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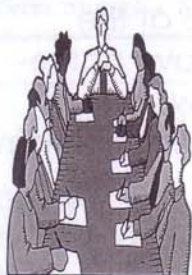
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A New Committee was elected at the April 2009 AGM



CHAIRPERSON	Roger Symes
VICE CHAIRPERSON	Patrick O' Connor
SECRETARY	Colin Ritchie
TREASURER	Peter Standen
BAR CHAIRPERSON	Rob Hudson
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Victoria Hunt

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barry Johnson, Paul Glisson, Brian Walters, Mark Bowden, Stephanie O'Connor, Mark Atkins, Ian Diskin, Gill Symes, Dean Thomas, Natasha McDiarmid.

A huge thank you to all those Committee Members who are standing again for another year and welcome to our New Members.

ISTEAD RISE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:



Mamma Mia, Does your mother know on Friday 19th June from 8pm, not at *Waterloo* but at Istead Rise Community Centre Main Hall, *Take a chance on me* and come and have a *Super Trouper* night with the ABBA Tribute Band and Disco with DJ Traviss. It will be a *Rock Me night*, and *knowing me knowing you* we will be the *Dancing Queens* with *Fernando*. Remember to *Thank" ABBA" for the music* for bringing it to Istead Rise. So, *Ring, Ring* all your friends and bring your *Money, money, money* to buy your tickets from the Centre Office at £10 each.



ABBA[®]

Tribute Band

Friday 19th June from 8pm till late

Chairman's Column

Having taken over the position of Chairperson from Patrick O'Connor for 2009-2010, I would like to express my thanks to all committee members for a wonderful job that has been done in making our Centre a great meeting place again. Where in this day and age when pubs are closing all around us due to high prices, we are in an enviable position in this area through our clubs and various events that take place. The attendance at the AGM was disappointing but taken as an approval of how the Centre was being managed. If you have an opinion then please put it in writing addressed to myself or the Secretary and leave at the Centre Office in the entrance hall. There are still some people who have not re-joined but are using the club. The door staff will be asking you to show your membership card as this is only fair to all of you that have paid. So please, re-join we need you. Many thanks, Roger Symes, Chairperson.



For Security reasons our Bar steward is looking for a long term LET on Istead Rise for himself, wife and family.

The accommodation to consist of 3 bedrooms, 2 bathroom/w.c. If you can be of any help please contact the Community Centre or Mark on 07771 804072

Istead Rise recently had a very successful PACT (partners and communities together) meeting and has set three priorities:

1. Parking in Lewis Road and Downs Road
2. Neighbourhood Watch
3. Speeding – Istead Rise, Upper Avenue, Flowerhill Way and Downs Road, which we shall all be focusing on over the next three months.

A big thank you to those residents who attended. The next meeting is on 10th July 09 at 2pm and 6.30pm at the Community Centre, Annexe hall. I have settled in well and am thoroughly enjoying working with the community of Istead Rise. I would like to welcome P.C. Dave Smith who I am looking forward to working with. If you have any issues please feel free to contact us.

PC Dave Smith **07980-770598**
PSCO Nikki Sands **07772-226078**
KCC Warden,
Steve Whitehead **07969-583925**

Steve Whitehead – KCC Warden

Bar Entertainment



Due to the success of our last event we will be holding a

B.B.Q. on

Bank Holiday Monday

25th May from 1pm onwards.



Hello, my name is P.C. Dave Smith and I am the new beat officer for Istead Rise, Coldharbour and Painters Ash. I will be working closely with your PCSO Nikki Sands. Please feel free to contact me on 07980 770598 or 01474 366011.

From Steve Whitehead – Community Warden – Tel: 07969 583925

Neighbourhood Watch

Firstly a huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to be Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators for their areas. From having just 3 small watches in January 2009 we now have 21 watches but we still need more. Please contact me for a non-obligatory information pack. Apart from possible savings on your home insurance the major benefit is that, as a member of a watch, you will receive up to date crime reports and trading standards notices from Kent Police.

Rock School

The Rock School project is on hold as I have discovered that all the volunteer tutors need CRB checking, even though many of them are CRB checked elsewhere. To overcome this unexpected cost implication I have applied to KCC for a grant, which will also be used to purchase some instruments. Any instrument donations are still much appreciated.

Seniors Lunch

Carole Iles, the Centre Manager, and I have also been discussing the possibility of putting on a weekly lunch at the centre for the older members of the community and the school have kindly offered to do the meals for £2.50 per head. Although I can collect the meals when on duty I am sometimes required to work elsewhere so we need a back-up volunteer with transport who could possibly collect the meals. We also need volunteers to help with the serving.

New Police Officer for Istead Rise

I would like to welcome our new, dedicated Police Officer PC Dave Smith – 07980 770598 / 01474 366011

Istead Rise Website

I have volunteered to update the Istead Rise Community Association website which will include the following items:

Details of Facilities and Events

Classified Ads Section

Local Services Advertising section

News & Blog

Wardens Page

Further details to be released shortly www.isteadrisecommunityassociation.co.uk

And Finally...Contacts

Police Emergency – 999

Police non-emergency – 01622 690690

PCSO Nikki Sands - 07772 226078 / 01474 366011

Graffiti Hotline – 01474 337000

Crimestoppers – 0800 555111

Community Warden – 07969 583925

Copy Date for articles
for the next
IRIS will be:

Friday 31st July

CRAFT MARKET

Saturday 7th November 2009 at
Istead Rise Community Centre
10.30am to 3pm.



