

# Chessington District Residents' Association

## April 2024 Newsletter

**Dear Members, Residents and Councillors,**

We have a few items that we hope will be of interest to you.

### HEALTH ISSUES

#### GP Surgeries

I have left this item from the March newsletter as I think it could be very useful information.

Kingston provides access to primary care services from 8am to 8pm 7 days a week.

For weekday evening appointments please contact your own GP before 5pm to make an appointment. For weekend appointments please call 020 3841 9942.

#### Covid – 19 Spring Vaccination

Those of you who are over 75 years old or anyone with a weakened immune system should have received an invitation to book your Spring Covid-19 vaccination. It is important to top up your protection because it fades over time. If you haven't been contacted by your GP surgery, you can go to <https://www.nhs.uk/book-covid> before the 30th of June to book an appointment. If you can't get online either contact your GP or ring 119.

### OTHER MATTERS

#### Councillor Christine Stuart Planting of a Tree in Her Memory

Some of you will have heard that Councillor Christine Stuart sadly died last year. Until the last local elections, when she stepped down due to ill health, she had been a Ward Councillor for Chessington South & Malden Rushett and was also the Disability Champion for Kingston Council. She was a brilliant Councillor who is missed. On Friday the 12th of April there was a Tree Planting Ceremony in her memory. The event was held on the land at the rear of the Kings Centre Coppard Gardens. There was a very good attendance, including a member from CDRA's Executive Committee.

#### Pedestrian Crossing at The Star, Malden Rushett

One of our Executive Committee Members Rob Robb has been trying to get a pedestrian crossing installed opposite The Star public house at Malden Rushett. It is thought that it is currently dangerous for residents, hikers and cyclists that want to cross from The Star to the woods. Rob arranged a meeting on the 28th of February. In attendance was Tim Hall, Leader of Mole Valley Council, Surrey County Council (SCC), Ocado's Transport Manager as they use

the A243 daily and The Head Ranger from the City of London who owns the woods on the opposite side of the road. RBK did not attend because they said it isn't their area.

SCC said that it would cost £120K to install a pedestrian crossing. However, Tim Hall said that Mole Valley would pay £10K to have a feasibility study done.

Ocado told the meeting that they could go under the bridge at the Ace of Spades because the bridge is higher than the sign indicates. This would mean less trips up the A243 which would be good for our residents. Rob will write to Ordnance Survey and Ian Manders, RBK's Councillor for Sustainable Transport, to try and get the sign amended.

## **Motor Cross Bikes Noise Issue**

Executive Committee Member Rob Robb has been supporting residents complaining about the noise created by the Motor Cross Bikes using the old Chessington Golf Club in Garrison Lane. The Police are looking at different ways to stop this but have been unsuccessful so far. They are also trying to find the official owner of the Golf Club land to contact them.

## **PLANNING**

### **23/03321/Ful Lion House, Hereford Way, Chessington KT9 2QT**

One of our members brought this planning application to our attention.

**Demolition of existing warehouse building (Use Class B8) and erection of two storey dwelling comprising house in multiple occupation (19 rooms) with shared facilities together with associated cycle and refuse storage provision.**

Our concern with this planning application is that we do not believe the location is suitable for a House of Multiple Occupation (HMO). Lion House is tucked away in a corner next to Charles Lesser House which is sheltered accommodation for the elderly and vulnerable. There is also a children's playground in Woodgate Avenue which is very close. HMO's are usually in cities for single people who rent a room and share facilities such as kitchen, and bathroom. It is thought that the resident's here will be mainly single men who come and go regularly. They will have little to entertain themselves in this location and so may get up to mischief. Another concern is that there are no parking spaces included in the application. The roads are narrow with on curb parking lines with no extra capacity for further vehicles. This could create problems for other residents living in the area.

Our Residents Association has submitted their objection. If any of you would like to submit your comments to the planning department you can do so by clicking on this link

<https://publicaccess.kingston.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=S55GHPNHKAN00>

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**The next South of the Borough Police Ward Panel meeting** will be held this Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April at 7.30pm. The venue is the Board Room, Safari Hotel, Chessington World of Adventures, KT9 2NE. There is plenty of parking, the 71 bus stops in grounds, the 465 Bus stops outside.

This is an opportunity to meet our Safer Neighbourhood Police Team and receive an update on the crimes that have taken place during the last three months. We will also be told of their latest initiatives. It is always a very worthwhile meeting so please come and join us.

### **Next CDRA Executive Committee Meeting**

Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of May. If you have anything you would like to discuss or even if you would like to just come and listen, you will be very welcome. The venue is the room next to St Paul's Church, 280 Hook Rd, Hook, Chessington KT9 1PF

### **Celebrating Chessington – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of May – 12- 4pm at Churchfields**

This year's fun day is fast approaching. Email [info@celebratechessington.co.uk](mailto:info@celebratechessington.co.uk) to donate prizes or to sponsor the event or for any further event information.

### **Route 406 – Heritage Day – 9th of June 2024**

Any bus enthusiasts might be interested in this. Ride for *free* on old buses in service on London bus route 406! Open-platform green buses with real conductors will run between Kingston and Epsom on Sunday 9th June 2024. You can read more on the following link <https://www.londonbusmuseum.com/route-406-heritage-day/>

### **CDRA AGM**

We are pleased to announce that the date of our AGM has been confirmed as **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of June**, 7.30pm at Chessington Methodist Church Hall in Moor Lane. We will have two speakers. The first will be Doctor Elisabeth Carter a Criminologist who works at the University of London. One of the topics she will talk to us about will be fraud. She can often be heard talking on the radio, most recently to Paul Lewis on 'Money Box'.

In our February newsletter we told you that UK Power Networks are planning on replacing our underground network of electricity cables from Malden Rushett along the A243 to Kingston. It is expected to be an 18 month to 2 year project. By the time of our AGM we expect them to have more idea of the timescale. As this project will affect most of us we thought it would be useful to ask UK Power Networks, Director of Asset Management, Barry Hatton to give us an update on the project.

Overall, we expect our AGM to be very interesting so please put the date in your diary and come along.

## Membership Renewal

Our financial year begins in May. I will give you a reminder nearer the time. This reminder is only for those of you who have not yet paid this year. It is just £5.00 per year, per household. At the end of this newsletter, you will find our membership form and bank details.

Below are ways that you can join or renew your membership.

A reminder that we have changed our bank account to the Metro Bank. Our new bank details are as follows: -

Account Name – Chessington District Residents’ Association

Sort Code – 23-05-80

Account Number – 47570425

You can pay directly into our bank account. Please put your address in the reference. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque at either of the addresses on the membership form. If you are a new member, please scan in the completed membership form and email to [chessingtondra@gmail.com](mailto:chessingtondra@gmail.com)

### **I wish to join / renew my membership of the Chessington District Residents’ Association 2023/2024**

I agree that my details may be kept on computer to be accessed only by the committee. I confirm that I wish to receive our newsletters together with any other information thought to be of interest and relevance.

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Telephone.....

Email Address.....

Amount £5 per household, or more if you would like to make a donation.

**Please return to CDRA, 296 Hook Road, Chessington, KT9 1NY or**

**Whitford News, North Parade, Chessington, KT9 1QL**

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Take Care,

Best Regards

Diane Brannan

Secretary to the Association