

TUDOR AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION KINGSTON (TARAK)
September 2014 newsletter

News from Your Committee

1. Action since the last Committee meeting:

1.1 The committee wishes to express its thanks to Councillor Frank Thompson (who is retiring on grounds of ill-health), for all the work he has undertaken on behalf of Tudor Ward and its residents over the last twelve years. We wish him a speedy recovery and a long and happy retirement. The election of a new councillor takes place on 16th October.

1.2 A TARAK website is now up and running. The address is: www.tarakresidents.wordpress.com

It is still in the process of being developed and the committee would welcome comments from members on the website. For example, how easy it is to use, its relevance etc

1.3 We do not yet have a timetable for bulb planting in October. Please phone Sue Canty (8546 6529) if you would like to take part when a date is announced.

1.4 There is no news regarding the empty shop in the Tudor Parade, but some residents have reported activity of some kind inside the shop.

2. Lunches at the Cardinal pub

The lunch meeting on 16th September had fewer members than usual because of holidays. But the seven members who attended had delicious food (a new winter menu), and lively discussions about local issues, including the loss of the Barclays Bank on Ham Parade and its replacement by Sainsburys, the loss of a post office in Richmond Road, the possibility of a new Tesco store on Ham Parade, the new Kingston Academy school in Richmond Road, and the shortage of primary school places in Kingston among other things. The Cardinal continues to serve morning coffee from 9.30 am and is having a red wine-tasting on Thursday 2nd October at 8pm. The next TARAK lunch meeting is 12th November at 12 noon.

3. Kingston New Secondary School- The Kingston Academy

The July newsletter had considerable information about the new school, opening date, number of students etc and the promise that a website would be available shortly. The new Principal of the Academy is to be Sophie Cavanagh, currently a deputy head in Wandsworth, and a former Tiffin pupil. The former Surrey hockey player said The Kingston Academy would specialise in science, technology, engineering, maths and communications. "We will cater for all students' interests and abilities whether that's in the arts, sport, social sciences, humanities or languages. Our specialisms will underpin and strengthen provision and achievement across all curriculum areas," she added. "This will be a community school where every student will be well supported and nurtured. We also want our pupils to be great communicators and, above all, happy, resilient individuals who, when they leave us, will be well prepared to go on and further their education or enter the working world". In September 2015, 180 year seven students are due to begin their studies at the Academy, which will eventually have 900 students.

4. Kingston Community School

A new state-funded primary school following the National Curriculum will hold an information evening for parents and carers at 7.30 on Monday 29th September at the Hawker centre. The school, which has a religious background and is part of the Chapel St family of schools, is opening in September 2015. For more information visit the website www.kingstoncommunityschool-cs.co.uk or call the Parent Helpline on 07764 989140.

5. Latchmere House development

Members will remember that the Latchmere House development is shared between the Royal Borough of Kingston and the London Borough of Richmond. The RBK planning department, in July, accepted both plans submitted by Berkeleys, one for 73 homes using the existing access off Church Road (preferred by many residents) and one for 89 homes which involved putting in a new access road off Latchmere Lane. However Richmond Council have not yet agreed either plan. Berkeleys have now decided to remove the decision for the 89 homes from Richmond and have appealed to the Planning Inspector to make the decision instead. The 73-home scheme, preferred by Berkeleys, has been left in the hands of Richmond who can still make a positive decision on this scheme. Residents will be kept informed of progress. For further information you can go to the website:

www.latchmerehouse.co.uk , or email nick.jones@ghearn.com, or call 0844 225 0003.

6. Planning issues

6.1 Proposed 12-metre mast at Junction of Acre Road and Kings Road. The consultation on the proposed mast is open until September 25. The planning application number is 14/12849.

6.2 The Alexandra Public House - planning application number 14/12860. Consultation period is closed.

7. Local police issues

7.1 On Sunday 5th October there is a police Open Day from 11am until 3.00pm. Stands include:

MSC Special Constabulary, MPS Marine Unit , MPS Mounted Branch, Classic MPS Vehicles, Custody Cell Tours, SERCO Prisoner Transport Vehicle, Cycle Marking , Immobilise Property Marking, Mask Making , MPS Cadets , MPS dogs, Fingerprints by the CID team and much more.

