

Mrs CADDEYS FIELD

A meeting with Virginia Water Football Club (VWFC) representatives at Manorcrofts School on 26th April proved to be one of the largest & angriest resident gatherings of recent years, with vehement opposition expressed to VWFC's plans for Mrs Caddeys Field (MCF). After the meeting Paul Turrell, RBC CEO, advised that they recommending that VWFC now "look at potential alternative sites" & other RBC Councillors have commented that the MCF "idea" is no longer an option for VWFC's proposed move.



The situation was formally reviewed at the RBC Community Services Committee meeting on 16th June, with RBC Officers recommending that RBC :

- i) discontinue discussions with VWFC for the use of MCF as a sports hub; &
- ii) continue the current arrangements for the operation of the Egham Royal Show on MCF

These recommendations were approved unanimously. Many thanks for the efforts of local residents in stopping this loss of a valued Green Belt site - shows that resident power can triumph.....

RBC ELECTION RESULT



For those of you who may have missed it, the result for the Egham Town Ward in the RBC election on 5th May was :

David KNIGHT	(Independent)	769	(62% of vote)
Liane Gibson	(Conservative)	279	
Helen Jewell	(Labour)	<u>187</u>	
		1,235	Turnout = 29.2%

Following his successful re-election, on a lower turnout than usual, David commented : " In May I was returned as one of your Egham Councillors with a significant majority, a result for which I am both honoured and proud. My lasting memory of the election, not only was the excellent weather on the day, but how many people who both helped in this success and reinforced my conviction that party politics has no place in local elections. In the next four years I will continue to represent Egham Residents in keeping Egham a town we can be proud to live, work and call our community".

MAYOR MAKING

On 18th May Cllr Alan Alderson, one of your Egham Town Councillors, was appointed as the Mayor of Runnymede for 2016/7. Alan has represented Egham Town for 14 years & is the first Independent Mayor of Runnymede since Cllr Linda Gillham (representing Thorpe) in 2012/3. As Mayor, Alan has decided to raise funds for Woking & Sam Beare Hospices, Home-start Runnymede and Woking & Dementia Carers Support in Runnymede and he aims to raise awareness of these charities throughout his one year term.



Anyone wanting to get in touch with the Mayor can do so by contacting his secretary via email: mayors.secretary@runnymede.gov.uk or by calling 01932 425645.

One of the Mayor's first tasks was opening Magna Carta Day on 11th June (arriving in a blue Ferrari 458 Spider - courtesy of Maranellos!)



ERA VISITS GLOUCESTER (16th April)

Despite driving through a snowstorm on the way down the M4, some 45 members & friends enjoyed a dry, sunny (if windy) day out in Gloucester in April. The city's Cathedral is certainly impressive (especially the cloisters & the crypt) & it also has an interesting docks area (being the most inland port in Britain) with a large retail park.

Initial suggestions for next year's trip include Peterborough or Lichfield - more later & hope to see you on next year's coach.....

MAGNA CARTA DAY (11th June)

The weather for MC801 was cloudy/showery but the turnout was good as was the number of stalls (70). Full use was made of the 3 performance areas (outside the Lit, outside Tescos & in Station Road North) by a range of bands & entertainers. The ERA stall was a success raising over £100 & increasing membership - many thanks to those that helped man the stall during the day.

Magna Carta Day is organised by a small group of volunteers representing the Chamber of Commerce & Egham Residents' Association, including our very own Cynthia Reilly. They would like to thank everyone who supported the programme and look forward to another successful event in 2017.



HIGH STREET ENTRY GATES/BOLLARDS

Latest advice from SCC is that they are still considering the best method of improving the gate situation on the High Street &, as a cheaper & quicker alternative to sunken bollards, are considering installing magnetic locks on the gates? This would avoid having to dig up the road, & check on the sub-surface near the entrance. Timing for installation remains uncertain, with "this summer" still being mentioned. We continue to press SCC/RBC to move quicker on this issue (given that it is over a year since the consultation exercise approved an increase in gate security).

EGHAM GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT (Station Road North & Leisure Centre)

RBC have advised that the procurement process is progressing very well and that a contractor shortlist for the project has been established. Bid submissions are now due in September, with the decision on who to appoint at the end of October. Public consultation on the proposals will then follow ahead of construction, whose schedule remains as commencement of work in Spring 2017 with completion by July 2019.



GRAVEL EXTRACTION

Unsurprisingly, SCC have delayed further their Planning & Regulatory Committee's review of Hansons application for gravel extraction at Milton Park Farm until **7th September**, probably again "at the earliest". No reason for the delay from the

13th July has been given (although this is now 7.5yrs since the application was lodged)!

AIRPORT CAPACITY

In advance of a government decision on the site of additional airport capacity in the South East, both Heathrow & Gatwick have recently made proposals to convince the government to select them. The former's submission promised to broadly meet the Davies Commission's recommendations in full, including a ban on night flights. Gatwick then responded by claiming that they could offer an "accelerated timetable" for the project, with a new runway becoming operational by 2025 (thus offering a faster, cheaper & cleaner option)?



