



# ARAL NEWSLETTER

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## VE DAY THEMED STREET PARTY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY

We will be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day in style this year with a Street Party in Westward Ho on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Food and drink will be provided by ARAL and the celebrations will begin at 3pm at the bottom of the North Hill. We look forward to seeing you there!



## ANNUAL AGM MEETING 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Our Annual AGM meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 9 Abbotswood. Starting at 7:30pm, we warmly invite you to hear about ARAL's past year and any future plans.

## BOXGROVE ROUNDABOUT

There has been a recent application by Guildford Borough Council (GBC) to resurface Boxgrove roundabout which has led to a misunderstanding from some residents that this work will take six months. Having seen emails from our Councillor, rest assured, this is not the case, GBC have simply applied to do the work "sometime between" April and October. We will let you all know over email when they do start the work, as the disruption will be considerable.





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## SEEKING NEW DIRECTORS!

Having completed his second stint on the committee, Peter Regan has informed us he will be stepping down as a director of ARAL in June 2026 and so we are on the lookout for two new directors to join our merry band! Peter's role currently involves managing the contractor who maintains our road and keeping an eye on planning issues. While the other role will be "Special Projects" and will handle ad-hoc issues that crop up from time to time. Other roles include Treasurer (Julie), Communications (Emily) and Estate Management (Alex). All job descriptions can be found on the website, and so please can you message David before this year's AGM in June to let him know if you would be willing to get involved. It simply involves 4-5 short meetings each year and a bit of back and forth on WhatsApp. We do understand people are busy (your current directors are too!) but two years ago we agreed as a group that no one should be asked to serve more than three years if they wished to step off the Board. If we are unable to secure enough support this time then the alternative option will be to outsource the work to a management company to handle estate management. However, hopefully it won't come to this since it will mean we will all need to pay a much higher annual levy.

## SPEED BUMPS UPDATE

It has been four months since the introduction of our two new speed bumps. Whilst we are pleased to report that we have seen a significant reduction in speeding cars, the Board have taken note of some regular speeders and we would like to kindly remind residents that the speed limit is 15mph around the estate. We plan to discuss whether an additional speed hump is required in Westward Ho as a result of this at the AGM.



## ESTATE MAINTANENCE

We have been busy clearing and preventing the moss build up on the North Hill and regular gardening. We will also be placing some large white boulders along the verges outside #8 and #9 Abbotswood (on the corner by the speed bump) as many external vehicles mount the kerb ruining the grass. We are hopeful this will keep vehicles on the road in future.

