

# ELMER SANDS NEWS

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## ELMER SANDS LIMITED

ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING

**SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**AT THE JUBILEE HALL  
Middleton-on-Sea**

Doors open 2.50pm

**Meeting Starts 3.15pm**

**Refreshments will be  
served**

Get Updates on  
Sea Defences and the  
Estate Drainage System  
Maintenance of the Roads,  
Verges and Common  
Areas,  
Security and Parking  
Contracts

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



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

**A minimum of five  
Directors are required for  
the Company to operate.  
Directors retire by rotation  
which means only six of  
our current Board will  
automatically continue  
this year. At the AGM in  
April there will be nine  
places available for  
Members to serve on the  
Council.**

**We feel it is important to  
have representation from  
our diverse community  
and welcome all  
applications. At present  
we do not have any  
representation from our  
younger families.**

**To serve on the Council  
you must be a registered  
Member of ESL and be  
able to attend monthly  
meetings, currently held  
on Mondays 7.30pm at the  
Middleton Sports Club.  
Directors undertake to  
share the responsibility  
for managing 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:**

**Tel: 01243 584900 e-mail  
[secretary@elmersands.co.uk](mailto:secretary@elmersands.co.uk)**

**Deadline for nominations  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2018**

**Beach Sea Defence Project -**  
The Environment Agency (EA)  
are finalising investigations  
with their consultants on the  
four preferred options, reported  
on the ESL notice boards and  
ESL Website. ESL expects to  
have a meeting with the EA  
late March or early April to  
discuss their findings and this  
will enable more detail to be  
passed on at the ESL AGM.

**Surface Water Management  
Plan (SWMP) -** The latest  
proposals tabled by WSCC  
envisage an improvement to  
the ESL surface water drains  
primarily at four locations  
across the estate, Elmer Drive/  
Acton Way; The Hard; Sea  
Way and Manor Way entrance.  
In addition the ditch running  
from Ancton Way through  
Elmer Close will be profiled to  
take surface water directly  
south to the sea outfall. WSCC  
are currently drawing down the  
funding from the Environment  
Agency to enable this work to  
be carried out and it is expected  
that WSCC will soon provide  
ESL with more detail of the  
proposed work.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**Playground work force  
6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Beach Clean 7<sup>th</sup> April  
10.00 at The Kiosk**

**AGM 29<sup>th</sup> April**



**Leonard (Len) Chappell**  
9<sup>th</sup> May 1940 – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

We are extremely sad to announce the passing of our dear friend and committee member Len Chappell, who was very suddenly taken ill during February and diagnosed with acute leukaemia from which he was unable to recover.

Len will be so sadly missed, not only as a good friend and neighbour but also as a long serving Director of ESL since 2005 and as a key member of the greater Elmer Sands community.

Len moved onto the Estate, from Sanderstead near Croydon, with his wife Vera in 2004 and soon became involved in the community. Together, they formed many friendships and with his cheerful and capable manner Len was always available to lend a helping hand to his neighbours.

As a Director of ESL, Len helped in ensuring the upkeep and maintenance of the estate. He was instrumental in ensuring roads, drainage, painting, fencing etc were all kept up to a high standard as well as helping to build the new children's play area and in fact anything else that needed sorting out.

He readily volunteered to deliver the local newsletters for both the estate and parish council.

A big man with a big personality loved by many and so sadly missed.

Len is remembered by his family as a very loving husband, father and grandfather and they would like to thank everyone for all the kind words received for him.

RIP Len



**Damaged Verges**

Everyone will have noticed that every year the grass verges are softened by the wet weather and become churned up under the tyres of vehicles. This reduces the efficiency of the drainage and looks very unsightly.

As the weather improves ESL will undertake to repair the common verges but we appeal to Members to kindly do their best to re-shape, re-seed and protect the areas close to their own homes and those which are affected by their own activity.

Please let us know if you need assistance or have any queries regarding this.



**Parking Space**

We appeal to Members to avoid filling up their driveways with scrapped vehicles and vehicles used only for storage leaving no space for manoeuvre or regular parking. This practice impacts negatively on the street scene and causes unnecessary overflow parking on our roads and verges. Large boats,

commercial vans, caravans and motor homes can also cause similar problems.

We request that Members make the changes needed to keep our roads and verges free of vehicles and to preserve the Estate's open and green street scene.

Please be aware of the relevant 'Restrictive Covenants' within your Property Deeds.

**Thank you**

Many of our Members have carried out creative development to their property frontages and driveways. These welcomed renovations serve to enhance the street scene and improve parking facilities.

