

January 2018

Templemere

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Tree planting in the woods

Thirteen volunteers turned out to clear brambles and plant the new beech saplings at the last woods day on Sunday January 14. The weather was fine and the bluebells could be seen springing green shoots from under the winter leaf cover. The next woods days will be on: **Sunday February 11, Saturday March 10 and Sunday April 8**

Please put a note in your diary so that we can clear more brambles and let the bluebells take over more of the woods.

If anyone has a spare garden fork that they would like to donate to the Woods Shed, please contact Brett.



Once again, the sweet sounds of Templemere carolling prompted a visit from **Father Christmas** on Sunday December 17.

Aerial filters for 4G

One or two residents in the four bed houses recently experienced an intermittent TV signal, which according to @800, the government service charged with resolving issues around the roll-out of 4G, was possibly due to the erection of new 4G mobile masts in the area.

Nine free filters were supplied and two have recently been installed on the communal aerials on the first two blocks of four beds, which seems to have resolved the problem.

The remaining filters have been stored in case other blocks suffer similarly. Please let Clare Baxter know if you experience any prolonged lack of signal.

A new squeegee

Our new window cleaner, Nick Pegler of District Window Cleaners completed his first trial round of cleaning in the second week of January and the results have been very encouraging. Feedback from residents after the clean was overwhelmingly positive, praising the team's attention to detail and the fast and efficient service.

New window cleaning dates for the next few months will be circulated shortly.

Welcome

Aurelien Vincent and **Celine Hernandez Vincent** have recently completed their purchase of No 25 and will be moving in very shortly with their young family.

Claire Minerva and daughter **Gabriella** (daughter and grand daughter of **Margaret Beckers** at No 31) are moving in to No 40 very soon.

New broom to start on 1 April

Horticulturalers, our garden maintenance contractor, has decided not to bid to renew their contract when the current one ends in March. As part of the research into potential new contractors, the gardens sub-committee visited several estates similar to Templemere to assess their standard of work. We invited several contractors to bid and received two bids. Based on our evaluations, one contractor scored better on price and finish.

The higher bid offered more labour, but over two days per week and thus, we felt, greater disruption to residents. The new contractor is HSM Landscapes and will take over the work from April 1.

Longer term restoration

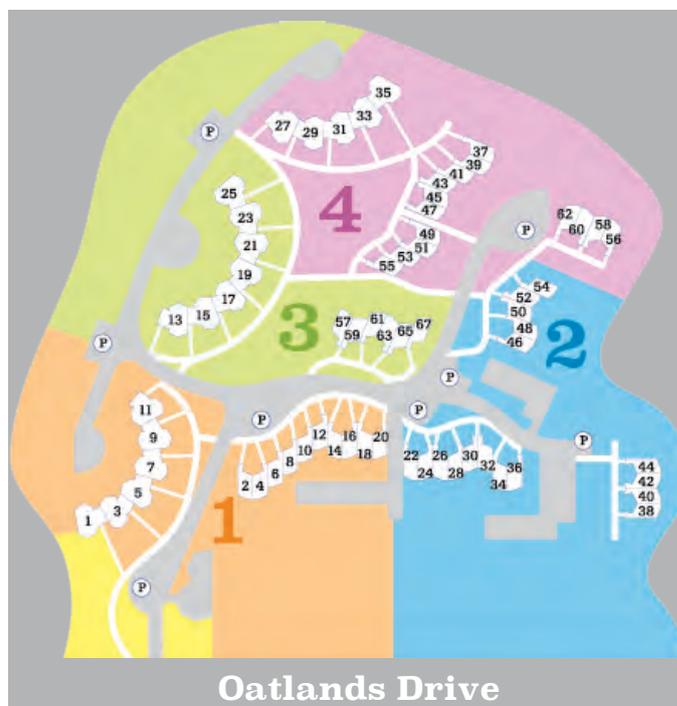
Your residents' committee recognises that the appearance of the landscape gardens has over the years diverged from the original design in many ways. Some areas are overgrown and others have been replanted differently. In other cases, the geometric lines of the original have become blurred as the planting has spread over the lawns. Shrubs have become dense, forming hedges that obscure the vistas intended by Preben (Ben) Jakobsen's internationally recognised design team.

Your Residents' Society is obliged to maintain the landscape gardens as closely as practicable to the original design and has decided to start restoration now. We envisage that this work will take several years.

Planning has already begun with preparation to renew some failed shrubs near the front garage block and replacing some under-planting. More laurel has been removed from the area to the left of the steps into the woods, thus extending the vista down to the lake. We are reviewing the proposals offered by Ivor Cunningham for renovation in 1988 to help take this work further. We expect that some projects will be achieved by volunteers and others may be carried out by the contractor in winter months when labour costs will be lower.

Zone monitors

The plan above shows that the landscape garden is divided into four zones. Each zone has a designated monitor who is also a member of the gardens sub-committee and has agreed to be a focal point for planning the renewal. If you have any ideas that will help restore the gardens, please contact your zone monitor.



Zone 1 Bill Boyd, number 8 & Alan Patterson, number 3

Zone 2 Margot Ireland, number 54

Zone 3 Arthur Boulter, number 13

Zone 4 Shirani Robinson, number 37

Local contractors & services

Just a reminder that the list of recommended local businesses and trades people has outgrown the newsletter and can now be found on the Templemere website in the residents information section (direct from the residents tab on the main menu). If you have a supplier to add (or remove) please let Clare Baxter know.

We are sad to learn that Peter Fenton (No 48) passed away recently after a short illness.

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