



CARA Newsletter

Summer 2024

Canbury And Riverside Association
Working to protect and enhance our local environment

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

But first a reminder of what CARA is (in brief!)

- A record membership of 229 supporting our aims and objectives.
- Great communications reach, with a monthly CARA eNews for members and the hard copy CARA newsletter delivered to 900 households.
- Almost 40 years representing an area between the river at Lower Ham Rd & Richmond Rd.
- Clear objectives of protecting and enhancing our wonderful local area.
- Working closely with and actively support local groups;-

Friends of Canbury Gardens (FoCG)

Friends of the Canbury Bandstand.

Canbury Gardens Working Party (CGWP)

Thames Landscape Strategy (TLS,)

North Kingston Forum (NKF)

Leander Sea Scouts, to name but a few.

- We organise social and local interest events – Summer BBQ – Bat walks and other biodiversity events, litter picks and the like.

We'd love to continue serving the local community, but we need your help!

Particularly, we are keen to see the next generation of locals taking the helm and helping/taking over from the old guard, (who will still be keen to help and support CARA).

Can you help?

Do you think you could design this Newsletter more professionally? You'd be so welcome to take it on! In fact, if you have specific media (newsletters, website etc) secretarial/committee, or social/local activity organising skills, we really do need you.

But we also just need more people to assist us across all of our work. In fact, if you have any spare time and care about your local community, especially if you are new to the area, please get in touch, we will have a role, regular or one-off, for YOU.

Email : cara.kingston@gmail.com



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CARA Late Summer Barbecue
Sunday 22nd September 2024 from 1pm



We are pleased to invite members of CARA, their families and friends to enjoy this annual event at **Kingston Riverside Tennis Club, Lower Ham Road, KT2 5AJ**
(Entrance beside Kings Walk)

Food will be provided by **Bevan's Butchers** with veggie options and dessert also available.
The Bar will be open for buying drinks.

Limited parking is available on a first come, first served basis
However, there are plenty of seats in spacious surroundings, so do bring all your family and friends.

Email your booking details to :- carakingston@gmail.com including name & address.

Number of adult tickets - number of meat; number of vegetarian - at **£10 each**

Number of child tickets (under 13 years) - number of meat; number of vegetarian - at **£6 each**

Then make bank transfer to: CANBURY AND RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION (CARA)

- sort code 20 46 73 account no.13558584

Reference: your house/flat number and street/block name



On the left you see the dedicated core group of **Friends of Canbury Gardens (FoCG)**. They meet in the Gardens regularly on Saturdays at 10am, supported by many others who turn up and join in when they can. Would you enjoy coming along when you have a free Saturday morning, you will be welcomed with open arms. Bring your gardening gloves and possibly a trowel, and just join in! You will be most welcome. And you'll have the satisfaction, when walking past, to say "I did that!"

For further info contact:-
friendsofcanburygardens@gmail.com



CANBURY BANDSTAND CONCERTS

What a summer it's been for wonderful concerts organised by Friends of Canbury Bandstand.

On Sunday 18th August 3pm-5pm we welcome

The New Venture Concert Band

Sponsored by **CARA**

Then just two more concerts to follow:-

Sunday 25th August, 3pm-5pm, **Perrin Jazz Collective**

And last but not least, on Sunday 8th September, 3pm-5pm, **Soul Rites**

Don't miss these great free events in Canbury Gardens





Sarah, (Pictured Right) Manager of The Boaters Inn took up the baton when the Rotary Club pulled out of organising this years Dragon Boat Race. With a team around her she pulled off this annual event that poses a huge organisational challenge. The atmosphere was fantastic! With diverse local stallholders selling Crafts, Food, Books, Games and even Craft Gin. Sarah also set up a beer tent, while husband Stuart ran the hugely popular Canbury Secret Cafe, with its delicious gelato. Thank you Sarah for giving us the best ever Dragon Boat Race.

Hurrah! It was a huge success



Our **Kingston Charitable Foundation** team loved competing in this very popular event for the 3rd consecutive year, under the expert Captaincy of Peter Greenwood. A huge thank you to our Team sponsors, Greenwoods Residential and 7DOTS. As with all our fundraising, 90p of every £1 raised went directly to grants programme which supports local residents. And thank you to the organisers of the Dragon Boat Race for selecting us as the

EVENT CHARITY OF THE YEAR!

£££££ were raised for dozens of charities by the Dragon Boaters, who included various local schools & business as well as organisations from further afield. There were two Hong Kong Dragon teams (very fast!); plus many others including!; 'Inclusivity Clowns'; 'Are We There Yet'; 'Speedy Gonzales'; 'The Wonky Experience' (see below) to name but a few. All with but seconds between them.

Full marks for effort for Wonkers



Such a happy, fun day in Canbury Gardens.



1 heat- 3 boats, neck & neck!



The River Thames Boat Project had a stall at the event. They make the Thames accessible to wheelchair users and folk less able to just hop on boat for a cruise. They also offer static hire and education sessions. Find out all about the various opportunities at www.thamesboatproject.org Or contact Pippa on 020 8940 3509



Briefing 3 boat crews at a time, for each heat. Each boat is timed and the boat with the best time over the three heats is the WINNER.



CARA has been asked to publicise the police Residents' Survey that helps them set the priorities for each quarter. The Councillors have managed to arrange extra patrols on Fridays and Saturdays from 8pm to 11pm throughout the summer but most importantly they need to know what OUR priorities are.

It only takes between 3-5 mins to fill in the survey on line, plus a bit extra if you want add your own thoughts in the boxes provided. The tick box questions are as follows:-

- 1) What crime type are you most concerned about
- 2) What anti-social behaviour affects you?
- 3) Where would you like officers to focus patrols?
- 4) Do you feel safe in your community?
- 5) Ways of contacting police to report a crime.

You can scan this QR Code with your mobile camera and 'Smart Survey' will appear on you screen. Click on it to proceed to the survey.



Alternatively, go to:- www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/TLIPRN



You never know what you might spot whilst strolling through Canbury Gardens, A man casually walking on a branch



Suddenly he dropped to earth like a stone in front of me

Chainsaw in hand and a smile on his face!



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