

programme of events for 1st June, procurement of commemorative T shirts (with portrait of Her Majesty and the Trust logo), booking of band and entertainers and all the other things that have to be done to make the day a success have kept the members of the Association Committee busy.

We wish the Community Association well for the next year and thank them for their efforts to ensure that our neighbourhood is a pleasant environment in which to live.

Stan Sheriff, Chair

8 Newton Street Tenants And Residents Association

The last year has seen the internal decoration of the communal areas and the installation of a new door entry system. The decorations to individual front doors in some cases has still to be completed. The over-all standard of work needs to be inspected by the TA jointly with Camden, especially when final bills are given to leaseholders.

We were left without an entry system for 5 months whilst Camden deliberated over its replacement. We were assured that the vandalism could be covered by the block insurance and await Camden's communication on this.

The recent AGM was encouraging in that there was a good turn out, with a

few new faces. The meeting questioned why the tatty notice boards had not been replaced. The front door system has had teething problems. The lack of door entry system left us vulnerable to drug users getting into the block.

This problem is still here, and the AGM suggested other ways of defeating this problem. For instance, a video system was suggested, backed up by warning notices. The Garden has been left untouched for the whole year. It was suggested that the TA employ a gardener, and this is being looked into. The lifts continued to break down at least once every 2-3 weeks. Our members suggested we get an audit of their condition and a report of work done.

It was suggested that we hold a barbecue to get to know other residents. It has also been suggested that a meeting of leaseholders is called soon to discuss Service Charges, especially the high figures for caretaking and heating. E-mail and letter communications will be put onto the notice board for all to see, which might get people more involved with things.

Barry Webb

“An additional problem is the litter and filth generated by drunk patrons of licensed establishments. To walk to Leicester Square Tube Station becomes an exercise in avoiding rubbish, broken glass, and puddles of urine. I now automatically avoid any wet area of pavement because I have become so used to seeing people urinating against the sides of buildings”

Ms M, St Martin's Lane