

Tudor Area Residents Association Kingston TARAK

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website <https://tarakresidents.wordpress.com>

1. News From Your Committee

(i) Membership News from the Membership Secretary.

We are enjoying a thriving Residents Association and now in our seventh year we are fortunate to have established a wonderfully diverse membership. We are very grateful to our members and Committee who kindly offer their skills and knowledge which helps to keep us all informed on a variety of issues locally.

Please do renew your membership for 2016 if you have not done so already. It is more important than ever to be aware of planning issues locally, crime etc in order to maintain our beautiful area.

(ii) On Friday 20th May, two of your committee attended the switching on of new lights in Canbury Gardens as guests of CARA. The new lighting was organised by CARA and paid for by Berkeley and Greene King and hosted by the Boaters Inn.

(iii) At the last committee meeting the issue was raised of a possible speed limit in Tudor Drive. Would members write, or send an email to give their views on this to Mike Derks@hotmail.com.

2. Bulb planting in the grass verges



(i) The photos above show daffodils planted by TARAK members (helped by two families) in Barnfield Gardens and Barnfield Avenue in November 2015. Thanks are due to the Boy in the Dress BBC producers for funding these bulbs. The film was part-shot in Barnfield Gardens and also used the Greycourt School location and some of the pupils.

(ii) In response to the request in the March newsletter for photos of cars/vans on the grass verges we have received a number of these and will shortly be compiling a letter to the Councillors and RBK Traffic Control. Please keep on taking photos and sending them in to Margaret Levy.

3. Latchmere House Development

(i) Residents will have become aware of the 2400mm high hoarding all around the Latchmere House development. Andree Frieze (committee member) inquired about this and was told the hoarding is to stay in place for three years while the development is built in phases. Also once the marketing information for the scheme is available, probably in August, Berkeley will provide di-bond or similar material to the panels to provide a more aesthetic finish. In the next two weeks some small scale basic contact information will be in place and also as a result of Andree's actions, the animal passage holes have been re-instated.

(ii) TARAK residents whose houses are in the vicinity of the development are very aware of the daily noise from pile driving, but on the whole they are coping with the noise and vibrations.

4. Events at the Cardinal wine bar and restaurant

(i) TARAK members will have noticed the white pickett fence around the front of the Cardinal and the construction of small circular gardens within it. When it is warmer Peppe hopes to open at 10.30am to serve coffee, pastries, juices and icecream. Let's hope it gets warm soon.

(ii) TARAK lunches are at 12.30pm on Wednesdays: 8 June, 7 September, 9 November. Please inform Sue Canty (0208 546 6529) if you can attend the June lunch, Margaret Levy will not be available to take calls.

5. Kingston Council News

(i) The new mayor is Councillor Geoff Austin (Conservative Councillor for Canbury). He is a reader on the Kingston Talking Newspaper for the blind, and chairman of the Friends of Kingston Hospital, and Kingston Hospital Radio.

(ii) On 16th April there was an excellent exhibition at the Tudor Library on the proposed extension to the Library. This will enable a permanent exhibition of Kingston aircraft history in addition to providing extra space.

(iii) Residents will have noticed in their Council Tax demand notes for 2016/17 that there is no increase in the Borough of Kingston rates but there is a 2% new national charge for the Adult Social Care Precept.

(iv) The Eden Street proposals were finally passed on 25 May by 8 votes to 3 (town centre councillors voted against). The height has been changed from 21 to 16 stories and instead of affordable housing developers will offer 38 'starter homes' at a discounted price.

6. Monopole at Scout Hut

Emma Truman's team held a well attended protest about this and has managed to persuade the agent for Vodaphone to agree a formal negotiating system with our Councillors and the RBK.

7. North Kingston Forum

There have been a number of NKF meetings and TARAK now has a delegate who attends. The Forum has asked Viv Evans (Head of Transport and Planning) to give a presentation on the proposed Opportunity Area on Monday 4th July at St Luke's Church. The Opportunity Area (an area for high development/regeneration) is shown on the council website and includes Canbury Gardens.

8. Events for your Diary

(i) Ham Fair is on Saturday 11 June from 11 a.m. until 4.30 on Ham Common. There will be 160 stands etc., a dog show (with Peter Purves as a guest judge), a display of old military vehicles, a cricket match, etc., dancing and singing displays by local Ham schools, and an art exhibition by local school pupils - the theme is Ninety Glorious Years. No entry fee. All monies raised by Ham Amenities Group from the Fair are donated to local good causes in September.

(ii) The International Youth Arts Festival Kingston (IYAF) returns this July for its eighth year. Showcasing the best theatre, music, dance, visual art, comedy, circus and spoken word from around the world, IYAF is fast becoming a mainstay on the arts festival calendar. Hundreds of events take place during the festival, including more than 60 at the Rose. All events are on sale from 9 May at the Rose theatre.

(iii) The BRAG street celebration for the Queens' 90th birthday is on 11 June. See previous TARAK emails.

(iv) The vote on the Referendum is on 23 June and make sure you are registered to vote by 7th June.

(v) Members may like to know that from April to August there is a free bus service every Wednesday stopping at Richmond Park car parks and Isabella Plantation. Buses also stop at Ham Common crossroads (65 bus stop) and the barrier in Danebury Avenue, near Roehampton Gate. For a timetable and map visit:<http://goo.gl/xSLBHh> or check the timetables at the bus stops.

9. Our MP in Parliament and the Constituency

Our MP Zac Goldsmith did not get elected as Mayor of London so we welcome him back as our MP. The new Mayor of London is Sidiq Khan (Lab). Our Greater London Assembly seat was won by Tony Arbour (Con).

10. Councillors Surgery

Don't forget - the Councillors are available to talk to residents at the Tudor Hall on the 2nd Saturday every month from 10am to 12noon.

The TARK Committee look forward to seeing some of you at the TARAK lunches and wish you all an enjoyable Summer holiday.

Don't forget that all previous newsletters can be found on the TARAK website.

To join TARAK contact Mike Derks at mhderks@hotmail.com or call Margaret Levy at 0208 546 1743

The cost is £5 per household.