



### RBC ELECTION RESULTS

For those who may have missed the results, Alan Alderson, Brian Clarke & Isabel Mullens, as the Independent Residents candidates supported by ERA,

were impressively elected in the RBC election in the Egham Town ward on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The votes were :

Alan Alderson	(Independent Residents - RIRG)	1,027	{ 67% of the vote
Brian Clarke	(Independent Residents - RIRG)	900	
Isabel Mullens	(Independent Residents - RIRG)	1,031	
David Coen	(Conservative)	358	
Maureen Furey	(Conservative)	258	
David Macphee	(Conservative)	218	
Jacqueline Fletcher	(Labour)	232	
William Heal	(Labour)	205	
Katie Oakley	(Labour)	207	Turnout 34.1%

Turnout was higher than normal (& the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in the Borough) & Isabel got the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest personal vote in the Borough (& was elected for a 4 year term), with Alan getting the 4<sup>th</sup> highest personal vote (qualifying for a 3 year term) - plus Brian was elected for a 1 year term.

Overall the Conservatives lost 7 seats, with Lib Dems gaining 3, Labour 1, Greens 1 & Independents 2 with the new RBC being Conservatives 25, Independents 10, Lib Dems 3, Labour 2 & Greens 1.

On behalf of the RIRG candidates : "Alan, Brian and Isabel would like to thank all those who worked so hard to get us elected - our two election agents and all those who helped with delivering our election addresses, with canvassing and with putting up posters. And many thanks to the voters! We are now planning to run 'Meet Your Councillors' sessions monthly. We will set up outside the United Church in the High Street on Saturday mornings, 10am – 11.30am, with an option of going inside the church to talk privately. This will happen on **July 13<sup>th</sup>, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>, Oct 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** - any changes to these dates will be provided by EMail Alert and also will be posted on the ERA Notice Board outside Tesco. You can also contact us by phone (see back page) or by email on [cllr.alan.alderson@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.alan.alderson@runnymede.gov.uk), [cllr.brian.clarke@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.brian.clarke@runnymede.gov.uk) or [cllr.isabel.mullens@runnymede.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.isabel.mullens@runnymede.gov.uk)".

### EGHAM GATEWAY WEST

Our public meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April was very poorly attended & there were only 2 letters of representation lodged on the Egham Gateway West application on the RBC Planning website by the 23<sup>rd</sup> April comments deadline. RBC then decided to extend the comments deadline until 27<sup>th</sup> May but there were only 5 representations by then (all repeating the concerns about building heights & lack of parking provision).



ERA has informed RBC that it broadly supports the 'Gateway West' plans but that it also has serious concerns about the height of two of the proposed buildings and about car-parking. ERA chairman Chris Fisher said: "We are very much aware that some of our supporters will be unhappy about our backing the scheme in principle, but having looked at it long and hard, we think the pluses outweigh the minuses. At a time when many High Streets are struggling, this scheme could and should help substantially to rejuvenate our town centre, but we are much troubled by the loss of parking spaces and by the proposed introduction of high-rise buildings into historic, low-rise Egham. We hope the council will seriously consider modifying the scheme."

It is believed that the planning application is undergoing a few small, internal changes within RBC &, at the time of going to press, may go to the RBC Planning Committee by the end of July??



## ERA DOES LEICESTER

In line with our tradition of visiting cathedral cities within a 2hr radius of Egham, 25 members of the Association & friends went to Leicester on 13<sup>th</sup> April. During a fine Spring weather day, & apart from visiting Leicester Cathedral (where the remains of Richard III were buried in 2015), the nearby Richard III Visitor Centre & The Lanes of the Old Town, some of us went off to the National Space Centre & the adjacent Abbey Pumping Station - their Museum of Science & Technology (just 2 miles north of the city).

An enjoyable day was enjoyed by all & a suggestion was mentioned for next year's visit - Norwich? More details to follow closer to the time.....



## MCD 15<sup>th</sup> June

Magna Carta Day (MCD) is organised by a small group of volunteers representing the Egham Chamber of Commerce & Egham Residents' Association, including our very own Cynthia Reilly & Stephen Williams. As always, this year's MCD was a mix of music, entertainment, stalls, food, dance and more. They thank everyone who supported the programme, including RBC & the Egham Museum.



On a mainly dry day, MCD celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year with c. 50 stalls along the High Street & a relatively good turnout - including Phillip Hammond MP. The ERA stall was a success, raising c. £250, including sale of cakes & tea towels. Thanks go to those who helped man the stall & to our band of cake bakers.

## RUNNYMEDE PLEASURE GROUNDS

The RBC planning application for the £4.8mm scheme was due to be submitted in May this year, with work on the site anticipated to begin early in 2020. However, the application has been delayed but is still expected to be tabled by the end of July? Earlier discussions saw Councillors back calls from the ERA & Runnymede Access Liaison Group for a safer crossing of the A30 (at the bottom of Hummer Road) so people could walk from Egham town centre to the grounds - this is awaited as part of the planning application?



The Grounds designs ensure that most of the activities will remain on the east side of the site, leaving the west side as an open grass area with tranquil spots next to the river.

