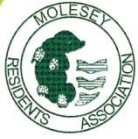


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Make a date to come to our **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** to be held at **MOLE HALL** (also known as Molesey Community Centre) on **MONDAY, 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** starting at **8 pm**.

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

Non-members may join at the door for the ludicrously low sum of only £3 per household!

## WAR MEMORIAL

The existing war memorials in East and West Molesey remember only those who died in the First World War with nothing relating to the Second World War. To correct this shortcoming the Molesey Second World War Memorial Association was set up several years ago to produce a memorial to commemorate all those who died in both World Wars.

A plan was produced to build a new memorial on The Forum in West Molesey - but the scheme turned out to be too expensive for the funds that had been raised and the scheme fell into abeyance.

The new design will fit the finance available but still achieve the objective of listing the Molesey World War names for both the 1914 (WWI) and 1939 (WWII) wars all on one site, bearing in mind that the WWII names are not on any public memorial - and where WWI or WWII names are listed, they are incomplete.

New structures were designed and the West Molesey War Memorial site was chosen.

The modifications will be complete for the Remembrance Service on November 12th.

The work involves the installation of two polished granite slabs (similar to that pictured), positioned one either side of the entrance path, engraved with the names of those connected with Molesey (and not already on the existing West Molesey memorial) who died as a result of both the 1914 and 1939 World Wars. There are 234 names and the installation will, for the first time, list the 1939-45 names and bring together all Molesey names on one site, including Civilians and the Welsh Guards killed at Imber Court.

Cty. Cllr. Ernest Mallett has headed the committee concerned, which is an independent committee not part of the MRA, but the MRA is one of the supporters. The cost is some £14,000 and has been funded by Surrey County Council (councillor sponsored grant), Elmbridge Borough Council, Garfield Weston (Bank) Foundation, the McGillan Family, the Batten Family, the Molesey Residents Association and the Committee Members of the Molesey Second War World Memorial Association.

We hope everyone will welcome these new additions. At the Remembrance Service on Sunday, November 12th at 10.45am, a dedication of the new Memorials will be included in the service.



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## 'TRAVELLERS' ON THE REC

On 16<sup>th</sup> August afternoon some 'travellers' cut off the heavy padlock which secured the entry barrier to Walton Road Recreation Ground. Then some 20 caravans, together with many more other vehicles entered the Rec. and installed themselves there - part of their encampment is shown below.



MRA Councillors did not take to social media to announce this - but did something much more useful – they immediately informed senior officers at Elmbridge Council.

There is a legal procedure which has to be followed in these cases and the travellers were issued with a Notice of Direction to leave the site by the end of the day.

As expected, they did not comply with the Order, so the Council applied to the Guildford Magistrates Court for a Removal Order and was given the first available hearing on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

To make a strong case in court, MRA councillors fed senior officers at Elmbridge with details of the happenings on the Rec. including up to four very noisy quad bikes tearing around and a succession of cars and vans performing large skidding turns to the considerable detriment of the grass surface.

Of course, the 'travellers' know all the rules and procedures and hence left the Rec on 22<sup>nd</sup> August – the day before the expected Removal Order. They had stayed only 6 days. This short stay was due to the legal procedures being got through in record time, thanks to the early information being passed to senior offices at Elmbridge by your MRA councillors.

Following the 'travellers' departure, Elmbridge started a clear-up on the day of departure and completed it the following day, leaving the Rec clean again with the grass surface quickly recovering.

To deter any future incursions, the Council has installed a height barrier at the Rec entrance.

If you are aware of any 'traveller' incursions at any Molesey site, please contact the Council or an MRA councillor immediately to ensure rapid legal progress and a quick removal, as in this case.

## WASTE PROBLEMS

With a view to reducing costs (and hence keeping your council tax down) Elmbridge Council joined with three other local councils to manage, as a group, the waste collection services in their boroughs.

Following a competitive tendering process, the contract was awarded to Amey, starting in June.