Dozens of stalls with various crafts to suit all tastes. There will be a good selection of second hand books and refreshments will be available.

Something to think about.....

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.

John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.

Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.

The Names Lincoln and Kennedy each contain seven letters.

Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.

Both wives lost their children whilst living in the White House.

Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.

Both Presidents were shot in the head.

Now it gets really weird.....

Lincoln's Secretary was named Kennedy.

Kennedy's Secretary was named Lincoln.

Both were assassinated by Southerners.

Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.

Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.

Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.

Both names are composed of fifteen letters.

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Kennedy'

Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln'.

Booth ran from theatre and was caught in a warehouse.

Oswald ran from a warehouse and was caught in a theatre.

Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

And here's the kicker.....

A week before Lincoln was shot; he was in Monroe, Maryland.

A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.

TOPLESS IN ISTEAD RISE

The summer is coming, the weather has improved, on some days we have been hotter than South East Spain. Having temperatures of 21° -22°. I decided to take my top off and really enjoy the sun, people turned their heads and stared, I do not care my body is beautiful and am not ashamed to show it off, after all I am a convertible.

OLYMPIC BADMINTON



Calling all: Ladies, Gents, Girls and Boys of Istead Rise
Good News: There is still time to prepare for the 2012 Games
Action: Come to our unofficial training venue, Istead Rise Community Centre at 7.30pm on Monday Evenings.
Outcome: We cannot guarantee you a place in the GB Team, but we are able to provide a good evening of badminton in a warm, relaxed and friendly environment.
Equipment: We can even lend you a racquet if you have lost yours.
Peter Slough - 833819

Istead Rise Floral Art Group



The Floral Art Group held their AGM in the Memorial Hall on 26th March. The evening started with members arranging a spring basket of flowers demonstrated and helped by Sandra Allen.

A tribute was paid to Mrs Jean Lis who had sadly died recently. Jean had been Chairperson of Floral Art Group for 30 years and helped and inspired members with her love of flowers. Jean had entered many shows and competitions over the years and demonstrated her flower arranging skills at meetings all over Kent.

Mrs June Harris, who had been secretary for 20 years wished to retire and her place was taken by Mrs Mary Turk. Sandra agreed to take on the vacancy of Chairperson and will demonstrate at the monthly meetings and Dinah Pirie remains as Treasurer. The new programme was discussed and the practical arrangements decided upon for the monthly meetings. New members are welcome to join the Group which meet on the 4th Thursday in the month at the Memorial Hall at 8pm. The meeting closed with a wine and cheese social.

Istead Rise Gardeners Club

Saturday 21st March 2009 was our Spring Show 1st of the season, held in the Memorial Hall. The Judges had over 170 exhibits in all classes to Judge. For Fruit, Flowers & Vegetables we had Dusty Miller and we would like to thank Mrs Ethel Wright for standing in at short notice to Judge Floral Art & Domestic as our booked Judge had an accident that morning. Also, thank you to Mr Ken Jones for presenting the winners with their cups and prizes in his role as Lord Mayor of Gravesend, one of his last duties as Mayor. Cup winners: Mrs Hart, Boyce & Knich and Mr Love, the only male winner. Best in Show Gardening: Mrs Boyce with Flower Display. Best in Show Domestic: Mrs Corby with a Framed Water Colour of Pansies and the Children's display of Fairy Cakes: Alexandra Coleman. Coach outing to Eastbourne on Saturday 13th June, visitors welcome.

Diary Dates for 2009

4th June Secrets of a walled garden – Derek March
2nd July History of gardening – Janet Bryant
11th July Saturday our Summer Show
6th August Social evening

All events held in the Memorial Hall on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. All visitors & friends welcome. Gwyn Evans. 833129.

Istead Rise W.I.



60th Birthday Celebrations

Have you ever been a member of Istead Rise W.I.? If so, you have been part of the life of our Institute during the 60 years since it started in 1949. Would you like to join us at a celebratory afternoon Garden Party at the Memorial Hall on Saturday 18th July, please phone

Istead Rise W.I.

Thank you to all residents who supported our recent jumble sale, for items donated and purchased.

After the death of Mrs Jean Lis (a member of our W.I. for 31 years) a page will be dedicated in her memory in the Denman Memory Book.

There has been a lot to celebrate; we won the District Quiz for the 1st time and the District Scrabble competition. Three of our members were selected to have photos in the West Kent Federation Calendar. Recent meetings have included a fingerprint expert, a talk on stained glass and advice on gardening in dry conditions. This year we have a Diamond birthday Dinner to celebrate our 60 years as an Institute. There are many opportunities for members to meet as well as our monthly meeting at the Memorial Hall.

We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 7.30pm. Visitors welcome.

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To confirm, both the 306 & 308 travel along Istead Rise, upper Avenue, Flowerhill Way, Downs Road and Arcadia. After 1800 hrs the bus only goes to Istead Rise and Lewis Road. If you have any queries call Arriva on 01474-535138.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to all who bought and or donated items at our charity sales.

The Blue Peter Bring & Buy raised £64.75

The Red Nose Day 09 Yard Sale

for Comic Relief raised £103.75

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