



**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

With the help of Mutual Aid and a WhatsApp group, Isabel Mullens & Sian Williams organised a Lockdown Library to provide contact-free delivery of books & puzzles. Having created a large list of quarantined books, these are now available to borrow by ringing **07526 360704**.

During May ERA committee members visited the shops, cafes & businesses in Egham High Street to find out their opening hours in June - we keep this updated as shops & businesses re-open after 4<sup>th</sup> July. **Please contact [residentsegham@gmail.com](mailto:residentsegham@gmail.com) or an ERA Committee member for further information.**

Anyone who has coronavirus symptoms (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) can book a test by visiting [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call NHS on 119 to get a test. The test involves taking a swab of the nose and the back of the throat, which can be done by the person themselves or by someone else. There are two ways that you can get tested, & both are free of charge, a) driving to a regional or mobile drive-through test site or b) requesting a home testing kit.

**CORONAVIRUS  
SELF-ISOLATE  
WHEN ALERTED**

If you're told you have been exposed to an infected person you must self-isolate for 14 days.

The new NHS Test and Trace service launched on 28<sup>th</sup> May across England, with Surrey being selected as one of the first counties to lead on the new programme. This provides testing for anyone who has symptoms to find out if they have the virus, gets in touch with anyone who has had a positive test result to help them share information about any close recent contacts they have had & alerts those contacts, where necessary, & notifies them they need to self-isolate to help stop the spread of the virus



Police forces are warning people to be aware of potential scams linked to the NHS Test and Trace operation. If NHS staff call you by phone, the service will be using a single number: 0300 0135 000. The only website staff will ask you to visit is the official NHS and Public Health England page at <https://contact-tracing.phe.gov.uk/>. Contact tracers will never ask for you to dial a premium rate number (e.g. those on 09 or 087), make any form of payment, provide your bank account details, supply any social media identities or details, tell them any passwords or PINs, purchase a product, download software or ask you to hand over control of your device or access any non-government or non-NHS website.

## RUNNYMEDE FOODBANK

Runnymede Foodbank provides vital emergency food & support to local people experiencing financial hardship &, during Covid-19, the Foodbank is working in partnership with RBC. To ensure Runnymede residents have the essential food & items they need, & to help the Foodbank



respond to an increase in people needing support, RBC allocated an 11,000 sqft unused warehouse in Egham. Since launch on March 28<sup>th</sup>, over 750 food packs have been delivered, helping over 1,600 adults & children across the Borough from the dedicated warehouse. The project would not have been so overwhelmingly successful if it had not been for the resounding response of residents donating food or money or offering to volunteer who have given so kindly & tirelessly of their time, whether to help at the Foodbank or assisting their fellow neighbours with shopping & pharmacy collections.

If you are able to donate food to support local families in crisis, Runnymede Foodbank collection bins are located in many of the local supermarkets including Waitrose Egham, Sainsbury's Chertsey and Tesco Extra in Ashford and Addlestone. If you would like to make a financial donation to Runnymede Foodbank online, please use this link: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/donation-web/charity?charityId=1018503>.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a financial donation to via cheque, please make the cheque made payable to 'Runnymede Foodbank'. Please write your name, address and a contact telephone number on the back & please post the donation to Runnymede Foodbank, 95 Guildford Street, Chertsey, KT16 9AS.

THE *Council* HAS A PLAN...



## RUNNYMEDE 2030 LOCAL PLAN

RBC staff have been working on the Borough's new Local Plan for several years now. The plan is the key document in setting out how the Borough should develop in the next 10 years, including areas which should be protected. At the Full Council meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, the Runnymede 2030 Submission Local Plan was endorsed as sound and approved for submission to the Secretary of State alongside the minor modifications schedule.

As part of the process for checking the plan is sound, the Government appointed an Planning Inspector to review its contents. After several hearings, on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020, the RBC received the Inspector's report, which sets out recommendations and reasons for them. The Inspector's report concludes that the Runnymede 2030 Local Plan provides an appropriate basis for the planning of Runnymede Borough, provided that certain modifications are made to it. The Inspector thus gave a "sound" ruling on Runnymede Local Plan & it can be adopted, subject to accepting a number of modifications, if Councillors choose to do so. RBC are planning a 16<sup>th</sup> July vote on whether or not they wish to adopt the Plan with its main modifications.

