



Dear Members, Residents and Councillors,

Welcome to our May Newsletter. We hope you like our new logo. It was thought that as most professional organisations have a logo, we should have one. We put forward several options to our Executive Committee for them to choose from and this is what was almost unanimously voted on.

Celebrate Chessington – Thursday 30th May – 12- 4pm at Churchfields



When this event was first introduced in 2009 it was called Chessington Fun Day, It followed a joint 'Participatory Needs Assessment' that was completed in 2008 between Royal Borough of Kingston and NHS Kingston with the assistance of KVA, Kingston Voluntary Action. The event was originally developed so that residents could access information and local organisations could support an area of deprivation around the Garrison Lane Estate. The aim of the event was to inform and entertain residents in a relaxed and informal setting at little or no cost. Over the year's this event has gone from strength to strength and is still supported by local organisations and businesses who contribute in many ways, the RBK Mayor always officially opens the event. Local Councillors, Police teams and the Council Rangers have played a pivotal role in the planning and delivery of the events since day one and continue to do so. Please come and support this fun event. See website celebratechessington.co.uk

CDRA AGM - Tuesday 25th June, 7.30pm

Chessington Methodist Church Hall in Moor Lane, KT9 2DJ

We are looking forward to holding our 47th AGM. We hope you will agree that we have interesting Speakers lined up. Dr Elisabeth Carter, a Criminologist from Kingston University uses her research to support law enforcement campaigns, provide national guidance and guide and direct police operations, deliver practical strategies across law enforcement, financial sector, charity sector, online dating sector and local government to disrupt the power of fraudulent communication, and to safeguard people from harm. She has featured in a number of TV and radio programs. At our AGM Elisabeth will tell us how the language used by criminals can defraud victims without causing them alarm and will provide us with practical tips to help us avoid becoming a victim of fraud.

Our other Speaker will be Barry Hatton, Director of Asset Management, UK Power Networks. UK Power Networks is responsible for maintaining the electrical networks across London and the South East. During 2025/2026 a major project to replace the under-ground network of power cables along the A243 from Malden Rushett to Kingston takes place and will impact us all. At our AGM Barry outlines the project, why it's necessary, the timescales, and what the work involves.

Those attending our AGM will be entered into a **FREE DRAW**. Prizes include a £50 Sainsbury's voucher, hampers and a robotic vacuum cleaner. To enter our draw please bring the attached flyer to our AGM.

CDRA Annual 2024/2025 Subscriptions are now due

Our financial year began in May, therefore we would appreciate receiving payment of your annual subscription. You can pay by cash or cheque at our AGM. Alternatively, you can pay online. Our membership form for joining or renewal is at the end of this newsletter.

Motor Cross Bikes Noise Issue

In our last newsletter we wrote that our Executive Committee Member Rob Robb has been supporting residents complaining about the noise created by the Motor Cross Bikes using the old Chessington Golf Club in Garrison Lane. The owner of this site has now been located. RBK and Sergeant Shearer have written to them. We have not been notified of any outcome yet but will let you know if we do.

The Royal Borough of Kingston Newsletter

It includes details of the newly elected Mayor of Kingston.

[Read newsletter](#)

Planning

In our previous newsletter we informed you of the following planning application:

23/03321/Ful Lion House, Hereford Way, Chessington KT9 2QT

Demolition of existing warehouse building (Use Class B8) and erection of two storey dwelling comprising house in multiple occupation (19 rooms) with shared facilities together with associated cycle and refuse storage provision.

We are pleased to tell you that this planning application was refused. Some of the reasons for refusal were what the residents association had objected on and were the following:-

- The proposal provides a poor quality of accommodation for future residents as evidenced by the size of the double occupancy rooms.

- The proposed development fails to provide appropriate parking provision and could lead to inconsiderate parking and an increase in on-street parking.
- This site is currently a warehouse which provides employment. The net loss of employment has not been justified.
- The proposal has not demonstrated that the site is acceptable in terms of flooding or drainage.

New planning Application

24/00803/Ful 166 – 168, Leatherhead Road, KT9 2HU

Demolition of existing pair of detached houses and erection of 7 new residential dwellings, comprising 6nos 3-bedroom houses and 1no 3-bedroom bungalow with associated car parking, landscaping and associated works.

Our thoughts are that the front two houses need setting back as they are too close to the pavement line and should at a minimum be aligned with the front elevations of No.170 and No.160 Leatherhead Road.

We also think that an increase from 2 houses to 7 is too much. There is also the concern about vehicle pollution as the properties will be very close to the congested A243. We will input our comments on the planning portal. Last date for comments is the 4th of June.

Next CDRA Executive Committee Meeting

Our meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Our next meeting will be Tuesday the 4th of June. If you have anything you would like to discuss or even if you would like to just come and listen, you will be very welcome. The venue is the room next to St Paul's Church, 280 Hook Rd, Hook, Chessington KT9 1PF.

Route 406 – Heritage Day – 9th of June 2024

Any bus enthusiasts might be interested in this. Ride for *free* on old buses in service on London bus route 406! Open-platform green buses with real conductors will run between Kingston and Epsom on Sunday 9th June 2024.

[Read more](#)

Membership Renewal

Below are ways that you can join or renew your membership.

A reminder that we changed our bank account to the Metro Bank last year. Our new bank details are as follows: -

Account Name – Chessington District Residents' Association

Sort Code – 23-05-80

Account Number – 47570425

You can pay directly into our bank account. Please put your address in the reference. Alternatively, you can pay by cash or cheque at either of the addresses on the membership form. If you are a new member, please scan in the completed membership form and email to chessingtondra@gmail.com

I wish to join / renew my membership of the Chessington District Residents' Association 2024/2025

I agree that my details may be kept on computer to be accessed only by the committee. I confirm that I wish to receive our newsletters together with any other information thought to be of interest and relevance.

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode.....Telephone.....

Email Address.....

Amount £5 per household, or more if you would like to make a donation.

Please return to CDRA, 296 Hook Road, Chessington, KT9 1NY or

Whitford News, North Parade, Chessington, KT9 1QL

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Take Care,

Best Regards

Diane Brannan

Secretary to the Association