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MOLESEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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MRA Councillors at Surrey County Council - Nigel Cooper 8224-0712 & Ernest Mallett 8979-6446

MAY ELECTIONS. We are very pleased to report that all three Molesey Residents Association candidates were re-elected in the recent Elmbridge Borough Elections – Nigel Cooper in East ward, Liz Robertson in North ward and Vic Eldridge in South ward (Liz and Vic with very handsome majorities). You can rely on all three doing their level best at Council to promote the interests of Molesey and all its residents.

We would like to extend our grateful thanks to all those who voted for our MRA candidates. Thanks also to our many helpers who delivered leaflets, sat at polling stations, etc. Without them, we could not have achieved the success we did. The voting figures are in the right-hand column below.

There are 60 seats on Elmbridge Council of which the Conservatives now hold 31, giving them an overall majority. The Residents Group has 22 seats (9 of which are held by MRA) & Liberal Democrats 6 seats. There is 1 vacant seat (Esher).

The Monster Raving Loony Party put up nine candidates in Molesey East and obtained 57 votes between them.

JOLLY BOATMAN SITE

Appalled by the dreadful appearance of this land between the station and the Thames, Historic Royal Palaces offered some time ago to landscape it (at their own expense) on a temporary basis to improve the visual impact for visitors to the Palace.

The owners and developers, Gladedale, steadfastly refused – in line with the usual developer ploy of leaving a development site in a poor state to encourage people to accept any development rather than the present mess.

MRA Councillors and the Hampton Court Rescue Campaign have been pressing Elmbridge Council to 'lean on' Gladedale to permit this landscaping.

With the Olympics approaching and the cycling events passing the Palace being televised (often by helicopter) and transmitted around the world, Gladedale agreed to accept the offer of landscaping.

We now look forward to a long overdue improvement to this site which, together with the run-down station site, has been an eyesore for so many years.

We, and Hampton Court Rescue Campaign, fiercely resisted the enormous development which still has current planning permission, and we hope that the developer will eventually come up with more reasonable proposals.

A BIGGER MOLESEY

Although considered by everyone to be part of Molesey, Molesey Heath was not registered as part of Molesey, but part of North Walton.

As the result of representations by MRA, the Boundaries Commission has now agreed that it should be part of Molesey.

This may seem inconsequential, but could have far-reaching implications, since Molesey Councillors will now be better placed to have more say over any future proposals for the old sewage farm site, which comes under the same decision.

PALACE/WOLSEY ROADS

During the recent election period, a party political candidate opposing us made great play of his idea of restricting parking in these roads.

Nobody likes having vehicles parked outside their home and we can understand the appeal of his idea to the residents of these roads.

However, it is necessary to consider the results of such action (even if it were possible as this falls under the jurisdiction of Surrey County Council, not Elmbridge).

The consequence would be to move the parked cars to other roads such as Parson's Mead, Church, Vine and Arnison roads.

Since these roads are narrower than the two above, the result would be greater inconvenience, albeit for a different group of residents.

ELECTION RESULTS

ELMBRIDGE COUNCIL

MOLESEY EAST

Bax, Stephen – (Con)	807
Cooper, Nigel – (MRA)	914
Griffin, Ben – Labour	101
Monster Raving Loonies (all 9)	57

MOLESEY NORTH

Lee, James – (Con)	173
Robertson, Liz – (MRA)	1383
Sturgis, Alastair – (Lib Dem)	68

MOLESEY SOUTH

Cotter, Pat – (Con)	138
Drummond, Rita, - (Labour)	179
Eldridge, Vic – (MRA)	1015
Nagle, Paul - (Lib. Dem)	49

MARIE CURIE APPEAL

You will recall our appeal for this very worthwhile cause in our last newsletter.

We received donations of £400 to which MRA added another £200 to make a total of £600. Of this, £450 went to Marie Curie and £150 to Alzheimers.

Thank you, everyone.

5 YEARS' SUBS for £15

We are short of collectors, so if you could pay 5 years' subs in one go, it would be a great help to us and you will not be subject to any future membership fee increases. If you can help us with collecting subscriptions, please ring Lesley on 8224-2094.

Thank You.

