

Lister Newsletter - June 2019

Lister is looking for some out-going community minded people

Our AGM is coming up on 25 June and we have some spare places on our Management Committee. We are looking for interested Lister tenants to come forward and join the Committee to help guide the future of the Co-op.

Are you

- interested in helping others?
- want to help build a vibrant community?
- have some spare time once a month on a Tuesday evening?

To improve the diversity and balance of the Committee, we are especially keen to hear from those from a black or minority ethnic background and from younger Lister tenants. We will provide training and support for those new to the committee. Lister can pay baby-sitting expenses if you need such cover to attend meetings.

Getting involved in community organisations such as the Lister Committee can help people's confidence and develop useful skills.

To stand, get the form in the AGM pack (or download it from our website), fill it in and returned to Lister by the end of Friday, 21 June.

Come to the AGM - Tuesday 25 June 7.30pm

The Co-op's AGM is an important event in the calendar for tenants to find out:

- How their co-op has been doing in the last 12 months
- Who will be standing for the Management Committee?
- Will you win something in the raffle this year?

PLUS the usual refreshments after the AGM - come and enjoy a nibble and drink.

Lister needs a minimum of 25 tenants to attend before the meeting can start, so please help your Co-op and come along for an interesting and sociable evening.

ALL TENANTS WELCOME

WIPE-BERG blocking Lister drains!

Remember the reports of a giant Fat-berg in the London drain system? Unfortunately Lister has suffered its own version - a Wipe-berg in a drain in the Main Site back green behind Keir Street.



Caused by wipes and grease, it resulted in a significant blockage affecting many.

Please ensure wipes, nappies, sanitary products are not flushed down the toilet; nor lots of grease down kitchen sinks. Some wipes make out they are biodegradable, but they still shouldn't be flushed down the toilet. Help keep Lister's drains healthy.

THE PAINTING OF METALWORK THIS SUMMER / AUTUMN

Lister has let a contract for our exterior metalwork to be painted this summer/autumn. This is mostly the railings and associated metalwork - gates, etc., around the Lister site, plus some other miscellaneous metal items.

Work will start on 8 July with the front railings on Keir Street. However, we are aware many of the shrubs and hedges are in full growth just now. So where there are large areas of shrubs / hedges at railings, , such as the Lauriston Place frontage, and one or two other areas, then those areas will be left until the autumn when the spring flush of growth has matured. Please watch out for 'Wet paint' notices on railings & pavements.



Are you getting the National Living Wage / Minimum Wage?

Lister has been contacted by the UK Government - HM Revenue & Customs - asking us to publicise their campaign for people working on low wages to check they are getting the wage they are entitled to.

Workers aged 25+ are entitled to the National Living Wage of £8.21 ph from 1 April.

The National Minimum Wage is £6.15ph for 18-20 yr olds; £4.35ph for under 18s and £3.90ph for apprentices.

Visit: checkyourpay.campaign.gov.uk for help to check if your employer is paying you properly.

Julie retires.....

Our long-serving Housing Assistant, Julie Fleming, retires from Lister on 21 June after over 32 years of service.

She has worked under three different Lister Housing Managers/Directors - Fiona Hulbert, Julia Fitzpatrick and Alistair Cant. She has taken the minutes for 350 Management Committee meetings, issued over 10,000 rent reminder letters and pushed that switch on the electric kettle a few times too.

She has been a stalwart of dedication with her professionalism and helping out, especially at times of staff shortages or leave.

The Management Committee gave her a friendly, low-key (at Julie's request) send off at their recent meeting, and the staff will be taking her out for a nice evening meal too.

Thank you Julie for your work here!

APPEAL TO CAT OWNERS

A bird lover has contacted us asking if the newsletter could publish her request for cat owners to put a bell on their cat, to help warn birds with youngsters of their approach.