

TUDOR AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION KINGSTON (TARAK)

May 2013 Newsletter

Local news from your committee

1. Bulb planting community initiative There has been a magnificent show of daffodils in Tudor Drive (see photo) as a result of the



bulb planting last Autumn and many residents and non-residents have commented on this. The committee has received expressions of interest from other areas along Tudor Drive for more bulbs. Your committee is considering another bulb planting project – we need your views first! Let us know what you think. Those members who read The Surrey Comet will have seen the photograph and item about a lorry contracted to a utilities company which parked on the verge in Tudor Drive in the middle of the flowering daffodils and crocuses planted and cared for by Quadron. We have received an apology and a promise of a contribution towards future bulb planting. Your committee has been concerned for some time about lorries driving on to the grass verges in Tudor Drive and asked for your assistance in noting offenders licence numbers and reporting them (see item 4 in the March newsletter). It was the quick thinking of one of our members which enabled the utility lorry to be photographed and reported to our local councillors.

2. Caught dumping rubbish Another example of the helpful speedy action of a TARAK member occurred last week when a car seen dumping rubbish in the alleyway next to the newspaper shop was photographed with a mobile phone and the photo sent immediately to the Council. Within an hour the rubbish was cleared! Let us hope the car owner does not repeat this action!

3. Request for an all night alcohol license In March we let you know about a request being made for a 24 hour licence. The attached notice was sent out by Councillor Thomson informing residents of the result: no licence granted.

Dear Neighbour,

HAM CROSS

SERVICE STATION

At Richmond Council's last night's Licensing Meeting the committee:

Refused the application in entirety.

The local police sergeant, myself, one other councillor and two local residents spoke against the application. The applicants conceding they would not get a 24-hour licence, reapplied and asked for their licence to finish at 2 a.m. They then said they would settle for one extra hour, i.e. their licence to sell alcohol until midnight. This was also refused.

Cllr. Frank Thompson.

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4. Cardinal new name The Cardinal (our local pub) is now known as The Tudor Rose. Landlords Sandra and Piers have moved in and are working hard to rejuvenate the building and begin to upgrade the business. It is understood that food will be served in due course, and Sunday roast is already available. Has anyone tried the fish and chips being served on Fridays? Many improvements are still to take place and hopefully a tea and coffee machine will be installed before long. Do go along and see the building as hopefully it moves towards being a local community pub once again.

5. Amendments to local parking The Surrey Comet of 3 May 2013 (page 24) has public notices relating to parking in Tudor Drive and in St Albans Road. These notices give information about additional yellow lines in the service road by the shops in Tudor Drive, and the re-organising of parking, to include two disabled parking spaces outside the doctors' surgery in St Albans Road. From 6 May information is available at the Guildhall, Tudor Drive Library, and on the website www.kingston.gov.uk. Search under Traffic Management Orders or telephone Environment on 020 8547 5002. The deadline for representations or objections is 24 May 2013.

6. Latchmere House development A very useful, well-attended, meeting was held at Tiffin Girls School on 16 April, when the Emerging Design Strategy was introduced to residents by the developers, Berkeley, and their architect. The format for the discussion of the plans was good, with about ten tables set out, each with large and smaller scale maps of the area under development and a Berkeley representative. Following introductory talks by the architect and Berkeley, local residents were invited to sit at any table and discuss what had been presented and clarify any issues about the design. Current information: 76 houses to be built; a gatehouse and a tree-lined avenue will lead to the houses; Latchmere House itself will include a number of quality apartments; Garth Road will not be made into a vehicular route but will be used for pedestrian access as will Anne Boleyns Walk; the only vehicular access will be from Church Road. Further information is available on the Kingston and Richmond websites.

7. **NHS changes in Kingston and Patient Participation Groups** Have you joined the Patient Participation Group at your GP surgery? Each of the practices in the Borough has been asked to set up a representative group of their patients. This is to help your GPs to know what particular services patients would like to be provided at their surgery. Please do ask at your practice for more information if you do not see a notice in the waiting room.

8. **Filming in Wolsey Drive and Cardinal Avenue** Many residents will have received notes about the planned filming in this area on Tuesday 14 and Wednesday 15 May. The locations manager is keen to work closely with the local residents and introduced himself to Judith Pottinger, your chairman. The film company has indicated their wish to make a “significant donation to the local residents association” because of possible temporary disruption in the area. A thoughtful gesture.

9. **Smart Communities** Many of you will already be involved with the Smart Communities Project. We have been asked to share the following message with all our members for their interest and, hopefully, participation. Paper copies of the questionnaire will also be distributed throughout the area.

Kingston University local initiative questionnaire: £500 in John Lewis vouchers to be won!

Everyone is welcome to complete this survey! The researchers will enter the names of everyone who completes the survey (and provides their contact details) into a prize draw. There will be one winner of a £200 John Lewis voucher and six winners of a £50 John Lewis voucher. The survey should take just 15 minutes to complete and will be available until Friday 17 May, 2013. Prize winners will be contacted by the end of May. If you have any questions, please email Dr Kate Hammond at k.hammond@kingston.ac.uk. Many thanks for your help, it is much appreciated.

The link to the survey is: <http://business.kingston.ac.uk/yourviews>.

10. **Kingston Hospital** It was announced on Tuesday 30th of April that Kingston Hospital has been awarded Foundation Trust status. This gives it independence from the Department of Health and, according to our Councillor Dennis Doe, means it is more open to the public to have direct contact with the hospital, in terms of representation. However one major issue will be ensuring it secures contracts to run services from Kingston’s new Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).

11. **The Proposed new market place** Many Tarak members will have visited the exhibition last year showing the proposals for the redesign of the Market Place by the Kingston First team. Some may even have submitted comments. According to an item in the Comet of 3 May, the Market Place will only be for hot and cold food vendors, not for other vendors selling watches, bulbs, batteries, videos, cards and kitchen rolls etc. Many local residents would go to the market for these non-food items as well as for their fish, fruit and vegetables. Is there a danger that the market will become a tourist only market? Was this decision reported in the exhibition?

12. **Warning about building forward of the buildline.** In the Kingston Town Planning sub-committee minutes of 17 April, it is reported that enforcement orders are being enacted on two properties, one in Tudor Drive and one in Clifton Road, in respect of single storey timber outbuildings, in each case erected forward of the building line without planning permission. This enforcement order means that the timber structures have to be removed. During discussions on these orders, Council Members, requested that consideration is given to publicity about outbuildings not being allowable at the front of homes.

13. **Kingston's Be A Councillor Event – Saturday 25 May 2013** Kingston Council is hosting an information event on Saturday 25 May 2013 from 10am–12pm in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, for residents interested in becoming an elected councillor in the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. For more information see the RBK website.

14. **New Kingston Secondary School** No further news, although as reported in the March 2013 newsletter, Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education, stated in Parliament on the 19th February in answer to a parliamentary question that decisions could be expected in ‘about a month’.

15. **Zac Goldsmith’s organized mega rally against Heathrow expansion** This mega rally against Heathrow expansion held at Barn Elms Playing Field, on Saturday 27th April at 9.30am -10.30am attracted over 2000 people. A giant petition in protest, signed by over 1000 people, will now be delivered to 10, Downing Street. Watch this space!