

ELMER SANDS NEWS

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Welcome to the thirty-ninth edition of the Elmer Sands News with a particular welcome to all those new residents on the estate.

As you are probably aware, even if it is just because you have come across the odd 'no entry' sign, the final phase of work has started to help resolve the estates flooding problems. A Eureka moment if ever I saw one!

Geoff Matcham who lived on The Hard wrote his first letters of complaint in 1984 regarding surface water and then in 2009 about the sea defences. He doggedly continued with his campaigns until his untimely death in 2010. Ever since, ESL Ltd has done all in its power to alleviate the problems and push ahead with the campaigns, with many hours of input from our dedicated voluntary group right up to the present day. We never gave up. Southern Water completed works to the foul water system a few years ago and now West Sussex County Council are delivering us an improved surface water system. The Environment Agency is scheduled to start significant beach defence work this autumn.

I shall personally be raising a glass to Geoff and to all the volunteers who have since been involved in achieving what at times we thought would be impossible. Well done to us all!!

Linda Smith

ELMER SANDS LIMITED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE JUBILEE HALL Middleton-on-Sea

Saturday 27th April 2019

Doors open 2.50pm
Meeting Starts 3.15pm

Refreshments will be served
Updates on the
Sea Defence and Drainage
Projects
General Maintenance and
Management of our roads and
common areas

This is also an opportunity to meet the people who have been managing the Estate on your behalf

Everyone welcome, we hope to see you there

All enquiries to the Secretary
(01243) 584900
or email
secretary@elmersands.co.uk

Originally Elmer Sands had its own shops, coffee stall, riding school, a holiday camp and a social club. We even had a kiosk (with a toilet!) which sold ice creams. We still have somewhere to socialise "The Cabin" which has recently been placed in new hands.....

Hi there! We are Pete & Jackie, the new managers at The Cabin. Having become regulars over the past 5 years we are now excited to have taken over the helm - we look forward to greeting local

residents and those from further afield. We really want to emphasise and encourage the community aspect of this pub, offering a family and dog friendly place to come and enjoy drinks and/or food with us.

We will continue to have live music twice a month featuring a mixture of music genres, hopefully giving something for everyone to enjoy! Monthly quizzes will also be held, with a broad variety of questions suitable for all ages and abilities! We will be supporting the Open Mic once a month for any budding performers to come along and show off their talents! We also have Sky TV and will be showing all major sporting events throughout the year!

The pub kitchen will be open:

Friday & Saturday 12 noon – 9pm and Sundays 12 noon – 4pm. Come along and sample our menu of home cooked foods with roast dinners on Sundays.

We have resident darts and pool teams who are always open to new members so do come along! We would be glad to welcome any other local associations/groups wanting a place to meet, and are happy to discuss providing food for these meetings, if required.

We are considering trialling community coffee mornings on Fridays from 10am – 12noon. Dog walkers, parents/carers and children, senior citizens..... All welcome to come along for coffee, cake and company – for further details check out our **Facebook page: The Cabin Elmer** or better still pop in and see us! We look forward to meeting you!

Pete & Jackie

A poem by Jan Young

How lucky are we, living here by
the sea
In Elmer Sands.....although many
people say, "Where??"
With gentle breeze blowing, nay
sometimes a gale
The weather generally is quite
fair.

The people who live here are
friendly 'tis true
Most giving of a wave and a
smile
The ESL Committee, all trying to
help
Do our best to keep the estate in
good style.

Our Andrew, (Estate
Maintenance) works tending our
needs
Mowing, trimming, looking after
the grounds
With painting of bollards and
clearing of weed
A grafter, his hard work shows
no bounds.

Our pride and joy, The Kiosk, is
tended so fine
By Linda, our thanks, as 'tis a
sight to behold
Our Christmas get-together here
was great with mulled wine
(We plan more do's this year, it
has to be told)

We ask help from you, to keep
front gardens clear
And to mow verges and keep
them repaired
What use is a house looking tidy
and smart
If your frontage looks all
unprepared?

We ask you to keep all the cars
off the roads

To make safer for all, kiddies and
hounds

After all.... it is all part of Elmer
Sand's code
To keep vehicles on each owner's
grounds!

There are some folk driving
Elmer's narrow lanes
Always seem to be in such a
hurry
Can we implore you, please, to
try to refrain
From speeding, it is such a worry.

We would hate for a child, cat or
dog to be hurt
By someone saving just a minute
or so
That would be so easy for all to
avert
Driving 15 mph or below!

Let's all try and make this a safe
place to be
With good friends and lovely
new neighbours
Moved here just two years ago,
how lucky are we
To be here, to enjoy our life's
labours.

Dates for your Diary

**Easter Fun - Saturday
13th April at The Kiosk
AGM Saturday 27th April**

Sea Defence Works

The Environment Agency (EA)
continues to prepare detailed
plans for these works which
are designed to remove the
risk of flooding from the sea for
much of the estate for the next
50 years. The logistics plan
has been prepared and work
constructing the extended sea
defence is now expected to
start on 1 September and be
completed before Christmas.

These works will not come
through the estate but will be
carried out with access by
machinery along the beach
from the east, rock will be
delivered from Cornwall being
brought in from the sea on
barges, and shingle will be
dredged from a bank off the
Worthing coast also delivered
by sea. A slipway is to be
constructed as part of the
works to provide access for the
boat yard passing over the new
rock revetment and down to
the beach. This project costing
in excess of £5 million has
been secured from the EA with
a contribution of £25,000 from
ESL, and a further small
contribution by Arun DC.

