



# Newsletter

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## 1. Diamond Jubilee Extravaganza 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012

Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society is planning to hold a fund raising event on Nevill Green, on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. The Residents Association is hoping to support their activities by organizing a 'Table Top Sale', selling anything from cakes to bric-a-brac. We have been allocated space for twenty tables. The charge will be £5 per table: to be shared equally between NRA and NJBS. If you have something you want to sell, and would like to take this opportunity to have a table on the Green, please contact Daphne Wyatt, tel. 475966 or email [daphnemwyatt@gmail.com](mailto:daphnemwyatt@gmail.com).

## 2. Diamond Jubilee Garden Trail July 2012

We are pleased to announce that the Diamond Jubilee Garden Trail will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2012, between 2 pm and 6 pm. Gardens will be open across the Nevill, and tea and refreshments will be available on the route. If you would like to enter your garden, and have not already put your name on the list, please contact Graham King on 473779. Proceeds will be divided between the Association and local charities.

## 3. Residents Association meeting: 26 March 2012

Representatives from Southern Water and Lewes District Council came to our March meeting to advise residents of a change in law on the ownership of drains and sewers. Southern Water is now responsible for most shared drains and sewers, and the final runs from private boundaries to road sewers. Anyone experiencing problems should ring Southern Water on 0845 287 0845 (open 24 hrs for emergencies).

This was followed by discussion about the various flooding problems caused by heavy rain. To progress resolution of these issues,

the Council is drafting a "Surface Water Management Plan", which it hopes to present to the Association later in the year.

The District Council will begin a programme of gully and kerb cleaning in the low lying areas during the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> April. Leaflets will be distributed to all residents affected, asking them to keep their cars off the road on the appropriate day.

## 4. URGENT—Tenant's representatives needed

The Residents Association was set up in partnership with Lewes District Council, to improve housing services, the community and general environment.

To represent Council tenants, the Association is allowed two elective representatives on the 'Tenants of Lewes District Council' (TOLD) committee. This committee meets the Housing Senior Management Team to discuss housing issues, and influence housing services.

At the moment there is no council tenant on the NRA committee, so it needs someone to represent tenants' interest.

This is an opportunity for Nevill council tenants to make their opinions heard, especially as major changes are taking place in public sector housing. If you are interested in taking part, please contact Alan Chapman on 483501.

## 5. Environmental Budget Bids

Each year Carolyn Blayney, on behalf of the Association, applies for improvements to the estate. Last year she secured finance for handrails, to help the elderly on the approach to the shops. This year we are hoping for some financial support to install a seat outside the shops.

## **6. Neighbourhood Police Panel: 26 March 2012**

The police agreed to the following three priorities.

1. To continue to monitor parking congestion by exit at north end of Nevill Crescent onto Nevill Road.
2. To maintain regular patrols in secluded areas, seeking to prevent burglaries from houses and gardens, and monitor parking around the shops in Highdown Road.
3. To stop horse riders using pavements, especially on the west side of Nevill Road, near the Wallands School entrance.

## **7. Bus Service Update**

A change in the 128 bus timetable is due to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May: there will be more publicity nearer the time. The service will be slightly reduced, but we are in a much better position than other areas. To retain the service, we need to make good use of it, so please take the bus to town whenever possible. Timetable details and maps are on the website at <http://nevillresidentsassociation.weebly.com/>

## **8. Landport Bottom Update**

Following the consultation last year, the Landport Bottom Management Committee has decided to adopt the present, more relaxed, restrictions for horse riding, cycling, and other recreational activities on Landport Bottom. More information at <http://www.lewes.gov.uk/news/19897.asp> or contact Dan Ross, the Community Ranger at [dan.ross@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:dan.ross@lewes.gov.uk).

We would like to thank Rob Elvery, one of our residents, who has been working with Dan Ross and others, to improve the access to Landport Bottom for walkers approaching north from the prison.

## **9. Snow and Ice.**

The new grit bins installed at the top of Mount Harry Road, and Middle Way, were fully used during the two days of snow we had at the beginning of the year, and are now completely empty. The Residents Association was surprised how quickly the

grit and salt disappeared, and will have to consider whether to spend another £75 to refill each one before the winter.

The snow shovels, bought last year by the Association, were used by members to clear pavements. If you need to borrow one when the snow returns, a list of the snow shovel holders is on the Association website.

## **10. Are you interested in the history of Nevill?**

Lewes History Group is interested in documenting the history of several areas of Lewes, including the Nevill. If you are interested in joining them, contact the organiser, John Kay at [johnkay56@googlemail.com](mailto:johnkay56@googlemail.com).

The Sussex Archaeological Society is also active with local history and spoke at a recent meeting about the pending 750<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Lewes (May 14<sup>th</sup> 2014) – contact Edwina Livesey at [battleoflewes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:battleoflewes@yahoo.co.uk)

## **11. Energy Efficiency Grants**

Various Grants and Services are available from Lewes District Council, including the possibility of free insulation, to help you keep your home warm and effectively heated. These are all subject to a survey, contact Climate Energy on 0800 107 1130 or e-mail [ehealth@lewes.gov.uk](mailto:ehealth@lewes.gov.uk)

For further information, look on Ovesco's website, which gives free energy efficiency advice, and a list of local installers. (<http://www.ovesco.co.uk/>) or call 0800 458 9045 or email at [hello@ovesco.co.uk](mailto:hello@ovesco.co.uk).

## **12. Taking Part**

**Our next meeting will be the AGM in St Mary's Church Hall, Highdown Road, at 8pm on 21<sup>st</sup> May.**

Most meetings include a short presentation on a subject of interest. It is opportunity to learn more about your community and, if you wish, to take part. If you are a council house tenant, we would be especially pleased see you.

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