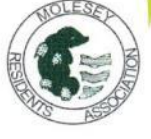
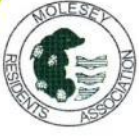


# MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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Make a date to come to our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held at **MOLE HALL** (also known as Molesey Community Centre) on **MONDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL** starting at **8 pm**.

You will be able to hear what your Association has been up to over the last year and take the opportunity to chat with councillors and committee members. Refreshments will be provided to accompany those chats after the official business is over.

Non-members may join at the door for only £3 per household – hardly a fortune these days!

## ***MOLESEY HOSPITAL TO CLOSE?***

### **READ WHAT YOU CAN DO**

**BACKGROUND:** Health & Hospital services for Molesey are now controlled by the Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group, (SDCCG). They control 5 Community Hospitals: COBHAM, LEATHERHEAD, MOLESEY, DORKING and EPSOM/EWELL.

### **They are now consulting on 4 options – 2 of which close Molesey Hospital!**

They have already reviewed:- Location of Services, Number of patients, Quality of Care, Current Buildings, Health Needs, Population Changes.

They are now consulting on:- Hospital Services, New Health Services, Staff Recruiting, Support from local hospital 'Friends' organisations

- OPTION 1.**
- \* Keep the 3 ward model at Dorking, Molesey and Epsom/Ewell
  - \* Leatherhead to be Care Centre (Outpatients/Clinics), not open ward
  - \* All outpatients service as of now, (*presumably Cobham stays as is*)
- OPTION 2.**
- \* Transfer Epsom/Ewell inpatient and specialist neuro services to Epsom General Hospital & distribute outpatient services, i.e. close Epsom/Ewell
  - \* Dorking & Molesey to remain as is, (*presumably also Cobham as is*)
  - \* Leatherhead to be Care Centre (Outpatients/Clinics), not open ward
- OPTION 3.**
- \* Transfer Molesey inpatients to Cobham (opening Cobham ward) and Molesey outpatients to clinics and GP's, **i.e. closing Molesey Hospital**
  - \* Dorking and Epsom/Ewell remain as is
  - \* Leatherhead to Care Centre (Outpatients/Clinics), not open ward
- OPTION 4**
- \* This combines first parts of Options 2 & 3, e.g.
  - \* Transfer services at Epsom/Ewell as per Option 2, i.e. close Epsom/Ewell
  - \* Transfer Molesey services as per Option 3, **i.e. closing Molesey Hospital**
  - \* Dorking remains as is
  - \* Leatherhead to be Care Centre (Outpatients/Clinics), not open ward

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## CHANGES SDCCG WANTS TO MAKE:

- \* Get patients in community hospitals quickly
- \* Agree types of Healthcare, hence patients at each location
- \* Review special Neuro care at Epsom/Ewell, (brain injury/stroke)
- \* Look at ways of providing Healthcare—more outpatients, less inpatients
- \* Look at where beds should be provided—possibly fewer beds but larger wards
- \* Buy more Physio and Occupational treatments to get patients out of hospital quicker



Having considered the above, the 4 options have been put out for public consultation from 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to May 5<sup>th</sup> 2016.

These options have been decided on: Quality of Care, Patient Needs, Convenience for Patients, Transport (*available*), Estate Costs & Condition, Overall Costs, NHS Services, Space Available, Staffing.

## SUMMARY OF SERVICES & BASIC COSTS

Summary of services currently provided at the community hospitals <i>(from consultation document)</i>				
	<i>Annual outpatient appointments</i>	<i>Wards used/ Ward capacity</i>	<i>Inpatient stays per year</i>	<i>Usable space (square meters)</i>
COBHAM	12,000	0/28	0	1263
DORKING	26,000	28/28	500	2202
LEATHERHEAD	37,000	0/18	0	2217
MOLESEY	5,000	12/12	200	867
EPSOM & EWELL	6,000	20/20	300	1525

Estimated Costings <i>(from consultation document)</i>			
	<i>Capital investment required</i>	<i>Current costs of site to CCG</i>	<i>Future cost to CCG (per sq meter per year)/total</i>
COBHAM	£840,000 (estimated)	£773,000	£647/ £817,161
DORKING	£3.1 million	£699,000	£389/ £855,983
LEATHERHEAD	£3.7 million	£824,000	£455/ £1,000,799
MOLESEY	£1.9 million	£452,000	£635/ £550,614
EPSOM & EWELL	£2.1 million	£514,000	£409/ £623,496

## HAVE YOUR SAY:

- Get a free booklet with freepost return questionnaire from SDCCG from:  
FREEPOST RTEY-LSGG-UHBE, Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group, Cedar Court, Guildford Road, Leatherhead, Surrey. KT22 9AE.
- Fill in a questionnaire online at [www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk](http://www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk)
- Email your views to [contactus.surreydownsccg@nhs.net](mailto:contactus.surreydownsccg@nhs.net)
- Contact SDCCG by SMS through their telephone service on 07912-998809
- Watch out for SDCCG 'Launch' dates for consultations and attend the meeting.

