



Prior's Close News

Issue 2: Winter 2018



The Management Committee wish you all a belated Happy and Healthy New Year.

From the Laptop of Secretary to the Management Committee - GORDON FLETCHER.

Our Chairman: David Biggs.

As you may be aware, following a period of ill health during October 2017, David was diagnosed with a brain tumour in mid-November.

In the interim Gordon Fletcher and Stephen Jackson are sharing the workload and any contact should be via them and not directly to David, at this point.

He is still undergoing investigations to establish a treatment plan with regular trips to hospital.

In himself he is positive and keen to return to the role as soon as possible.

We as a Committee are involving him as much as possible, whilst avoiding the stress of the day to day running of the complex.

He would, however, be pleased to receive emails and calls of a personal nature, and would be happy to catch up with friends.

We wish him a speedy recovery and all our best wishes.

Brian Simm.

After eight years on the committee, Brian has decided to stand down.

Brian was responsible for the Ground Maintenance at the complex.

Stephen Jackson assisted by Bob Lowe will cover for Brian, until a replacement is appointed.

We wish Brian good health and thank him for the work he has undertaken during his period in office.

2018 - The year ahead. Out goes 2017 in comes 2018

2017 was a milestone year, with a new Chairman and Secretary, and increased emphasis on improving the facilities at Prior's Close.

This included installing the new roof to Block A and the replacing the flat roofs on the bedroom extensions on all the blocks. The installation of Fire safety measures to Flats 3,4,5,6 and entrance hall and shared staircase were also completed.

2018 will prove to be a busier year, certainly in terms of activity on the site, with more of our plans formalised and be brought into action. You are seeing this already with the activity around the vacant flats, in preparing them for the new tenants.

As a policy kitchen and bathrooms will be refurbished when a flat is vacated, and this is what is happening in Flats 10 & 2 at present. We ask for your assistance and understanding in terms of the increase vehicle traffic and parking onsite during this period.



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Fire Safety.

Work will recommence during January and February to install integrated heat and smoke alarms and emergency lighting systems to ensure your continued comfort and safety. There will inevitably be some disruption while the new facilities are installed in your various properties, and we hope you will bear with us (and the contractors) while this essential work is being undertaken. This will commence with Block A – Flats 1, 2, 7 & 8, and will then move on to Block B - Flats 9 to 12, and then Block C Flats 14 to 17. The two cottages will be undertaken after Block C. The contractor – Pennine Fire & Safety will contact directly to make arrangements for access to carry out the work.

Roof Work



The project to replace the flat roofs on the ground floor extensions and the main roof on Block 'A' housing Flats 1-8 has been completed. The next stage is to obtain quotations to replace the main roof on Block B (Flats 9-12), with a provisional start date for the work in May/ June 2018.

New Tenants

Following the refurbishment of the flats, we will see Mrs Elaine Kirkham moving into Flat 10 and Mrs Ethel Higginson moving into Flat 2, during February.

I know you will welcome them to our community.

At this stage no-one on the waiting list is currently interested in occupying Flat 8.

If you know of anyone who may be interested please have them contact Gordon Fletcher who can arrange for them to view the property.

Contacts:

Management Committee Members:

Your first point of contact should be via the Tenants Liaison Officer:

Bob Lowe Flat 14 or 01254 584852 or 07765777822

He has the contact details for the electrician, gas, building & grounds contractors in the event of their services being required.

Other contacts:

Secretary	Gordon Fletcher	07707 221929	secretary@priorsclose.org
Building	Stephen Jackson	01254 383822	
Treasurer	Brian Maden	01254 399169	

I hope you find this newsletter informative. If you have any comments or items you would like us to include in a future edition, please let us know. You can leave a note in the letter box at the conservatory or send me an email at secretary@priorsclose.org