



# CARA Newsletter

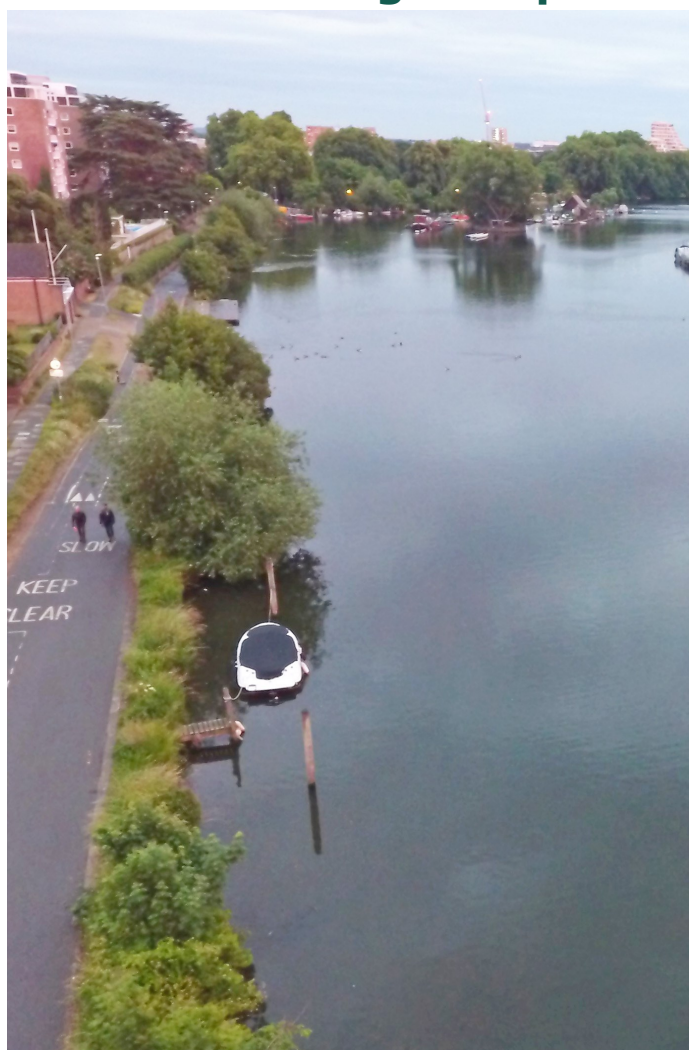
Canbury & Riverside Association

*Working to protect and enhance our local community*

## Summer 2022

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## Exciting new plans for Canbury Riverside



Rewilding Arcadia is an exciting new TLS (Thames Landscape Strategy) project. TLS aims to reconnect water, people and wildlife with the natural floodplain of the Arcadian Thames. By using nature-based solutions, we can build resilience for the future with methods that will enhance biodiversity and mitigate flood risk. CARA is working with TLS, the Council and the Environment Agency to help guide development of the Canbury Riverside. This has become possible as RBK has rejoined the TLS partnership of councils from Kew to Weybridge. The first small stretch of riverbank rewilding in our area is to be near the north end of the Gardens. The next stage would extend rewilding along the whole of Canbury Gardens' riverbank when funds become available.

TLS, whose patrons include HRH The Duke of Gloucester, Sir David Attenborough and Alan Titchmarsh, has both the expertise to carry through this exciting rewilding and much of the necessary funding. The photo taken by Peter Lukes, a keen riparian and CARA resident, shows the riverbank now as

seen from the air. Watch this space for the plans to reconnect water, people and wildlife.

### September Get-together

You are invited to a late summer BBQ party. This year we have chosen the Thames Riverside Club, known to some readers as the Tennis Club. The BBQ is open to members, residents and friends.



The BBQ party is scheduled for **Sunday September 18th**. Also meet Elliot Newton RBK's biodiversity officer and talk bats, glow worms and rewilding or whatever the naturalist in you wants to hear about.