The full consultation documents are on our website [www.moleseyresidentsassociation.org.uk](http://www.moleseyresidentsassociation.org.uk)  
As they become known, future consultation meetings will be posted on our website and on the SDCCG website [www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk](http://www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk)

## THE MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION VIEW

Molesey Hospital is clearly at risk, and is vital that the community rallies round and responds strongly to the consultation as part of the fight to save our Hospital. It could well be promoted for closure at the end of this SDCCG consultation. Closure would mean inpatients would have to go to Cobham and outpatients could be sent anywhere.

**ONLY IF A MASS OF MOLESEY RESIDENTS RALLY ROUND AND  
SUPPORT OPTION 1 or OPTION 2 WILL MOLESEY KEEP ITS HOSPITAL.  
ALL MOLESEY RESIDENTS SHOULD ACT NOW!**

## IMPROVED RAIL SERVICE

It has long been a source of frustration for people living in Molesey that the half-hourly train service between Hampton Court and Waterloo reduced to only one train an hour in the evening.

MRA Councillor Mike Axton has met representatives from South West Trains a number of times to press the case for more trains throughout the evening and, as reported in our Summer Newsletter, they finally agreed.



The additional trains started running from 13 December, from Monday to Saturday. This means that there are now two trains an hour between Waterloo and Hampton Court right up to the last train (though on some of the extra trains you need to change at Surbiton). We are continuing to press for other improvements, including a late (after midnight) train, better coordination of the 411 bus timetable with the Hampton Court service, and secure cycle storage facilities at the station, where thefts remain a real problem.

This is an excellent outcome to a long campaign by the MRA but we are continuing to press for other improvements.

## CROSSRAIL 2

Transport for London (TfL) is consulting on proposals for a new underground multi-million pound tunnel to link the South West to the North West of London via Victoria. An additional benefit claimed is that by diverting some trains, such as our Hampton Court trains, to Victoria instead of Waterloo, will release capacity at Waterloo so that other train services can access the station.

Molesey residents do not agree that they should have to change trains at Surbiton, Wimbledon or Clapham Junction to get to Waterloo. As the frequency of Hampton Court trains would increase to 4 per hour, we think 2 of these should go straight to Waterloo and we have made this point strongly.

It is, of course, very early days. Crossrail 2 could not be finished before 2030 even if the government approved the project tomorrow. We think that those working in train management in 15 years' time will have different ideas on train routing and timetables than those today. If the scheme develops we will keep you informed.

## JOLLY BOATMAN/STATION SITE

Since MRA Councillors met with the new owners of the site in the middle of last year, very little information has been forthcoming.

We understand that Elmbridge Borough Officers have had further informal discussions with the developers but, as yet, there has been no indication as to whether a revised planning application will be put forward.

We are monitoring the situation and will keep residents informed of any developments.

## EASY SUBSCRIPTIONS

During our traditional door-to-door method of collecting annual subscriptions (still only £3 per household!) it has become evident that many people would prefer to pay by electronic means rather than by cash at the door. To facilitate this we have set up a system whereby you can pay on-line via PayPal. There will be a PayPal link on the membership page of our website [www.moleseyresidentsassociation.org.uk](http://www.moleseyresidentsassociation.org.uk) that will take you to PayPal, where you can log into your account in order to make a payment.

An alternative is to pay by bank transfer or standing order directly to the MRA bank account 86284805, sort code 09-01-28. In this case, to ensure we know who has sent us money, please send an email confirming your payment, name and (importantly) address to our membership secretary at [mra.subs@yahoo.com](mailto:mra.subs@yahoo.com) and we will make sure you receive your membership card/receipt.

In case you haven't got this newsletter to hand when you want to pay, the account number, etc., can be found on our website [www.moleseyresidentsassociation.org.uk](http://www.moleseyresidentsassociation.org.uk)

We would urge as many people as possible to adopt this method to reduce the load on our collectors.



## MAGICAL MOLESEY AND CHRISTMAS

This annual pre-Christmas event (originated by MRA but now run by Molesey Traders) took place around the “Woolworth’s parade” area of Walton Road and was a very successful evening. Pavements were jammed with parents and children exploring the many stalls erected and everyone had a really good time.

