

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Winter 2024-25

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Our Forthcoming Events

Thursday. 13 February 2025	Lunch at The Berrylands 12 noon
Wednesday, 12 March 2025	Annual General Meeting, Guildhall, 12 noon Download booking form
Monday, 28 April 2025	Informal gathering at The Kings Tun, 12 noon

Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed three events since the last Newsletter. On 9 September 12 members met at The Kings Tun for drinks and a meal. Our Coffee Morning in November in the Queen Anne Suite of the Guildhall attracted some 24 members and friends, while 18 of us sat down to an excellent Christmas Lunch at the North Star in Chessington.

You will find more information about our forthcoming activities, which are listed above, on the next page. No bookings are needed for the February and April dates – just turn up – but we would appreciate you booking for the AGM so we can provide catering for the right number. If there is anybody interested in joining the Committee at the AGM, please make yourself known to Martin, our Secretary, who can fill you in on what the Committee does.

We are moving forward regarding arranging our first minibus trip, probably in April. Altogether 14 members expressed their interest in travelling with us to Windsor. We are in touch directly with them in order to set a convenient date for as many as possible. If you haven't already put your name down, please do so now. There are 16 seats available which we will allocate on a first come, first served basis. We will also maintain a waiting list. Although we have enough interest to almost fill the bus, it is not likely that everybody will be able to make the same date.

I hope that I will be able to meet you at one of our forthcoming activities.

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

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

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More about our forthcoming events

Meal at The Berrylands on Thursday. 13 February 2025

Arrive between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm

Once again, tables have been reserved for members to join up for a meal from the menu. There is no need to book and you will choose and pay for your meal on the day. Please note that not everyone will be able to eat at the same time.

You can find the menu at www.theberrylands.co.uk . There is a wide selection of starters, pub classics, burgers and desserts.

The Berrylands is at 107 Chiltern Drive, Surbiton, KT5 8LS. There is very limited parking on site but there is street parking in the vicinity. Bus K2 stops adjacent to the pub, which is also 150 yards from Berrylands Station. It is much quicker to travel by train from New Malden.

Annual General Meeting at The Guildhall on Wednesday, 12 March 2025

Arrive around 12.00 pm

The Queen Anne Suite has been booked for this event, which is free. We provide a sandwich lunch, *so please notify us as requested [by returning the form](#) in this mailing or by email with the same details.*

Guests are welcome but they cannot vote during the formal business, which begins at 1 pm. His Worship the Mayor has been invited to preside.

Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun on Monday, 28 April 2025

Arrive between 12.00 pm and 1.30 pm

Another of our popular gatherings at the Kings Tun, 153-157 Clarence Street, Kingston, KT1 1QT, between Eden Street and the Railway Station. We meet in the upstairs bar – there is a lift. Wetherspoons have an extensive menu of hot and cold food and free refills of hot drinks! Just come along – no booking required.

Proposed Minibus Outing to Windsor

April 2025

There is limited space left and there will be a waiting list. Please contact Martin by emailing secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk , by phoning 01306 730321, or by writing to Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, DORKING, RH5 6RS, if you have yet to do so.

Windsor has numerous attractions including the Castle, Windsor Great Park, the River Thames, breweries, restaurants, pubs and shops.

Future Activities

Please contact Martin if you have any suggestions for new venues or destinations.

ARCO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 2025

The timetable will be:

12.00 Doors open
12.15 Sandwich lunch available
1.00 Formal business

Please notify your attendance by email or by returning this sheet by 26 February to

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

Telephone number 01306 730321 or 07989 021501

email: secretary@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 12 March 2025

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, and five 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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