
TARAK NEWSLETTER No 2 FEBRUARY 2010

Welcome to the Tudor Area Residents' Association Kingston (TARAK) newsletter No 2. TARAK began at a public meeting in Tudor Hall on 9th September 2009 when the following were elected. **Chair:** *Margaret Levy*, **Membership Secretary:** *Diane Smith*; **Secretary:** *Anne Newmark*; **Treasurer:** *Martin Smith*; **Social Secretary and Publicity:** *Sally Morgan*; **Committee Members:** *Reza Asjadi; Gery Collins; Michael Frain; Arthur Lawrence*. Since then we have had two committee meetings (minutes available on request), had a successful mince pie and mulled wine event at the Cardinal, registered with Kingston Council and applied for a grant, and set up an official Bank account. **Treasurer, Martin Smith, is collecting annual membership fees of £5 per household. Please send your £5 to him as soon as possible, to 191 Barnfield Avenue KT2 5RQ.** Finally we now have an e-mail address tarakhome@googlemail.com and are developing a website.

NEWS IN THE TUDOR AREA

KINGSTON HOSPITAL THREAT

According to recent reports, Kingston's A&E and maternity units are threatened with closure by "secret plans" from SW London NHS. If this can be corroborated, your opinions and input are vital. Please contact your local MPs.

NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

A new secondary school has been proposed on the site of the old one in Richmond Road and is scheduled to be completed by 2015. Consultations are in progress (documents available from the town hall) to be completed by Friday 26th February.

KINGSTON COMMUNITY PAVILION A proposal to build a two-storey pavilion on Latchmere Recreation Ground on the site of the old sports pavilion/nursery, has been put forward. It proposes a very wide range of facilities and services, including a children's nursery, sports classes, after school clubs, martial arts classes and community groups. You may wish to look at these plans to gauge the impact the pavilion may have on parking and local residents who live behind and adjacent to it. TARAK has a full report of a public meeting held about this on 18th December at the Tudor Hall available to members on request. Further information is available from the promoters at kingstonpavilion@googlemail.com and PO Box 1493 Kingston upon Thames KT1 9RU

CAR PARKING CHARGES IN RICHMOND PARK

On Saturday 30st January there was a very large and enthusiastic gathering opposite Pembroke Lodge to protest against the introduction of car parking charges. There were dog walkers, parents with prams and toddlers, walkers of all ages and cyclists. This nonpolitical public protest had been organised by Zac Goldsmith and three local MPs were also invited. All four spoke out against charging. Apart from the possible reduction in the use of the park as a recreational area for all age groups, the effect on parking in adjacent side streets to the detriment of local residents was stated as a major concern. Protesters were asked to write to their MP, contact Zac Goldsmith, and if possible write to Margaret Hodge (the Minister responsible) at the House of Commons.

K5 BUS ROUTE

According to Transport for London, 'There are no current plans to revise or amend bus route K5. However the network planners intend to undertake a full review of the service in March 2010 in advance of the current contract expiring. TARAK will keep a watching brief!

CHURCHILL MEDICAL PRACTICE, TUDOR PARADE:

There is no new information on when this new doctors' practice might open.

RESTAURANT IN TUDOR PARADE

This restaurant has not opened yet but a source has informed us that it will be this year. April was mentioned. According to the source, this restaurant will be serving food on the premises from 8am to 11pm, and will not be a take-away, as previously thought. Concerns have been raised over sufficient car parking facilities.

PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY

Members may like know that there is now a designated footpath connecting Tudor Drive and Church Road. This goes between Anne Boleyn's Walk and Latchmere Close and gives easy walking access to St Andrew's church, the church hall, Ham Common and Richmond Park.

FLY-TIPPING

Rogue fly-tippers are continuing to take advantage of the enclosed structure of the burrow of alleyways in the Tudor area, and leaving random rubbish at the backs of residents' homes. Any suggestions on how to tackle this will be gratefully received. TARAK has been discussing a communal clean-up of these alleyways this spring. Please contact us if you would like to help.

COMMUNITY POLICING

The Community Police meet regularly at the Hawker Centre. We have a representative who attends these meetings. If you have issues you would like them to be aware of please let us know and we will forward them to the community police team.

COMMENTS

We would be very interested to hear your comments on any of the above issues. If you would like to bring up your views and concerns to be discussed at the next TARAK committee meeting, please let us know and we will do our best to consider them! Note that these must relate to the constitution aims and rules. If you don't have a copy of the TARAK constitution please ask for one.

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