting in having to go into a nursing home. She missed her beloved Elmer and finally left us 12th January 2017 at the amazing age of 98." *Lin Biffen*

Sadly at the end of January we also lost Reg Came who I will always remember as my favourite Punch and Judy man.

Reg and his late wife Joyce after a long association with Elmer settled here in 1981. Over the years they put a lot into the community in Elmer, Middleton and Bognor being involved in lots of different clubs, including the Elmer Sands Boating Club, Aldingbourne Tennis Club and Felpham and Middleton Country Dance Club. They wrote two short histories – the First Fifty Years of the Elmer Sands Boating Club and the First Sixty Years of the Felpham and Middleton Dancing Club. Reg has also written four books of Reggie's Rotten Rhymes and two memoirs.

And the reference to Punch and Judy man? Joyce was from a theatrical family, her grandfather had manufactured magical apparatus and father, Hector Seager, was a well-known Punch and Judy man to the elite of London. Reg told me that when he had asked Joyce to marry him she had said, "yes", but with one condition, he would be expected to be a Punch and Judy man . Reg agreed and so apart from his career working with BP Chemicals, Reg was a Punch and Judy man, following in the footsteps of his father in law and performing at local fêtes and private parties. RIP Reg.

Linda Smith



ESBAC

We are 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. We do hope to have some good weather this summer, so we can have barbeques and other social events, as well as lots of fishing, sailing and kayaking of course!

We are introducing online banking for the first time this year, and would like to do as much communication as we can via email. So if you are a member already, watch out for an email soon, If you don't have an email address don't worry! Post will be on the way to you soon!

If anyone would like to join, and use the facilities at the club, please drop me a line at magsq2u@gmail.com. Margaret Jones. ESBAC Secretary.

Protection of our Assets and our Unique Living Environment

With the help of residents and volunteers our Elmer Sands Directors spend much of their time focussed on the preservation of our roads, verges, drains and communal areas.

Please help by making sure you are aware of the general rules and requirements living on this Estate.

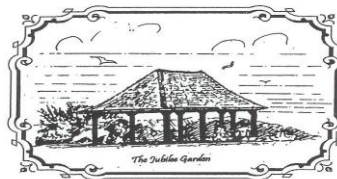
Parking - Only temporary visitors and services are permitted to park on the roadways when absolutely necessary

Driveway Widening - Members must apply to ESL if they wish to widen their access crossing the grass verge

Property Development - Owners must inform ESL of proposed developments and enter into a 'Building Development Agreement' and adhere to the published Guidelines

Relevant Guidelines and Documents can be requested from the Secretary secretary@elmersands.co.uk or downloaded from the Company Website www.elmersands.co.uk

Welcome to



Elmer Sands

HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED TO ELMER SANDS?

Please make sure you have contacted the Estate Office and registered yourselves as new owner/s of the property

CONTACT DETAILS

secretary@elmersands.co.uk
www.elmersands.co.uk

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

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