The event was opened by lighting the big Christmas tree, which was supplied by the Traders, erected and lit by MRA with further decorations added by Molesey W.I.

Following last year’s disaster with no lights on the MRA trees at the police station green and the Central Avenue roundabout, we had better success with electricity this year - but only after Ernest Mallett got inside the lamp-posts (not literally as he is not the right size) to sort out the complex and very difficult miniature programmers. Anyway, we hope you enjoyed the end result!

## NEILSON’S BRIDGE

This pedestrian bridge, connecting Molesey Park Road to Neilson’s Field at the bottom of Green Lane, has been closed since 2014 when the Council decided that it was unsafe. MRA councillors have been pushing to get things going and, after a lot of design work, contracts have at last been awarded to contractors to renew the bridge.

The new bridge is now under construction off-site and preparation work will start on-site on 14<sup>th</sup> March, with the existing bridge being demolished on about 4<sup>th</sup> April and installation of the new bridge completed by 23<sup>rd</sup> April, assuming no weather problems or unforeseen difficulties.

The whole exercise is budgeted at £133,500.



## ORCHARD LANE TRADING ESTATE

This under-used industrial estate has been bought by a developer intending to build 95 2, 3 and 4-bed houses.

At a recent consultation meeting with local residents there were concerns about increased traffic flows in Orchard Lane. However, the main opinion supported the proposed development, especially as 40% of the homes will be ‘affordable’ and planning permission was duly granted (see Elmbridge planning application 2015/3400).

## ST LAWRENCE SCHOOL

After local consultation, St. Lawrence School is proposing to build a new two-storey larger school behind where the present school now stands. The existing school site will be replaced by an all-surface sports pitch (see planning application 2015/3879).

## FLOOD RELIEF

Flood Relief schemes are often talked about but often not funded. The grand Thames idea is to increase water movement/capacity between Eton and the Teddington Lock.

The first part, the new ‘Jubilee River’ water bypass between Eton and Maidenhead is complete. The next phase is the Maidenhead to Staines ‘Wraysbury bypass channel’. Funding is variously estimated up to £300m. Surrey County and some borough councils have indicated that they would provide some funding but the Government has to first guarantee some £150m. The scheme is therefore still well into the future. If it comes about, it is said that the increased water flow will protect the Staines/Wraysbury areas from flooding and by careful lock control, will not cause a significant water rise in the lower reach areas of the Thames, even if the Teddington lock/sluice is effectively closed against tidal waters.

The logic is questionable. What may happen is that lock/sluice control at places like Sunbury and Molesey may be managed to choose which areas should be flooded, including flood plains at Hurst Meadows, Home Park and at the various Richmond Meadows.

As part of the River Thames Scheme, three of the existing weirs at Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington will be modified with additional sluice gates to allow more water to flow through the weirs.

This will reduce the difference in the upstream and downstream water levels and reduce the flood risk to people’s homes in the area. Currently, we expect the works at Molesey weir to begin in 2019.

There are some resident protest campaigns upstream of Molesey, but whilst we do not aim to be complacent, we think the only useful action we can currently take is to monitor any progress of these plans and take any opportunity which occurs for public consultation.

## ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES

As explained in our last newsletter, the controlling Conservative party at Elmbridge submitted a plan to the Boundary Commission to reduce the number of councillors and electoral wards for Elmbridge Council elections. The Boundary Commission did not approve their original plan but came up with a revised scheme with many changes across Elmbridge, one of which was that Molesey would be reduced from 3 wards (East, North and South) to 2 wards (East and West).

The new scheme has now been finalised and, for Elmbridge elections, the new boundary between East and West includes all of the Hurst Park estate into East ward and, broadly, runs up part of New Road, across the 'Rec', down between Spreighton and Avern roads, along Beauchamp Road and down lower Seymour Road to the Mole.

You can see exactly where the divisions are at <https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4438>.

In order to equalise the number of voters in each ward and in spite of MRA objections, the scheme also decided that a large part of East Molesey will be voting for Thames Ditton councillors instead of Molesey councillors. This includes Bridge Gardens, Cedar Road, Kingfisher Court, Queens Reach and everything on the south side of a line drawn along the centre of Creek Road and Bridge Road together with all of Esher Road, Ember Lane and all roads off them, right up to Imber Court.

This area is still part of Molesey and will continue to receive MRA newsletters and be represented at Surrey County Council by a Molesey councillor (presently an MRA Councillor).

These changes do not affect any other boundaries or post codes but, to start off the new arrangement, it will be necessary to elect 3 councillors in each ward in the May local elections.

