

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Autumn 2025

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Our Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 23 October 2025	Lunch at The Berrylands
Wednesday, 5 November 2025	Coffee Morning, Guildhall
Thursday, 4 December 2025	Christmas Lunch, North Star (book in November)

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to say our recent activities have generally been well supported. We have had two gatherings at the Kings Tun, one in April and the second in July. June saw 20 of us celebrate John Ward's 80th birthday with a lunch and cake at The Berrylands.

On 17 July we ran a very popular and successful minibus trip for an afternoon in Worthing. As 26 wanted to join in, we had to book two minibuses! Members found plenty of things to do - strolling down the Pier and Promenade, eating fish and chips or visiting local hostelrys. The weather was warm and sunny, just right to sample the free ice creams being given away in the Square. Thanks go to June and Shona for organising and leading the trip.

You will find more information about our confirmed activities, which are listed above, on the next page. No bookings are needed for the October date – just turn up – but we would appreciate you booking for the Coffee Morning in November, so we can provide catering for the right number.

We have made a provisional booking at the North Star for our usual Christmas Lunch on 4 December. As the menu has not yet been finalised, we will include the choices and booking form in the next Newsletter in November. In the meantime, please save the date.

Looking forward to next year, we are contemplating two more minibus outings, the first in the spring and the other in the summer. If we stick to our W theme, one may be to Winchester but where should the other one go? Suggestions to Martin, please.

I look forward to welcoming you at one of our forthcoming activities.

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

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More about our forthcoming events

Meal at The Berrylands on Thursday, 23 October 2025

Arrive between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm

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.

Coffee Morning at The Guildhall on Wednesday, 5 November 2025

Arrive around 11.00 am

The Queen Anne Suite has been booked for this event, for which there is a £2 charge for coffee or tea and biscuits.

Please notify us as requested by returning the form in this mailing or by email with the same details.

Christmas Lunch at The North Star on Thursday, 4 December 2025

12 noon for 12.30 pm

The North Star is at 271 Hook Road, Hook, Chessington, KT9 1EQ, about 500 yards south of The Ace roundabout. Buses 71, 465 & K4 stop outside and K2 nearby

The menu and booking form will be circulated in early November.

Future Activities

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



Invitation to a Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 5 November 2025 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Queen Anne Suite, Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames

Charge for coffee or tea and biscuits £2

As we have to order the drinks a week in advance, please reply by email, post or phone to Jenny Longhurst by **24 OCTOBER 2025**

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

Telephone: 01306 730321

Email: jenny.longhurst@btinternet.com

Payment may be made by cheque with this form OR by bank transfer. As we are changing bank, please email Jenny and she will send you the bank details.

Retain top portion as a reminder and send off bottom portion

There is no need to return this form if emailing

**I would like One/Two (delete as appropriate) places for the Coffee Morning
on 5 November 2025**

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: _____