

FOUR OAKS ESTATE NEWSLETTER



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Platinum Jubilee Street Party – Sunday 5th June

Plans are well advanced for the 'Party of the Year'! Penny Dewsbery, Craig Johnson & Sean Morrough are heading this brilliant initiative which will be held in conjunction with the Tennis Club to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee and bring us together as a community for a 'once-in-a-generation' event. There is a great deal to do and we need volunteers to help us plan and prepare and then to assist 'on the day'. If you can help please contact Penny at 07779-613717 or penelopedewsvery@hotmail.com. The party will be centred around the triangle and the tennis club and plans include lots of games and activities for children, live music, food stalls, magic show, face painting, games (like 'hit the bell' and giant Jenga/Connect 4) and possible even a fairground ride and giant screen showing jubilee events. The tennis club will run bars and keep everyone well refreshed! Tickets will be priced at just £10 for adults, £5 for teenagers with under 12s to go free. Tickets will be sold electronically and we will send out details shortly. You will be able to simply go online, buy your tickets, listen for your phone to ping and then you're 'all set' to come along to meet your neighbours, eat and drink, have fun and make some memories. See you there!

Full-Fibre Broadband

We have reported previously that Craig Johnson is looking into ways to bring full-fibre broadband to the Estate. Full-fibre broadband is already a necessity for some and will increasingly become so to all of us. Craig has identified a private provider, Hyperoptic, who are in advanced stages of putting forward a proposal following logistical, technical and financial feasibility studies. One essential requirement is for Hyperoptic to gauge the level of interest amongst residents as a certain level of 'take-up' will be required. To register your interest please visit the link beneath: <https://hyperoptic.com/> (on the home page enter your postcode in the 'Check your availability' box and follow the instructions). Sample packages/costs are available to view. A representative of Hyperoptic will be attending our AGM.

Road markings/Lining works

The white road markings at our junctions are fading and shortly will be fully refreshed. This is quite a major job as it includes 14 road junctions, 16 cul-de-sac aprons, 25 speed bumps and 170 metres of double and single lines!

Grounds Maintenance Matters

Works under the Footpath & Verge Improvement Plan are underway in Ladywood Road and Bracebridge Road and these include renewal of grass verges and levelling and re-covering of footpaths. The Triangle (opposite the tennis club) has been re-barked and all works, including fellings and re-plantings, arising from the 2021 Tree Survey have been completed. Following two recent storms 'clearing-up' works have been never-ending!

2022 AGM – Tuesday 26th April

Our AGM has been arranged for 26th April at the tennis club at 7.30pm. All residents are very welcome and nearer the time you will receive the meeting 'papers' electronically. The meeting will be live streamed on You Tube for those residents unable to attend. Reports will be given by the Chairman, Ron Forrest, on behalf of the Grounds Maintenance Committee by Nick Humphrey and by the Secretary, Stuart Tullah.

Red Bag Scheme for garden waste

You may have spotted red bags around the Estate and wondered where they come from. They are for garden waste and are available from Edges & Hedges (at 65p per bag). They are collected several times a week and the number you can use is unlimited. This scheme was introduced in 2013 in response to Birmingham City Council withdrawing its free garden waste collections and restricting the number of paid-for garden waste wheelie bins. If you wish to use the red bag service simply telephone Edges & Hedges at 07757-052774 and bags will be dropped round to you. Full bags should be placed on the roadside outside your house for collection.

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