

Autumn 2011



Fieldend News

Fieldend Goes Digital

As you will no-doubt be aware, the analogue TV signal is being switched off in London in April 2012. This means that if you are using an analogue TV receiver to watch TV, you will need to upgrade to a digital receiver in order to continue receiving a television signal after April 2012. The Government has set up a digital switchover (DSO) website: www.digitaluk.co.uk which explains all about making the switch, what equipment you will need and the different options available.

Satellite Dishes

FRAL has been approached by a number of Fieldend residents who have asked whether they can install satellite dishes. Currently satellite dishes are not allowed in Fieldend. But your queries have prompted FRAL to consider whether we should relax the rules and allow satellite dishes. If we did change the rules, installation of a satellite dish would be subject to FRAL's approval but FRAL would not refuse unless the dish impacted the public appearance of Fieldend.

Because of rules brought in by Richmond Council last year to do with our status as a Conservation Area, Fieldend residents would also need to get planning permission for a satellite dish installed on a roof, façade or anywhere where it would be visible from the public areas of Fieldend.

We will be asking residents to vote at the next AGM in February 2012 on the following question: **should satellite dishes be permitted in Fieldend, subject to FRAL board approval?**

We would like to know what you think about satellite dishes at Fieldend. Please send your written comments to a member of the board before the February AGM.

FRAL cannot recommend any particular digital option. More information is available on the government's DSO website or contact a local independent satellite engineer for a survey of your house.

THE DIGITAL SWITCH OVER IS COMING



The XL Maintenance Corner

- In readiness for the winter weather, FRAL has purchased a supply of grit and a spreader. If you would like to use the grit and/or spreader or need help with gritting, please contact Theo at No. 44.
- You may have noticed a smoother entry and exit from Fieldend. We've managed to get The Council to repair a number of potholes in Red Square, hopefully there will be more much needed repairs to the tarmac around Fieldend soon
- You will also have noticed that one of the bollards in Red Square has been damaged. Please use extra care when parking along the south side of Red Square to leave enough room for cars using the access road.
- You should have received some literature explaining that Thames Water is now responsible for the private drains under Fieldend - it is hoped that this will reduce neighbour disputes arising from problems with the shared drains. Residents will continue to be responsible for the section of drain that runs from their individual property to the shared drain.



Thames Water has some useful diagrams on their website showing how the new system will work: www.thameswater.co.uk

Bonfire Night goes with a BANG!

A big thank you to Dom Chudleigh for, yet again, organising a fantastic Bonfire Night Party. Despite gloomy forecasts, the weather held and 150 Fieldenders and their guests enjoyed a fantastic show put on by Dom and his band of merry helpers.



Thanks also to Sarah Dietz and Emma Lynch for organising trick-or-treating on Halloween. The little monsters had a wonderful time and the evil spirits were surely banished from Fieldend for another year.



There are more Halloween and bonfire night pictures on the website: www.fieldend.com

If you have any photos to share please send them to Sarah Dietz.

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If you have any questions, comments, or items for the newsletter, please email us or put a note through any of our doors.

Have you checked out our website: www.fieldend.com ?



Fieldend Diary

At Fieldend there's always a party 'round the corner

- Saturday 10th Dec, 2-5pm @ No.46: FRAL Directors' xmas 'at home'. Come and share a festive tart with your FRAL directors.
- Monday 19th Dec, 6:30pm: Carol singing. An offer to provide the mulled wine and mince pies afterwards would be very gratefully accepted, please contact Colin or Christabel (No 2)



The XS Garden Corner

- Now that the garden refuse area is so wonderfully clean, can we all please keep it that way. There are green bins around the estate so there is no excuse for dumping your garden waste. Thanks
- Thank you to all residents who took part in the October Fieldend Tidy Day, it makes a real difference!

... and finally. Hannah at No.47 has a set of fitted curtains to give away. They are pink/red velvet, fully lined and fit a Fieldend large bedroom window - sounds lovely and cosy! If you think you could give these a good home contact Hannah on hannahjmcg@hotmail.com

