



# CARA

Canbury & Riverside Association

*Working to protect and enhance our local amenities for everyone*

## Newsletter, Summer 2015

**YOU ARE INVITED**

to

**CARA LATE SUMMER LUNCH PARTY**

on Saturday 12th September  
at Kingston Rowing Club - details inside  
and

**CARA 2015 AGM**

on the evening of Monday 12th October  
at the Pavilion, Canbury Gardens.

### Good news on litter

**Good news #1:** Thank you to the litter-pickers who turned out this spring despite the blustery weather and forecast rain. They did a splendid job of clearing the litter left by spring tides and revealed by recent shrub-cutting. As usual, there was plenty of rubbish, including several balls, two coconuts, a Council "No Mooring" notice, pieces of wood, plastic and glass bottles, fast food containers, and hundreds of pieces of plastic and polystyrene. Unfortunately a large red umbrella and much other flotsam and jetsam couldn't be reached without a boat and we hope to have one helping with our autumn litter-pick (see back page).



**Good news #2:** Since early June, the Council has been running a **pilot scheme against littering and dog-fouling** in North Kingston and the town centre. Those who drop litter or don't clean up after their dog can be given a fixed penalty notice, £100 for dog fouling and £80 for litter, with a reduction for paying within ten days. There are warning notices (though not the one pictured above) and uniformed wardens to enforce the scheme.

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**Good news #3: A new litter initiative from CARA:** CARA's twice-yearly riverside litterpicks and the Council's pilot scheme are unlikely to be enough to keep all the litter in our area under control. If you're fed up of looking at litter and waiting in vain for someone else to clear it up and you'd like to keep part of your road tidy, CARA can now provide you with a litter-picking kit: a high-visibility vest and a grabber. Please contact Marilyn Mason (see back page) to collect your kit.



*Fishermen recently hauled the shopping trolleys pictured above out of the river at the Barge Dock end of Canbury Gardens as they were causing them to lose tackle. You can take photos of abandoned trolleys and arrange for local vans to collect and return them to supermarkets via the free Trolleywise app. For each trolley recovered a donation is made to Trees for Cities.*

### Street trees

The prolonged dry spell has resulted in many trees suffering from lack of water and, although the Council has had two watering gangs working, we are told, "flat out" since early May, at the time of writing, the newly-planted trees along the King's Walk entrance to Canbury Gardens are in real danger. Most river road trees have tubes leading to their roots, so if any trees close to your home are wilting, please help by giving them a good watering.

There are still significant gaps on the river road pavements with no trees. The Council will provide, plant and maintain new trees, paid for by residents. The cost can be reduced if shared between neighbours and existing pits are used. Please contact Stuart Devall if interested. Street trees are good for us in all sorts of ways – see Forestry Commission research at <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/fr/infd-8jcejh>.

[www.e-voice.org.uk/cara](http://www.e-voice.org.uk/cara)

## Summer tips

A good idea from Australia which we're recycling: if you don't want to leave food waste festering in the heat for the weeks while you're on holiday, put your food waste bag (well sealed) into your freezer, to go into your brown bin when you get back.

And don't forget to close windows whenever you go out – no point in making life easy for burglars! Storing dustbins in your back garden and locking away ladders make it harder for thieves to climb through open windows and over gates and fences.

All year round – don't give financial information of any kind to cold callers or unknown email contacts, or take financial advice from them. There is more on our website on keeping safe from criminals and fraudsters.

## Policing Matters

Secure funding for the town centre police team means that other teams won't be diverted to the town centre as often as previously, which is good news for this area. Our local police team is well aware of problem dates for Canbury Gardens, such as the end of the summer term. We can now follow the Town Centre police on Twitter and have set up CARA Twitter to do so.

**Tudor Neighbourhood Watch:** if you'd like to help spread information about local crimes and keep our neighbourhood safe, please contact the Safer Neighbourhoods Team on [tudor.snt@met.police.uk](mailto:tudor.snt@met.police.uk) or one of our new Police Liaison Committee members (see back page) to find out more.