**Ticket details on back page.**

**If you would like to receive our monthly CARA eNews, please contact us at [cara-eneews@carakingston.org](mailto:cara-eneews@carakingston.org) (NB CARA holds personal data securely)**

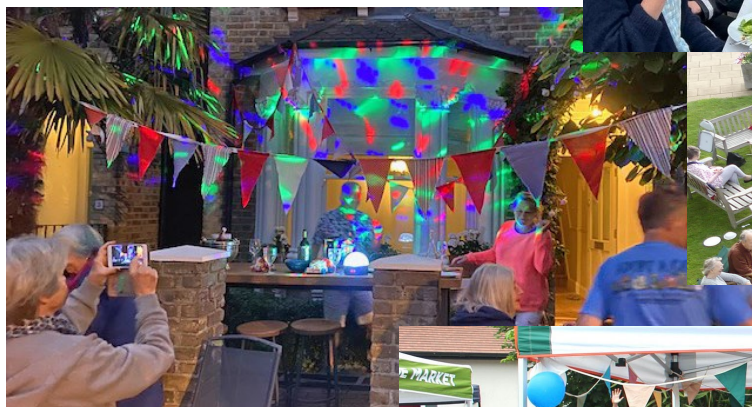


## CARA area parties & the Queen's Jubilee

...and what parties they were ...

In N Lower Ham Rd and Woodside Rd, Chestnut Rd, The Albany and Albany Park Rd and Eastbury Rd and Grosvenor Gdns.

Her Majesty turned up for the party in Woodside Rd, top right. The event was supported by a local businessman and raised £2000 for charity. Chestnut Rd, centre, had a great turn out and prepared a meal in style. The Albany invited Albany Park Rd residents to their garden party (mid right). Eastbury put on a light show, bottom left. Grosvenor Gdns raised many glasses to celebrate the occasion, bottom left, and in N Lower Ham Rd, which could not be closed, the residents of 136 kindly opened their gardens to their neighbours.



## Learn to row at one of UK's oldest Rowing Clubs



We have one of the oldest rowing clubs in the world on our doorstep. Kingston Rowing Club in Canbury Gdns, founded in 1858, is on a particular good stretch of the Thames for rowing. The river is wide and the last non-tidal stretch with no locks for five miles. It is an ideal stretch of water for beginners, who will be under the tuition of the club's expert coaches. For those who can row there is bags of calm and open water for practice.

The club ([kingstonrc.co.uk](http://kingstonrc.co.uk)) invites you, particularly if you are 18-30, to learn to row on this great stretch of the river. Contact [dermod.sweeney@openworld.com](mailto:dermod.sweeney@openworld.com) for information. You will be welcome any weekend.



## Planning News

What is the matter with the developers in N. Kingston? Plans have been withdrawn for a restaurant on the Barge Dock, the Kingsgate development has stalled and the Gala Bingo building, still, after 10 years under plastic, has been sold, so we start again. We think most of our readers will be pleased that unsuitable or skyscraper developments are stalled or stopped. But uncertainty or derelict sites are not wanted. We are still watching the Thames Wharfside site between Canbury Gardens and the railway bridge. Plans for an apartment block of 97 flats were refused. The developers are licking their wounds but may return. N. Kingston Forum are seeking clarification on Gala Bingo and Kingsgate. We will keep readers informed. The good news from NKF is that its "charter" is being renewed. This means the N Kingston draft plan can go to residents as a referendum next year. The plan is being tweaked now and statutory consultations have to be completed. The trouble/benefit of lengthy plan preparations is that new things come up in the process. The design code for new or modified buildings has been amended to take into consideration the latest thinking on plans and climate change. Solar panels are not new, but domestic wind generators and thermal cladding need careful thought.

