Canbury and Riverside Association eNews

"working together to protect and enhance our local community"

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CARA Christmas drinks

Celebrate the festive season with neighbours, friends and the CARA committee by the river. Buy your drinks at the bar, join the chat, and don't forget the discount available with your CARA membership card if you are staying to eat.

Monday 14th December between 7:00 and 9:00 pm

The Boaters Inn

All are welcome



Scrub cutting along the riverbank

You may have seen the recent scrub cutting along our stretch of the riverbank. Thames Landscape Strategy's Swingbridge volunteers have once again opened up some of the views of the river and cut back brambles from the riverside path. They have been doing this for us annually for many years. They help maintain our enjoyment of the riverside, keeping the balance between the 'wild nature' of the riverside and the views of the river. (The council's contractors take away the 'arisings'.)



Scrub cutting 'arisings', before their removal.



One of the cleared areas, by the Half Mile Tree.

Future of Thameside Car Park - Call for Expressions of Interest

Can you bring the unique space at Thameside alive for the community?

Kingston Council and Kingston First are looking for expressions of interest in reimagining Thameside KT1 1PL, an underutilised car park on the key walking and cycling route between Canbury Gardens and the town centre.

Match funding and support to apply for grants will be available for the winning proposal to be developed and for start up infrastructure. Options are open for what kind of activity could run at the site from summer 2027. Submissions should be completed by 7 December.

Find out more about the site, conditions of use and next steps at: kingstonletstalk.co.uk



Bevan's Butchers has moved!

In case you have missed what may come as a shock - but then a relief - Bevan's Butchers has relocated to Sury Basin, directly opposite Sainsbury's.

The new premises are a temporary measure, while the shop on Richmond Road is replaced with a purpose-designed commercial space, by Fletcher Crane Architects, maybe to be completed in time to celebrate their 100th anniversary in 2029.



Down by the riverside

How exciting it was for one of our members who recently spotted and captured a shot of this kingfisher, intent on fishing from its perch on a mooring pole at the north end of Canbury Gardens. Do keep your eyes peeled, as a kingfisher has been seen on our stretch of the river a couple of times lately.



Posting dates for Christmas

Get the last posting dates at the website Post Office advice. Our friendly, local Richmond Road Post Office on the corner of Eastbury Road can also advise you - drop in Monday to Saturday to speak to Puvan or Sashi. But ‘post early’ to be sure of delivery before Christmas.

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