

Spring push for planting

With spring finally upon us, Lance's team has resumed planting up borders and along perimeter fences and walls, as part of the process of continuous improvement. Some larger areas at the front and in Zone 2 were renovated in the autumn. Residents will soon see smaller improvements all over the estate, as failing shrubs are replaced, overgrown areas trimmed and patches of grass re-seeded and coaxed back to life. The area in front of numbers 38-44, for example, will be cleared of dead and old specimens, to be replaced with planting that echoes that used successfully elsewhere, such as choisya, hydrangea, senecio and bergenia. The oak tree will have its epicormal growth removed (the rather hairy side shoots along the trunk). New planting needs regular watering throughout the spring and summer so can we urge everyone to take a turn at watering if they see plants in need of a drink? Last summer, volunteers monitored the planting and watered accordingly but the more residents that join in, the better. There are hoses and carts around the estate but if you think we need more, do contact the committee. We are obtaining quotes from specialists for scarifying and aerating the lawns in addition to the feeds that are administered by Lance. Scarification helps eliminate moss and weeds and aeration aids general growth and health. Both treatments will probably be carried out in the autumn. You will have seen the Purbeck stones around the edge of the main green and the green outside numbers 22-36. This is to discourage parking on, and even driving over, the lawns, something that has happened recently, resulting in unsightly tyre marks. If you want to know more about the planting or have any gardens concerns email Clare Baxter (clarerbaxter@yahoo.co.uk).

The woods

Hazel Neill writes: The Woodland Trust says that 'time spent in woods can help reduce stress and anxiety' so how lucky we are to have our own wonderful retreat from the hustle and bustle of life. Next time you feel like a walk why not take a bird or wild flower reference book with you? It would be great to know what's making a home in the trees and on the woodland floor. The presence of certain species indicates the general health of our wood and the creatures living in it – the yellow archangel flower has been spotted in summer, apparently a good sign. To help things along, I've ordered some native wild garlic and wood anemone bulbs and wild basil and columbine seeds to propagate. I'm also looking at ordering native wild cherry trees to add spring colour. If you have any more suggestions or can volunteer to propagate seeds please do get in touch with Hazel at number 9. **Next woods days: Sundays 8 May and 12 June** from 11am.

Volunteers needed – moss clearance

We are looking for volunteers to operate a mechanical sweeper to clear moss from the paths and roads. We are hiring the machine from **8 to 14 April**. No experience necessary, just a bit of spare time and a little effort. If you have time to spare, email johnmudd@sky.com or leave a message at number 33 to say when you are available, and we will organise a rota. The machine is petrol driven so we hope you will understand the noise this is likely to create.

Royal Wedding Day garden party – Friday 29 April 3.30pm

Brenda Boyd writes: In case you don't know, we are having a Right Royal Celebration on the main lawn with a splendid marquee, afternoon tea, Pimms and a champagne raffle. The Mayor is coming to join us. If you (and your friends) would like to be a part of this (as usual) excellent Templemere occasion, call for tickets at number 8 (bmboyd@vodafoneemail.co.uk). Tickets: £2.50 per adult, children free.

Questionnaire

Thank you to all 36 households which responded. Not surprisingly, the majority of those who did were strongly in favour of maintaining the Templemere 'standards'. An encouraging 11 households volunteered to help produce 'A Simple Guide to Living at Templemere'. Fionnuala O'Brien is coordinating this and will be in touch soon with all who volunteered.

Comic Relief

Thank you to all residents who gave to Comic Relief and well done to the kids for organising this event. The amount raised was £100 (see picture on left).



Easter egg hunt – Sunday 24 April 9.30am & 10am

Children 7 & under at 9.30am; everyone else at 10am. Easter Bunnies (usually Dads) to put out small eggs around the main lawn for a shared hunt from 9am.

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 April

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 30 May

Window & uPVC cleaning w/c 4 July

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 8 August

Window cleaning w/c 12 September

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 17 October

Window cleaning w/c 21 November

Guttering/roof & window cleaning
w/c 19 December

Bins on Mondays

Bins and garden sacks should not be left out except on collection days. Please return them promptly to your garden after emptying. You may not be able to see them but they might be on full display and spoiling the view of any neighbours whose houses face onto the back of yours.

Welcome to...

Andrew Hutchings, Kristel Kristjansdottir and their son Benedikt who have bought no 18, and Sebastian, Renata, Mateus and Oscar Stomiena who are renting no 14.

Templemere website

Our website has been maintained (and recently completely overhauled) by Gavin Ives, a former resident. He is unable to continue so we need a new volunteer. It does not involve a lot of work and Gavin will hand over to whoever takes this on. Please contact Sarah Ives if you are interested (**saraives@btinternet.com**).

Your committee

Committee members, phone & house numbers and their responsibilities:

Robert Bantoff 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 **anniehbegg@btinternet.com**

Aerials reminder

Personal satellite dishes should not generally be necessary as the communal system provides for most TV needs. Residents who require additional functionality should contact Jon Mudd to see if a suitable location can be found on their property. This must not adversely affect the view from the communal areas or that of your neighbours, which will always be the main considerations.

Lake matters

We are arranging for Land & Water, the preferred contractor, to visit and re-quote dredging and bank enhancement. We also await a comprehensive report and quote from Jex Ltd, who visited recently. Works are intended to commence late summer.

That's handy

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

Dave Benstead, plumbing and heating
T. 01932 222024 M. 07836 679585

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

Malcolm, Handyman, T. 07958 128248

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 :
Brenda Boyd (no 8) T. 01932 847696
E. bmboyd@vodafoneemail.co.uk