

Unwelcome visitor

Towards the end of July an adult grass snake was seen drinking from the small pond in the garden of no 13 where Lucy, a 5-month old Cavalier King Charles puppy, lives. Her owners were most concerned since Lucy thinks that anything that moves is to be played with but a snake is more likely to bite so she had to be kept in from the garden. On the day of the Women's Olympic Cycle Race the snake was found in the garden of no 17 entangled in some black nylon netting; it is a protected species but was in a very distressed state and if left would certainly have died. It was decided to put it in a sack and take down to the Broadwater Lake where the netting could be cut off with scissors. This proved to be a difficult task as the net was very tight on the snake's body but eventually it was freed and put on the lake bank. These snakes are excellent swimmers and it soon got into the water and swam away. So, children, if you see a greeny-brown snake in our woods – like the one in the pictures – it will be a harmless grass snake but if you go on to open heathland (not Templemere) and you see a snake with a black zig-zag pattern down its back it will be an adder whose bite is poisonous. Lucy and her owners are relieved to know that their unwelcome visitor is now back where it belongs in the wild.

Paving repairs

The Committee are aware that some paths to houses have uneven paving slabs. We are arranging for these to be re-laid so if you see a paint spot on any of yours it denotes it has been identified for relaying in due course.



Congratulations to...

Chantal and Rob at no 7 on the birth of Jasper at the end of September.

Halloween – 31 October

Get ready to welcome trick or treaters at your door on the evening of Wednesday 31 October.

Fireworks – 4 November

Save the date: there will be a woods day with bonfire building, followed by a BBQ and fireworks, on Sunday 4 November – all welcome.

Window cleaning dates

Please arrange 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) within 48hrs on **849991** or **a.boulter229@btinternet.com**

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

Security reminders

A resident recently asked the police to advise on security for her house and, as not everyone gets the advice from the Neighbourhood Watch Team via email, we decided to include a summary here. Our houses are less secure than some – especially at the back due to easy access via the garden – and once in the garden a thief is not so easily seen. Therefore you should have a good lock on the garden gate and if a garage adjoins then anti-climb precautions ought to be installed on the garage roof. Needless to say you should always lock your doors and windows when leaving your house – apparently not everyone does this. It is perhaps comforting to know that Templemere is not deserted during the day and we all have a duty to our neighbours to keep a watchful eye open for suspicious activity at all times. Some infrequent past crimes on the estate have concerned vehicles or garages, eg when a BMW was found propped up on bricks with the alloy wheels missing. So take extra care over garage and vehicle security. Finally, the police are always willing to advise individual householders if you ask them.

Dog fouling

Another reminder to dog owners and walkers always to clean up after your pets. This includes in the woods where children often play. Thank you to all the considerate owners who already take care about this.

Your committee

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

Parents – please remind your kids

Templemere is a terrific place for our kids to play but please remind all resident and visiting children to respect the tranquility of the estate. Games with toy guns should be restricted to the woods and not take place around the gardens; older children must take care around the little ones. Ball games should not disturb residents – it is wrong to kick balls constantly against someone else's house. Please remind your children.

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
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T. 01932 886019 M. 07761 385152
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T. 020 8644 3937 M. 07943 813530
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T. 01932 848516
Paddy Campbell, Carpentry & Maintenance
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T. 01483 480569 M. 07866 716683
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M. 07751 569139 T. 01305 782928
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Surrey Glasshouse, mirrors, glass &
uPVC window repairs T. 01932 336086
T. 020 8941 2176 M. 07831 275946
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Bill Durbridge, central heating engineer
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M. 07919 884918 T. 08452 600240
Malcolm, handyman, T. 07958 128248
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T. 07970 171937
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T. 01932 854221 M. 07723 446915
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The Compost Centre T. 01483 472423
www.thecompostcentre.co.uk
D L Wood Drain Services
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