

ROWLY DRIVE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER - November 2009

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM was held on 9th July. The turn out was much less than last year - 18 householders attended. The minutes of the meeting are attached and the committee is addressing the points raised. The RDRA especially wished to thank Roger King for his role as treasurer over the last few years as he is now departing the drive. Sue Barrow as committee member has kindly volunteered to take over.

ROWLY DRIVE WEBSITE REMINDER

The website <http://www.rowlydrive.co.uk> is still up and running. AGM minutes and other information relating to the affairs of the RDRA can be found on the website.

DRAINAGE DITCHES

Autumn is a good time to prepare the Garden for winter, but it's also a good time to consider any ditch maintenance to cope with the increased rainfall we now expect. The surface of the drive deteriorates quickly if the rainwater cannot quickly drain away to the side, as it runs down the drive. Ditches are a key part to achieve this, and the ideal is an open ditch at the road side for the water to run into. Many of us have in-filled ditches, and if so there should be a connecting pipe laid underneath. Please be aware that we are trying to achieve a clear drainage route from the top of the drive to the bottom, and need everyone's support to achieve this. Please contact your RDRA representative if it's not easy for you to clear your own ditch and you would like some help from other drive residents. The recent flooding and intervention by Thames Water also highlights our need for a continuous dialogue with them.

SPEED AND ROAD SIGNS

It's very noticeable that the drive is becoming busier as the years pass, and more road traffic is now the norm. Most people observe the speed limit, but noticeably more seem to be forgetting. We do ask everyone to try and remember the speed limit, there are no pavements for pedestrians and children are often out playing. Pets are also vulnerable. Be prepared to stop at short notice if a child or animal runs out into the road, especially being more prudent during the darker winter hours,

John Kearsley, Sue Barrow, Roy Collison, Mike Golden, Louise Harbutt

ROAD REPAIRS

The excellent pot hole repairs are wearing well, although the real test will occur this coming winter! A total of 57 holes were filled this year using Hot Rolled Asphalt (HRA). This is a superior but more expensive material to that previously used, so we will be researching alternatives, especially if the minimum supply quantity for HRA is not required. More potholes are already beginning to appear and we anticipate a repair programme early spring.

CARS PARKED ON THE MAIN ROAD

Mrs Broadhurst, owner of the Children's Nursery School on the main road continues to remind parents about not parking too close to the drive exit. We are considering if double yellow lines may provide a solution, by asking the council to mark the main Guildford road near the drive exit.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

The AGM confirmed that the annual subscription should remain at £45 per household for 2009/2010. 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. Many thanks to those that have already paid. We continue to build funds for road maintenance and other small projects of benefit to the drive.

Respecting The Verges

Now that more rain is here, the drive verges are softer and prone to rutting. Please respect your neighbour by parking off the drive but not on the adjacent verges. Another source of annoyance and hygiene concern is dogs fouling the verges or drive. We respectfully remind all owners to maintain the "poop-scoop" protocol at all times!

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Mike Golden continues to offer the use of his court at Rowly Barn for younger residents (there *will* be some sunny winter days!). All he asks is for normal court etiquette to be observed. You will need to take your own balls and lower the net after your game. Thank you again Mike

RDRA Committee Members Constituencies 2009/2010

Louise Harbutt	John Kearsley	Sue Barrow	John Kearsley	Roy Collison	Mike Golden
Rowly Cottage	Holmbush	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



Seasons Greetings to everyone in the drive from your committee!