



## RBC ELECTION RESULTS

For those of you who missed the results on 5<sup>th</sup> May :

Samuel Jenkins	RIRG	826	55%
Hollie Bolitho	Conservative	278	19%
Jacqueline Teale	Labour	224	15%
Timothy Hayes	Green Party	91	6%
Ian Heath	Liberal Democrats	71	5%

Turnout : 33%

Sam added : "I am thrilled to confirm that I have been elected as your next RBC Councillor for Egham Town. I am additionally quite proud of the fact that, at 24 years of age, I am the youngest person to ever be elected to Runnymede Borough Council as an Independent. Egham Town has voted for someone who will work flat out to get more younger residents involved with local issues and this will be my top priority in the weeks and months ahead. Our ward has been consistently Independent for nearly 40 years. Now is the right time for the next generation of residents to take the mantle and maintain that legacy for the benefit of all in years to come. I am relishing the opportunity to lead the charge on this front.

With that said, I am conscious of the fact that Egham is a diverse community with residents that reflect many generations, ethnicities and walks of life. It was highly valuable to hear directly from residents about some of the issues that are affecting their lives during my canvassing sessions, like inadequate rubbish collection, inappropriate parking issues, threats to green belt land, plans for gravel extraction and accessibility within our town's facilities.

This election result was not achieved singlehandedly and there are many people who I would like to thank: Cllr Isabel Mullens and Cllr Sian Williams, the two existing Independent Councillors for Egham Town. They have been consistently supportive throughout my bid for election and I have already learned loads from their wealth of knowledge and experience; Willy Burgess, my election agent who coordinated the behind-the-scenes operations of the campaign with skill and good humour; all of the members of the Egham Residents' Association who voted to adopt my campaign at their Annual General Meeting; the dedicated team of canvassers, leafleteers and street adopters who helped me to spread the word across the ward, as well as the residents who allowed me to erect signs on their front gardens.

And of course, a massive thank you to the 826 voters who put their vote behind my name in Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May's election. There is much that needs to be done and I cannot wait to get started! I will have more to share with you soon....."



## QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE (2-5/6)

According to the Local Government Association estimates, about 16,000 street parties were taking pace over the country during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee covering a four-day bank holiday from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June. In Egham there were 16 road closures over the weekend, including part of Crown Street on 2<sup>nd</sup> June - see left picture - & a good time was had in their meetings with neighbours...



There were also some complaints that only a few businesses in the High Street had any flags or bunting up for the Jubilee (with apparently not much support coming from RBC) but our RBC Councillors did their best - see right picture - to improve the feeling in the High Street. This was helped by the Jubilee Fete, held by St Johns Church & the Egham Town Team, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June which spread the message from the area around St Johns up the High Street to Tescos & which was attended by both our MP, Dr Ben Spencer, and Deputy RBC Mayor (Cllr Saise-Marshall).



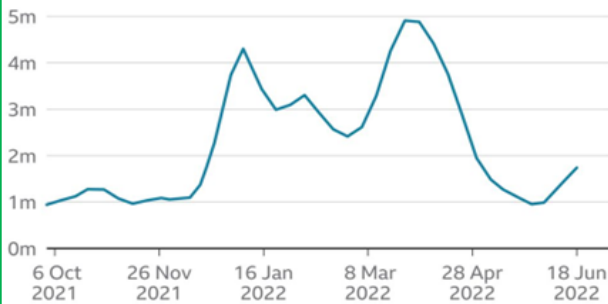
# CORONAVIRUS STATUS

COVID-19  
Update

Covid-19 infections in the UK are at the lowest levels seen since October last year & estimated infections have returned to levels last seen before the first Omicron variant, called BA.1, became widespread. Total infections were down 12% recently, with now an estimated one in every 40 people infected. This is about 2% of the population. However, there are now signs of an increase in the number of people testing positive for Covid, following on from the recent Jubilee weekend of partying. The ONS suggests the growing rise is likely to be driven by the BA.4 & BA.5 variants of Omicron, which have been able to spread slightly more easily than "older" variants. The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has now elevated the classification of Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 to "variants of concern", on the basis of their recent rapid growth (see below). "The last ONS survey...shows we're seeing rises in cases (up some 20%) across every region of England and every age group."

