

NRA FINANCES

Our balance sheet currently stands at over £300.



NEUTBOURNE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Christmas 2015

DEFIBRILATOR

This very important Emergency Device is located in the open lobby of The Rising Sun pub and is available for any resident or member of the public to use in an emergency situation night or day.

SOCIAL EVENTS

NRA SUPPER CLUB

This is a regular informal evening to support our 'local', the next supper club is planned for the 26th November, please make your own table booking and ask to see the pre-booked menu choices. We hope to see you there.

DRINKS PARTY

Again an informal 'event' to support The Riser and celebrate the forthcoming Season of Goodwill. The Riser will be opening especially for us on Sunday the 13th evening from 8pm and bar snacks will be available.

XMAS CAROLS EVENING

This year's event, organised by Ruth Simmonds and friends, will be held on Sunday the 20th December from 6pm at The Riser. Small donations of £1 per child and £2 per adult can be made to include traditional and soft drinks and nibbles. All proceeds will go to a chosen charity. Please come if you can.

With Kind regards and Seasons Greetings

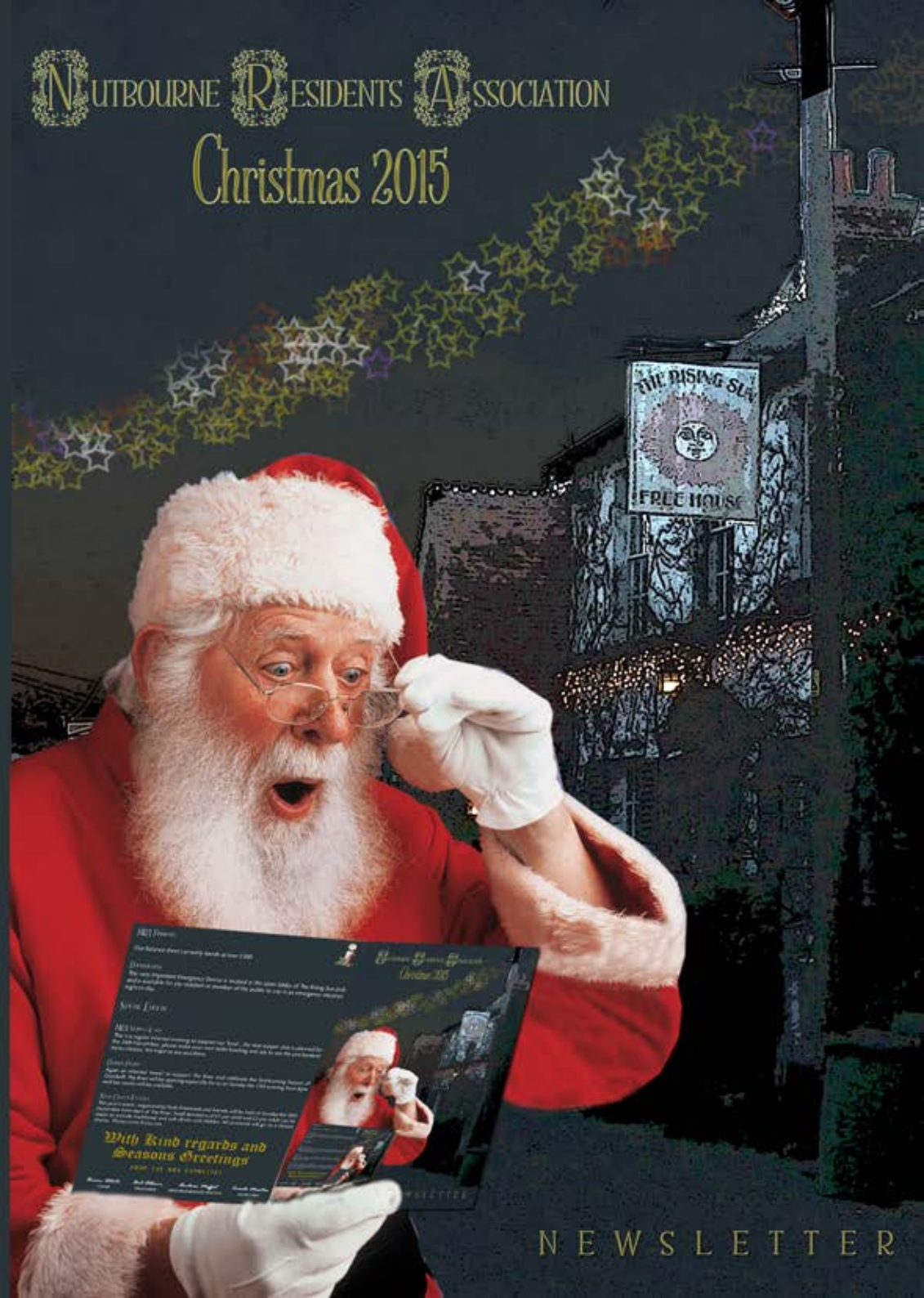
FROM THE NRA COMMITTEE

Brian White
CHAIR

Bob Allison
TREASURER

Andrew Moffat
NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Carole Martin
SECRETARY



NEWSLETTER



DEAR RESIDENT

We are writing to keep you informed of our activities over the past year and to advise you of matters that you might find interesting and helpful. Our organisation exists in order to maintain the rural character and amenity of the village and its surrounds and we are always interested to have your views. We hold meetings quarterly and these are open to all residents and usually well attended. Our Committee is elected by the residents each year, at our AGM. We have a voluntary membership fee of £5/head (max £10/residence).

