

TARAK DECEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER



Dear TARAK members

Our first social

On Sunday 22 November about 40 members attended the Cardinal mulled wine and mince pie 'get together'. It was very informal but it was good to put names to faces (difficult to remember them all though afterwards) and members generally thought it a success. Some of you brought friends and neighbours and Anne Newmark had membership forms available for newcomers to sign up.

Our hosts Sarah and David, the landlords at the Cardinal, provided good quality mulled wine and mince pies at cost, for example a glass of wine with mince pie cost £2.00. Some of us therefore had more than one £2 worth! We have thanked them for helping TARAK to get started.

Your thoughts on future social gatherings

There was a slight problem with the start time of 5.30 pm because the Cardinal had had an unexpected number of late Sunday lunch parties, so the room which had been put aside for us was not quite ready. We discussed this with David and Sarah afterwards and it was thought that perhaps on a Sunday a better time to start was probably 6.00pm or 6.30pm. If you have views on this or on the social occasion itself please let us know. You can drop a note into 139 Tudor Drive. Don't forget to put your name and address on it!

Update on the 'setting up' processes – and collection of membership fees

We are still going through the 'setting up' processes for TARAK, but will contact you again when we have a bank account set up and have registered with Kingston Council etc. Martin Smith (Treasurer) will be collecting membership fees (£5 per household per year) in January.

Quiz night 7.30 – 10.30 pm Saturday 19 December

We are looking at the possibility of members joining in a Cardinal quiz night for 'The Shooting Star' children's hospice charity on 19th December. If you would like to join in please let Margaret (chair) know by 10th December (0208 546 1743). We would have a TARAK table with a maximum of six people. Presenters/quiz masters will be Fiona Phillips and Steve Begley. The tickets are £5 per head with food and drink available to purchase (served at the table). Further information available from the Cardinal (0208 546 3885).

Update on 'TARAK' issues

The reason TARAK was set up was to help deal with some of the local issues worrying residents in the Tudor A area. To date issues raised have been:

1. Consultations on various bus routes, with TfL looking for initial comments and suggestions on changes and improvements residents would like to see on various routes. Of importance to TARAK members particularly is the K5 bus route which was threatened a few years back. Some members have kindly taken the lead in responding to TfL to ensure this route is protected.
2. The granting of a licence to open a restaurant from 8am to 11pm next door to Better Price in the Tudor Parade of shops, and the effect it might have on noise, smells, car parking and litter.
3. The loss of green verges in Tudor Drive because of car parking, and cars and vans using them as temporary parking places.

Finally, I would like to draw members attention to the excellent Tudor Ward exhibition of photos and posters from 1896 to 1960 currently at the Tudor Road Library until 12th December. Would you like to see how your houses were originally advertised? See the Sopwith seaplane on the Thames? See photos of 1945 street parties celebrating the end of the war?

With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year from your TARAK COMMITTEE!