

## Autumn gardens update

Feelings were running high regarding the state of the Templemere gardens at the July AGM. Several people felt that their parts of the estate were being neglected in favour of 'show piece' areas but the gardens sub-committee would like to assure residents that every effort is being made to maintain all areas to the same high standard.

### Zoning

For the last year or two, the estate has been divided into four zones which are maintained by Lance and his team at Horticulturalers on a rotational basis: Zone 1 is tended on the first Wednesday of each month, Zone 2 on the second Wednesday, and so on. When there are five Wednesdays in the month, the fifth is used to 'mop up' across the estate. There is a map of the zones on the website but it may also be helpful to list the houses within each zone:

Zone 1 – Nos 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20

Zone 2 – Nos 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54

Zone 3 – Nos 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 57, 59, 61, 63, 65, 67

Zone 4 – Nos 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53, 55, 56, 58, 60, 62

In addition to the zone system, all hard surfaces, including the paths to each front door, all grass areas and the beds at the front entrance to the estate are tended weekly.

There is a schedule of work drawn up by the gardens sub-committee which details specific jobs to be undertaken within the general maintenance contract and additional larger projects which are costed separately. Residents are welcome to view this schedule at any time by contacting a member of the sub-committee: Clare Baxter (35), Hazel Neill (9) Arthur and Margaret Boulter (13), Annette Door (29), Louise Mudd (33) and Sara Ives (58).

### The front border

As many of you are aware, efforts were made recently to return the front border to the original 1965 planting scheme of dogwoods and azaleas. Unfortunately, however, this planting has proved unsuitable to the conditions of 2010 (much shadier due to mature, overhanging trees and more drought) and we are now looking again at alternatives.

### Watering

A very positive outcome from the AGM was the setting up of a volunteer force of garden waterers. Watering is vital during any dry spells in the summer but also when new plants are trying to establish themselves in the traditional autumn and spring planting seasons. Additional hoses and carts have been positioned around the estate and there are now hoses outside nos 7, 29, 34 and 54. The following people have offered to take a turn when needed, which is much appreciated: Nick and Lynn Canham (2), Alex Rayner (6), Rob and Chantal (7), Liz O'Donnell (11), Peter and Ann Burrows (24), Fionnuala O'Brien (32), Louise Mudd (33), Christine North (42), Joyce Turner (45), Moira Tuplin (50), Margot Ireland (54) and Belinda Taylor (65). Hopefully, between us, we can prevent any further expensive waste of plants, shrubs and trees.

Please do not feel you have to wait until the annual AGM to voice any concerns about your gardens or offer any assistance; we look forward to hearing from you (email [clarerbaxter@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarerbaxter@yahoo.co.uk)). Arthur Boulter recently repaired the bench on the lawn (below left); last of the summer sun (below right)



## The woods

Keep **Sunday 3 October** free for a Woods Day. Join your neighbours in the woods for some bramble taming and general clearance. In the usual fashion, the BBQ will be lit to provide welcome sustenance. More information to follow.

Remember, remember the 5th of November...or, in the case of Templemere, remember the 6th. Welcome autumn by coming down to the woods for a working party on **Saturday 6 November** to prepare arisings for the traditional bonfire in the evening. Any willing volunteers to make a Guy, jam jar lanterns, toffee apples and all things autumnal would be most welcome, too. As it will be completely dark in all but the candlelit areas **ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**. More information on timings re fireworks and BBQ to follow.

## 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 [saraives@btinternet.com](mailto:saraives@btinternet.com)

**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

## New numbers

Now the garages have been painted, new garage numbers have gone up. These are a good match to the original 1960s font. We are also numbering the garden gates and have numbers available for every house – contact Annie Henderson-Begg if you would like the front of your house numbered in the 'new original' style.

