D'EYNSFORD BY THE RESIDENTS, FOR THE RESIDENTS

D'Eynsford Estate Newsletter February 2017

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TMO GENERAL MEETING. Thursday 16th March at 7pm.

You are warmly invited to the D'Eynsford TMO general meeting. Sheltered Unit Community Room (entrance through door 50-75 Don Phelan Close)

- Meet your new estate manager Your opportunity to meet the new TMO estate manager.
- **Estate Security** Updates on plans for improvements to security on the estate.
- **Community room update** Find out more about the plans and designs.
- Are you a member of the TMO? If you live on the estate you are entitled to become a member of the TMO and vote in matters that affect where we live. Come along to find out more.

Take a night off from cooking. Free food and drink will be served!

We can reasonable reimburse costs for childcare & babysitting. Please contact the TMO for more information.

MEET OUR NEW ESTATE MANAGER!

We are very pleased to announce that after an exhaustive recruitment process, we have found a new estate manager who we think will be thank you to Annelie Sernevall a great addition to the TMO team. Chay Pulger will start working for us on the 9th March 2017 but already has been studying our business plan and came to our board meeting in February so that he can start his new job fully prepared!

Chay says: "I am incredibly excited at the prospect of becoming your new Estate Manager. Having worked in the social housing sector and successfully managed various Tenant Management Organisations for over 10 years in and around London, I know exactly what it takes to make a TMO successful. I hope to apply the knowledge, resources and

skills I have acquired over the years to ensure D'Eynsford TMO's aims and objectives have been exceeded. I look forward to meeting you all soon". If you would like to meet Chay in person, he will be at the next GENERAL MEETING (see box above).

We also want to say a huge who been our temporary manager for the last 9 months and will be handing over to Chey in the next few weeks before taking a well earned rest!



Our new estate manager (centre) with some of the TMO board at the February board meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL **ADVICE SURGERY**

Affected by **Universal Credit?** Money or debt problems?

The TMO board voted in February to continue funding Advising London sessions at the TMO office. We hope that the are helpful to anyone who needs FREE confidential support and advice about any matters that concern you. No need to book and please bring as much relevant paperwork as you can to help the advisor.

Advice surgeries are held every 2nd Tuesday of month from 10am-12pm Next surgeries are on 14th March & 11th April

Free Exercise Classes WED. 8TH MARCH. 2.30PM

New monthly exercise classes for older residents are now held monthly in the Sheltered Unit Community Room. All senior residents welcome, no previous experience necessary and can even do the exercises from the comfort of your chair if you want!

HELP KEEP OUR ESTATE CLEAN AND TIDY!

We all love living here and while your TMO caretakers and the ground maintenance teams do their best to keep D'Eynsford Estate looking good, there are a few things you can do to help. Here is a hand guide to KEEPING D'EYNSFORD TIDY!

First of all, if you see any rubbish: report it or pick it up!

Bulk Rubbish collection.

If you have large items of rubbish that you want to dispose of, please <u>DO NOT DUMP IT IN THE BIN</u> <u>ROOM OR ON THE ESTATE!</u>

You have a legal duty to dispose of your bulk rubbish responsibly. Arrange a collection with the council online:

www.southwark.gov. uk/binsand-recycling/large-itemcollections

(A fee applies for Southwark bulk collections).

Even better. Give it to CHARITY!

You can donate unwanted furniture to charity. They take furniture that is in good condition to use again and they collect it for FREE! There are lots of charities that take good unwanted furniture but try these charities below.

British Heart Foundation

www.bhf.org.uk/shop/donatinggoods/book-a-free-furniture-collection

Furniture Donation Network www.furnituredonationnetwork.org

Finally, we are looking for furniture we can re-upholster for the new TMO community room. If you think you any suitable chairs or furniture you would like to give us call Tom on 07939 250935 for more details.

All details and links are on the D'Eynsford Facebook page or website: www.deynsford.org

Recycling

Recycled rubbish is collected on Tuesdays. Normally you should leave your white plastic recycling bag outside your front door on Monday evening.

If you have large items to recycle and are using the big recycling bins on the estate, please try to break down packaging and boxes so that more can fit better into the bins.

This means the bins will not get full as quickly and so people won't have to leave the recycling rubbish on the street.

Bin rooms

Please make sure that you bag up your rubbish properly and put it in the bin rooms. Don't dump it outside the rooms where foxes and other animals can rip the bags open. Don't forget to turn out the light when you leave!

Dogs mess and nuisance.

There is an increasing problem of dog fouling and people exercising their dogs inappropriately on the estate.

Please remember to pick up any dog mess and dispose of it properly in the dog mess bins. Free poo bags are available from the library!

ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO EXERCISE YOUR DOGS IN THE CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUNDS.

Brunswick park is very close by and there are dog exercising areas there. Please be responsible dog owners.

Community room update.

Plans are well under way for the new community room that we received funding for from the People's Health Lottery. We have provisionally appointed a contractor to complete work on the floor, windows, electrics, etc. and work should start by April 2017.

Once the room is completed, we will be starting activities there that we hope will bring benefits to the residents on the estate. For example computing / IT classes, keep fit sessions, film nights and craft activity sessions. In the future, all TMO board meetings and general meetings will be held there.



New windows, doors and floor are needed for the community room before we can start using it for everyone.

New IT / COMPUTER CLASSES COMING SOON.

In the meantime we will shortly be starting IT and computer classes in the TMO office, where we currently hold the coffee mornings. Volunteers from the estate are being trained up to help others on the estate learn how to use their computers or iPads and tablets.

Garden opening times

Spring is coming and the garden is opening up again. The next two sessions are:

WEDNESDAY 8TH MARCH <u>4-6PM</u> Family friendly gardening for all.

SUNDAY 19TH MARCH 10-12PM These sessions are more aimed at grown ups and more serious gardening.

We will be opening up regularly in the April. Check out our Facebook page for updates.

If you want to know more about the garden, please email us at deynsford@gmail.com or call Kate Traynor on 07989 377407.