The final plan, which has come about after consultation with local people and organisations, includes a new café situated further back into the park, giving views across the grounds and to the Thames. This building (see above picture) could also serve as a restaurant and will include a multi-use room for use by up to 70 people. This space will be available for business meetings, educational events, seminars and performances such as comedy nights & theatre.



## RBC PLANNING ALERT SERVICE

Cllr Isabel Mullens has advised that, if you would like early notification of planning applications near you, RBC offers a service which allows you to receive weekly email notifications about new planning applications that are registered within a specified area of a chosen property - see [www.runnymede.gov.uk/planningalerts](http://www.runnymede.gov.uk/planningalerts) to sign up.

## MILTON PARK GRAVEL

While on the topic of planning, if SCC continue to wait for their Planning & Regulatory Committee review of Hanson's gravel raising application on Milton Park Farm, the diggers could have to be as old as the Victorian one in the picture opposite! Their latest delay is now until 11<sup>th</sup> September (but who knows?)....



## 3<sup>rd</sup> August

Just a reminder for your diary that the charity ERA Community Fair will be held earlier this year in August on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> (from 10am to 1pm), in the Main United Church in the High Street. The idea of the Fair is for ERA to sponsor local charities to market their wares free of charge & 8 stalls have booked so far.

**Local groups & charities interested in taking part should contact**

**Cynthia Reilly on 01784 431019 or 07790 273225**



### **ERA BARN DANCE (24<sup>th</sup> 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 since last year.

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

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

Tickets available from :

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

*We also need some volunteers to help with the setting-up & taking down of tables for the Barn Dance in the Community Tent & please contact Sian on 01784-439744 if you are prepared to help?*

**Sponsors :**



### **EGHAM ROYAL SHOW (24<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> August)**

For the 161<sup>st</sup> year ERS have a host of exciting events & shows lined up, including livestock, horticulture, junior GP cars, stunt shows, vintage & classic car show, dog shows and lots more. Opening times were for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 6pm and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am till 5:30pm. Prices are the same as last year : Adult (Aged 15-64) £10.00, Adult Weekend (Aged 15+) £15.00, Children aged 14 & under Free & Concession (Aged 65+) £9.00 per ticket - free parking available. Advance tickets will be available at a 10% discount.



**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**

Find ERS at Caddey's Field, Whitehall Lane, Egham, TW20 9NW



## Email Alert

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

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|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|--|
| a) 1/4  | Police "Meet the Beat" (6/4)      | b) 1/4  | Strode Street Closure (from 8/4)               |
| c) 2/4  | Gateway West Application (16/4)   | d) 10/4 | SCC CRCs Changes (from 7/5)                    |
| e) 12/4 | Station Road Closure (from 24/4)  | f) 24/4 | Police "Meet the Beat" (4/5)                   |
| g) 30/4 | Surrey Fire Services Petition     | h) 7/5  | RHUL Community Drop-In (4/6)                   |
| i) 12/5 | Thamesfest 2019 (29/6)            | j) 13/5 | Runnymede Local List                           |
| k) 23/5 | Police "Meet the Beat" (1/6)      | l) 26/5 | Spring Rise Closure (from 11/6)                |
| m) 29/5 | RHUL Festival of History (9/6)    | n) 30/5 | Surrey Fire & Rescue Consultation Closes       |
| o) 31/5 | Runnymede Sculpture Trail         | p) 5/6  | Meeting with Police Inspector Pinkerton (25/6) |
| q) 7/6  | Runnymede People's Pageant (16/6) | r) 12/6 | St Peters Community Day (6/7)                  |
| s) 13/6 | Magna Carta Day (15/6)            | t) 16/6 | NHS Urgent Care Services                       |
| u) 16/6 | Egham Festival of Music (21/6)    | v) 18/6 | Heathrow Masterplan Consultation               |
| w) 23/6 | Police Meet the Beat Sessions     |         |  |

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## HEATHROW JUDICIAL REVIEW & NEW CONSULTATION

The results of the 5 judicial reviews of the 3rd Heathrow runway were announced on 1<sup>st</sup> May. On behalf of campaigners, the plans could see the number of passengers using the airport rise to an estimated 132 million - an increase of 60% - but lawyers representing the government said the claimants' case was "premature", as they would have the opportunity to make representations at a later stage in the planning process.

The High Court said in the ruling: "We understand that these claims involve underlying issues upon which the parties - and indeed many members of the public - hold strong and sincere views. There was a tendency for the substance of the parties' positions to take more of a centre stage than perhaps it should have done, in a hearing that was only concerned with the legality, and not the merits, of the Airports National Policy Statement".

The new statutory Heathrow consultation began on 18<sup>th</sup> June & lasts through to 13<sup>th</sup> September. This seeks feedback on the Heathrow preferred masterplan for expansion, plans to operate the future airport, assessment of environmental & local communities impacts & plans to manage the impacts of expansion. Assuming the project goes ahead, Heathrow will submit a final proposal to the Planning Inspectorate in 2020 & commence a 18 month approval process. Under the £14bn three runway plan, construction could begin in 2H21 with the third runway operational by 2026.

However, given the recent emphasis on climate change issues & that a zero emissions by 2050 policy could mean a curb on growth in UK flying, the DoT said: "We take our commitment to the environment very seriously and we will give careful consideration to the net zero report. No decision has been taken to review the Airports National Policy Statement, however we are legally obliged to consider requests like this one."



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