Unfortunately, as some readers will know all too well, the first few weeks of collections were somewhat chaotic, with many waste bins and food collections being missed altogether.

MRA councillors took up these problems with the contractor and the managing director of Amey apologised to unhappy residents and brought in extra resources to help resolve the situation.

Since then, the collection services have settled down and are hopefully, now as good as before.

However, should you still have problems, report them online on the Council's website, or by phone to the Council on 01372-474474.

## COUNTY NEWS

Waste Services: Surrey County Council is set to remove residents' right to take one free bag of rubble or building waste to the tip. General rubbish and green waste will remain free to deposit.

Street Lighting: This is now generally universally turned off between midnight and 5 am in residential streets. If you want to make out a case on safety grounds to retain full or partly reduced lighting, then phone the County Contact Centre on 03456 009 009 for information.

Libraries: SCC is about to remove the 'Over 70's concession on not making a charge for overdue book returns whilst making further cuts in the purchase of Library Book stock.

Councillor Grants Sponsorship Allowances for Community Projects have again been heavily cut from £10600 to £6000 a year.



## DON'T MISS THE QUIZ NIGHT!

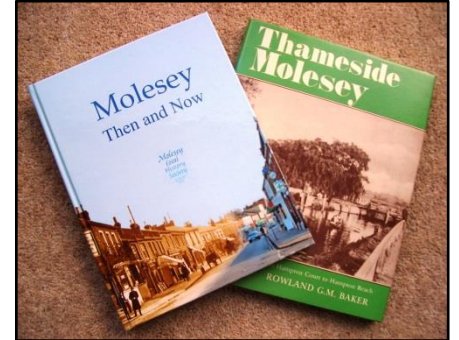
We will be holding our quiz night at Mole Hall (also called Molesey Centre for the Community) on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets are £10 for members and £12 for non-members.

As last year there will be a supper (usually chicken and chips or fish and chips with a home-made dessert). It's a pleasant evening out, trying your knowledge against that of other competitors - but it's not too serious, more a bit of fun, really. Teams of up to 6 compete and the raffle will be in aid of 'The Silverlining' - a local charity that helps people suffering from brain injuries. If you fancy a bit of fun on an autumn evening get your friends together and ring Lesley Yauner for tickets on 8224 2094.

## CHRISTMAS IDEAS

Yes, it's coming, like it or not! However, we have some ideas to help you out with the present problems in the form of two Molesey books at only £15 each.

The first is the new Molesey History Society book 'Then and Now'. This book has many pictures of old Molesey from years past, taken from old photographs, postcards, etc – matched by professionally taken present-day photographs, reproducing the same shots, taken from the same positions, showing how Molesey has (or has not) changed over the years. MRA was pleased to help with the financing of the professional photography and the book makes interesting viewing and an unusual present - available from Jill Wilkins on 8979 3465.



The second book is a reprinted version of Roland Baker's book 'Thameside Molesey' which follows Molesey's relationship with the Thames over the centuries. It covers the different Hampton Court bridges, the goings-on at Fred Karno's Karsino, the many historical events which took place on Molesey riverside land and the burning down of the grandstand at Hurst Park racecourse by the suffragettes. All this for £15 (less than the 1989 published price) from Ernest Mallett on 8979 6446.

While we're on the Christmas theme, don't forget **Magical Molesey**. This is a free pre-Christmas fun evening, run by the local traders, held around the "Woolworth's Parade" in Walton Road, aimed at parents and children. It will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5 – 7pm and is expected to be better than ever this year with carol singers, food stalls, fairground rides and, of course, the switching on of the Christmas tree lights. There may even be the odd free mince pie or glass of wine going!

Christmas Lights Council officers have confirmed that a new contract will be in place for Molesey Christmas lights before Christmas 2017, and that there will be improved lighting, with new motifs etc this year, but only to the existing infrastructure (ie the locations which were lit last year).

We had asked them for extended lighting at other locations in Molesey, and although that can't be done for this Christmas, new locations will be considered for Christmas 2018. So if you have any thoughts about where new lighting might be installed please let us know.

