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MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION *NEWSLETTER*

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BISHOP FOX ESTATE

This privately owned estate in West Molesey has considerable areas of grass and shrubs in that part of the estate nearest to Hurst Road.

As reported in our newsletter this time last year, when the residents bought their houses back in the 1980s the developer was responsible for maintaining these green areas and set up a fund to pay Elmbridge Council to carry out the work.

However, the developer has since disappeared and the fund set up for maintenance has been exhausted.

The residents expected Elmbridge Council to carry on maintaining the greenery, but Elmbridge was adamant that it would not maintain areas it did not own unless it received payment.

MRA Councillors Liz Robertson, Stuart Selleck, Ernest Mallett and a group of residents struggled with this problem for about 3 years, looking for a solution. In the meantime the grass cutting was financed by contributions from MRA and a grant from Surrey CC arranged by Ernest Mallett.

After long and intensive negotiations with Surrey CC and Elmbridge Council, it now seems that a solution has been achieved although the legal details are still to be settled.

The Bishop Fox residents and the MRA councillors who put in all the work are relieved that, at last, this problem seems to have been resolved. Well done, everyone!

MAGICAL MOLESEY

This fun community day will take place as usual this year in Walton Road, East Molesey from 5.30pm on Nov. 28th on the run-up to Christmas.

There will be all the usual Christmas fun with a Christmas tree with lights, children's competitions and much more. Look out for more information nearer the day!

WAR MEMORIAL

The war memorials in West and East Molesey remember those who died in the First World War, with those who died in the Second World War being remembered only by a metal plaque on the lower part of the memorials stating 'Also those who died 1939/45'.

Many people feel that this is an inadequate memorial to the sacrifices made in the Second World War.

A committee was set up to look at ways of rectifying the situation. The committee was not an MRA committee, although MRA councillors and committee members were involved.

The scheme was to produce a new memorial on The Forum grassed area to serve the whole of Molesey and to recognise both wars properly.

Over a period of time, money was raised from various sources, but was inadequate to finance the Forum proposal, and progress stalled for several years.

The committee has recently re-formed with the intention of finding a less expensive solution and concluded that the Forum idea should be postponed and additions made to the West Molesey memorial along the lines of alterations incorporated at the Walton memorial.

More money will be required, but the hope is that grants may be obtained to finance this scaled down solution.

CUTTING REQUEST

Now that autumn is here and the growing season is over, please may we ask you to check that you have no trees, hedges or shrubs projecting over pavements or walkways.

As the darker days are coming, such projecting foliage can deliver a nasty surprise to passers-by but can be positively dangerous to elderly or poorly sighted persons

DIAMOND JUBILEE

In East Molesey, at the junction of Wolsey Road and Bridge Road, stands a horse trough which was erected to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887.

The tall rear upstand on the horse trough supports shields commemorating the 1887 Jubilee.

In 2002 the MRA paid to have a shield engraved to commemorate our present Queen's Golden Jubilee year.

The MRA feels that, with 2012 having been such a memorable year with the Diamond Jubilee and the very successful Olympic Games, it would be appropriate to have another shield engraved to celebrate this Diamond Jubilee year.

To this end MRA has commissioned the engraving but it will probably not be completed by the time you receive this newsletter.

We hope you approve.

Incidentally, since there are no longer any horses needing the trough, MRA Cllr Ernest Mallett keeps the trough planted with flowers to add a splash of colour.

What a pity that some of the flowers are regularly stolen!

TOPPS TILES

When Topps Tiles arrived in the large shop in Walton Road, opposite Seymour Road, they erected a huge garish yellow 'Topps Tiles' sign along the front of the shop. The sign was approximately 30 feet long and 6 feet high

Your MRA councillors enquired if planning consent had been granted for this and found it had not.

Topps were then asked to apply for planning consent – which was duly refused. They then went to appeal – which they again lost. Hence they had to remove the sign.

They now have a smaller, but still large, temporary sign on the shop front and have to apply for planning consent for the reduced size sign.

RIVERSIDE TRUST

The Hampton Riverside Trust was formed in 1996 to "preserve, protect and enhance the riverside at Hampton". In practice its attentions over the past 16 years have embraced the riverside from Hampton to Hampton Court, but have been mainly concentrated on the north side apart from a close interest in the Jolly Boatman site.

Obviously, the river has two banks and Hampton and Molesey have a mutual interest in looking after both sides. Hence it was decided at the Trust AGM to extend the Trust to become The Hampton and Molesey Riverside Trust. Peter Parker (who is an ex-MRA Elmbridge councillor) was elected as chairman and five other interested Molesey representatives became trustees.

