

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Spring 2023

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Our Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 16 February 2023	Informal Gathering, Kings Tun, Clarence Street
Thursday, 9 March 2023	AGM at the Guildhall Download booking form
Monday, 17 April 2023	Lunch, Berrylands Hotel Download booking form
Wednesday, 3 May 2023	Informal Gathering, Druid's Head, Market Place

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to report that 2023 started well for ARCO with 19 members coming along to the Druids Head on 9 January. This followed our successful meals at The Star and The North Star to finish off 2022. Those attending enjoyed their meals very much, so your Committee has decided to organise more in the coming year, starting off with the Berrylands Hotel on **17 April**. You will find a menu and booking form with this Newsletter. Our thanks are due to Bob Weedon for making the arrangements.

Looking forward, we would like to establish a regular pattern of activities and to provide us with some flexibility, we will be proposing a minor rule change to the AGM on **9 March**. At present our Constitution requires the AGM to be held each year in March. We are suggesting deleting the reference to March, so we just need to hold one every year. I hope members will support our idea. As usual, we will be providing sandwiches, cake and tea and coffee to those attending.

Your Committee have debated the possibility of resuming outings. There have been 50% increases in coach hire costs, so we don't think there will be enough support, as in last year's poll only 16 members expressed interest. We are contemplating nominating a date to visit an attraction in London so members can use their Freedom Passes to join in. Martin or I would be pleased to receive your suggestions or views on this idea.

I look forward to welcoming you to one of our activities this year.

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

chairman@arco-kingston.org.uk

ARCO Secretary: Martin Longhurst, Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, DORKING, RH5 6RS

ARCO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023

QUEEN ANNE SUITE, GUILDHALL

The timetable will be:

- 12.00 Doors open
- 12.15 Sandwich lunch available
- 1.00 Formal business

Please return this sheet **by 24 February** to

**Jenny Longhurst, Honorary Treasurer, Mayfield, Hoe Lane,
Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6RS**

Telephone number 01306 730321 or email: treasurer@arco-kingston.org.uk

AGM REPLY SLIP - Please notify us so we can provide sufficient catering.

You are welcome to bring a guest, but he/she is not eligible to vote.

I will be attending the AGM on 9 March 2023

Print Name in Capital Letters

Print Guest's Name in Capital Letters

There is no charge for attending.

Nominations are invited for the Committee posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Social Secretary, Representative to RBK Pension Fund Panel (and Deputy) and ordinary members. In addition, nominations as Auditor are sought.

Any member may nominate any other member to serve, subject to his/her agreement.

I nominate for the post of

Proposer's Name Signature,,

I accept nomination (Nominee's Signature)

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Please note: this year there are vacancies for the Representative to RBK Pension Fund Panel and Deputy.

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BARGAIN LUNCH AT "THE BERRYLANDS"

In view of the success of our "thanksgiving meal" at The Star, it has been suggested that we have another get-together meal in April. This time it will be at the Berrylands in Surbiton, which is a possible future Christmas Meal venue. The Berrylands does a meal deal of *30% off burgers, mains and specials* (not starters or desserts) on a Monday, which is why we chose the date.

Date – **Monday 17 April 2023**

Location – The Berrylands, 107 Chiltern Drive, Surbiton, KT5 8LS

Time – 12.00 for 12.30

The Berrylands is a comfortable pub/restaurant adjacent to Berrylands Station. The K2 bus stops nearby, although the train may be more convenient from New Malden. More information can be found at their website - www.theberrylands.co.uk

If you would like to attend, **please reply by 28 February** so that we can arrange the booking. Also, The Berrylands have asked if we can provide pre-orders for starters and main courses for everyone attending so we have attached a copy of their menu. Desserts and drinks can be paid for separately on the day. Please send the form below together with a cheque payable to ARCO, remembering to deduct 30%, to-

Bob Weedon, 51 Morrell Avenue, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4DD

