

Winter 2012



# Fieldend News

## AGM: a cautious yes to satellite dishes

The Fieldend AGM was held on Wednesday 8 Feb at the Alexander Pope Hotel. Alongside the usual AGM business the matter of satellite dishes was discussed and a vote taken. The question put to the vote was whether satellite dishes should be permitted at Fieldend subject to board approval.

There was vigorous debate with strong opinions being expressed that any dishes permitted should not be visible and, therefore, not impact the appearance of Fieldend.

The vote (postal and in person) passed by a narrow margin of 17 to 13 with 1 abstention.

### Board to draft guidelines

Because the vote was so close, the Board have decided not to implement the decision immediately but to draft guidelines that will set out the conditions under which dishes will be permitted, e.g. on the condition that unused television aerials are removed (a suggestion made at the AGM).

If residents have any suggestions for guidelines to be included, please submit these in writing to a member of the Board.

The Board will circulate draft guidelines to the residents for comment as soon as possible.



## Summer Party: We Need You!

The summer party at Fieldend is something of an institution. Since Fieldend's earliest days, the residents have been meeting on the green once a year for fun and games, food and festivities. But the summer party is in peril! Now that Sarah and Emma's time is taken up with FRAL duties we need a volunteer or group of volunteers to take on the organisational tasks. It's a lot of fun and everyone pitches in on the day but work is needed to make sure it runs smoothly.

If you would like to help out, even in a minor role, please email Joanna O'Sullivan. The more volunteers, the less needs to be done by each person so please don't be shy.

This website has some really good ideas for how to organise a street party: <http://www.streetparty.org.uk/>



### The Garden Corner

- You may have noticed that there is now a locked gate protecting the refuse area from fly-tippers. If you need to access this area, please talk to Emma, Theo or Allen, the gardener. But please remember that this is not a dump!
- The two communal wheelbarrows are now being kept out of sight for their own protection. If you would like to use one, please talk to Emma, Theo or Allen
- **A little plea:** can people please make sure that toys are returned to the play area or taken home, not left around the grounds. thanks

## 'Give an Hour / Gain an Hour'

2012 is a leap year and many charities are encouraging people to use 29th Feb to 'give a day' for volunteering. In this spirit, we would like to introduce a new segment to the Fieldend newsletter: *Give an Hour/ Gain an Hour*. If you have an odd job that you need help with, or would like to volunteer an hour or so to help a

neighbour, please let the newsletter know. Each newsletter will include a list of offers and requests from Fieldend residents. Starting with:

OFFER: 1 evening of babysitting provided by Joanna O'Sullivan (31)

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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.

## The Maintenance Corner

- The water tap by the garage block by the entrance road has been fixed! Thanks to Alex and Roger.
- After a long campaign to stop fly tipping in Fieldend, we would like to remind residents that they are responsible for their own household waste and that the communal areas of Fieldend should not be used for 'storage'.
- Richmond Council publishes lots of information about what they will take from the kerbside and what can be recycled at the local dump (Townmead Road, Richmond, TW9 4EL)
- There is a long list of items that can be recycled at the local dump. Did you know that you can recycle the following items: CDs (collected and sent for re-use), cooking oil (collected and used in the manufacture of biodiesel), electrical equipment (if these cannot be reused, they will be broken down and their parts recycled). A full list of items that can be recycled can be found on the Council's website.
- If any residents need help taking items to the dump, think about using "Give an Hour / Gain an Hour" to ask for help.

### What the Council will take from the kerbside (on Friday)...

Black Box	Blue Box	Green (food) Bin	Green (garden) Bin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plastic bottles</li><li>• Cans</li><li>• Aerosol cans</li><li>• Tins</li><li>• Foil</li><li>• Unbroken glass bottles and jars</li><li>• Other mixed plastic containers</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper (shredded is accepted)</li><li>• Magazines</li><li>• Envelopes</li><li>• Cardboard (should be flattened),</li><li>• Food and drink cartons (e.g. Tetra Pak)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meat, fish and bones</li><li>• Bread, pasta and rice</li><li>• Vegetable and fruit waste</li><li>• Eggs and cheese</li><li>• Teabags</li><li>• All food cooked or raw</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grass cuttings</li><li>• Leaves</li><li>• Twigs</li><li>• Hedge trimmings</li><li>• Garden prunings</li><li>• Weeds</li><li>• Plants</li><li>• Flowers</li><li>• Fallen fruit</li></ul>

The following will **not** be collected and will contaminate your waste meaning that the whole load may not be collected: Soil, stone, wood, food, rubble, animal waste, glass or BBQ ash.

... and finally: welcome to the newest Fieldender - Thomas Jeremy Delahay (47) was born on 8 Dec 2011.