FERNDALE COMMUNITY NEWS

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Finally

After 2 years in the making no sorry for the sarcasm
We had the opening of the access ramp beside the Community Hub this allows free access to all users of the main pathway that runs through the middle of the Ferndale estate without any Steps. Over 2 years ago a resident Karen Smith (in the wheelchair) was taking her children to school when she came up to Vermont Gardens she had to walk around the terrace as she couldn't get up the steps on the main path. What made it worse on this particular day was that it was bin day which meant all the bins were left out on the paths for the Bin men so she was going to have to use the road with her young children. At that time I was having a visit & chat with our local Councillor Tina Touhy at the Hub. I spoke to Karen & we had a little joke about her Having to go the long way round, It was then we had a brain wave what if the steps were removed & it became a ramp. Who would pay for such a ramp ? As a committee we could not afford to spend that amount of money, Affinity Sutton would not pay for the Ramp as that Path as all the main paths on the Ferndale Estate are Plymouth City Council's responsibility. I left the matter to Cllr Touhy to sort out & she did. She had a conversation with the then local Cllr Ian Gordon together the paid for the Ramp using the Cllr's grant. For which we thank them. Seen opening the Ramp Karen Smith, Cllrs Tudor Evans & Tina Touhy & Alderman Ian Gordon Oh and me. Once again thank you its made a difference. It also shows Ferndale Community Tenants Group can make a difference. This came from a resident to us at FCTG & we were able to get something done with help. (There are more photo's on our Website) SRM

Naughty Smelly incinerator
I read a report in the Evening Herald the other day about the horrible smell coming from the incinerator lately while its been closed down To be honest I thought it was Perfume corner at Keyham again. But no it was the incinerator. It was never mentioned previously during the consultation that the incinerator would need to be closed down for cleaning a various times & that it would not be used for a while all the time rubbish is still being delivered & stored so we are going to get this pong. Do you think that's right I leave that answer to you. I just whish they would stop ringing that Flipping BELL.

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Welcome Residents Old & New
To your only Newsletter just for the residents of the Ferndale Estate. Well its been a while for that I'm sorry but we have been very busy as normal. We have had our AGM all the committee members were re-elected & at this time we have no spaces on our full committee but we do have vacancies as associate members so if you are interested come & see us.
Unless you have been hibernating we have had a referendum in the UK & we have decided to leave the EU. Good thing Bad Thing I really don't know we will have to wait & see.
We have had a World Food & Diversity Day here in May a report inside this Newsletter. There was the first of our over 50's Mystery Coach Trips in June report inside this addition. We are still awaiting the seating area to be built outside the hub. We have a new Website; www. Ferndale-Plymouth.org you can also access our Facebook page from the website. It gives you information on what activities we will be running including all our coach trips & what's on in the Hub. You can see pictures & reports of events we have held. We have pictures of World Food day on there at the moment with residents & local councillors mingling & having a good time. Also at the same time we official opened the Ramp which the local councillors at the time paid for which non-restricted access when using the main path which runs straight through the estate. This show what we as a committee can achieve. Working together with residents, committee members & Plymouth City Councillors we can make a difference here on Ferndale. Coming shortly to a door near you FCTG members will be undertaking a verbal Consultation it won't take long but your assistance with this will help us with what we plan in the future here on Ferndale. SRM

The former Lord Mayor of Plymouth with Ferndale Committee members & our local Affinity Sutton Staff at World Food & Diversity Day.

Repairs Drop in
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We are unable to report any repairs at this moment in time. The reason for this is that Affinity Sutton is becoming more digital. In order to report a repair online you now have to register online with Affinity Sutton, in order to do that you will need a n email address & you will need to think of a password. Once you have registered not only will you be able to report a repair online but you will be able to access your account including your rent account. If you do not have a computer but still would like to access this service come up & see us at the Tenants group we will be able to help you or if you have tried but are having a problem then we will be able to help you with that as well. You know where we are.

The then Lord Mayor Cllr Dr John Mahoney enjoying Himself with the lady from Singing Drum, residents & friends enjoying themselves at Ferndale World Food & Diversity Day. This was a great success although the weather could have been better. Also in attendance we had members of Affinity Sutton staff & local councillors In all we had 70 visitors during the day. It was a day to celebrate world food to that end we had West Coast Caterers from Plymstock provided lovely food for everyone. We were able to provide all Food, Entertainment, & drinks with thanks to Affinity Sutton who provided a £500 grant which we spent the lot. (Below)you can see some residents eating & waiting for food, (Left) The Mayor of Plymouth enjoying his drumming. (Bottom left) Local Residents & guest enjoying a cuppa & a chat. A big thank you for all committee members & supporters without them we would not have been able to hold this event. We will be looking to run further events in the future.

As part of Ferndale Community Tenants Group's ; Social & Welfare Project 2016. We are running Mystery Coach trips once a month for the over 50's living on various estates around Plymouth. We held the first one on the 18th June where we went to Dartmouth with a great time being had by all who went. The next trip is leaving Ferndale Road bus stop 12.noon on the 21st July if you are over 50 & living on the Ferndale estate why not come on the next trip. All you need to do is contact FCTG prior to the day the cost is £5 non returnable & its on a first come first serve basis. Book early only there is only 49 seats & they are going fast. We will be looking into running these Mystery Trips throughout the summer. The trips are 12 noon until 5pm. Demand will decide if we continue with the trips. So its up to you to support this. There is also a Family trip to Woodlands in the pipeline more next month.

Ferndale Community Tenants Group

Have a Committee meeting on a regular monthly basis anyone whishing to attend please attend dates can be found on our Website www.Ferndale-plymouth .org, Facebook , Estate Noticeboard & here in the newsletter . The next meeting is at 1.30 on the 8th August 2016.

FERNDALE ROAD COMMUNITY HUB

What's on July & August 2016
Every Tuesday & Friday morning Quilting Club
Every Tuesday & Wednesday afternoon Computer Club 1.30pm to 3pm
Wednesday Mornings 10.00 to 12 noon Resident Advise drop in
Next committee meeting 8th August at1.30pm
The Hub is available for hire
So
Anyone wanting to use / hire the room Please contact us
phone number Ply 368883
Facebook; Ferndale ctg

Ferndale Community Tenants Group Next meeting Monday 8th August 2016

Here it is

THE MONTHLY RANT

I was sat there the other day watching the misty rain having a day off when I herd this dull ring of a Bell I thought blimey it must be coming from the Cemetery it must have been needed for a funeral. It rang 3 times then it stopped for a few mins then it rang again 3 times then it stopped for a few mins. We'll it kept doing it over & over I thought That's a long funeral & I didn't thing anymore of it I just kept hearing this ringing going on & on then it stop Hooray as it was getting on my nerves I have lived here for 16 years & it was the first time I had heard the bells toll. The trouble is since I keep hearing this horrible dull clang. Low & behold I was looking at the Evening Herald the other day only to find the Incinerator Company have paid a Cornish Artist to design this area & stuck in the middle is this great big Bell. Why oh Why. We now got the Biggest Disco in town with the lights, The Smell when its turned off & now we got this Clang of a bell. I hate to think what next haven't they done enough what have we done to upset them. Its like when the bells toll They were all nice to us before it was built now they are out to annoy us. Please stop Now.

FERNDALE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The committee members have taken on individual responsibilities here they are

Steve Medlin	Chair
Val Cutler	Treasurer
Ann Collings	Secretary
Bob Lister	H &S / Repairs
Karen Smith	Children / Disabled
Mike Searle	Senior Citizens
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