## UK infections up over 20% week-on-week

Estimated people testing positive for coronavirus



Source: Office for National Statistics, 24 Jun



Covid vaccination programmes have so far reached nine in 10 people aged 12 and over with a first dose. Five to 11-year-olds have been eligible for a low dose of the vaccine since April. It has become abundantly clear that immunity wanes over time & people are now catching Covid even if they have been triple-jabbed or have caught Covid before. There has already been another booster this Spring to the over-75s and people at high risk from the virus. There will be a wider booster campaign in anticipation of next winter, too, in the Autumn which may bring boosters down to the over-50s? There is already work under way on a next generation of Covid vaccine to see whether it can provide longer-term protection.

## PARLIAMENTARY BOUNDARIES

As reported in the last Newsletter, the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) launched a secondary public consultation on its initially proposed map of constituencies, which closed on 4<sup>th</sup> April. During this consultation there were no new proposals from BCE but many of the responses repeated, for Egham in particular, the earlier arguments that their proposal to move Egham & Egham Hythe into a Windsor constituency was unworkable on county & community background grounds.

BCE are now analysing the feedback received in their first and secondary consultations and will decide on any changes to our proposals. In late 2022 they are now proposing a 3<sup>rd</sup> & final 4 week consultation, in which they will make appropriate changes to their initial proposals & publish these 'revised proposals'. The current review will conclude with a BCE formal report and recommendations in June 2023.



## PHOTO COMPETITION

At the end of last year, we instigated a new Egham Photo Competition, designed as an opportunity for residents to show off photographic skills & produce some pictures promoting Egham, showing Egham at its best. We were also looking for pictures that we can use on our merchandise & publicity material going forward.



The contest was free to enter and there was a category for juniors and adults with a prize for the best picture in each age category. The photographer of the best picture in the adult category will win a 3-course meal for four people (excluding drinks) at the Red Lion pub in Egham, while there was a £25 Amazon voucher for the winner in the junior category.

After some considerable advertising & marketing effort (physical & online, inc. posters, mailshots, social media posts etc), there were eventually 8 entrants by the time the contest closed on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Unfortunately, these were all in the adults category & the ERA Committee then voted on which one of the entries would be the worthy winner. The successful photograph (see picture left), taken by Elizabeth Tebboth (who was unfortunately not able to be at the presentation), was announced by the Mayor of Runnymede (Cllr Harnden) & Chris Fisher on Magna Carta Day on 25<sup>th</sup> June (see above right).





## MAGNA CARTA DAY (25<sup>th</sup> June)

The High Street celebrated what was the 28<sup>th</sup> Magna Carta Day (MCD) on 25<sup>th</sup> June, deferred from the Queen's Platinum Jubilee weekend, with stalls, funfair rides, food & drink and many forms of entertainment, including live music & children's entertainment.

On a dry but breezy day, MCD attendance was very good - including our MP, Dr Ben Spencer - despite there being a limited number of 30 stalls rather than the usual 50.

The ERA stall also did quite well, making around £90 profit from the sale of ERA merchandise (especially the traditional Egham mugs, but we had completely sold out of another favourite, our Egham tea towels). Particular thanks go to those who helped man/woman the stall during the day.

In addition, the official opening of the Magna Square development, originally scheduled to coincide with Magna Carta Day, has been postponed and the launch will now go ahead later this summer, with a new upmarket Liberto café/restaurant opening from end-June & the Everyman Cinema opening in the Autumn.



## EGHAM ROYAL SHOW (27-28<sup>th</sup> August)



After 2 years of unfortunate cancellations, Egham Royal Show (ERS) is happy to announce that the 2022 show will be going ahead on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> of August! For the 163<sup>rd</sup> year ERS have a host of exciting events & shows lined up, including livestock, horticulture, stunt shows, vintage & classic car show, dog shows and lots more. Opening times are Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 6pm and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am till 5:30pm. Prices are : Adult (Aged 15-64) £12.00, Adult Weekend (Aged 15+) £15.00, Children aged 14 & under Free & Concession (Aged 65+) £9.00 per ticket - free parking available. Advance online tickets are available on <https://eghamroyalshow.org.uk/tickets/> at a £3 discount.

