

SLADE AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Newsletter

December 2013

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION RESULTS

- **The Deadman Prize for special ingenuity:** Katie and Gemma Parker of Houselands Road.
- **First Prize:** Phoebe and Amelia Rea of Fosse Road
- **Second Prize:** The Bohanans of Houselands Road
- **Third Prize:** Tommy and Lizzie Mackevicius of Fosse Road
- **Highly commended:** Emily and Lily Davis of Hawden Road; The Longleys of The Slade

Christmas Wreaths

At Christmas time wreaths are hung on our doors to welcome visitors and offer goodwill, their circular shape a symbol of unity and eternal life.

Hang a wreath on your front door and bring the festive spirit to the Slade. Spruce up pine wreaths with snowy pinecones, berries, ribbon and more for a classic and timeless look.

Make it a family affair by collecting suitable items on country walks and working together to create a masterpiece! If you are not very creative, buy a wreath from a 'Pound' shop and use old decorations and ribbon to decorate it. Children will love to help. If all your children want to make a wreath, no problem, they look good indoors too.

Rattan rings from Hobbycraft are inexpensive or you can paint wooden pegs and attach them to a ring as shown in the picture below. You can be imaginative and use unusual materials or go for the traditional. Just make sure that decorations can survive our winter weather.

Of course you can always buy a ready-made wreath in an endless choice of design and colour.

To avoid spoiling woodwork when hanging a wreath, secure it to the top edge of the door with ribbon or monofilament and flat thumbtacks.



Photos of your wreaths will be placed on our online picture gallery at slade-tonbridge.co.uk in the week before Christmas. Register online to see your favourites.

Tonbridge Lions Club is running a competition for Christmas lights outside houses in the Tonbridge area. See our website for details.



Slade School Expansion consultation

Despite being unaware of the plans until well into the consultation period SARA has canvassed residents' views and submitted these to KCC. While few object outright, the lack of detail provided leaves unanswered questions and there are many reservations about the scheme. Chief among these are traffic congestion, the suitability of the Deacon House site and loss of the school's small friendly character. Please see our website for further details.

Short of ideas for your New Year Resolutions? Please let us help...

1. Join the SARA committee. In fact go the whole hog and take on several roles simultaneously. Challenge Susan for greatest number of roles – to date she's been Chairman (twice), Secretary, Planning, Street Rep and Newsletter. You can do it – you only need eight roles!
2. Register for your website – slade-tonbridge.co.uk. If you've already done that help suggest content or post your photos and comments.
3. Become a street rep – the exercise you get collecting membership subscriptions and delivering newsletters will be good for you and it's a great way of getting to know people. Volunteers from Houselands Road, the Crescent, Wellington Place, Hildenbrook House, Castlefields, Annison and Bradley Streets would be extra welcome.
4. Help us with the Slade History project. The next phase is to build a picture of the Slade area in medieval times and volunteers from eight to a hundred-and-eight are needed. We also still want your memories.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Committee meetings 13th January and 21st February 2014. All welcome upstairs at the Chequers 7.30pm.

The Big Lunch Sunday June 1st. We asked you what sort of event could bring the Slade together and based on your replies we've decided to become part of the nationwide Big Lunch initiative. As we have so many different nationalities living here we thought a multi-cultural celebration. Do you have a signature dish or music or stories that represent your country? **Please get in touch with Marco or Jacquie.**

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