Membership of the Trust is open to all at £5 per annum per household.

If you are interested, please contact the Treasurer or Secretary on 07903047819 or 8979-9803

OVERGROWN TREES

Residents in Edmonds Court in West Molesey have suffered for many years from having too many overgrown trees in a small area, forming a dark canopy blocking out the light. MRA Cllrs. Mike Axton and Nigel Cooper have been working closely with the residents to get this sorted out, and after a long campaign, have persuaded Surrey CC to remove the surplus trees completely, and to cut back the rest.

411 BUS TIMES

Two years ago MRA Cllr. Mike Axton persuaded Epsom Coaches to revise the 411 bus timetable, which used to leave Hampton Court station just before the arrival of the train from Waterloo! Although the current timetable is better, it still only allows 2 minutes for people to get from the station to the bus, and this is very tight now that the bus stop has been moved to Creek Road. Mike has, therefore, asked Epsom Coaches again to give passengers more time to get to the bus, and they have agreed to look into this.

POLICE ELECTIONS

On Thursday 15th November you will be asked to vote (for your first and second choice) for the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner who will then serve for 4 years.

His or her job will be to oversee the Surrey Police performance, control the police budget and work closely with the Chief Constable (Lynne Owens) to combat crime.

Six candidates are presently listed with the cut-off date for nominations being 19th October.

Candidates declared so far are:
LABOUR: Robert Evans, a former MEP for London NW and Chairman of Runnymede/Weybridge Labour Party.
INDEPENDENT: Kevin Hurley, ex - Met Commander for Public Order & ex-Detective Chief Superintendent.
CONSERVATIVE: Julie Iles, Deputy Chairman of Mole Valley Conservatives and ex-J.P.

LIB.DEM.: Nick O'Shea, former Mole Valley councillor and an accountant.
UKIP: Robert Shatwell, former Surrey Police Officer.

INDEPENDENT: Peter Williams, recently Chairman of Surrey Police Authority and an ex-J.P.

All 18 members of the Surrey Police Authority, which currently scrutinises the Police performance, will stand down on Nov.15th and will be replaced by a committee of one councillor from each of the 12 Surrey councils plus two co-opted independent Surrey residents.

MRA Cty. Cllr. Ernest Mallett has been on the Police Authority for the last 3 years and will have to stand down on November 15th.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

The independent (that is non-party political) candidates for the new post of Police & Crime Commissioner will tell you about the job and their aspirations, if elected, at Mole Hall on Friday, Oct 26th at 8pm. MRA will provide the usual refreshments for this meeting. Please come along to gain more information with a chance to talk to the PCC candidates and your local MRA councillors.

SURREY v. SNOW and ICE

Surrey CC has 39 snow ploughs and gritting lorries and 16,000 tons of salt and is ready to clear your road.

They will know the temperature of your road surface and will be directed and controlled from space via GPS trackers. Surrey CC will be locked into the Met and online to their own roadside weather stations.

Perhaps not in Molesey, but they have 51 farmers with their own snowploughs on the payroll.

Every piece of equipment can be put to work 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Surrey also has computerised location and the state of fill of 1,741 grit bins.

How lucky you are going to be in Surrey if it snows!!!!

MOLESEY WEIR - Makeover

Watch out for some heavy construction at the Weir. Lift gates and their supporting ironwork are being replaced by new, more efficient flow gates.

A better fish pass will allow a greater variety of fish to pass freely, the new eel pass will be retained and the existing look will be kept by retaining the shingle roofed canopy.

A temporary bridge will be there for residents and boat owners and work will take place in the summers of 2013 and 2014. No work in the winters as the water flow is too rapid, so no risk of the works causing flooding. Hurst Park will house a works compound.

Drop-In at Molesey Boat Club on Wed.10th Oct., 3pm to 8pm if you want to know more, or look up the Environment Agency website or email Dave Blythin at weirimprovements@environment-agency.gov.uk.

MOLESEY DAY CENTRE

With Radnor House in Hansler Grove slowly becoming empty, people have been concerned about the adjoining Molesey Centre.

We are informed that Molesey Centre will continue operations as usual, whatever happens to Radnor House.

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, 97 Buckingham Gardens KT8 1TN or 57 Pemberton Road KT8 9LG

We will make sure you get a Membership Card Thank You

MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION HOUSEHOLD MEMBERSHIP - AUTUMN 2012

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or £3 for 1 year Address

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