Tel: 07443 638295

Or e-mail to zoetomelk@gmail.com

Please keep a note of your choices

USE REDUCED PRICES

Member's Name _____

Starter _____

Main _____

Guest's Name _____

Starter _____

Main _____

TOTAL TO PAY

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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THE BERRYLANDS

PUBLIC HOUSE

STARTERS & SHARERS

(DISH)	(£)
Bread & Olives 🍷	7.50
Served with Balsamic Vinegar & Olive Oil	
Salt & Pepper Squid 🍷	7.50
Served with Lime Aioli & Salad	
Pork Belly Bites 🍷	6.75
Served with BBQ & Sweet Chilli Sauce	
Chicken Bites	7.00
Served with Buffalo Sauce	
Honey & Mustard Sausages	6.00
with A Mustard Mayonnaise	
Camembert 🍷	10.00
Served with Warm Bread & A Red Onion Chutney	
Loaded Nachos to Share 🍷🍷	9.00
Topped with Cheese, Jalapenos, Soured Cream, Salsa & Guacamole	

CIABATTAS & WRAPS

All Ciabattas & Wraps are Served with Chips & Salad Garnish 8.75

BLT

Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato with Mayonnaise

Chicken Salad

with a Truffle Mayonnaise

Halloumi Salad

with Sweet Chilli Sauce

MENU NOTES

Please Order At The Bar.
For Allergen or Dietary Requirements
Please Ask A Member Of Staff For Assistance.
Gratuities Are Not Added To Any Bill
& Are Always Gratefully Received.

Gluten Free 🍷

Vegetarian 🍷

Vegan 🍷

SIDES

Fries 🍷🍷	4.00
Halloumi Fries 🍷	6.50
with Sweet Chilli Sauce	
Loaded Fries	6.50
with Cheese, Bacon, Spring Onion, Chilli, Burger Sauce & BBQ Sauce	
Garden Salad 🍷🍷	4.00
Garlic Bread 🍷	4.50
Garlic Bread with Cheese 🍷	4.75
Onion Rings 🍷	4.50
with BBQ Sauce	

MONDAY-SATURDAY

12.00 - 21.00

SUNDAY





12.00 - 18.00



THE BERRYLANDS


PUBLIC HOUSE

CLASSICS

(DISH)	(£)	Reduced Price
Hand Beer Battered Cod Served with Chips, Mushy Peas & Tartare Sauce	14.50	10.15
Traditional Honey Roasted Ham  Served with Fried Eggs & Chips	12.00	9.80
Cumberland Sausage & Mash Potato Served with Curly Kale & A Red Wine & Onion Gravy	12.00	9.80
Thai Vegetable Curry   Served with Rice & Salad	12.50	9.45
Chicken & Halloumi Salad  with Our Very Own House Dressing	12.50	10.15






BURGERS

All our Burgers are served with Lettuce, Tomato, Red Onion, Gherkins & Fries

Slow Cooked Pork Belly with Apple Slaw & BBQ Sauce	14.50	10.15
Cheese & Bacon Burger Traditional Beef Burger Served with Cheese, Bacon & Burger Sauce	14.00	9.80
Southern Fried Buttermilk Chicken Topped with Truffle Mayonnaise, Buffalo Sauce & Parmesan	12.50	10.15
Vegan Pattie Burger  Served with Pickled Red Onion & Vegan Mayonnaise	12.00	9.10

CHILDRENS MENU

DESSERTS

Hand Beer Battered Cod Served with Chips and Beans Or Peas	7.50	Chocolate Fudge Brownie  with Ice Cream	7.00
Chicken Nuggets Served with Chips and Beans or Peas	7.00	Sticky Toffee Pudding  with Ice Cream & Toffee Sauce	7.00
Tomato Pasta  with Cheese	7.00	Crumble of The Day  Served with Custard or Ice Cream	7.00
		Selection of Sorbets & Ice Creams  (Per Scoop)	2.00