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Welcome to the July edition of the Building Control newsletter. We hope you are finding them useful. If you have picked up this newsletter in our office or have seen a copy of a colleague's, and you are interested in a regular copy then we can add your details to our mailing list. Please send your details to building.control@fdean.gov.uk Otherwise please visit www.fdean.gov.uk and follow the links to the Building Control where our newsletter can be found online.

We would also like to bring to your attention that the Building Control Department has placed a link on the front page of our website, so you can now get access to all the current Building Regulations Documents.

Meet the Team.

In this section every month we will be introducing you to a member of the Building Control Team.

This month I am going to introduce Aldo Giovanelli



Aldo has been working for the Forest of Dean District Council for about 5 years he has also worked at Monmouth, and in Camden London, as well as a short time in building maintenance in London.

Each of the Surveyors cover part of the Forest District, Aldo's area is Drybook, Ruradean, Lydbrook, Staunton, Clearwell and Newland.

He can be contacted on 01594812361, as a Surveyor we are in the office between 9am and 10am Monday to Friday to take calls for inspections.

New Proposals regarding Flood Defences

The Building Regulations are to be overhauled to protect new dwellings in areas where there is potential for flooding from 2010. This comes after a government commissioned enquiry into last summers devastation floods.

An independent review made 92 recommendations which included waterproof plaster which is to help the building dry out after a flood.

Other recommendations included higher thresholds, electrical outlets and suggestions for living accommodation at first floor level.

Proposals to amend Part G

There are new proposals to amend part G of the Building Regulations, this includes a new section on cold water services, this is to enable the use of re-used water within buildings such as water harvester for flushing toilets.

Septic Tanks

*Please be aware that if you own a property with a septic tank or sewerage treatment unit as of now you will need to obtain a '**Discharge Consent Licence**' from the Environment Agency. We have recently been informed that several house sales in the area have been held up due to the lack of a signed agreement which is at present taking up to four months to obtain in some areas. Application forms are apparently available to download from the Environment Agency website.*

Just For Fun



A Slight Collapse?

In this section each month an unusual or interesting picture will be published. Please send your pictures to simon.drake@fdean.gov.uk