

Woolley Grange Residents Association Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

General Residents Meeting – Woolley Grange Residents Association: Tuesday 2nd February 7:30pm-9:00pm at the Cricket Pavillion.

Agenda items: Update from West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Police
 Representatives from Bovis & McNerney to answer questions
 WGRA News & Announcements
 Any Other Business

Woolley Parish Council Meeting: Thursday 11th February 7:30pm-9:00pm at the Village Hall in Woolley. The Parish Council meet on the second Thursday of every month and as Woolley Grange now represent the largest contributors to the Parish Council Precept we would like to get as many residents as possible to the meeting.

General Residents Meeting – Woolley Grange Residents Association: Tuesday 13th April 7:30pm-9:00pm at the Cricket Pavillion. This will be an election meeting to approve the nominations for the positions in the WGRA – Chair / Vice-Chair / Secretary / Treasurer.

Friday 26th February 2010 – Quiz Night!!!

Following on from the Quiz Night hosted in October which was won in impressive form by the Woolley Mammoths, a further night of fun filled frivolity has been arranged for Friday 26th February at the Cricket Pavillion.

As before you can enter individually or in teams of up to 6 people and the price of entry to this hotly contested event is just £2 per person with entry into the obligatory raffle included. Tickets are available on the night. A full bar will also be available for you to spend your hard earned cash in!

For those of you intending to take part in this event (who isn't!), and so that we have an idea of how much bar stock we need, could you please email and confirm your participation to: woolley.grange@googlemail.com along with an idea as to how many people are coming with you.

THE WEBSITE IS COMING - WWW.WOOLLEY-GRANGE.CO.UK

No doubt many of you will have noticed that the website has been under construction for some time now with only the link to the Forum being in use. Well that is about to change with an all singing, all dancing website being launched in the coming days.

Details of future events, announcements, issues, contact details and much more will be on the site so bookmark the address and keep visiting www.woolley-grange.co.uk as regular updates about all things Woolley Grange will be posted once the site is up and running.

NEWS UPDATES

Committee Members required: We would be particularly keen to hear from anyone who lives in the McNerney homes as we have no representation on the committee. To put your name forward, or to obtain some further information please email woolley.grange@googlemail.com

Spoil Tip Planning Application: An 'Action Group' has been formed by residents from Woolley Grange and the surrounding area to present their views regarding the works being carried out on the spoil tip to the Planning Committee and as a result of an unprecedented number of objections and two petitions, the Spoil Tip owners decided to drop the contentious issue of composting from the application. In January the application to continue reclaiming the site was approved without the composting and with various conditions attached. This is the final phase of the reclamation and will last for a period of no more than 3 years after which there should be no further applications. The Action Group will be meeting quarterly with the land owners to act as a "Site Liaison" so if there is anything which you want to be brought up at these meetings please contact the action group at woolleyspoiltip@googlemail.com. If you wish to be kept up to date on work and issues relating to the spoil tip please send an email with subject 'update' to the email address above and you will be included in their mailing list after each quarterly meeting. If you wish to report any serious matters such as fires, odours, illegal depositing etc you need to contact the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 as the action group cannot deal with these and they will not be logged or investigated, however please email the Action Group so that they are aware and can monitor any response at their quarterly meetings. Thank you to everyone who made their objections and who signed either of the 2 petitions.

RMG Estate Management: Following on from the meeting held on the 25th January we can now provide you with an update on a number of key areas we have been heavily involved in trying to resolve. RMG have now managed to obtain all the details of those residents who bought McNerney and Wimpey homes but who have never been billed – some 130+ dwellings. The request for this years Estate Management Charge will be with us all in the next few weeks and the expectation is that the cost will be broadly similar to last years at c£125. However for those residents who have never paid the Estate Management Charge, (mainly because they have never received a bill) RMG will be writing to request an additional payment of up to 18 months unpaid dues. Because roughly half the development has not been paying the Estate Management Charge, the accounts for the end of 2008 were running at a deficit of c£2,000 with unpaid bills of c£14,000. Normally, such a deficit would have to be met by all residents by way of an additional charge however we have won a major concession with RMG agreeing to refund almost £17,000 in management fees which will be used to meet all the unpaid expenses accrued over the past 3 years and put the accounts back into credit. The net result is that all residents will now be on an equal footing and the hope is that RMG will be able to provide the level of service we all expect.

MAKE CONTACT

Have you anything you need to get off your chest...Is there something you would like to see on the Website...Do you have any ideas/suggestions you want to share with other residents...?

Use the Forum at www.woolley-grange.co.uk
Email the Woolley Grange Residents Association at woolley.grange@googlemail.com