

# PURLEY BEECHES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2010

### ANNUAL CLEAR UP EVENING

This year the annual clear up evening is set to take place on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30 pm**. We will have pickers, hoops and black bags, lent to us by West Berks, to help the activity, but it would be useful if you could bring secateurs and gloves. The main aim will be to clear the three communal areas of rubbish and fallen branches, and to cut back brambles and overgrown ivy from the trees.

Please come and lend a hand – it's only once a year and it does help keep our environment looking clean and tidy.

If the weather is kind to us this year, please bring sausages, burgers, rolls and something to drink – we will provide the BBQ. We normally work for a couple of hours and then have an enjoyable social event with a chance to meet our neighbours.

### DAMAGE TO BOUNDARY WALL

You will have noticed the damage to the wall which occurred during the recent road works on the A329. On this occasion we were fortunate as a committee member was travelling close behind, witnessed the accident and was able to get insurance details. The claim, and estimates for the repair, are in hand.

We continue to receive payments by instalments in respect of the costs of the two previous breaches.

**We would urge all households who abut a section of the brick and flint boundary wall to undertake repairs; the frost quickly adds to any damage from loose stones. We will be dealing with the wear and tear on PBRA sections.**

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of the Residents' Association took place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2009; the minutes are available from any committee member. It was agreed that the subscription should be kept at £15 per household this year; and will be collected from June onwards. New collectors are needed and anyone willing to help should contact the Membership Officer.

### THAMES PATH AT PURLEY – SKERRITT WOOD

There is little progress to report; West Berkshire Council appear unwilling to address any of the issues which cause us concern and it seems likely that they will move to a Creation Order, to which we will be able to object. In order to emphasise the Association's ownership of the land it has been decided to close the footpath once a year, for a short period. This was done in December 2009.

### TREE MAINTENANCE

A quote for the inspection and creation of a 5 year maintenance plan for the trees has been agreed; the tree surgeon has agreed to begin once Spring is underway and it is clear where any damaged or dead trees may be.

### NEWS ITEMS

We have had reports of rats in Marshall Close and Hazel Road; residents may want to check their garages and sheds, and perhaps reduce the amount of food scraps put out for the birds.

Long-standing residents may remember Bill and Mary Senior, founder members of the PBRA, who used to live in 3 Marshall Close; Bill Senior has been in contact to say that his wife Mary died last Thursday after a long illness. Our sympathies are with him.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

The 2010 AGM will be on 11<sup>th</sup> November in St Mary's Church Hall.

### Committee members

Margaret Richardson (Chairman)	942 3274	Ian Thompson	941 4769
Anne Bolland (Treasurer)	941 3259	Marjorie Butler	941 8856
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Eric Mason (941 3072)	Bill Hayward (941 1934)	Margaret Richardson (942 3274)	Angela Edwards (elect) (942 9667)
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