

# BAM BULLETIN

## Frequently Asked Questions

### ***Election Results and Committees***

At this year's Annual General Meeting Ian Cohen and Simon Lebor were re-elected as directors. Daniela Zuin having resigned and not stood for re-election, Mr Abid Bilgrami was elected to the board. They would like to thank shareholders for their support.

The board of directors would like to express their regret that Daniela Zuin has left the board, and thank her for all her hard work and particularly commend her work on communications.

For further details regarding the voting results and the subsequent appointments to sub-committees please look at our website [www.bamestate.co.uk](http://www.bamestate.co.uk) under the heading Company.

### ***Why does the voting system include against votes? Can we change that?***

It is normal company voting practice to be able to cast votes both for and against resolutions, as well as choosing to abstain. The Board will review the implications of changing the voting system to do away with the negative votes. A resolution would need to be put forth at the AGM or an EGM to change the voting procedure.

### ***What can we do to improve the standard of internal decorating and cleaning?***

During the annual meeting there were several questions raised regarding the quality of internal decorating and cleaning done on the estate. As a result, discussions are being held between the Board and the contractors responsible for this work. In the coming months, the Board will also be reviewing the specifications of the work to be performed, as well as the budgets, if we were to change to a higher specification which should result in a more acceptable standard of work.

Cleaning of interior of Lift Shafts – The Estate Manager is checking the feasibility and cost of a cleaning programme for all lift shafts.

## Notice Board

### Tony Hill retirement

Tony Hill reached retirement age on the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2005. Tony has served the BAM Estate an extra two years past his retirement date and as agreed he will be stepping down from his role as Resident House Manager on January 9, 2008.

Tony commenced working on the BAM Estate 37 years ago and in this time his name has become synonymous with a caring approach and dedicated service.

The Board, extend their heartfelt thanks for his contribution to the smooth running of the Estate.

We wish Tony a long, happy and healthy retirement.

### Health and Safety

The driveway in front of the estate office is very busy and in constant use by our contractors during the week. We like to remind parents/ carers with children to be extra careful when you are entering the central garden using the driveway.

### Garden News

It has recently been pointed out that our gardens, in common with most gardens, contain plants that are poisonous if ingested. Our gardener James has therefore offered to take any parents/carers and children on a tour of the communal gardens to point out any hazardous plants and trees which can currently be found on the BAM Estate. He has identified the following list of toxic plants;

1. Daffodils-
2. Lupins-
3. Colchicum Autumnale-
4. Poinsettias-

5. Buttercups-
6. Foxgloves-
7. Privet hedging and privet left to grow naturally-
8. Taxus Baccata (Yew tree)-
9. Cherry Trees (wild and cultivated) –

We are looking to set up a few dates for tours with James. Please contact the Estate office if you are interested in such a tour.

It is a pleasure to see so many children and their parents enjoying the Gardens. We have, however, received observations from a number of residents requesting that parents and others supervising children using the gardens ensure that playthings are put away before returning home and that the gardens are left looking tidy.

Chalking and painting on the garden paths should also be discouraged.

Dog owners are reminded that their pets are not allowed in the gardens.

James and his team spend many hours ensuring that our wonderful gardens are maintained to a very high standard and your help by following the above requests will be very much appreciated.

### Tree Planting Programme

We are planning to plant three new trees in the communal gardens this autumn to add and fill in where we have lost trees in the past year. These areas include top of the central main gardens, the central bank in the main garden, and Marlborough Mansions west rear garden. During the Open Garden Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup> we discussed a few suggestions, including a Sweet Gum tree, a Tulip tree and a Catalpa tree.

### Environmental Group

The HSE sub-committee has from time to time looked at alternative energy sources such as wind turbines and solar panels, but the costs of retrofitting such systems have always seemed to outweigh any environmental advantages.

If any resident has specialist knowledge about alternative energy, their input to this group would be warmly welcomed.

### Garden Party

Once again the Garden Party was the BAM event of the year.

Our thanks to all our residents who supplied the food and drink, which was available in such great abundance.

Our thanks also to our staff and volunteers who helped make the Garden Party such a huge success.

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## Looking for...

### Flat To Let

Buckingham Mansions                      £310 per week  
Newly decorated furnished second floor flat. One bedroom. Available from August/September. West facing reception room. Hall /diner. Bathroom and separate toilet. Fully fitted kitchen. Heating and hot water included. For further details contact: Jessica Williams on 01803 292 176

### Wanted

Short Term Let Oct/Nov 2007  
94 Marlborough Mansions looking for flat to let for their parents (and small well behaved spaniel) on the estate or nearby for 2/3 months. Please contact Martine on 07702 235 554.

### Cleaner Available

Yovelina Bozhilova, on 07954 163 272. Cleaning, ironing, laundry, some cooking, watering the plants/flowers and generally looking after the house. A non-smoker. I am able to work on my own initiative and I enjoy being around young children. I look forward to hearing from you.

### Nanny/Housekeeper available

Our lovely helper Maria is available either for full time or part time work in the capacity of a nanny, housekeeper and cook. She has good references available. Please feel free to contact us at 07979524547 or email at [amina.gillani@gmail.com](mailto:amina.gillani@gmail.com). Maria can be contacted directly at 07919890106.

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