THE HOLLY LODGE ESTATE

FROM THE COMMITTEE REPRESENTING ALL PLOT OWNERS & INFORMING ALL RESIDENTS

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SANTA IS VISITING HOLLY LODGE

Santa and his elves are back bringing gifts to our Estates children on his festive sleigh. If you would like him to deliver a present on Saturday 16th December then please contact Grace at **Grace_Livingstone@hotmail.com** giving the names and ages of your children plus your address, of course!

There will be mulled wine, mince pies and carols outside the Community Centre on Makepeace Avenue at 6pm after he and his helpers have finished their rounds. Please do come and join them and share some festive cheer with your neighbours.

GINKGO

Ginkgo tree are always noticeable: the branches are weirdly angular and jointed, with stubby, twiggy growths shooting off almost at right angles, producing, in spring, the signature fan-like leaves. In autumn, the ginkgo is even more apparent, when those leaves turn a brilliant buttery yellow before falling.
In its native eastern China, the tree's cultivation near temples goes back down the millennia and various parts of it have long been used medicinally. One of the finest specimens in Europe grows in Kew Gardens. It was planted in 1762, as part of Princess Augusta's collection of novelty trees in the grounds of Kew Palace. However, it was a century earlier that a European citizen firs recorded seeing the species when the botanist Engelbert Kaempfer noted it being cultivated in Japanese temple gardens in 1690. As a garden tree, ginkgos are interesting and ornamental "living" fossils, which have been around for more than 200 million vears.



The above is a very interesting article from Country Life that explained the beauty and history of this very special tree, it was very much worth sharing. We are lucky enough to have two of these beautiful trees on our Estate.

TREE WORK

As it is not nesting season, we have a lot of tree work planned. 14 new young trees will be planted all over the Estate. Most of these are to replace trees that have died or are ailing. Sadly, we will be having to remove 3 Limes along Hillway due to a fungus, ultimately fatal, that is infecting them. We also have a number of trees that need attending to and our tree surgeons will be coming to tidy them up.

BULBING

The lads have been busy planting bulbs, every year, we choose an area to concentrate on and this year it is the crossroads down Hillway on all 4 corners, look out for the new bulbs in spring!!

NEW PARKING CONTRACTOR

Following the poor service, we were continuing to receive from Met Parking, on 1-Nov Capital Car Park Controls (CCPC) became our parking contractor. One of their first actions was to erect new signage, their second was to employ Joynal who remains our evening parking warden.

ANPR cameras have been installed to monitor the Hillway zone above Oakeshott Avenue (to West Hill) where, to help counter ASB, vehicles arriving between 8pm and 6am will need to have an E. Permit which residents can obtain from the CCPC website. These E. Permits will also be valid for visitors anywhere on the estate and you may find this easier to use than the current paper notes. We are currently finalising how these permits are raised but if you think you will be interested, please contact Antonia to be amongst the first to receive the details.

DOG FOULING ON OUR PAVEMENTS

I have had several report that there is an increased number of dog fouling, especially in Langbourne Avenue. Please pick up you dog mess, not only is it unpleasant and smelly, it is also not great for any young child who might inadvertently pick it up. I have asked a few residents to spray the dog mess with pink paint to highlight it to the guilty party.

CENTENARY

We are only one month away from our 100th birthday celebration, please remember to inform me if you or someone you know, would be willing to volunteer, perform or take part in our Summer party, we really want to make this a special event and the more people taking part and attending the better it will be

Holly Lodge Community Centre

COMMUNITY FUND

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Wed 13th December the students from Seasons Art Classes are holding an art exhibition of their work 1pm-3pm. Please pop in and enjoy their final pieces and get treated to a drink and some nibbles.

Thursday Open House/Warm Space every Thursday 10am-3pm.
Every Thursday you're welcome to enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere at HLCC. We offer free craft activities/table tennis, games, puzzles, use of sewing machines, hot drinks and light snacks. Please feel free to bring your own hobby or work along. Wifi available.
Don't forget to check out the weekly activities on our website www.hollylodgecc.co.uk

Christmas opening times
The centre will be closed from 23rd December 2023 until 7th January 2024. Welcome back on 8th January. Season's Greetings to everyone from the HLCC team!

Be sure to use the SUGGESTION BOX email for your comments:
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