

BAM BULLETIN

COMING EVENTS

Finance Surgery

If you have any questions concerning the 2008 Annual report please do come and have an informal discussion with members of our Finance Sub-Committee at a special **Finance Surgery**, which will be held in the Estate Office on **Monday 1st June from 6.00 p.m. to 7.30.**

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of B.A.M. Estate Ltd will be held in the marquee on **Thursday the 11th June at 8.00 p.m.** We hope as many of you as possible will come along and cast your votes for the candidates running for the Board of Directors and any resolutions that may be on the agenda. The deadline for proposing a resolution or a candidate for the Board is 8.00 p.m. on Thursday 14th May.

Gardens Open Meeting

Please join the Gardens Committee and James McArthur, our new head gardener, for an open meeting on the gardens. The meeting will be held in the marquee on **Friday 12th June at 6.00 p.m.** in the marquee.

Garden Party

We are looking forward to seeing you at this year's annual Garden Party, which will be held on **Sunday 14th June from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.** It is being co-ordinated by Birgit Ivarsson and Florence Zinzen who welcome all contributions of food and drink. Feel free to bring along any savoury or sweet dishes directly to the marquee in the central garden on Sunday, or if you prefer you can drop donations off after 12 o'clock in the Estate Office. If you would like to help please contact either Birgit on 07740 289 189 or Florence on 07941 964 609, or call the Estate Office on 0207 419 1113.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I get a voting slip for the AGM?

On arrival at the AGM please register with staff to be given your voting slip. Please do bring a simple form of identification with you, so that staff can confirm who you are if they don't already recognise you personally. Only one voting slip per shareholding is allowed.

What do I do if I cannot be at the AGM in person?

Anyone who is not able to attend can appoint a proxy or fill in a proxy form ahead of the meeting and drop it into the Estate office. Proxy forms are included in the AGM pack of papers, and are printed on pink paper to make it easier for you to spot them among the other notices.

Garden News

We welcome our new head gardener, **James McArthur**; and our new assistant gardener, **John Bolger** who both joined us at the beginning of March.

Last year the large bushes at the top of the East gardens needed to be removed because of vandalism. We can't replant there because of the insurers concern over possible subsidence damage to the neighbouring cottage. We have therefore decided to upgrade the existing mulch facility in order to recycle more of our garden waste to provide additional mulch for the gardens, thus avoiding having to buy it in. This area will be screened by high fence panels and a pergola with plants growing across it and other planting. The upgraded mulching site will add to the capacity of our other mulching site located in the Marlborough West gardens. Also, a toy shed

for storing toys and inflatable paddling pools will be erected here. We are looking at putting a small wooden play house in this area for the use of young children. Plans are on display in the Estate Office.

A toilet behind the Estate Office is being made available to residents so that residents enjoying the gardens will not need to go all the way back to their flats. Your front door key will fit the lock. Please contact the Estate Office to be shown where it is located.

We recognize that the vast majority of residents respect the Garden Rules but at this time of the year we remind everyone of them so that we may all enjoy our beautiful gardens together. Please tidy up when you leave and do replace furniture if you have moved it. Ball games are only for the youngest children. Please use **only soft balls** in any throwing or catching games you play with them to prevent anyone getting hurt, or windows getting broken. Try to mind the flower beds, and if your children use chalk, make sure to wash it off before leaving the gardens.

Major Works

Work has started on 1-8 Avenue Mansions and 9-16 Avenue Mansions with the erection of scaffolding to the elevations and the start of brickwork and carpentry repairs.

Easter Egg Hunt

We held a fun Easter egg hunt on Easter Monday, and would like to thank all who donated prizes and helped on the day.

Green Estate

An Environmental Forum was held on March 1st. A number of issues were discussed, including the expanded recycling on the estate. We only started collecting waste electrical items (WEE) in December, but we have already taken two van loads to the council recycling depot, including a dozen TVs and computer monitors. If an appliance was powered by electricity, the Estate Office will recycle it. This does not include white goods, which should be taken away either by the original supplier or the company providing the replacement product.

The Environmental Forum will be taking up different issues in upcoming BAM bulletins. Although the winter is now over, due to the large increases in heating costs, there is a new awareness of the benefits of properly insulating our flats. One way to save on heating bills is to install draught-excluders on windows and doors. There are various kinds of these, ranging from simple foam strips, to spring-seal excluders and brush strips. Numerous providers are listed on the web. For some basic information, you may want to look at a website such as www.energysavingtrust.org.uk or www.biggreenswitch.co.uk.

Survey

37 responses were received, and a summary of the results can be viewed on the website. Individual comments are being reviewed and, where applicable, action will be taken by the Estate Office and the Board.

Contact Us

The Estate Office e-mail address has changed to headporter@bamestate.co.uk
Telephone: 020 7419 1112

Looking for...

An experienced full-time nanny to care for our beloved and good-natured baby boy, from July, when he will be 6 months old. If you know of anyone suitable, please pass this on. Good references essential. Contact Anne Pritam 07946 647238

Short term summer rental flat from 19 July to 16 August for visiting family members from overseas. Two or more bedrooms; ideally within half an hour of the BAM estate. Contact Anne Pritam 07946 647238

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