

# Abbotswood Residents Association Limited

## May 2021 Newsletter and Notice of Annual General Meeting

You are invited to our AGM will be held on **Wednesday 7th July** commencing at **8pm**. Due to the uncertainty of Covid restrictions we will confirm nearer the time if this will be via Zoom or be an actual meeting. We hope this will give you an opportunity to see what we have been doing as an Association.

The agenda is as follows:

- 1) Welcome and apologies for absence
- 2) To receive the minutes of the AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020.
- 3) Chair's report
- 4) To receive and adopt the accounts of the Association for the Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, which are attached.
- 5) To confirm the annual levy of £150 for each household for the Year 2021/22.
- 6) To appoint directors.

After the close of business there will then be an informal discussion about matters which, either directly or indirectly, may affect the estate including:

- Communal clear up
- Traffic calming measures and parking
- Verge protection options

### **Annual Levy**

Following the forecast of upcoming work required for the estate, we propose that we keep the current levy of £150 for this year.

### **Directors**

The list of current directors is attached, you will see that Pamela Gillingham has stepped down and has yet to be replaced. Pam served on the board for 6 years for which we are most grateful. I'm delighted to advise you that, once again, all Directors are prepared to give up some of their spare time to do this on our behalf.

If you are interested in becoming more involved, please let us know! We all have an interest in ARAL and by working together we can all ensure the road and environment is maintained to a good standard. We would welcome any expertise or assistance on areas such as accounting, road engineering, legal advice, leak reporting, newsletter delivering etc.

### **Moving House**

Please note that there is a copy on our website of the procedure that you need to follow should you decide to move on from the estate.

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Moving on from the AGM, here are some other updates:

## **Drains**

A reminder that our drains are old and can only cope with toilet paper. Please do not put any other waste down them as they will get blocked.

## **Speeding and Parking**

A reminder that the speed limit for the Estate is 15mph. We also ask that you do not park on verges and pavements, especially at the top of the South Hill. Should you have excess vehicles, please park considerably on the other side of the speed bump before entering the estate. Also there have been several near-misses at the Westward Ho junction at the bottom of the South Hill. Please do not cut the corner when turning right to go up the hill.

## **AWIT/AMEN**

Please find attached further information and event dates, with contact details for joining.

## **Bonfires**

Please consider using the facilities at Slyfield for waste, rather than lighting bonfires. They are environmentally unfriendly and not pleasant for neighbours, especially when lit during the day.

## **Dogs and Other Noise**

We have had several complaints about barking dogs and excess noise in gardens. Please continue to be considerate of your neighbours.

## **Website**

Thank you to everyone who has visited our new website [www.aralguildford.co.uk](http://www.aralguildford.co.uk) using the password 'guildford'. We will continue to update this and add appropriate information.

If you have any questions or concerns about the above topics or anything else you wish to discuss, please contact me by email at [aralchair@gmail.com](mailto:aralchair@gmail.com) or phone me on 01483 820286.

On behalf of all the directors, we hope you are able to join us at 8pm on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

**Sarah Cordingley**

**Chairman**

**Abbotswood Residents Association Limited**

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## AMEN ACTIVITIES & OUTINGS

You will be pleased to hear that, as we emerge from lock-down, the AMEN group is restarting monthly activities with an initial focus on local pubs where we can all sit outside. We would like to encourage those of you who haven't taken part so far to consider coming along and meeting up with your fellow neighbours. AMEN (Abbotswood Men) was set up in response to the success of the women's group AWIT (Abbotswood Women In Touch) and is a very informal organisation for the men who live on Abbotswood and the surrounding neighbourhood. The purpose of this group is to provide an opportunity (or excuse) for the local men to meet up for a beer every now and then. We do not organise cultural events - but rather, trips to local pubs to play darts or table football and, on occasions, treat ourselves to a curry night, ten pin bowling or whatever. There is no subscription or membership fee. See below for programme of events for 2021. If you fancy coming along, please contact Nick ([nickcordingley@hotmail.com](mailto:nickcordingley@hotmail.com)) who will add you to the distribution list.

Programme of events for 2021		Organiser
21st June	Anchor & Horseshoes	Graham Hibbert
18th July	Jazz at Wood Street Village	Bernard Stevens
21st August	BBQ at the Cordingleys	Nick Cordingley

Further outings will be planned as the social distancing rules become clearer.

## AWIT Spring 2021 news

Our AWIT (Abbotswood Women in Touch) Tuesday morning walks and the book club have thankfully continued when it has been possible over the last year but we now feel that, after the next stage of opening on 17th May, we would love to start up our meetings again. For obvious reasons these can only be on a limited basis for the time being (Unless or until the restrictions change) and will start with the following events that we hope to add to as time goes on and restrictions lift further. Please contact Sarah ([aralchair@gmail.com](mailto:aralchair@gmail.com)) if you would like to come along or find out more. We are very much looking forward to seeing everyone again and are keen to welcome new members too.

Every Tuesday morning at 9am    Walk round Burpham nature reserve

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June    Garden coffee morning    Shan Gregory-Smith

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June    Walk and pub lunch    Sarah Cordingley