

Emailed Reminder letter, February 2017

Dear Member,

Your annual subscription to The Village Society for 2017 of £5 is due on March 1st.

These subscriptions are a valuable source of income to the Society which enables us to continue to work hard on behalf of our members, and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Other incomes arise from the Langton Green Fete – our major fundraiser and the biggest community event of the year and our annual Quiz Night. In addition to providing hanging baskets and the village Christmas tree, we support the primary school, All Saints' Church, the local Brownies/Rainbows/Guiding movement, supply and repair benches around the village and support action groups against unreasonable additional aircraft noise from Gatwick Airport.

When we rebranded ourselves in 2014 as the Village Society, we introduced a more realistic subscription rate of £5 per household. This included a concession that enabled members to gain one complementary entry to the Village Fete on production of a membership card. You may remember that our fete day in 2016 was not kind to us weather-wise and consequently takings were well down. But it still costs the same to put the event on - and it is expensive. So we need to rebuild our reserves and think that the time is right to remove this concession from 2017 onwards. We will still be selling fete programmes at half price if bought in advance. In view of this decision, membership cards will no longer be issued which will save costs and the time of volunteers to distribute them.

How to pay your 2017 subscription

If you have elected to make this payment via an annual Standing Order then you need do nothing. The money will be collected from your bank account on March 1st or soon thereafter. Please accept our thanks for choosing this method which helps us in keeping our administration costs to a minimum.

Otherwise you can pay using one of the following methods:

1. If you are now able to switch to a Standing Order for 2017 and future years you will find the necessary forms and instructions on the Langton Green Village website at www.langtongreen.org.uk then select the 'Village Society' tab. Alternatively call or email the Membership Secretary, Helen Fuller and she will send you a form. The email address is lgvs.membership@gmail.com or telephone 01892 862268.

2. Send a cheque for £5 [payable to Langton Green Village Society] by post to:

**The Membership Secretary
C/O 9 Newlands
Langton Green
Tunbridge Wells
Kent TN3 0DA**

Please write your address on the back of the cheque.

3. Deliver a cheque or cash by hand to the above address [Please remember to include your name and address].

4. If you are unable to do any of the above call or email the Membership Secretary (details above) and we will arrange to visit you to collect the money.

We look forward to hearing from you.

If we do not have your email address (in which case you will have received this via post) and you are now able to give us an email address this will make our lives much easier in the future as we will no longer have to deliver communications by hand. Also please let us know if your email address changes.

The Society's AGM 2017

Finally, a date for your calendar. The AGM this year will be held at the Village Hall on the evening of Tuesday May 16th. Further details will be communicated later.