



# BLUSTERETTE

The Newsletter of the Watermead Village Residents Association  
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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (SEE INSIDE FOR DETAILS)

5 - 7 pm Saturday 18th December. Carols in the Piazza!

7.30 pm Friday 28th January 1994 Watersports on the Lake. Meeting in the Village Hall.

7.30 pm 6th January 1994, WI Cheese and Wine Party

Dear fellow residents,

A peaceful, happy Christmas to you, and may 1994 bring you more peace and happiness.



This column is looking both ways in this edition. Looking back first, 1993 has been a difficult one for the Association. Apart from witnessing slow deterioration in our environment, we have had our own differences. As I will mention later these matters are being addressed.

Fireworks Night came and went, and everyone seems to agree that it was well organized, and no-one's worst fears were realised. Minor lessons were doubtless learnt but nothing happened to suggest that the occasion cannot be repeated in a similar format. The parking and stewarding kept the roads clear and ensured that any mischief makers from outside of the estate were prevented from mischief making inside it. Thanks to Simon Bennett and the Lions and we hope that local charities benefitted from the parking donations.

The unfortunate accident with the Fireworks did little to spoil the evening, and good organization ensured that our gallant band or 'letters off' were not injured, albeit shaken. It was a great relief to all of us to see them come ashore, as was shown by the burst of sympathetic applause. Well done, Dave and the gang!

Looking ahead, we do not know just how the Village will change in the near future, but there are moves afoot to discuss the Lake and its use, to try to really find out what is going to happen to Slopes and Sails and the delightful shell that could be such a wonderful Health Centre, if someone would only set it up. It would also be good to see the empty shop units in the Piazza occupied.

You will find information about some of this elsewhere in this edition.

As you will probably know, we will be electing a new Association Committee in April. It will be up to all interested residents to shape next year's activities by attending the AGM and if they so wish, nominating Committee members. The next Blusterette will have nomination forms in it, and it might be a good idea if anyone wishing to stand for the Committee were to state briefly in Blusterette why they are standing and what they hope to do if they are elected.

There are certainly plenty of issues that need addressing in 1994, and the relationship between the Association and the Bacchanalians will doubtless be considered.

We are fortunate that Michael Shrimpton has now joined the Committee. As a Barrister, he brings a sharp mind and a legal background to our activities, and his services will be invaluable.

I have now served as Treasurer for at least three years, and formally relinquish the job at the AGM. What happens in practice will be up to you. Certainly the Association will welcome new blood, as the torch has been carried by a small band for too long. But do let us proceed by evolution rather than revolution! Our Village is too small and the external pressures too many for in-fighting; we need a united front to ensure that the Village retains its character and its attractive appearance, and is properly maintained.

A Happy New Year to you and yours, and to Watermead Village.



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