A decision is due "this summer" but a "Whitehall logjam", coupled with the shambolic fallout from the EU Referendum & the Chilcot Report due in July, is likely to push such a major decision back to the autumn?? Indeed, given the likely PM candidates, the Evening Standard is calling Heathrow as "dead in the water"!



BARN DANCE



Saturday 27th August

7.30 - 11.00 pm

Community Tent,

Egham Royal Show, Whitehall Lane

The ever-popular ERA-run Barn Dance returns to the Egham Royal Show ground this year with our regular band, the Local Yokels, playing until 10.30pm & no increase in ticket prices.

TICKETS : £13 per person (£6.50 for under 16s)

(to include Fish & Chip Supper - vegetarian option available)

Tickets available shortly from :

Jim Pearcey (432805), Veronica Cresswell (435133) or Sian Williams (439744)

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Egham
Royal Show

The Egham Royal Show is on:

27th and 28th August 2016

Patron: H R H Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh KG KT

The 158th Egham Royal Show takes place over the August Bank Holiday weekend on Mrs Caddey's Field in Whitehall Lane. Founded in 1857 to encourage and enthuse local farmers & labourers in their work, the show has been revamped since then to also mirror the 21st century. Keeping with traditional elements, for example, the many marquees packed with horticulture, intricate model engines and craft stands, plus the popular animal shows, are designed to appeal to people of all ages!

Admission is between 10.00 & 18.00 & entry prices are the same as last year & will be : Adults £10 per day (£15 for both), Children (under 15) Free with a paying adult, OAPs £9 (£13.00 for both). Following last year's success, tickets are also available in advance online for a 20% discount at :

<https://eghamshow.ticketsrv.co.uk>

We will be at the Show with an ERA stall, where we will be selling cakes etc and offering games on both days. If you are available for two hours to help on the stall on either day, please contact :

Jim Pearcey on 01784 432805

TESCO COMMUNITY CHAMPION

As part of a UK-wide campaign, Tesco's in Egham have recently appointed a Community Champion, Frances Meredith, who "acts as an ambassador within the area, working to ensure that Tesco are a great neighbour that can bring genuine benefit to the local community. They work with their Store Manager and other shops in the region to shape how Tesco can get involved in local community events". In particular Frances is happy to discuss donations for raffle prizes or food & drinks for local charity events plus is considering organising a litter pick in the Town Centre.

She can also provide advice on the Tesco Bags of Help programme, which is their local grant scheme "where the money raised from the government's 5p bag charge is being used to fund a large number of local projects to create or improve green spaces in communities in conjunction with environmental improvement charity Groundwork".

Frances can be contacted in-store or by email on frances.meredith2454@gmail.com.





Email Alert

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

- a) 1/4 - River Thames Flood Alleviation talk at RBC
- b) 11/4 - Egham STP Cycleways & Runnymede Roundabout delays
- c) 13/4 - Newsletter distribution format
- d) 18/4 - Mrs Caddeys Field - Public Meeting notification
- e) 24/4 - EU Referendum registration
- f) 28/4 - Surrey Fire & Rescue consultation
- g) 30/4 - Surrey PCC election details
- h) 6/5 - Mrs Caddeys Field status update
- i) 23/5 - Mrs Caddeys Field & VWFC update
- j) 24/5 - Greenfingers of Runnymede competition
- k) 31/5 - Egham cycleways & A30 Toucan crossing
- l) 9/6 - RBC dog control consultation
- m) 22/6 - Sentencing after 1/16 Rusham Rd attack
- n) 24/6 - EU Referendum result
- o) 25/6 - RBC Local Plan consultation launch

To be sent email alerts please contact Cynthia Reilly on 01784 431019 or cynthia.reilly@hotmail.co.uk

COMMUNITY FAIR

Saturday, 24th September
10.00 - 12.00

Just a reminder for your diary that this year's charity Community Fair will be held on Saturday 24th September (from 10am to Noon), in the Main Church of the United Church in the High Street.

Local groups & charities interested in taking part should contact

Kim Callaghan on 01784 435678

EGHAM BY RUNNYMEDE HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Egham Museum finally re-opened on 11th June (Magna Carta Day) after re-decoration following the flood of last August. The Museum is the home of the Egham-by-Runnymede Historical Society, who celebrate the history, archaeology & built heritage of Egham, Thorpe, Englefield Green & Virginia Water. The Society meets on the last Thursday of the month (except August) at 8pm in United Church in the High Street. They are keen to attract new members & the yearly membership fee (£12.50 for adults, £10 for seniors & £6 for juniors) includes 9 talks & ten newsletters. Meetings are free to members, with visitors paying £2.

Upcoming talks are :

- 28/7 The History of the Lagonda Car Company
- 29/9 The Festival of Britain 1951
- 27/10 The History of Staines Linoleum

For more details contact the Society on

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email : eghammuseum@gmail.com



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