

The Van Alen

Newsletter – September 2018

AGM

The 2018 AGM of The Van Alen Freehold Ltd and The Van Alen Management Ltd will take place at 6pm on 12 November in the West Pier Centre. All residents and flat owners are invited to attend.

Smoke vent shafts



Have you ever wondered what those strange, hard to open, cupboards alongside each lift entrance are all about? They house the gas meters and the boiler overflow pipes, but their real purpose is to vent smoke to the roof from the stairways in the event of a fire. When the fire alarm on a specific floor is triggered by the manual call point or the smoke detector, a chain of events is activated. The smoke vent door on that floor opens, as does a vent on the roof and a vent in the basement. All other smoke vent doors remain closed. Smoke in the stairway is drawn into the smoke vent shaft and away from the staircase to facilitate safe escape via the stairs, should that be necessary. It is absolutely essential that nothing is placed or stored in these smoke vent cupboards. Inspections will take place and any items removed and disposed of.

New door entry system

The statutory consultation period for the new door entry system has now expired and after a tendering process a supplier/installer has been identified and the firm order is about to be placed. We hope that the new door entry system will be operational before the end of October.

Fire risk assessment

One of the recommendations from the recent Fire Risk Assessment was that we should install signs by the entrance to the lift, on all floors, indicating that in the event of fire the lift must not be used. The signs will be installed shortly.

Pride weekend

The Van Alen board purchased some flags to place across the front of the building. These were sited in a horizontal position. Some balconies were festooned with flags and balloons which made the building look a bit piece meal. We would like to aim for a more uniform design and it would be nice if everyone could use the same flags. We would welcome suggestions or ideas for the decoration of The Van Alen Building in 2019.

We are also keen to hear any thoughts you may have on the Pride Village Party. The very loud music, this year, seems to have been an issue for some residents.

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