

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Autumn 2023

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Our Forthcoming Events

Monday, 14 August 2023	Informal Gathering, Kings Tun at midday
Wednesday, 6 September 2023	Nominated visit to Marble Hill House, Twickenham
Friday, 20 October 2023	Lunch at Canbury Arms, Kingston
Thursday, 9 November 2023	Coffee Morning at the Guildhall

Dear Friends,

As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, we are trying something new as an outing on **6 September**. With coach costs now prohibitive, the idea is to go to places easily reached by bus, with members making their own travel arrangements. We have selected Marble Hill House in Twickenham (free admission) for our first trip on this basis, and I am pleased to say that June Collins has agreed to lead it. You will find more information and directions in this Newsletter. Please let her know if you're coming by 23 August.

Several members mentioned that the arrangements for our pub lunch dates were too cumbersome, and this was putting them off. So, we have come up with a different format where we set the date, time and venue but leave it to members to make their own table bookings. We will include any solo participants on one of the bookings. Doing it this way avoids having to make choices and post off cheques weeks ahead. The trial run will be on Friday **20 October** at the Canbury Arms - the details are on another page.

On **9 November** we are running a Coffee Morning at the Guildhall and there is a booking form enclosed.

I am sorry to say that our events in May and June were poorly attended, with only 6 making it to the Druid's Head on 3 May. Our lunch on 28 June had been booked for Hart's Boatyard but had to be switched to The Star at Malden Rushett at short notice. Nevertheless, 8 people attended. We had more support for our Summer Get Together on 20 July at the Guildhall when the new Mayor, Councillor Diane White, joined 24 members and guests.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our future activities.

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

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Invitation to a Coffee Morning

Thursday, 9 November 2023 11.00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames

Charge for coffee and biscuits £2

As we have to order the coffees a week in advance, please reply by post, phone or email to Jenny Longhurst by **1 NOVEMBER 2023**

Write: Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Dorking, Surrey, RH5 6RS

Telephone: 01306 730321

Email: jenny.longhurst@btinternet.com

Retain top half as a reminder and send off bottom half

Payment may be made by cheque with this form OR by Bank Transfer to

Sort Code 09-01-55 Account 60178603

Name "Association of Retired Council Officers (Kingston)"

and send an email to confirm.

**I would like One/Two (delete as appropriate) places for the Coffee Morning
on 9 November 2023**

and enclose a cheque for £ (payable to ARCO) for £2.00 per head

Name(s) required on Badge(s) (Capital Letters)

1. _____ 2. _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

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VISIT TO MARBLE HILL HOUSE, TWICKENHAM TW1 2NL

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023

ARCO is organising a visit to **Marble Hill House in Twickenham** on **Wednesday 6th September** at **2.00pm**

Marble Hill House is a Neo-Palladian villa, now Grade I listed, built between 1724 and 1729 as the home of Henrietta Howard, Countess of Suffolk, who lived there until her death. The compact design soon became famous and furnished a standard model for the Georgian English villa and for plantation houses in the American colonies. Inside the house, you can discover a taste of Georgian life with freshly conserved interiors and new displays that tell the story of Henrietta Howard, Marble Hill's remarkable owner. Outside, explore over sixty acres of riverside parkland, with restored gardens, reinvigorated woods and even a nine pin bowling alley.

The visit is free of charge (there is another group visit in the morning so ours has to be in the afternoon.)

There is a café a short walk from the house in the park which does sandwiches etc if people wish to get there earlier and have some lunch. (NB. they only take card payments). Or there are cafes in the St. Margaret's area- Sunshine & Ravioli, 109 St. Margaret's Road and Zoran's Delicatessen in 10 Crown Road, a road just down from the station are a couple.

June Collins will meet everyone at the house at 2.00pm to go in for the visit.

We have to confirm numbers in the group before the visit so please can you contact June via email, text, telephone call or letter if you wish to attend. Please let her know by **Wednesday 23rd August**.

Email: June.collins@hotmail.co.uk

Mobile: text or call: **07532 410372**

Address: 23B Tower Road, Twickenham, Middx. TW1 4PD

Travel Directions from Kingston

Train: Nearest station is **St. Margaret's, Twickenham**.

Come out of the station and turn right into St. Margaret's Road. Keep walking until you reach some traffic lights where the road turns right. Turn right into this road – Richmond Road. There is a block of flats with shops underneath on one corner and some shops on the opposite corner. Walk on further up this road – go past St. Stephen's Church and, a bit further on, you will see the entrance to Marble Hill Park and the House. It is approx. half a mile or 10 minutes' walk from the station.

Normal train departure times from Kingston (outside of the strikes) are 28' and 58' past the hour, normally from Platform 2 and the journey is 17 minutes to St Margarets.

Bus:

Either a 281 (Hounslow Bus Station direction) or 285 (Heathrow Central bus station direction) from Kingston.

In both cases get off at Teddington Lock (Stop Y). Cross the road to the Stop M and pick up the R68 into Twickenham. Get off at stop called Marble Hill Park/Crown Road and walk towards the Crown Pub. There is a road next to the Pub called Orleans Road. Walk down there and there is an entrance to the park on the left hand side.

The bus from Kingston takes approximately 11-15 minutes depending on which one you get and the R68 takes approximately 13 minutes from Teddington Lock to Marble Hill Park/Crown Road bus stop.

There are 76 paid parking spaces on site too.

Nominated Lunch Date

Friday 20 October 2023 at 12 pm

Canbury Arms, 49 Canbury Park Rd, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 6LQ

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Please make your booking and see the menu online at

<https://www.canburyarmskingston.co.uk/>

Alternatively you can book by phone on 020 8255 9129.

Example dishes from the menu (which has 12 mains):

Battered Haddock, Chunky Chips, Mushy Peas, Tartare Sauce £17.50

Beef Burger, Beer Onions, Cheese, Lettuce, Pickles, Ketchup, Mayo, Fries £16.50

Chicken, Ham & Leek Pie, Bubble & Squeak, Gravy £16.50

The pub opens at 11.00 am and meals are served from 12 pm. Make your own booking with the pub for between 12.00 pm and 1.00 pm unless you are on your own. In this case, contact me and I will put you in touch with another party.

Please let me know when you have made your booking, how many are in your party and whether you are willing to be joined by another member or two. This means I can inform you if anything changes.

You can contact me on 07989 021501 or email secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk

Directions

The Canbury Arms is five minutes' walk from Cromwell Road Bus Station. It's the other side of the railway and the shortest route from the Bus Station is through the Queen Elizabeth Road bridge (follow the direction of the traffic). Turn left when you get through the bridge, and you will see the Canbury Arms on your right.