Hence every voter will have 3 votes and we do urge you to use those votes to elect your local Residents Association candidates rather than others representing national political parties.

## PHONE MAST APPLICATION

Following the refusal by Elmbridge planners for a 25-metre high phone mast on the verge by West Molesey Recreation Ground (as reported in our last newsletter), there has been an application to install the same facilities INSIDE the tower of St. Peter's Church, only a short distance away from the original proposal.

All the equipment would be installed in the bell chamber of the church tower with the antennas 'looking out' through the four louvered windows beneath the clocks in the tower – hence the whole installation would be invisible apart from a small meter box installed just inside the lych-gate. The proposal is to allow Vodafone and O2 to achieve improved 3G and 4G coverage.



The proposals can be viewed on Elmbridge's website as planning application 2016/0093.

## PLATT'S EYOT

We have heard that Platt's Eyot (an island in the Thames) may have been bought by an overseas Sovereign fund in association with a British housebuilder. Planning on this island is controlled by Richmond Council which has a long history of not agreeing to any development on Platt's Eyot.

Nothing can happen quickly but we will try and obtain further information for the next Newsletter.

## CENTRAL AVENUE POST OFFICE

It is good news that the Post Office at Central Avenue in West Molesey has just been modernised. According to the press release, the new Post Office opening times will be 08:00 – 18:00 Monday to Saturday and 09:00 – 15:00 on Sundays, which should benefit customers.

This is a good result following the hard work in 2009 by MRA Councillors and others to keep the Post Office open.

## MOLESEY IN BLOOM

With Spring around the corner it is time to turn your attention to your front garden. If you fancy taking part, details are available from Lesley Yauner on 8224-2094 or [lesleyyauner@msm.com](mailto:lesleyyauner@msm.com).



## MRA CHARITY QUIZ

The first MRA charity quiz night on 6th February saw 20 teams battle it out to become 'champion quizzers' and win the Rawlinson & Webber trophy.

We are very grateful to Rawlinson & Webber for sponsoring this event, EKA for printing the quiz sheets and Wheatley's builders for the star prize. Other prizes were donated by Tesco, Petritis, Bentley butchers, E & J Dry Cleaners, The Bell, Mezzet, Prince of Wales, Purple Kitchen, Card Collection, Molesey DIY, Lily Blossom, Beano's Pet Gifts and Hopscotch.

Thanks also go to all who made such delicious desserts to follow the supper main course and to Paula Day for dreaming up the questions. Due to everybody's generosity we were able to donate all profits to charities, so £500 was donated to Shooting Star Chase and £500 to Canine Partners.

## ON-STREET PARKING RESTRICTIONS

The SCC parking review of Molesey will begin soon, possibly April. We know many residents want changes to the parking allowed in their road, and you can now put forward suggestions. Go to [www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/elmbridge](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/parking/elmbridge), leave your contact details, and you will be sent a link to an online survey form as the review approaches. We will update our website when we have more news.

## DAFFODIL APPEAL

We are sorry to report the theft of all the cyclamen we planted in the horse trough in Bridge Road - a great pity since, with the mild weather, cyclamens would have stayed in flower right into mid-January.

It is very disappointing to report that there has also been a complete rip-out of what was left of the long standing snowdrop bed under the silver birch tree by the walkway on the police station green.

Any information can be conveyed anonymously to Ernest Mallett at 20 Walton Road or 8979-6446.

The MRA have again planted and provided some 250Kg of daffodil bulbs for others to plant. We are particularly grateful to Wendy Guest & Rod and his team of planters for the very big 'plant' they have carried out around the Fleetside estate.

Molesey Residents Association will, once again, be running our charity appeal this Spring. Those who have lost loved ones may feel that the coming of Spring, with all its new growth and vitality, is an appropriate time to donate a sum in remembrance of their dear departed friends or relatives.

From its own funds, MRA will double all donations (up to a total of £400). Resulting from last year's donations, Marie Curie Cancer Care received over £450 and Alzheimers £200 for which they were both very grateful.

We usually look forward to the new display of daffodils around Molesey (many planted by MRA) as the herald of Spring but, with this year's mild weather, daffodils have been blooming since December – as shown in the photo of daffodils blooming in West Molesey in mid-December!

Memorial boards will be erected at prominent sites around Molesey showing the names of the givers and their remembered ones. If you would like to

make a donation please forward a cheque of £3 upwards (made out to MRA) to Ernest Mallett, 20 Walton Road, East Molesey, KT8 0DF and we will do the rest!



*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 245, Fleetside KT8 2NL

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



### MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP - SPRING 2016

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