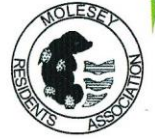
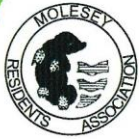


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**MOLESEY SOUTH**  
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Vic Eldridge 8979-3905

MRA Councillors at Surrey County Council - Stuart Selleck 8979-2466 & Ernest Mallett 8979-6446

## LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

Molesey Residents Association is pleased to report that our candidates for Molesey South ward (Mike Axton) and Molesey North ward (Ivan Regan) were elected with satisfying majorities.

Mike has been a councillor for many years but Ivan, although associated with MRA for a long time, is a new councillor so will need time to 'bed in' but will get plenty of help from other MRA councillors.

We were, however, sorry to see Elizabeth Cooper lose her seat in Molesey East as she has been an active MRA councillor for eight years and involved with Molesey Library, the R C Sherriff Trust, Molesey Musical Theatre and as a governor of Esher High School.

East Molesey is represented by three councillors and resulting from the last two local elections, one is MRA (Nigel Cooper) and two are Conservatives. The Conservative councillors live in Esher and Walton and we find it difficult to see how they can be as interested in Molesey's welfare as councillors who live in Molesey. The MRA exists solely to represent the interests of people living in East and West Molesey and all the MRA Councillors live in Molesey and are part of the Molesey community. That is not the case with the Conservative Councillors.

One of the main ambitions listed on the front page of the recent Conservative manifesto was 'to resist any unsightly overdevelopment at the Jolly Boatman site that could wreck the view of the palace from the Molesey side of the river'. But 'unsightly development' is exactly what was authorised when the Conservative administration at Elmbridge forced through planning permission against all opposition from inside and outside the council chamber! Hampton Court Palace objected strongly and worked closely with MRA councillors to oppose the application while numerous major organisations, including English Heritage, raised serious concerns - but still it was driven through.

This ambition is listed under "What we have achieved" in their manifesto. Some achievement! The site (complete with that disastrous planning consent) has now been sold - so watch this space! Elmbridge Council now consists of 33 Conservative, 7 Liberal Democrat and 19 Residents Associations councillors (of which 7 are Molesey Residents Association councillors) and 1 other.

Detailed Molesey election results are shown in the table above.



## ELMBRIDGE ELECTION RESULTS

### MOLESEY EAST (Turnout 73.9%)

BEAUCHAMP, Ann - Lib Dem.	244
COOPER, Elizabeth - MRA	1396
DORAN, Mark - Labour	275
MARSHALL, Trevor - UKIP	153
SZANTO, Peter - Conservative	<b>1644 ELECTED</b>

### MOLESEY NORTH (Turnout 68.3%)

KELLY, Ray - Labour	292
LIPROT, Paul - Local Conserv	613
REGAN, Ivan - MRA	<b>1925 ELECTED</b>
STURGIS, Alastair - Lib Dem	138
WHEATLEY, Paul - UKIP	329

### MOLESEY SOUTH (Turnout 62.1)

AJJANE, Jamal - Labour	396
AXTON, Mike - MRA	<b>1724 ELECTED</b>
Nagle, Paul - Lib Dem.	148
WEST, Graham - Local Conserv	618
WOOLDRIDGE, Anita - UKIP	388

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## BIKE PROVISION

In the shopping and café area of Bridge Road in East Molesey many of the pavements were getting cluttered with parked bicycles (probably due to the popularity of the cafes there). This was causing inconvenience for other shoppers and shop owners alike, so MRA Cllr. Stuart Selleck has now arranged for a cycle rack to be installed on the edge of the green roundabout where it meets Bridge Road. This has been well used and has relieved the obstructions on the narrow pavements in the shopping areas.

**MOLESEY CARE** is a voluntary Molesey 'good neighbour' charity. It was established in 1989 and is run entirely by a dedicated team of volunteers.

It seeks to help Molesey people who are frail, elderly or disabled and therefore unable to independently attend local personal commitments.

Molesey Care may be able to provide transport for appointments such as medical, dental, hairdressing or to help with other activities such as shopping.

In order to provide this service Molesey Care is seeking to recruit new volunteers who could help by becoming a 'driver' (expenses payable) or becoming a 'duty officer' - which means responding to telephone requests for help and then organising the appropriate response (a portable 'office' is used for this role so it is carried out in your own home).

If you are interested and able to give any of your time (there is no regular commitment) you can find out more by ringing 020 8941 1010. Your call will be much appreciated. Thank you.



## DAFFODIL APPEAL

Once again, many thanks to those who contributed so generously to our 'Daffodil' appeal in our last newsletter.

Resulting from these donations, supplemented by MRA, we were able to send over £450 to Marie Curie Cancer Care and £200 to Alzheimers. The charities were very grateful for these donations.

Thank You again to all who donated.

## ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES?

As reported in our last newsletter, the Conservative administration at Elmbridge decided to seek approval from the Electoral Commission to reduce the number of councillors on Elmbridge Council from 60 to 48. This is to save money - but the saving would be small in council terms.

Fewer councillors will mean that the number of electoral wards will have to be reduced from the present 22 wards to 16 bigger wards and this will impact on Molesey.

At the moment Molesey is divided into 3 wards – East, North and South. Starting at the Thames, if you draw a line down the centre of Hurst Lane and continue across Walton Road and down between the back gardens of Langton Road and Seymour Road, then broadly everything to the east of that line is Molesey East ward, extending right up to Imber Court. The area to the west of that line is divided into North and South wards by a line along the centre of Walton Road.

