

Autumn glory in the gardens

Templemere is looking eye-poppingly gorgeous in all its autumn glory, so you could be forgiven for not having noticed the replanting that is currently taking place. Lance and his team have now completed the area in front of 22-36, planting a pretty mixture of choisya, hydrangea, senecio and bergenia and re-shaping and re-seeding the lawn. The new grass which curves gently around the plants has come on greatly in the recent wet weather and we are very pleased with the positive feedback we have received from residents living close by. The front border has also been replanted with more shade-tolerant shrubs – two more silver birch, nandina domestica, two types of mahonia and male and female varieties of skimmia. (There are examples of all these plants elsewhere on Templemere; nandina domestica for example can be found around the parking area near 56-62.) With the exception of the birch, all are evergreen and provide excellent year-round interest, including berries and blossom. Provided they are kept watered in dry spells, they should look good for many years. The dead box at the front of the estate, behind which we keep the garden debris, has also been replaced with privet, which is faster growing and virtually indestructible, although it will still need watering. In the run-up to Christmas, further planting and reseedling of lawn will be undertaken behind 1-11 and smaller gaps in beds around the estate will be filled. Once this is done, the long overdue pruning of several large yews will begin.

Broadwater Lake

Aquaclear have cleared and widened the channel between Beechcroft and Templemere and there is now a slow flow along the lake. It has made a great improvement but is really only a start on restoring our lake. They also spent a day clearing the shore of our part of the lake opposite the 'vista' down through the woods. We did this to see what effect a day's work would have and are quite encouraged (during and after pictures below centre and right). Little progress has occurred on the major scheme for whole lake restoration due to differences of opinion between estates on the public footpath along the northern shore of Broadwater and it looks as though, if we want to improve our part, we shall need to go it alone. With this in prospect, further discussion with prospective contractors (including Aquaclear) are to be held.



Next woods day – Sunday 5 December

The last woods day was a great success, with daytime clearing by many hands culminating in the construction of a giant bonfire (thanks to Robert Bantoft and Alan Patterson). The path down to the woods was beautifully illuminated by tea lights and lanterns, and a large group of residents and friends gathered to enjoy the BBQ, while warming themselves at the bonfire and admiring the fireworks at the lakeshore (picture above left). Join us for the next woods workout and lunchtime BBQ on **Sunday 5 December**. Contact Hazel Neill for details (9).

Mind the grass

A reminder for residents around the main lawn: if you are having work done on the front of your house, please remember there are removable gates at the end of the footpath near 27. These gates are really designed to give access for the emergency services. Contractors may not drive across the main lawn.

Renting?

Brenda Boyd writes: My son and family return from Germany to the UK in January. They are looking to rent a 3-bedroom house and would like very much to find something in Templemere. If anyone is putting a house on the rent market please contact me – tel **847696** or email **bmboyd@vodafoneemail.co.uk**

Selling?

If you are selling your house, you might like to look at the specialist modern house estate agency **themodernhouse.net** who have achieved higher prices for houses on other Span estates than conventional local estate agents.

Christmas carols and Father Christmas's visit – Wednesday 22 December

The annual Christmas carols will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 22 December**, and is being organised by Annette Door (29).

The dark winter nights are a bit too dark

You may have noticed various lights are not working. Our most serious problem has been failure of the string of bollard lamps from 1 to 35. It is likely an underground cable joint has failed between 1 (this lamp is now working) and the next lamp in line, at 9. This requires the run of cable to be dug out and checked or replaced along its full length of 60-80m. We hope restoring this connection will re-activate all lamps 'downstream'. In the absence of detailed circuit diagrams, we can only establish this through trial and error, so have not been able to specify this out to a contractor. We also have two bollard lamps not working between 2 and 36. The lamp at 16 had failed through water ingress and has been sealed and reinstated. The lamp at 36 does not appear to be receiving power, so a trial dig will be required. The wiring to the bollard lamps is of poor quality, with cable joints being left buried in the soil rather than secured in the dry cavities inside the bollards. The bulkhead light in the parking area behind 10 has been repaired. All the light sensors controlling the lighting have been checked and replaced as required. We have had reports of no power or light in garages 39-45 but, because most are locked, we cannot establish how far this problem extends. The block contains garages with odd nos 37-51 on one side and 53-63 on the other. We are advised that the power in garage 55 is working. Could owners of these garages please email robert.bantoft@aims.co.uk to inform us whether their light and power is on (quoting your garage no)? This will help us determine whether the failure is at the estate's meter box or is caused by a resident's wiring not under our control. The committee will investigate whether we can improve safety by upgrading to modern RCDs in the estate's meter box. The committee gives grateful thanks to retired electrical engineer Brian Blackmore (25) who has given up a great deal of time in volunteering his expertise to the estate.

Welcome to...

Alex and Tammy's son Lawrence who was born at the end of October (6).

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	

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

Guttering/roof & window cleaning

w/c 6 December

Window cleaning w/c 24 January 2011

Roads & paths

The paths have now been made safe, the bollard at 5 replaced and many granite setts reinstated. The committee is aiming to clear the moss on many of the paths next. Temporary repairs to the potholes in the tarmac roads have also been done.

That's handy

Email tips for reliable tradesmen to 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

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

Clearaway Drainage Services, sewers
Approved Thames Water contractor

(standard fee £65) T. 01923 265796
www.clearawaydrainage.co.uk

Walter Koscielniak, PC Help@Home, computer technician T. 01932 267085
M. 07985 516896 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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