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the water, the Inspector has asked for RBC to "commence a review of the Runnymede 2030 Local Plan as soon as possible to ensure that it is able to meet the requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to complete a review of the plan within 5 years of the date of the adoption of this plan. In practical terms, this will mean that the Borough Council commences its review early in 2021, in order to complete a review before the summer of 2025" - when the next Plan (covering up to 2040) is due to be submitted.....

## HEATHROW EXPANSION

Following the 27<sup>th</sup> February Court of Appeal decision that the government's go-ahead to Heathrow's 3<sup>rd</sup> runway expansion plans was unlawful, plus the ongoing 95%+ decline in airline travel due to coronavirus, the airport has conceded that a runway would not be completed this decade (i.e. after 2030 - assuming it is built at all?). Before the coronavirus crisis, Heathrow put the date for 3<sup>rd</sup> runway operation at between early 2028 and late 2029 but it now says: "given the current Covid-19 crisis & the ongoing appeals process, we expect expansion & capital investment to be delayed by at least 2yrs".



With the near-total shutdown of aviation, the legal battle over Heathrow's controversial proposed-third runway will not go away & it will now go before the UK's highest court. It was confirmed in May that the case will go to the Supreme Court after it granted permission to Heathrow Airport for an appeal over its plans (but significantly the government is not joining the appeal). No date has yet been set for the hearing.

Controlled  
ZONE



## CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES (CPZs)

Further to the report in the Spring Newsletter, there has unfortunately been no progress on the SCC & RBC pilot plans for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Englefield Green or Egham areas. Also the idea of ERA circulating a questionnaire for Egham residents to gauge support for a CPZ in the area abutting RHUL has also stalled for the time being (both because of the coronavirus crisis).

CPZs should not be confused with residents' permit parking as it is possible to have permit parking both inside or outside of a CPZ. In practice, Borough councils administer the permit parking schemes in their area on SCC's behalf. Generally, the SCC criteria for introduction of a permit scheme are:

- **There must be a need for residents to park on street.** If residents have lots of off-street parking, there is no point in introducing a permit scheme, as it will simply result in an empty road and may cause problems in other streets through displacement.
- **The majority of residents must be in favour of a permit scheme.** SCC would generally want to have over 70% of residents' responses to a consultation in favour of a scheme. This is however, not an absolute requirement. It may still be appropriate to install a scheme even if less than 70% of residents were in favour, if for example, all the other nearby roads were going to go ahead with a scheme.
- **There must be a significant amount of non-resident parking.** There is no point in installing a permit scheme in a location where nearly all of the vehicles currently parking there belong to residents.

The next opportunity to review the CPZ situation will be at the next joint SCC/RBC Runnymede Joint Committee meeting which has been deferred until September.....watch this space.

# EGHAM 'JUMBLE TRAIL'

= SATURDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020 =

Based on a recent experience from an successful event in Old Windsor, we arranged an Egham Jumble Trail on 27<sup>th</sup> June (10.00-16.00) to help people get rid of jumble items that had accumulated during Covid-19 lockdown. No rules were imposed by ERA & minimal organisation proved necessary. Each household could offer stuff for free, sell or give proceeds to charity by setting up in their own driveway - with appropriate social distancing (& availability of anti-bacterial gel/hand sanitiser etc) being observed.

The event attracted quite a lot of interest (over 35 households covering 20 roads) & we produced a map of all the roads in Egham where people were doing a Jumble Trail - it was released on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> pm &, at the time of printing the Newsletter on 26<sup>th</sup> June, lets see how the event goes?

Special thanks go to Sian Williams, Stephen Williams & David Gibbs for helping to organise the event.....

## ST JOHN'S ECO FESTIVAL

After a really successful first event last year, the St John's Church Family are now taking the Eco Festival online throughout **the month of July**. They will be running an eco-festival throughout July to encourage the community to **build back better** for our environment, especially as we have experienced fresher air, heard amazing bird songs, & seen more people looking out for each other during this unusual time.



They will be running virtual sessions on Low Carbon and Zero Waste initiatives that everyone can get involved in. Also, they want you to create messages/drawings of hope for our planet, our environment, our community and for each other on scrap pieces of wood using scrap house paint or a permanent marker. They will use this to create a Trail of Hope. You can leave these messages in St John's churchyard where they will be collected and stored before display. Look out for the signs showing you where.

