

Woods 2010 – schedule of working party days

Hazel Neill writes: This year we've decided to have a woods day on the first Sunday of every month, with the exception of April which will be on **Saturday 3 April** to avoid clashing with the ever popular Easter Egg Hunt. The woods are in a state of transition. In December, one section was completely cleared of holly and laurel and is now ready for planting. We have found a supplier from whom we can source silver birch, blackthorn, alder and hazel saplings so we can begin to build a diverse, indigenous under-storey layer. In order to balance the number of trees we buy every month with the available labour, it would be so useful if willing residents could sign up two weeks before each woods day in order that an appropriate amount of trees/shrubs can be purchased. It would be too dreadful to order lots of shrubs and trees that then wilt due to the absence of enough enthusiastic participants. We have money in the budget to spend before the end of our financial year so your continued manual support throughout the first few months of 2010 is most important and would be greatly appreciated.

If you are willing and able to help with the planting on **Sunday 7 February** or at any other time please contact Hazel:

hazelanneill@lycos.com

March date for your diary: **Sunday 7 March**

Thank you to Templemere's keen photographers for the pictures below



Can you help?

Templemere is a large and varied estate and a lot of maintenance – from woods and lake to lighting and pathways – is required to keep it looking as nice as possible. The estate has always benefited from the help given by its members and residents and if anyone feels they have any expertise or would simply like to volunteer to help, it would be greatly appreciated. **No commitment is necessary** but a few hours a month could make such a difference and help the monthly subscriptions stretch that little bit further.

The woods is a large on-going maintenance project and we are actively looking at trying to enhance this area with new planting (see above). **The lake** is also suffering at the moment after years of neglect. If any residents are able to offer advice or assist us in researching how to reclaim and maintain this important area of our development that would be helpful. We already have some very good volunteers working on these areas but the more the merrier.

The recent snow has highlighted that the **pathways** can become quite treacherous. If a band of people would put forward their names to help clear the paths and roads when we are (un)lucky enough to have any more snow, again that would be appreciated.

We are also looking at our estate **lighting** – can any trained electricians help resolve some of the issues or builders help relocate and bury electrical cables? This would be so useful.

If anyone, young or old, would like to go on a volunteer list or believe they may be able to help in any small way, please contact the committee either in person or by email.

Santa's Secret Surprise by Elena Bantoft

The Christmas Carols evening at Templemere was going very well, with a good turnout in spite of the poor weather. Lots of singing, eating and drinking was going ahead when Mr S Claus himself turned up and awarded all the children for their good behaviour with glowing stars. These were put on and brightened up the evening. Who was Mr S Claus, and who invited him? Turning up without permission is trespassing and illegal and therefore, action needs to be taken. Once he had given out the gifts he escaped alongside the road, deliberately missing out two boys. Was this because they had been bad boys, or Santa dislikes them? Further information is still to come. Then Mr S Claus scurried down the alleyway near to the front of Templemere, and made it into somebody's back garden without permission. Yet more trespassing. Will Mr F Christmas return next Christmas Carols evening, and will you solve the mystery of the trespassing Santa?

Window cleaning

Please make the necessary arrangements for access and close your skylights during gutter and roof cleaning.

If you are not happy with the service at any time, please contact **Sara Ives** within 48hrs on **859891** or email her at **saraives@btinternet.com**

Window cleaning w/c 25 January

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 1 March

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 5 April

Window cleaning w/c 10 May

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 14 June

Window & uPVC cleaning w/c 19 July

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 23 August

Window cleaning w/c 27 September

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 1 November

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 6 December

Window cleaning w/c 24 January 2011

Garden walls

Templemere was designed and built back in the 1960s and, as a development of that time, has some specific considerations that need to be borne in mind. Members and residents are reminded that the half brick walls (100mm/4") in private gardens and in the communal areas are at a height that is considerably higher than would be allowed under current building regulations. Whilst the height and stagger of the walls give an appearance of a robust construction, these walls are not suitable for load-bearing force of any significant level. Therefore please take care in the vicinity of these walls or when considering any fixings into them. A copy of the civil engineer's report which assessed all the estate's walls is available for viewing via the Committee.

That's handy

Email tips for reliable tradesmen to **anniehogg@btinternet.com**

John Carter, plumbing
T. 01932 229877 M. 07939 201710

Carters, plumbing and heating
T. 01932 262521

Dave Benstead, plumbing
T. 01932 847885

Phil Lawrence, Total Property, plumbing

T. 01932 703710 M. 07985 407856

Michael Turner, MT Home Improvements, decorating and building
T. 01932 886019 M. 07761 385152

David J West, carpenter, kitchen fitter
T. 01932 845742

Ashley Flooring, parquet floor
T. 01932 252 600

William Reed, painting and decorating
T. 01932 848516

Thames Upholstery T. 01932 247999

Surrey Glasshouse, mirrors, glass & uPVC window repairs T. 01932 336086

Rugal Repairs & Sales, washing machine, dryer, dishwasher and electric cooker repairs T. 020 8941 2176
M. 07831 275946

Addlestone Carpets T. 01932 841232

R&D Electric, rewiring
T. 020 8890 2714

MB Fencing T. 01932 561032

Extreme-Clean, upholstery cleaning
M. 07980 065466 T. 020 8224 0830

Horticulturalers, gardeners
T. 01276 858178 M. 07884 056820
www.horticulturalers.co.uk

Chris North, Gardens of Distinction
T. 01932 848756 M. 07887 504242

Caroline Petty, Born Gardening
T. 01932 856677 M. 07947 077993

The Compost Centre (free delivery)
T. 01483 472423

www.thecompostcentre.co.uk

Clearaway Drainage Services, sewers Approved Thames Water contractor (standard fee £65) T. 01923 265796
www.clearawaydrainage.co.uk

Grandparents' equipment list for loans to Templemere residents is held by Brenda Boyd (no 8) T. 01932 847696
E. bmboyd@vodafoneemail.co.uk

Your committee

Committee members, phone & house numbers and their responsibilities:

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Additional help

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We encourage everyone to join in improving the estate. If you are interested in lending a hand, contact any committee member. We welcome new residents.

Email list

We maintain an email list of residents for passing on messages of interest to those who live on Templemere. To join the Templemere email list contact **anniehogg@btinternet.com**

Milk & fish deliveries

The Dairy Crest **milkman** delivers on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday and will bring groceries as well as milk. Call 01932 843219 to be added to his round. The **fish van** parks in front of the main lawn from about 8.15am on Thursdays.