## Police News

It was good to see the Secret Cafe and a view from alongside The Boaters Inn head up the June Tudor Ward Police Newsletter published by our local police. We will soon meet the officers for the new Canbury Gds ward. What we do know is that Nicola Duffey who has been a tremendous leader of our local Police Panel is standing down. So we are looking for a new chairperson. The old Panel is rather unwieldy as it included the late Tudor, Canbury and Coombe Hill wards. CARA and, we believe, BRaG and Tarak would prefer the Panel to only cover the three new N. Kingston wards as they are of similar area and resident profiles. If you or anyone you know is interested in helping form local police policies, contact us or [nicoladuffey@hotmail.com](mailto:nicoladuffey@hotmail.com). The post involves setting four meetings a year where the police present local crime stats and local priorities, followed by representations from members of the panel who are from residents' groups such as CARA. The chair will authorise the minutes and set up the next meeting. North Kingston is a low crime area. You could help keep it that way.



Ella of Chestnut, a new recruit?

## New proposals : Friends of Canbury Gds and The Riverside

**Friends of Canbury Gds.** At the last Canbury Gardens Working Group (CGWG) it was proposed that a Friends of Canbury Gardens be created with a constitution and managing committee, putting the Gardens in line with other green spaces in the borough eg Friends of Latchmere Rec. (FoLAR). It would also help raise much needed funds rather than hard working "Gardeners" having to beg, borrow and steal to buy plants, bulbs, equipment etc. It would sadly mean that our committee would lose Trevor Willis last year's CARA "Local Hero", but the CARA members of CGWG have assured him that CARA would still remain as active as ever helping the "Friends".

**The Riverside.** It was also suggested the CGWG incorporates the riverside to the North of the Gardens as well as the riverside in the gardens. This would help with the council's new engagement with the Thames Landscape Strategy. The Canbury Gardens Working Group will meet bimonthly. The regular chair, Cllr James Manthel (a CARA member) and alternate Cllr Noel Hadjimichael, are newly elected members for the new Canbury Gardens Ward.

## Bandstand Concerts and the Mayor

We are very pleased to report that the new Mayor of the Royal Borough will attend the "Soul Rites" concert on Sunday July 24th. Do come along and meet him and enjoy the music.

## CARA Committee

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## CARA and KRC Late Summer Barbeque Sunday 18th September 2022 at 1pm at Kingston Riverside Club Lower Ham Road, Kingston, Surrey KT2 5AJ



We are delighted to invite you to our Late Summer Barbeque: eat, drink and make merry with our friends and neighbours. Once again we have joined up with Kingston Riverside tennis Club to hold the event at their excellent facility.

This year we are pleased that **Elliot Newton, RBK's Biodiversity Officer** will drop in to chat about the local wildlife that you can find in Canbury Gardens and how we can enhance the park for biodiversity in the future.

The **tennis courts** will be at your disposal for the afternoon should you wish to have a knock but please ensure appropriate dress and clay court footwear are worn.

Ticket prices are £10 per adult, and £6 per child (under 15) and should be booked in advance. The price includes: Barbeque by Bevans The Butchers, salad and pudding. There will be a vegetarian option – please indicate this preference in advance. A full bar service will also be available through the afternoon.

### To book your tickets:

#### Either:

email [cara.kingston@gmail.com](mailto:cara.kingston@gmail.com) including all the information requested in the form below, and then **make a bank transfer** of the total amount due to CANBURY AND RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION CARA, sort code 20-46-73, Account number 53451518  
As the payment reference please use your house (or flat) number and street (or block) name

#### Or:

Contact a **CARA or KRC rep** with the form (below) completed with a cheque made payable to **CARA** or post the form & cheque to Nic Lewisohn, 23 Grosvenor Gardens, Kingston Upon Thames KT2 5BE.

We hope to see you on the 18<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm

### CARA/KRC Late Summer Barbecue

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: CARA/KRC/neither (please delete as appropriate)

Number of adult tickets:      Meat\_\_\_ Veggie\_\_\_ Total\_\_\_      x £10 = £\_\_\_\_\_

Number of child (u 15) tickets:      Meat\_\_\_ Veggie\_\_\_ Total\_\_\_      x £ 6 = £\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = £\_\_\_\_\_