**Information**

To apply to alter your property's access for better parking or to familiarise yourself with the Parking Management rules and compliance go to the ESL website

[www.elmersands.co.uk](http://www.elmersands.co.uk) or contact the Estate Office: 01243584900

[secretary@elmersands.co.uk](mailto:secretary@elmersands.co.uk)  
The Council of Elmer Sands Ltd

**Trees Planted on Verges -**

Trees planted on the ESL verges are either owned by ESL or remain in the ownership of the member who has planted them. It is a criminal offence for anyone to damage or attack them and if this occurs the owner is at liberty to report this to the police for investigation and possible prosecution.

## Elmer Sands Emergency Contingency Plan

After the exceptional rainfall and subsequent flooding of the Estate in June 2012, it seemed sensible to be prepared for any emergency that might occur in the future. It was clear that as well as being able to contact the emergency services we needed a hotline to Arun District Council to ensure that all the agencies knew what was happening in Elmer Sands from the onset. (Unfortunately in June 2012 as we were cut off completely and all help phone lines were busy, no one knew the situation for most of the first day). With this in mind, a small group of us decided to put in place a basic Elmer Sands Emergency Plan so that we would have that hotline. We are currently reviewing it again.

As an addition to the document we are compiling a list of volunteers. So if you would like to help especially if you have any assets or resources that would be helpful (e.g. 4x4 vehicles, tree surgeons, pumps, emergency training) please contact the Secretary. This information will be treated as confidential.

In the event of an emergency please phone Elmer Sands First Contacts. They will phone the emergency services on behalf of the Estate and then Arun District Council's Duty Emergency Co-ordinator on a restricted line advising them of the type and scale of the emergency.

The names of the First Contacts can be found at the end of **Elmer Sands Emergency Contingency Plan** which can be

downloaded from our website. If you do not have a computer please contact the Secretary who can provide you with a printed copy.



Trail dates are the first 2 weekends in May 2018, including Bank Holiday Monday (see website).

**Saturday, Sunday,  
Monday 5th, 6th, 7th and  
Saturday, Sunday 12th,  
13th May**

**All studios open from  
10.30am - 5.30pm each  
day**

**Look out for the signs**

### Defibrillator

Funding from our estate and other local public bodies has recently enabled the installation of a defibrillator on the external wall of The Cabin. This installation was made possible with the agreement of The Cabin management.

To get the access code for the defibrillator you are required to call 999 so if anyone goes to pick it up have your mobile phone handy. No training is required to use the machine - it tells you what to do. The following link gives information and a video.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/heart-health/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators/how-to-use-a-defibrillator>

## Alan Warwick 1941 – 2017

We regret to have to report that Alan passed away late last year after several months of illness bravely borne. Alan's professional background was initially in engineering and later he moved into computing working for ICL and Fujitsu. On retirement he and Brenda moved to Cornwall but in 2011 they came to Elmer to be nearer to family members. Soon after settling in Elmer he became involved with ESL and was elected a director at the following AGM. He was a very active director being involved particularly with roads, drainage and general maintenance tasks all of which he tackled with enthusiasm. His cheery and friendly character was much appreciated by all his friends and neighbours. He will be greatly missed by us all and especially, of course, by Brenda their 3 sons and their families.

### Facebook - Elmer Sands Community Group

We have a Facebook page now. This group has been set up for Elmer Sands residents to share information and as an alternative means of being kept up to date with a monthly summary of ESL business notes etc. Please feel free to add lost/found/for sale/wanted posts too. Any neighbours or friends living on the estate can be added if they are also on Facebook by clicking on the add member button at the top of page.



## 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!

If anyone would like to join, and use the facilities at the club, please drop me a line at [esbacemail@gmail.com](mailto:esbacemail@gmail.com)

**Playground Equipment** - ADC Planning require ESL to move the climbing / slide equipment across the playground by 10 April. **It is planned that volunteers will deliver this over the weekend 6th to 8th April.** Any offers of assistance will be welcomed, please let the Secretary know if you are able to assist.



### Easter Beach Cleanup!

Calling all beach lovers, please join us on **Saturday 7th April** for our Easter beach clean. We will be meeting at **The Kiosk at 10.00 am.** **BRING YOURSELVES,** warm clothing and gloves.

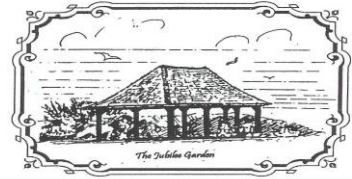
Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**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.

*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](mailto:secretary@elmersands.co.uk)  
[www.elmersands.co.uk](http://www.elmersands.co.uk)

Please ask for your copy of the 'Welcome Booklet' which explains how this private estate is managed  
Registered Office  
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Tel: 01243 584900

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