## Do you own an empty flat or house?

And would you like to help vulnerable refugees from Syria? Kingston Council has offered to house 50 refugees, but needs to find new sources of self-contained housing for them. The scheme is fully funded for a year by the EU. If you are interested and would like to find out more, you can contact David Hill, Lead Officer, Accommodation Services, on 020 8547 5412 or email [david.hill@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:david.hill@kingston.gov.uk). For additional information on the scheme and resettlement plans, please contact Martha Earley, Refugee Strategy Lead, on 020 8547 4680 or email [martha.earley@kingston.gov.uk](mailto:martha.earley@kingston.gov.uk).

## North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum (name still to be decided)

Since the Localism Act in 2011, local communities have been enabled to set up non-political Neighbourhood Forums, to work with residents and Councils to create Neighbourhood Plans with a vision for the future development of the area (subject, however, to the London Plan and the Kingston Plan). CARA committee representatives have attended recent meetings of a group of residents' associations and individuals in North Kingston working to create a local Neighbourhood Forum to prioritise and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area. Meetings have focused on setting the boundary of the Neighbourhood Forum (roughly, but not entirely, based on Canbury and Tudor wards) and on what to call it. Next steps will include drafting a

constitution, setting up a website and encouraging more local representation. If you are a local group, business, allotment society, school... please contact [diane.watling@gmail.com](mailto:diane.watling@gmail.com) to get involved.

## CARA Nature Watch

**Mallards** nested and raised ducklings in an unusual setting this spring – a balcony on the sixth floor of Ulster Court on Albany Park Road (pictured right). When they were ready the ducklings leapt (or were pushed) off the balcony and apparently survived!



**Return of the terns:** Terns seem to have become regular summer visitors to our stretch of the river. They look a bit like small seagulls but are much more elegant and fly and swoop faster than seagulls – so fast it's hard to get a photo of them or identify which kind of tern they are. To find out more see <http://www.rspb.org.uk/discoverandenjoynature/discoverandlearn/birdguide/families/terns.aspx>.

## A Rouen Duck

(the larger of the two in the photo on the right by Charles

Roscorla) has been seen along this stretch of the river for at least the past year, and seems to be getting on with the local Mallards.



There's some useful info at [http://www.ashtonwaterfowl.net/rouen\\_ducks.htm](http://www.ashtonwaterfowl.net/rouen_ducks.htm). Bred in France for eating, they don't taste as good as our Aylesbury duck, according to Mrs Beeton.

## Frank Thompson

We were sorry to hear of the death of former Tudor ward councillor Frank Thompson in May. Frank was a helpful and committed local representative for many years, and will be missed by CARA and his neighbours.

## Did a WW2 bomb drop near your house?

The total number of High Explosive Bombs dropped from 7th October 1940 to 6th June 1941 in Kingston was 447, though few of those fell in our immediate neighbourhood. The Bomb Sight project at <http://bomb-sight.org> has scanned original 1940s WW2 bomb census maps and digitally captured the locations of falling bombs in this period, and these maps are now available to everyone.

## London Ambulance Service Community First Responders seek volunteers in Kingston

When time is the difference between life and death, a Community First Responder could save someone's life in a medical emergency. Could you do that? If you would like to find out more about the role of a CFR and are aged over 18 with a full UK driving licence held for more than 1 year, please see [www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/working\\_for\\_us/volunteering\\_with\\_us.aspx](http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/working_for_us/volunteering_with_us.aspx) and follow the link to upcoming information evenings. To talk to an active Kingston-based CFR before applying, please contact Alan at [alan@consultantchemist.co.uk](mailto:alan@consultantchemist.co.uk) or call 020 8549 2972/ 07802 744656.

## Local development updates

Work should start soon on the former **Gala cinema/bingo hall** as planning permission has been given, and work has begun on clearing contamination from the **Sury Basin gasholder site**; developers Berkeley Homes met residents recently to update them on progress.

"**Gloriana**", the repical royal barge, seems quite likely to end up on the riverside somewhere near here as Kingston Council seems to want it. The preferred site is by John Lewis, with the Barge Docks as second choice, but the latter should sound alarm bells, as the effects on the southern entrance to Canbury Gardens could be extremely detrimental. Foster and Partners have been commissioned to do a preliminary scoping design for the project, which will certainly include more than just a mooring.

The Council's Town Neighbourhood Committee agreed in June to extend the **local Controlled Parking Zone**, to allow no parking between 11.00am and 2.00pm, Monday to Saturday, on Bank Lane, Albany Park Road, Albany Mews and Lower Ham Road. Implementation was postponed till November to deal with objections and requests for variations.