MOLESEY FOOTBALL CLUB

As reported in our last newsletter, the club is in financial difficulty and, to raise money, put in a planning application with Rushmon Homes to build 16 semi-detached houses and 4 flats, to lie between the Club's reduced size pitch and the rear gardens of the houses facing on to Cannon Way, Dunvegan Close and Anne Way.

There were divided opinions over the application between residents, Club supporters and Councillors.

However, permission was granted at the planning committee.

THE FORUM

MRA Councillors Ernest Mallett and Nigel Cooper used their allocated money from the Surrey Pride Fund to finance the re-building of the two rear corners of the grassed area of The Forum. This to allow a wider bend in the road so that large vehicles don't have to cut the corner as they did previously, leaving the grassed area in a dreadful mess.

However, the work was carried out without double-height kerbing to prevent the same problem recurring.

The result is that there has now been some more damage to the grassed area. Surrey County Council is now deciding what to do.

Money was also allocated to reduce the spread of the trees in Hotham Close on Hurst Park, which has been successfully completed.

A similar exercise at Edmonds Court (off Avern Road) was less successful, with the work on the all-pervading trees there being completely inadequate.

MRA Cllr. Mike Axton has presented a petition from local residents to SCC demanding urgent action, and we hope to see some progress soon.

POLICE

Molesey Police Station is now closed and the police have a centre at the Civic Centre in Esher.

They are also using a building by Molesey Lock, but it's not open to the public.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Molesey Local History Society was started a few years ago by local people anxious to discover details of Molesey's past. Many interesting meetings on various aspects of the history of Molesey have been held and well supported

Having a collection of pictures of Molesey in years gone by, the Society decided it would be interesting, and a record for future generations, if professional new pictures were taken of the same scenes from the same viewpoints.

To help finance this project, MRA has provided £700 to start off this worthwhile ambition.

MOLESEY LIBRARY

This time last year Molesey Library was scheduled to be closed, together with 10 others throughout Surrey as the first tranche of more closures extending into the future.

The only way to avoid this was to find volunteers to run the library, with Surrey C.C. continuing to finance the operation.

A meeting was held at which volunteers and MRA councillors came forward to form a management committee to run the operation and to recruit more volunteers.

All of a sudden, Surrey C.C. decided that Molesey Library was to be spared. Great relief all round!

However, in order to prevent any future recurrence of this, a group of interested people was formed called The Friends of Molesey Library.

Their object is to make the facilities of the library better known and better used, since Surrey make their decisions based on how much a library is used.

The Friends needed some start-up capital and MRA was pleased to provide £500 to start off this group.

They have now raised some more money and their intention is to try to ensure that Surrey can never again consider closing our library.

To prevent this happening in the future, more people need to make use of the library – use it or lose it!

MOLESEY CARE

This charity exists to provide practical support to the elderly, disabled and anyone in need in Molesey, providing help in getting to the doctor's, dentist's and hospital appointments.

The charity was founded 25 years ago by Judith Dixon and her husband, who died 7 years ago.

Since then Judith has been the centre of the organisation, but we are sorry to report that Judith also died in April.

A re-organisation of the charity has taken place and more volunteers are needed to provide transport and to answer the phone (at home).

If you can help this essential organisation, please ring Barbara Wood on 8941-5130. Thank You.

MOLESEY CARNIVAL

This annual event took place on 2nd June in pleasant sunny weather and was a great success.

MRA ran its usual electric trike stall (loved by the little ones) and provided cash prizes for the winner and runner-up of the School Floats.

We also gave financial help to equip the Carnival Princess and her attendants with their rig-outs.

The trikes will be in action again at the Molesey Hospital Summer Fair on Sunday 19th August.

OLYMPIC CYCLING

As you can't fail to be aware by now, the Olympic cycling events are coming through Molesey.

The men's and women's road races will take place on Saturday 28th July and Sunday 29th July respectively, followed by the time trials on Wednesday 1st August.

The road races will come over Hampton Court Bridge and turn down Hurst Road, returning via Hampton Court Way to the bridge.

The time trials will start and finish at Hampton Court with the men's route going down Hurst Road and returning by Walton Road.

All of these events will see many roads closed off (from 4.30 am!) and cause great disruption.

You have been warned!

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 57 Pemberton Road KT8 9LG
We will make sure you get a Membership Card Thank You

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or £3 for 1 year Address

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