We plan to be at the Show with an ERA stall (see 2019 effort above), 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**, (with free entrance to the Show), please contact :

**Adrian Skelt on 07956 875329**

*find the ERS at Caddey's Field, Whitehall Lane, Egham, TW20 9NW*



## EGHAM BARN DANCE (27<sup>th</sup> August)

We have been invited to again host a Barn Dance at the Egham Royal Show on the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> August over the Bank Holiday weekend. This had not been held for 3 years (due to Covid etc) & our previous organising group has now largely moved on. We are thus searching for a group of volunteers to organise & run the event for us, before we can commit to the invitation. At the time of going to press,

unfortunately we have had only 1 possible volunteer who might be interested in organising such an event but, unless we get more volunteers to cover the considerable work involved in running such a Barn Dance, we will have to decline the invitation from the ERS organisers. Further to our EMail Alert of 15<sup>th</sup> June, if you are now interested in participating please revert to the Secretary, on [adrianskelt@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk](mailto:adrianskelt@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk), at your soonest opportunity.

## GRAVEL RAISING - THE SAGA CONTINUES

The Milton Park Farm (MPF) & Whitehall Farm (WF) planning applications continue to be deferred by SCC (MPF for an unbelievable 13+ years & WF for over a year) & are currently now scheduled for a 27<sup>th</sup> July review on WF & 14<sup>th</sup> September on MPF (but are likely to be deferred further....).



Progress has been further complicated by SCC's 4-year review of a new Minerals Plan (with the last one being out-of-date from 2011). The next 'Preferred Options' public consultation which is set to commence in July 2022 (until October 2022). This will include draft planning policies & proposed sites to be identified, allocated or safeguarded for future minerals management development. Stakeholders are invited to provide their views on the proposed policies and site/land designations. The Preferred Options consultation will be underpinned by a Strategic Environmental Appraisal and Sustainability Assessment which has taken account of any relevant material feedback received during the Issues and Options public consultation.

Alerts on issues that arose between Newsletters this quarter covered :

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| a) Covid Champions Briefing (1/4)           | b) Covid Champions Briefing (8/4)           |
| c) Runnymede Green Fingers (15/4)           | d) RBC Citizens Panel (19/4)                |
| e) RBC 2040 Local Plan - Scoping (22/4)     | f) Covid Champions Briefing (22/4)          |
| g) RBC Election Volunteers (26/4)           | h) ERA Photo Competition (28/4)             |
| i) Covid Champions Briefing (6/5)           | j) RHUL Community Matters (12/5)            |
| k) Affinity Water Scam (18/5)               | l) Egham Jubilee Fete (3/6)                 |
| m) NatWest Closure (15/9)                   | n) Jubilee Tea Dance (4/6)                  |
| o) Grove Medical Scam (6/6)                 | p) Egham Barn Dance (27/8)                  |
| q) Magna Square delayed opening (16/6)      | r) Covid Champions Briefing (17/6)          |
| s) Addendum on NatWest Egham Closure (20/6) | t) Photo Competition Winner Reminder (23/6) |



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## CHAIRMANSHIP

Our current Chairman, Chris Fisher, has been in place for over 3 years but now wants to stand down, mainly on health grounds. We are thus looking for a replacement Chairman, ideally younger than Chris, who can head our leadership team going forward. We are thus reviewing our contacts &, if any of our member readers are potentially interested in pursuing this post, please contact Chris for details on the role on [chrisfisher@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk](mailto:chrisfisher@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk).



In line with our stated aim of increasing the younger element in our Association, & with our current Committee losing people through moving away & indeed age, we are also looking to find extra members for our Committee. This was a question asked on your annual membership form, but we now need new younger Committee members before the end of the year (to assist us with various ERA events/responsibilities/responses etc). If any of our member readers would be interested in participating, then please contact the Secretary on [adrianskelt@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk](mailto:adrianskelt@eghamresidentsassociation.co.uk).



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## DEFIBRILLATORS



Access to a defibrillator can increase survival rates up to 70% if defibrillation happens within 3 minutes of a sudden cardiac arrest. The first thing a 999 call handler often asks after a cardiac arrest is whether there was a defibrillator nearby?

There are over 15 Automated External Defibrillators across the Borough, including some in Egham at St Johns Easter Centre, Manor Farm Day Centre, the Hythe Centre & one outside Egham Fire Station.

There are also 3 so far funded by the Louise McGarr community scheme in Englefield Green (at the Beehive Pub in Middle Hill, GP surgery in Bond Street & Coopers Hill Tennis Courts carpark).

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