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next AGM will be held on 26th January 2015 at 7pm. Ms Jilly Marcusson of Long Platt has very kindly offered us the use of her barn for the purpose and a cheese and wine social will be held after the meeting. All residents are welcome to attend. Long Platt is next to The Riser as you go up the street. We would be delighted to see you at our next meeting. Agenda items discussed during the year include Broadband issues, Road Safety matters, Aircraft Noise matters as well as planned Social Events.

AIRCRAFT NOISE

Many Nutbourne residents, and those in neighbouring communities noted a perceived increase in aircraft movements and noise earlier in the year. This led to Ian Hare establishing an action group called Pulborough Against Gatwick Noise and Emissions. He has established meaningful communications with Gatwick's Operators, Airlines and the National Air Traffic Services, to address and remediate this concern.

HEATING OIL SYNDICATE

Not all residents are on gas. A syndicate operates to negotiate lower prices on a weekly basis and we are given to understand that they would be happy to take on residents from Nutbourne. Before placing an order, please enrol with Derek Bradnum - £10, to sign up. His details are: Community Oil Buying Syndicate, Meadow Cottage, Nuthurst, Horsham RH13 6LH, Tel: 01403 891181, DerekBradnum@aol.com www.oilbuyingsyndicate.co.uk Recent prices have been as low as 29p/litre.

NUTBOURNE COMMON

We continue to work with Pulborough Parish Council to ensure that the rural character of the Common is maintained. Although local opinion is divided regarding the clearing and the planting of heather, we are pleased to see that the natural flora and fauna is gradually improving around the perimeter of the clearing. It is our aim therefore to maintain this equilibrium. We would be very interested in your views to guide us in the representations we make to the PPC. Please email your views to our Chairman, brian_j_white@outlook.com.

We continue to scrutinise their activities, so far as they affect Nutbourne and its surrounds and we make known our opinion. We have a good relationship with PPC and local councillors and the Chairman of PPC regularly attends NRA meetings. Residents pay a 'precept' from their Council Tax, which finances the PPC. In recent years, we have been vocal to ensure that annual increases are kept to a minimum level, on behalf of our residents.

During the year members from the NRA have contributed to the Neighbourhood Development Plan, participating in the meetings of two sub groups and then helping with data entry. You may have seen the detailed results of the parish survey conducted to establish residents' views on many aspects of living and working locally. The key objective was to determine how the PPC should address residents' wishes and concerns in developing planning policy. A draft Submission Plan should be ready for publication early next year and we shall be able to express our views during the consultation period.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ("NHW") AND CRIMINALITY

Nutbourne runs its own NHW scheme. Its co-ordinator is also the Horsham District Chairman of NHW and is therefore well informed of criminality in the area. Most insurance companies provide discounts to members of NHW schemes, because crime is lower in such locations. NHW is free to join. We provide an email release to advise residents of local criminality and furnish security advice. Our effectiveness can be increased if we can raise the number of people on our circulation list. Presently, our emails cover some 50% of residents but we are keen to raise this number. Email addresses are kept confidential. If you would like to be kept informed of local crime and furnished with occasional security advice, please email Brian White, NRA Chairman, brian_j_white@outlook.com.

More generally, whilst Nutbourne is relatively peaceful we kindly request that everyone keeps an eye open for suspicious behaviour – perhaps on the part of outsiders who are eying up a property with a view to burglary – both in terms of your own property or those of neighbours. We have a supply of NHW roundels available for those without them. Our Treasurer also has a supply of 6in x 4in NHW signs for gates and fences at £1.50 each. Finally, please ensure that if you are out, keep valuables out of sight, make use of security lights and timers and burglar alarms. Do not leave keys next to an unlocked back or front door. Please ring 101 to report suspicious activity or 999 in the event of an emergency.

NUTBOURNE WEBSITE

This site has been thoroughly overhauled in recent months and is now updated on a regular basis to include NRA meeting minutes and future meeting agendas. The site is a mine of information regarding the history and development of the Nutbourne locality, including local properties of historical interest, local communities and commercial activities that are integral to our rural heritage. Please take the time to investigate it and pass on your comments. www.nutbourne.org.