

THE LINK

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"NOT GREATER WEALTH, BUT SIMPLER PLEASURES"

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Yet another few months have passed and it is time for another Link. I hope that the worst of the wet weather is behind us and spring is on its way. Perhaps we are in for some good weather so we can get out and enjoy some sunshine (this will mean the grass and hedge will need cutting yet again!)

Unfortunately this Link seems to be yet another list of "don't" but we are only trying to prevent other incidents happening similar to some we have already experienced.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on May 4th at the church hall, Laburnum Road, at 8pm. Please try to attend if you possibly can.

Gas Fires

Please be aware that neither Mick nor Daryl are qualified gas fitters and therefore should not be asked to remove gas fires in case of birds, etc. being stuck behind the fire.

Emergency Repairs

It is generally the case that any repairs needed can be dealt with by sending in a letter to the committee and the repairs being carried out as soon as possible. However, if an emergency should arise and you cannot contact the secretary then please contact a member of the committee.

Mrs J. Benning, 14 Fern Rise
Mr S. Carter, 28 Chestnut Avenue
Mrs J. Goodwin, 88 Laburnum Road
Mrs L. Osborne, 109 Keyham Lane
Mr M. Thornley, 11 Lilac Avenue
*Mr I Pawson, 14 Lilac Avenue
*Mr I. Richardson, 81 Laburnum Road

* Note that these two members may not be on the committee after the AGM, when the result of the ballot has been declared.

Office

Emma can usually be reached at the office during most weekday mornings. There is an answering machine on the office telephone which should be used for less urgent problems.. The messages are checked daily so there should not be too much delay before you are contacted. Please do not be shy of the machine - it will not shout back at you!

Transfer List

Dawn & Peter Felstead are the first tenants to be offered a house under the new transfer system. They have four children and have been living in a small house at the bottom of Lilac Avenue. They have now moved to 18 Fern Rise and are looking forward to having the extra space. We all wish them well.

If your name is on the transfer list, it will not mean an immediate move. A suitable house will need to become vacant before an offer is made and this will be only if the house is unsuitable for the person at the top of the normal list.

We would also like to welcome Mr Gary Lockton to 7 Chestnut Avenue, he is the son of Mr and Mrs Lockton of 10 Fern Rise.

Unoccupied Houses

If you are intending to move away for a period of time due to job commitments or an extra long holiday then please let the committee know. The committee needs to know your plans for the upkeep of the house while you are away. When a house is left standing empty then it can deteriorate, e.g. a leak may occur in the roof, pipes may burst, damp may spread and these could cause severe damage if undetected.

If you are planning to ask a member of the family to move into your property then please let the committee know. This has happened in the past with the committee's approval and worked very well, both from the point of view of the tenant and the committee.

It must be remembered that we had an instance a few years ago when a person not entitled to an Anchor Tenants property occupied a house. It cost several hundred pounds to take the person to court to remove him from the property and to repair damage to the house. This money was not recovered despite a court summons.

Electrical Work

Again, we have had incidents lately where bad electrical wiring has caused problems. This wiring was work carried out at the request of the tenant by an outside contractor. If you are having additional electrical work in your property then please check that the contractor is affiliated to either NJIC or ECA.

Lilac Avenue Tree

For several years, the tree on the corner of Laburnum Road/Lilac Avenue has been causing problems to no 37. The Council has been asked on several occasions to fell the tree as the roots were causing problems to the path, etc. Last month it was found the roots had entered the sewerage system and caused a great deal of damage. The Council has now felled the tree and they have covered the cost of the excess

damage clause on the insurance. We do realise it was an attractive tree and it was unfortunate that it had to be cut down but it was only a matter of time before the foundations of the house would be seriously affected.

Painting program

This years painting program will be the bottom half of Lilac Avenue. Numbers 14 to 26 and 21 to 33.

Thank you

The collection for Mr. Tilly, late of 7 Chestnut Avenue, raised £76. This has been donated to ward 18 at the Leicester General Hospital.

Remembrance book

The remembrance book will be available at the AGM for viewing or for any additions people may wish to make.

Traffic

I am sure that the majority of residents will be pleased that traffic is again quiet through the estate now that the road works are complete. It is hoped that this continues to be so once the new Tesco store is open.