

ROWLY DRIVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - October 2008

ROWLY DRIVE WEBSITE

The website <http://www.rowlydrive.co.uk> is now up and running. AGM minutes and other information relating to the affairs of the RDRA can be found on the website. If you have any suggestions about how the website could be improved, please let your committee representative know (see over).

EMAIL ADDRESSES -think of the environment!

If anyone would like their newsletters and other notices sent via email then please let your committee representative have your details. This does save trees as well as time and money.

ROAD REPAIRS

As always, there are a number of potholes in the road which still need repairing. 12 were done in February - this work was severely delayed due to Thames Water advising that the water mains needed repairing which has still not been carried out. Discussion took place at the AGM about completely resurfacing the road and the different options that could be considered. As agreed at the AGM, quotes are being obtained from various contractors for filling the remaining pot holes (in the first instance at least 10 more large ones have been identified) and also for resurfacing the road.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the AGM the committee recommended that the annual subscription is increased from £40 to £45 per household. This will be the first increase in 3 years and was approved by the members present. If you have not already paid your subscriptions please could you let your committee member have a cheque for **£45**, made payable to the **Rowly Drive Residents Association** as soon as possible. It is extremely helpful if you could post the cheque through the letter box of your committee representative in an envelope marked with your house name as it means that they don't have to keep knocking on doors! There are still a couple of houses that have not paid last years subscriptions - this is unfair to those who do pay so please consider your friends and neighbours.

SPEED AND ROAD SIGNS

As you will all have noticed, two 20 mph speed signs have been erected - one at the end of the drive by the main road and the other about 100 yards in. This has reduced the general speed of motorists but there are still some who think the drive is a race track. Please respect your neighbours and fellow residents and ask visitors to do the same by reducing your speed and being mindful of children playing and people walking their dogs. A Private Road / No Through Road sign is still to be incorporated into the Rowly Drive road name sign.

CARS PARKED ON THE MAIN ROAD

Mrs Broadhurst, owner of the Children's Nursery School on the main road has received a number of complaints from the residents of Rowly Drive in relation to cars delivering and collecting children from the nursery. The cars often park very close to the entrance to Rowly Drive and obstruct the view for drivers trying to turn on to the main road. Mrs Broadhurst has asked the parents to park with this in mind and has given out formal notices at the beginning of term requesting the parents not to park outside the nursery for longer than necessary. The Committee is looking at other ways of improving the situation.

2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM was held on Thursday 10th July with a really good turnout. Thank you to all those who attended and contributed to the meeting.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

For those youngsters among you who are feeling energetic enough to play tennis and don't want to travel too far, Mike Golden has kindly offered the use of his court at Rowly Barn. Just knock on the door and let Mike know when you would like to use it.

Best Wishes from the Committee

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RDRA Committee Members Constituencies October 2008

Louise Harbutt	Roger King	Sue Barrow	John Kearsley	Roy Collison	Mike Golden
Rowly Cottage	Meadowside	Rose Glen	Holmbush	Hopwood Cottage	Rowly Barn
Littlebrook	Barn End	Pembury	Cloudsley House	Westerings	Norton House
Bridles	Broadmead	York Cottage	Durdle Dore	Rose Cottage	Primrose bank
Field Gate Cottage	Benmore	The Little Farm	Oak Dene	Canters	Red Tiles
Wedgeways	Hill View	Acorns	Gunyah	Willow bank	Lantern Cottage
Lyhope	Cobwebs	Camellias	Rhosilli	RE Southcroft	High Spen
Orchard Cottage	Nutley	West View	Lane End	RE Marchants	Shooters Rest
Kingsway	Brambles	The Shieling	Bide-a-Bit	RE No 11	Oakdale
Ferrans	Oak Tree Cottage	St Hildas	Finchingfield	RE No 10	Long Copse
Bridgelands	Littlefields	Hartley	Hunters lodge	RE No 9	Pippins
Robertsley	Aspen	Novello	Aviary Moore	RE No 7	Ecclesbourne
Longacre	Greenways	Rowly Lodge	Hazeldene	Ardbeg	Glenloch
Headley	Threlles	Craster	The Gables	Fermain	Brook Cottage
Random Hight	Holmside	Roswin	Chanak	Gilridge	Rowly Farm House
Down Ampney	Marylands	Over	Nutshell	Monterey	Rowan Cottage
			Woodlands	Gleneagles	RDA



Halloween – Friday 31st October

Did you know? Halloween is derived from an ancient Celtic festival to celebrate the Celtic New Year's Eve, marking the end of the "season of the sun" (Summer) and the beginning of "the season of darkness and cold" (Winter). We all like to have a bit of fun, especially when it comes to old traditions and "tricking and treating" is all part of this. Do however please respect those residents who don't want to join in on Halloween. If you see a pumpkin in the window then that house is more likely to welcome you.

And last but by no means least! A warm welcome from the RDRA Committee to new residents to Rowly Drive since our last newsletter.

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