## HOSPITAL UPDATE

You will remember the campaign run last year by MRA, with public meetings, special newsletters and notices around Molesey to prevent the possible closure of Molesey Hospital.

The campaign was successful in that Molesey Hospital will remain, but the future form of the hospital was undecided. NHS Property Services has been checking possibilities and costings for future action and there is a possibility that the hospital, local GP's services and/or the Clinic could all be included on one site in the final arrangement. More meetings are planned, but no firm conclusions yet

## FIRE SERVICES

After the disastrous Grenfell Tower fire some people living in high rise accommodation are feeling nervous. Meanwhile, Conservative controlled Surrey County Council is cutting funding to our fire services. They seem hell bent on replacing two fire stations with a new one placed between a previous two, hence reducing the number of fire appliances available and increasing the distance to be travelled in the case of an emergency. At present, something in the order of £2 million is being cut from Surrey's fire services.

## FANCY LEARNING MANDARIN CHINESE?

A local tutor is available to give private one-on-one lessons in business and conversational Chinese with HSK preparation if required – from £20 per hour. Phone 07754 670 186 for more information.

## EASY SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are short of subscription collectors, therefore it would be a great help to us if you could renew your subscription without waiting for a collector to call.

The subscription remains at the ludicrously low figure of £3 per household per year – or £15 for five years. Please forward your subscription to any of the addresses below or, perhaps more conveniently, send it by bank transfer to MRA Santander account 86284805, sort code 09-01-28.

Please also send an email to [mra.subs@yahoo.com](mailto:mra.subs@yahoo.com) with your name and, importantly, address – so we know who has sent in the subscription! We will send you a membership card/receipt. Thank You.

## GREEN LANE BRIDGE

Our Summer Newsletter in 2016 reported on the installation of the new bridge from the end of Green Lane into Nielson's Field with pictures of the opening ceremony.

The entrance to the bridge is flanked by two large brick pillars, one of which carries a brass plaque commemorating the 1935 donation of the Field by Mr Christian Nielson, celebrating King George V's Silver Jubilee.

MRA thought it would be appropriate to have a matching plaque on the second brick pillar commemorating the new bridge opening, so arranged for a new plaque to be installed. This was 'unveiled' on 22<sup>nd</sup> October by Julia Nielson, granddaughter of Christian Nielson, the original benefactor of the Field, pictured with the Mayor, Cllr Rachel Lake and MRA Cllr Ernest Mallett by the new plaque. Refreshments were provided, making for a pleasant event.



### FLU ALERT !

The NHS is warning of a particularly virulent form of the flu virus which is expected to hit the UK after one of the worst winters in Australia, and is encouraging as many eligible people as possible to present themselves for vaccination at their GP or local pharmacy.

Vaccination is free to those aged from 2 to 8, over 65s, and those in clinical 'at risk' groups (including people with asthma and respiratory conditions and those with heart and kidney problems), pregnant women, those in long-stay residential care homes and carers.

People in these categories are being encouraged to make an appointment with their local GP or visit their local pharmacist before the flu sets in this winter

### LIBRARY Direct.

In order to boost the number of books borrowed from Surrey Libraries, "Library Direct" has introduced a new volunteer service.

Do you or someone you know need help getting library books?.

Surrey Libraries can help.  
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Surrey Libraries have volunteers who will deliver books to you.

## ST PAUL'S WELCOMES NEW PRIEST

St Paul's Church in East Molesey is delighted to welcome Anne Farmer as its new priest. Anne is married with two grown-up children and is currently team vicar in a parish in Somerset. She is highly experienced and enthusiastic and excited at the prospect of her move to Molesey. Anne was formally installed as priest at a service at St Paul's on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Anne is very much looking forward to working with the Rev Richard Lloyd at St Mary's and Alex Munro, the new curate at St Peter's, in a recently formed group Ministry arrangement which will see all three Anglican churches in Molesey working closely together. This is encouraging and welcome news for our local community as a whole.



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