Surface Water System

West Sussex County Council
are currently delivering the
improved system to remove
surface water from the estate
at no cost to the estate, using a
grant of £240,000 secured
from the Environment Agency.
This will reduce the impact of
sudden rainfall which creates
surface flooding, June 2012
being an example of a
particularly severe event. This
involves installing new larger
diameter pipe work and gullies
in roads, complete new runs of
drains for example at the
Manor Way entrance, and a re-
profiling of the Elmer ditch to
re-establish the route for
surface water to the sea. It is
recognised that these works
which will take perhaps six
months to complete, will cause
significant disruption, however,
they will deliver significant
benefits for the estate.
Problems may arise, such as
breaking the odd water pipe,
messy roads, verges and the
playing field, for a period of
time so members grinning and
bearing the pain for a while is

much appreciated. That said ESL continues to discuss issues with the contractor as they arise.

Emergency Resilience Training Courses

A number of residents from the estate have attended workshops arranged by the MOSPC resilience group, to discuss procedures, plans and resources that could be made available in the event of an emergency. This linkage has been extended further to join up surrounding parish councils. These improved links will make volunteer resources available to join together and bring action to help address any emergency that arises in the area, for example the severe flooding that occurred in 2012.

The reason for putting together this programme is to be able to provide the emergency services with local knowledge and, in particular, to provide assistance for vulnerable members of our community. Whilst we tend to think 'vulnerable'/'elderly', there are others that may need help during an emergency – e.g.:

- Families with young children
- People with medical needs (daily visits from a health professional) (life-saving medication/equipment)
- Someone living alone

As part of this initiative WSCC have provided a number of items for use in an emergency.



The estate has its own emergency plan and team of volunteers. This team will meet together in a few months time to discuss and test our plan. Any additional volunteers to join the team, to be called upon to help in the event of an emergency, will be very welcome.

YOUR ESTATE NEEDS YOU

Hopefully, we would never need your help but in an emergency you could be a life-saver!

To volunteer, please contact Paula Puleston on 01243 584843 or email paulapuleston@aol.com.

The names of the First Contacts can be found at the end of **Elmer Sands Emergency Contingency Plan** which can be downloaded from our website. If you do not have a computer please contact the Secretary who can provide you with a printed copy.

Dammed if you do, dammed if you don't!

The ESL Council is made up of volunteer ESL members elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Council makes decisions on running the estate based upon what it believes the majority of members want, however it is recognised that with such wide spread opinion identifying a common outcome that satisfies everybody is impossible. It is not unusual for some members to be upset by decisions taken. Additionally, many see the Company Secretary as being ESL, as that is the normal point of contact with the company. The Secretary acts on

instructions from the Council, serving on a part time basis, and deserves downtime especially when out on personal social occasions. Regrettably, the number of occasions when the Secretary and Directors receive abuse whilst attempting to carry out their responsibilities increases. In order to take an up to date view on members' opinions, a questionnaire has been issued with the annual report papers. It is hoped that it will be returned from most of the 380 member properties on the estate, with further comments on additional paper if required, so that the council has up to date opinions to aid decision making. It is not just the extremes of opinion that are requested but preferably replies from all member properties.

Peter Trebble (Chairman ESL)



Neighbour Disputes

On occasion neighbours experience problems that they cannot easily resolve between themselves. These can be sensitive issues ranging from noise nuisance to boundary disputes. Any private property matter that cannot be amicably resolved between neighbours should be followed up with the Local Authorities or relevant professionals for assistance. Please be considerate of your neighbours and try to live in harmony.



ESBAC

We are looking forward to another year at the Elmer Sands Boating and Angling Club, and would love to welcome any new members who would like to join us. We do hope to have some good weather this summer, so we can have barbeques and other social events, as well as lots of fishing, sailing and kayaking of course!

The Commodore, Adi Howe and James Hedderly will be refurbishing the Boat Club starting 8th April for 2 weeks. If you would like to help please come along during the weekends, there will be plenty of jobs that need doing. Anyone who would like to join and use the facilities at the club, please contact Adi at esbacemail@gmail.com

ESBAC Secretary needed – if you would like to volunteer please contact Adi Howe.

Elmer Sands Community Library

“Take a book – leave a book behind”

If you love reading books look out for Elmer Sands little community library which will be opening soon in the Kiosk. A sentry box style shed has been delivered and our resident artist “Kludo” White has offered to fit it with shelves and paint it. Work will take place during the Easter week. Then all we need to do is fill it up with books.



A replacement shed for the Kiosk will also be arriving very soon also new gates leading up to the beach which will need hanging.

Any offers of help with these projects will be welcomed. If you are able to help please email

esl.petertreble@gmail.com

Welcome to



Elmer Sands **HAVE YOU RECENTLY MOVED TO ELMER SANDS?**

Please make sure you have contacted the Estate Office and registered yourselves as new owner/s of the property

CONTACT DETAILS
secretary@elmersands.co.uk
www.elmersands.co.uk

Please ask for your copy of our 'Booklet' which explains how this private estate is managed
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23 Arundel Way, Elmer Sands, PO22 6JH
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