## Broadwater Lake

Our interest in restoring our frontage has generated a great deal of interest among at least 4 other estates in doing the same. At several meetings where Templemere was represented it was decided to set up a charity (Broadwater Lake Society) with restoration of the entire lake as its long-term goal. The new charity hopes to attract grants and has contacted bodies with an interest in the lake. Meetings are being held with Elmbridge and Surrey councillors and officials, and English Heritage, whose permission would be needed. It could be a long haul but, as an interim, low-cost measure, we will clear the blockage and widen the channel along the Farington Acres/Beechcroft/Templemere frontage. This will solve our immediate problem and improve the flow of the lake. This is expected to be done soon and the cost of just under £4,000 will be shared between the 3 estates (we have enough in our budget to cover our part). Templemere representatives have again met the contractor and have an up-to-date quote for restoring the whole of our frontage back to its original outline – a very much bigger job – but we await developments before proceeding further. We will keep you informed.

## Your committee

Committee members, phone & house numbers and their responsibilities:

**Robert Bantoft** T. 830684 **29**  
Lighting (co-opted)

**Clare Baxter** T. 843078 **35**  
Gardens

**Arthur Boulter** T. 849991 **13**  
Roads / Painting / Trees

**Mark Garrett** Lake T. 845320 **12**

**Annie Henderson-Begg** T. 842969 **21**  
Secretary / Newsletter

**Sara Ives** T. 859891 **58**  
Marketing & Website / Windows /  
uPVC Cleaning / Gutter clearing

**Jon Mudd** T. 850277 **33**  
TV / Communications

**Hazel Neill** Woods T. 828781 **9**

**Fionnuala O'Brien** T. 840719 **32**  
Marketing & Website

**Roger Scott** Treasurer T. 888868

**Additional help** Events

**Annette Door** T. 830682 **29**

**Templemere email list**

To join the list & receive the latest news, email [anniebegg@btinternet.com](mailto:anniebegg@btinternet.com)

## Looking good

To keep Templemere looking its best:

- If you cannot keep your wheelie bins in your garden please place them neatly on the estate areas until the Monday morning collections
- Keep building materials, sand, bricks & paving stones, garden materials, soil, pots & plant containers in your garden or garage and not on the estate areas
- Clean up estate areas after building or garden work is finished
- Keep unwanted items (old dustbins, vacuum cleaners, carved wooden giraffes – yes, these have all been spotted recently) & garden rubbish in your house, garden or garage until you are ready to take them away for disposal

These points particularly apply to the garage areas behind the houses.

## That's handy

Email tips for reliable tradesmen to [anniebegg@btinternet.com](mailto:anniebegg@btinternet.com)

**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, electric cooker repairs  
T. 020 8941 2176 M. 07831 275946

**Addlestone Carpets** T. 01932 841232

**R&D Electric**, rewiring T. 020 8890 2714

**Bill Durbridge**, central heating engineer  
T. 01932 230002

**MB Fencing** T. 01932 561032

**Val Batista**, locksmith  
M. 07919 884918 T. 08452 600240

**Extreme-Clean**, upholstery cleaning

**Mark Bayley**, Cardinal Pest Control  
T. 07970 171937

M. 07980 065466 T. 020 8224 0830

**Horticulturalers**, gardeners T. 01276 858178

M. 07884 056820 [www.horticulturalers.co.uk](http://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** T. 01483 472423  
[www.thecompostcentre.co.uk](http://www.thecompostcentre.co.uk)

**Clearaway Drainage Services**, sewers  
Approved Thames Water contractor

(standard fee £65) T. 01923 265796

[www.clearawaydrainage.co.uk](http://www.clearawaydrainage.co.uk)

**Walter Koscielniak**, PC Help@Home,

computer technician T. 01932 267085

M. 07985 516896 [www.pchelpathome.co.uk](http://www.pchelpathome.co.uk)

**Grandparents' equipment list** for  
loans to Templemere residents is held by

Brenda Boyd (no 8) T. 01932 847696

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