7.2 The SaferNeighbourhood Team have issued a warning that bike thefts in the area are increasing and recommend stringent safety measures, preferably indoor storage, strong padlock, removing the saddle, security marking-02087212580.

8. Celebration of "100 Years of The River Thames and Aviation in Kingston".

This celebration was very successful with live music, exhibitions and a replica of the 1914 Schneider-Trophy winning Sopwith float plane. A commemorative plaque depicting 100 years of aviation in Kingston was also unveiled at the north end of Canbury Gardens by Tommy Sopwith, son of aviation pioneer Sir Thomas Sopwith.



Our Tudor Ward Councillor David Cunningham played a major role in organising this event.



9. Adult Education Centre

The new adult education centre is now at King Charles Centre, Hollyfield Road, Surbiton, KT5 9AL Phone 8547 6875. Bus routes from Kingston 281, 406, 418. Also at Newent House, 8-10 Browns Road, Surbiton, KT5 8SP. The North Kingston Centre is now closed.

10. Tudor Library

The Library is well worth a regular visit, not only for borrowing books, videos etc, but for the very comprehensive entrance area which displays information RBK issues, on local organisations, leaflets from the police (including stickers to keep away unwelcome sales people from your door) and a free newspaper for older residents called the Mature Times.

11. Neighbourhood watch

As reported in our July newsletter Laura Reynolds was hoping to encourage membership of the local NHW. We had a meeting with Agnes Kavanagh and Laura but discovered that there were further organisational issues to discuss before progress could be made. Laura's role has been taken up by Adrian (Adrian.D.Hadfield@met.police.uk). In the meantime Michael Derks has agreed to be the Tudor Drive representative on NHW. We will keep members informed and will continue to forward notifications about local scams and crimes from our Safer Neighbourhood Team. If any member would be willing to attend Safer Neighbourhood Team meetings please let your committee know (0208 546 1195).

12. Kingston Hospital

There is a **Cardiology Health Talk on Monday 17 November at 6.30pm** (Tapesh Pakrashi, Cardiology Consultant is giving a free talk on how keep your heart healthy and about heart condition treatments offered at the hospital).

All the talks will take place in Lecture Theatre 1, Level 5 (Education Centre) Kingston Surgical Centre. To book your place for any of these events or for more information please email: ftmembership@kingstonhospital.nhs.uk

13. Kingston riverside

TARAK members may recall that there have been complaints about illegal moorings by the towpath. In July enforcement teams (police, Environment Agency, Kingston and Richmond Councils) found 47 boats to be illegally moored. and 13 of these were unlicensed.

14. Our Local MP Zac Goldsmith

14.1 Zac recently alerted residents to the organisation called 'Back Heathrow', which he says portrays itself as a 'community group' but which is heavily funded by Heathrow Ltd. It has just sent out a new survey to residents. After consulting the Richmond Heathrow Campaign and HACAN, Zac suggested it would not be helpful to respond to this.

14.2 In May, Zac organised a meeting in Richmond together with the campaign group 38 degrees, in regard to the **Recall of Members of Parliament**, the bill he is sponsoring. The bill, which was eventually passed in the House of Commons, did not satisfy all the hoped for criteria, but it was a start.

14.3 Zac recently alerted us to to the Council's workshop on Kingston's Green Spaces, Tree, and Allotment Strategy. This 'drop in' workshop will at start at 4.00pm at the Guildhall and run throughout the evening until 9.00pm. There will be a short presentation repeated each hour The workshop is open to all. Date & Time: Tuesday 14th October at 4.00pm.

14.4 Zac has reported that the the Government has finally given provisional approval for a new byelaw which will enable the Council to tackle illegally moored boats that have blighted the riverside and given rise to antisocial behaviour for many years (see Item 13 above).

With best wishes from Your Committee.

PS Comments on this newsletter are welcome and also, if you have a new neighbour, perhaps you could give them a copy of this newsletter and suggest they might like to join TARAK.