This will change with the new proposals with North ward extending eastwards all the way up to Bridge Road and South ward extending eastwards to include Spencer Road whilst absorbing Weston Avenue and the Bishop Fox estate from North ward. The remaining part of East ward will be absorbed into the Thames Ditton ward. This includes Matham Road, Bell Road and all of Bridge Road and Walton Road east of Matham Road, together with everything 'over the bridges' up to Imber Court. These proposed boundary changes are purely for Elmbridge electoral purposes and do not affect any other boundaries.

The proposal is now with the Boundary Commission for consideration and, if they approve the scheme, a public consultation will be held. The expectation is that in May 2016 the whole Council will be re-elected under the new system.

## BUS AND TRAIN SERVICES

As reported in our Spring newsletter, Surrey County Council has been carrying out a major survey of bus services in the County. Surrey spends £19 million annually on bus subsidies (including the government concessionary fares requirement of nearly £9 million).

Surrey intended to reduce this expenditure by £2 million and we were apprehensive that this would result in the loss of some services – especially the 514 service. This service is not heavily used but is essential for elderly residents to get to the Glenlyn Medical Centre and to connect with the Kingston Hospital “K” services at Kingston. MRA County Councillor Stuart Selleck represented Molesey’s case and hence, to our great relief, the 514 service will remain - albeit with modifications avoiding Long Ditton, subject to consultation - but heavier use is essential to guarantee its long term future.

Stuart also did his best to get the 411 service extended from Molesey to Walton to help people wanting to shop there and to improve access to the Leisure Centre. It turned out that this was not possible, since the 411 service is provided by Transport for London and they only run it as far as Molesey as a concession. You can’t win them all!

Meanwhile, MRA Cllr Mike Axton has, for some time, been pressing at meetings with SWT representatives to get the half hourly train services between Waterloo and Hampton Court extended up to the end of service between Monday and Saturday. SWT agreed to include Mike’s request in their discussions with the Ministry of Transport and have now agreed to extend the service as Mike requested (during the next year or so). SWT further agreed to look at improving cycle security at Hampton Court station where thefts are currently a problem.

Twelve-coach trains will be introduced at peak times when many people cannot now get a seat.

## POSSIBLE POOL ROAD DEVELOPMENT

In Pool Road, West Molesey, opposite the Fleetside entry road is a commercial building with space behind it – for which a planning application will be made by Paragon Homes.

The proposal is to build a new entry road to 86 new affordable homes in the space behind the commercial building and backing on to the rear gardens of properties in Monks Avenue.

The proposal is for 16 three-bed houses, 10 one-bed flats, 60 two-bed flats (varying between 3 and 4 storeys) together with a play area, communal area and 90 parking places.



## FLEETSIDE CLEAN-UP

When Wendy Guest, a member of Molesey Residents Association committee, decided that various areas of Fleetside in West Molesey could do with a clean-up, she, Ulla Baagoe and Rod Thorn as Friends of Fleetside, did a leaflet drop around Fleetside to organise a litter pick.

17 residents set off with their sacks to pick up litter and, in just over the hour, 18 sacks of rubbish had been collected. The youngest helper was 12 and the oldest was 82.

Everyone then enjoyed tea & biscuits (financed by MRA) and a good old natter.

**MOLESEY AVENUE** We apologise that our last newsletter contained incorrect information from Surrey CC that Molesey Avenue had been resurfaced. This is not the case, but MRA Cllr. Ernest Mallett is pressing hard for this work to be carried out as it has been a priority for some time.

## HELP FOR SCOUTS

During the last few months the MRA Committee has received appeals from two Molesey Scout Groups.

3rd Molesey Scout Group was in need of finance to replace some of the instruments used in the Scout Band (often seen in the Carnival parade and on Remembrance Days) and 1st Molesey (Jaguar) Sea Scouts needed finance to progress their intended new 'home' on the Thames riverbank .

After due consideration, the MRA committee decided to donate £500 to each Group and wish them both well for the future.



Molesey Residents Association relies on its helpers to collect subs and deliver newsletters.

At the moment we need more subscription collectors. Can you help? There is no cold calling and the job needs an hour or two of your time once a year to collect one or two roads – or whatever you can do.

If you can help, please contact Lesley Yauner on 8224 2094. Thank you!

At this time of year when things are growing quickly, you may not be aware that your hedge or shrubs are growing over the pathway.

While this is only an inconvenience for residents with good sight, it can be positively dangerous for those with imperfect vision.

Please take a couple of minutes to check that your foliage is not intruding – and if it is please cut it back! Thank you.

## MOLESEY WEIR



Work has been going on at Molesey Weir for the last two years and it is now complete apart from some final tidying up. The weir (which was first built in 1814 and rebuilt in 1906) has now been rebuilt with six new radial sluice gates, a new walkway over the top and, for the first time, a fish ladder to allow fish to pass the lock and weir from the lower Thames to its higher reaches.

The new fish ladder can be seen in the picture to the left of the new walkway to cross over the sluice gates.

The whole job has been a big undertaking and cost a lot of money but was necessary because the existing gates had come to the end of their life and had to be replaced.

## TRAVELLERS

Following incursions by travellers on the Hurst Recreation ground, Elmbridge Council is intending to increase security there and at other places around Molesey.

## HURST PARK'S MIDSUMMER MUSIC AT THE MARKER

This annual event, run by our sister organisation the Hurst Park Residents Association, will be held on the Hurst Park riverbank on Friday 19th June, from 6 - 10pm. There will be a bar, bbq, stalls and rides, singing and dancing by local schoolchildren, and a live band. Admission free, all are welcome.

### Your Membership is Greatly Appreciated

If you would like to pay direct, please return the tear off slip with £3.00 or £15.00 to any of the following addresses:-  
20 Walton Road KT8 0DF, 110 Buckingham Gardens KT8 1TN or 42 Beauchamp Road KT8 2PG

We will make sure you get a Membership Card *Thank You*

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