Despite some activity by Richmond and Kingston Councils, several unlicensed boats remain by the towpath

near the boundary with Richmond, or have returned. Kingston seems to have been more successful at moving them on than Richmond. You can follow the ups and downs of "**Reclaim our Riverbank**" on our website.

**Updates** here may well be superseded by the time you read about them, and the best places to keep up-to-date on these developments and others further afield are: the CARA website; CARA Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/cara.kingston>; CARA on Twitter, [http://twitter.com/CARA\\_Kingston](http://twitter.com/CARA_Kingston); or local media.

## CARA LATE SUMMER LUNCH PARTY



For this summer's social event CARA is trying out a new venue, Kingston Rowing Club, and a later date in the year, Saturday 12th September. The buffet lunch will be upstairs in the club from 12.30 – 4.00pm, the bar will be open, the Club will supervise opportunities for children over 12 years old to try out rowing, a CARA member will offer river rides for smaller children (and adults) in an open day-boat, and there will be plenty of time to relax, enjoy the river views and chat.

Bookings in advance only this year to enable Committee members to plan the catering – please book soon to ensure your place on the guest list, using the form below.

## CARA LATE SUMMER LUNCH PARTY BOOKING FORM

Name:

Address:

Postcode

I am / am not a member of CARA\* and would like to book:

places for adults including  vegetarian options @ £15 each (£10 for members\*)

places for children aged 3 – 12 including  vegetarian options @ £5 each

free places for children under 3

TOTAL: £.....

Please send this form with a cheque payable to CARA to: CARA Late Summer Lunch, c/o Anneke Ferrier, 1 York Court, The Albany, Albany Park Road, KT2 5ST; or hand the form and cheque to your street rep or your nearest CARA Committee member (see back page).

\* PTO to join for £5 per household to get the members' discount + membership till September 2016.

### CARA COMMITTEE

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

■ **Sun 19 July, Dragon Boat Festival**, Canbury Gardens

■ **Sun 2 Aug, RideLondon** coming through Kingston town centre and Richmond Park

■ **Sat 12 Sept, CARA Late Summer Lunch Party**, Kingston Rowing Club – see page 3

■ **Sat 3 Oct, 11.15am – lunch-time, CARA autumn riverside litter-pick**: please come along to the slipway at the northern end of Canbury Gardens to help tidy up the river bank. CARA will provide grabbers, gloves (you may prefer your own), rubbish sacks, high-visibility vests, and guidance on health and safety at 11.15. Families welcome, as long as children are with a responsible adult.

■ **Mon 12 Oct, 2015 CARA AGM**: this is your advance notice so please keep the evening free – the agenda and further details will be in the CARA autumn newsletter in September.

### STREET REPS

If your road or block is not listed below and you'd like to help spread CARA updates by email and pass on your neighbours' information and concerns to the CARA committee, please contact jennylangridge@yahoo.co.uk. If you would like to receive email updates please contact your Street Rep:  
Albany Park Road – Penny Stott – penny\_stott@hotmail.com  
42A Albany Park Road – Frances Bailey – francesabailey@hotmail.com  
Grosvenor Gardens – Nic Lewisohn – nic.lewisohn@kantarworldpanel.com  
Lower Ham Road (Nos 38-78) – Michael Seigal – mkseigel@hotmail.co.uk  
Lower Kings Road – Jonathan Rollason – thinkkingston@yahoo.com  
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### CARA MEMBERSHIP, SUMMER 2015 - AUTUMN 2016

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

I / we would like to join / renew my household / associate subscription to CARA. (Please email Charles Roscorla if you don't know whether you are a paid-up member)

I have set up a standing order\* for a payment of £5 now and thereafter annually on 1 September to CARA, Barclays Kingston, sort code 20-46-73, account number 53451518, using my house / flat number / business name and street / block as a reference.

**OR**

I enclose cash / cheque for £..... payable to "CARA" to cover (please delete / tick as appropriate):

£5 for 1-year membership     £10 for 2-year membership     £15 for 3-year membership

an additional donation towards the running of the association of £.....     I require a receipt.

Signed:

Date:

**Please send the completed form to CARA Membership Secretary, c/o 31 Chestnut Road, KT2 5AP.**

\*You can arrange a standing order from your bank account, on-line, by letter or in branch.