The general format is some pre-recorded information sessions, to be shown on YouTube, with people given the opportunity to ask questions. Topics include - zero waste, home energy improvements, composting etc. They are also thinking of running a slimmed down festival on 1<sup>st</sup> August in the grounds of St John's, but that idea is still under review.

## COMMUNITY FAIR

**5<sup>th</sup> September (9.00 - 12.00 Noon)**

Just a reminder for your diary that the charity ERA Community Fair will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September in the Main United Church in the High Street, **assuming that Coronavirus restrictions are lifted by then**. The idea of the Fair is for ERA to sponsor local charities to market their wares free of charge &, on last year's results, several stalls are expected.

Local groups & charities interested in taking part should contact

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

## GREAT BRITISH SEPTEMBER CLEAN

You may recall that this year's Egham litter pick, as part of the Great British Spring Clean campaign, was due to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> March but the organisers postponed the campaign until 11-27<sup>th</sup> September (now renamed the "Great British September Clean").

This year the campaign coincides with World Clean-up Day on 19<sup>th</sup> September, which is an annual global social action program aimed at combating the global solid waste problem, including litter clean-up and waste mapping activities spanning every time zone across the world. This will thus be our next Egham litter pick on **19<sup>th</sup> September** & more details will follow in an Email Alert nearer the time.....



## MILTON PARK GRAVEL

For those of you with a long memory, the original Hanson's application for Milton Park Farm gravel raising was submitted in March 2009. However, in a long-established tradition of making residents wait for eons, SCC has now deferred their planning application review by Hanson's for Whitehall Lane gravel raising yet again until **17<sup>th</sup> September** at least - that's over 11.5yrs after the first submission (with the paper now going mouldy on the original application, SCC still won't admit it is a world record of inaction on deciding on a planning application!)..



## Email Alert

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

- |         |                                    |         |                              |
|---------|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| a) 1/4  | Waitrose Car Park                  | b) 6/4  | High Street Partial Closure  |
| c) 9/4  | Closure of A30 Parking             | d) 20/4 | Covid-19 PPE Manufacture     |
| e) 30/4 | Covid-19 PPE Update                | f) 5/5  | Surrey CRCs Reopening        |
| g) 6/5  | RHUL Community Dropin              | h) 9/5  | Runnymede Foodbank           |
| i) 11/5 | Lockdown Library                   | j) 13/5 | RBC Coronavirus Response     |
| k) 15/5 | Surrey Police & the Lockdown       | l) 19/5 | Events Cancelled (MCD & ERS) |
| m) 20/5 | RBC Coronavirus Response (to 16/5) | n) 27/5 | Surrey CRCs Status           |
| o) 29/5 | NHS Test & Trace                   | p) 3/6  | COVID-19 Testing             |
| q) 5/6  | Egham Festival of Music (21/6)     | r) 12/6 | Mutual Aid Update            |
| s) 14/6 | Egham Jumble Trail (27/6)          | t) 21/6 | Egham Jumble Trail Update    |
| u) 22/6 | Giant Hogweed                      |         |                              |

Contact Glenda Thisdell on 07905 917440 or [glendathisdell@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk](mailto:glendathisdell@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk) to be sent email alerts



## EVENTS CANCELLED

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis over the last few months, unfortunately some of the main ERA social & fundraising events have had to be cancelled (thus causing a significant decline in our financial coffers this year) including :

**i) Norwich Coach Trip (18/4)** - with the city attractions closed & social distancing regulations enforced, this annual event was cancelled (& payment refunds have been arranged for participants).

**ii) Magna Carta Day (13/6)** - the visitor event in Egham High Street did not go ahead (although a "virtual" presence was held on Facebook).

**iii) Egham Royal Show (29 & 30/8)** - the organisers of the 162<sup>nd</sup> year of the ERS decided that "with great regret, after careful consideration and due diligence, our Management Committee and our Trustees have taken the decision to cancel the Egham Royal Show 2020".

**iv) ERA Barn Dance (29/8)** - as this was going to be held in the main ERS marquee, this event has unfortunately also been cancelled for this year.

**v) Englefield Green Village Fair (5/9)** - we were going to have an ERA stall but event is cancelled.

Hopefully social events will resume after September but all 5 events above will (hopefully) be back in business in 2021.....



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## TWITTER CO-ORDINATOR

We are still searching for a new Twitter fan/volunteer that is prepared to take over our ERA co-ordination. If anyone is keen on "tweets" for residents, then contact Isabel Mullens on 07562 644057 for details of our system.

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