



The birch trees at the front of the estate

Thank you to everyone who helped with one of the older birches with very rotten roots at the front off the estate which crashed in the recent storm. Interestingly, many of the old silver birch trees near Oatlands Drive were repositioned from other places by Eric Lyons (the one-time president of RIBA who designed the Templemere houses) nearly 50 years ago when Templemere was built. Sadly, we fear many of them have reached the end of their natural life and we must expect to lose others. Accordingly the committee have ordered more of the white bark variety to replace the broken ones and to plant on the bank and lawn there ready for when the others go (a working party will be called for). Notably, the mature silver birch on the left of the picture, nearest Oatlands Drive at the front of the estate, is our Silver Jubilee Tree and was planted in 1988 by Mrs Lyons (widow of Eric Lyons). Thankfully, it appears strong and healthy.

A Simple Guide to Living at Templemere

A sub-committee of Templemere residents is working on developing a new guide which is intended to complement the original rules and covenants that apply to the houses and communal grounds. The guide will provide residents with details of the key covenants and why these are important for maintaining both the appearance and communal nature of the estate. It will also provide helpful tips for maintaining and updating the houses with details of approved replacement fixtures and fittings and practical information for making changes or obtaining approval to do so. We are aiming to produce the guide by the spring and welcome any input that residents feel able to offer. For more information please contact Fionnuala O'Brien (fionnualaobrien@btinternet.com).

The estate roads

Arthur Boulter writes: The roads were resurfaced in September but since then the committee have noted with concern that the gravel has scrubbed off them, especially on the corners. I have called the contractor back who agrees that the result is not satisfactory and he is investigating possible technical reasons for the gravel not adhering to the bitumen as it should have done and will challenge both the gravel and bitumen suppliers for explanation. The contractor cannot do remedial work till the warmer summer weather but I have an assurance that he will attend then to do it.

'Eric Lyons showed...

...what magic could be achieved by architects with a good eye for the potential of a site and a care for all the elements, large and small, that go towards making something that sings.'

(Alan Powers in The Spectator, October 2011)

Please speak to your children and grandchildren about respecting our woods and lake

On 2 February, the Beechcroft gardener noticed that the bamboo he'd cleared and was waiting to burn had been dumped by someone into the lake. This could be Beechcroft children but in the summer the Beechcroft punt was damaged by kids who came and went through the Templemere woods so the finger of suspicion is pointing at us. Dumping like this undermines the enormous amount of work (and the £20,000 we have just spent) improving the lake. Also recently, an old wheelbarrow and tyre were placed on the ice which was covering the surface of the lake. Please remind all resident and visiting children and grandchildren that it is dangerous to venture out onto the lake when it is frozen as it may not hold their weight.

To join the Templemere email list email anniehbegg@btinternet.com

Window cleaning dates

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

You should get a completion note through your door but if you are not happy with the service, please contact **Arthur Boulter (13)** on **849991** or **a.boulter229@btinternet.com** within 48hrs.

Guttering/roof & window cleaning	w/c 5 March
Window & uPVC cleaning	w/c 9 April
Guttering/roof & window cleaning	w/c 14 May
Window cleaning	w/c 18 June
Guttering/roof & window cleaning	w/c 23 July
Window cleaning	w/c 27 August
Guttering/roof & window cleaning	w/c 1 October
Window cleaning	w/c 5 November
Guttering/roof & window cleaning	w/c 17 December
Window cleaning	21 January 2013
Guttering/roof & window cleaning	25 February 2013

Welcome to...

Brett & Sabrina Robinson, new at no 37.

Mercedes S497 OHG

This Mercedes saloon has been parked in the same place for a couple of months now, the licence has run out and the left front tyre is flat. If this is your car please get it taxed, put it in your garage or remove it from the estate as you are depriving your neighbours of a valuable parking space. If you know the owner of the car please pass this message on.

Poppy appeal

Templemere raised £96.60 this year. Thank you to everyone for their very generous support.

Your committee

Committee members, phone & house numbers and their responsibilities:

Clare Baxter T. 843078	35
Gardens	
Arthur Boulter T. 849991	13
Roads / Painting / Trees / Windows / uPVC Cleaning / Gutter clearing	
Annie Henderson-Begg T. 842969	21
Secretary / Newsletter	
Jon Mudd T. 850277	33
TV / Communications / Lighting	
Hazel Neill Woods T. 828781	9
Fionnuala O'Brien T. 840719	32
Marketing & Website	
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Nick Canham (co-opted) T. 847662	2
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T. 07720 083651	6
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Michael Spinks Website	47

The next committee meeting is on 22 February. Email any issues to be raised to **anniehogg@btinternet.com**

Garden walls

It has been drawn to the committee's attention that some of the walls surrounding private gardens on the estate might be in a dangerous condition. We wish to clarify that, whilst the committee have responsibility for the few walls which do not form part of a boundary to private gardens (ie those enclosing the garage forecourts or those on the estate boundary), it is the responsibility of individual owners to maintain the walls (and fences) surrounding their property in the same way as it is your responsibility to maintain your house and garage under the terms of your freehold tenure. The committee's advice is that all owners have a look at their walls, taking expert advice if necessary, and take remedial action if necessary to make them safe.

That's handy

Email tips for reliable tradesmen to **anniehogg@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
T. 01932 886019 M. 07761 385152
David J West, carpenter, kitchen fitter
T. 01932 845742
Ashley Flooring, parquet floor
T. 01932 252600
William Reed, painting and decorating
T. 01932 848516
NEW Paddy Campbell, Carpentry & Maintenance Services
T. 01932 228379 M. 07949 999985
Jamie Judd, J J Roofing Ltd
T. 01483 472269 M. 07740 783295
Thames Upholstery T. 01932 247999
Surrey Glasshouse, mirrors, glass & uPVC window repairs T. 01932 336086
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
Mark Bayley, Cardinal Pest Control
T. 07970 171937
Horticulturalers, gardeners T. 01276 858178
M. 07884 056820 www.horticulturalers.co.uk
NEW Adam North, landscaper
T. 01932 854221 M. 07723 446915
Caroline Petty, Born Gardening
T. 01932 856677 M. 07947 077993
The Compost Centre T. 01483 472423
www.thecompostcentre.co.uk
NEW Darren Chambers Roofing, metal and flat roofs
M. 07751 569139 T. 01305 782928
D L Wood Drain Services
M. 07970 097408 T. 01784 251960
www.dlwooddrainservices.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,
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