

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Summer 2025

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Our Forthcoming Events

Thursday, 5 June 2025	Informal Meal at The Berrylands, celebrating John Ward's 80 th Birthday
Friday, 18 July 2025	Informal gathering at The Kings Tun, 12 noon
Tuesday, 19 August 2025	Summer Get Together at the Guildhall Please use booking form

Dear Friends,

We have been quite busy over the last few months. On 8 January, 15 members gathered at the Kings Tun, while 21 sat down for a meal at The Berrylands on 13 February. The AGM on 12 March saw the Committee re-elected but was sadly less well attended, with only 16 members plus 3 guests present.

On 10 April we finally managed to run our first minibus outing using a RAKAT minibus. It was to Windsor and was enjoyed by 14 members and friends. Your Committee is looking to organise another trip later in the summer. It is likely to be to Worthing on a Thursday (the most popular day), so please contact Martin as soon as possible to get on the list if you are interested.

You will find more information about our confirmed activities, which are listed above, on the next page. No bookings are needed for the June and July dates – just turn up – but we would appreciate you booking for the Get Together in August, so we can provide catering for the right number. We are trying out the Get Together in August as we couldn't find a suitable date in June or July.

Looking forward, as The Berrylands attracts a good attendance, we will look to arrange another meal there in October, followed by our Coffee Morning at the Guildhall in November and our Christmas lunch in December. More details next time.

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

Celebratory Meal at The Berrylands on Thursday, 5 June 2025

Arrive between 12.00 pm and 12.30 pm

On this occasion we are marking the 80th birthday of our regular attender John Ward. 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.

Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun on Friday, 18 July 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.

Summer Get Together at The Guildhall on Tuesday, 19 August 2025

Arrive around 12.00 pm

The Queen Anne Suite has been booked for this event, for which there is a £3 charge. The intended offer is a finger buffet, including sandwiches, cakes, coffee and tea. Please Bring Your Own Bottle if you wish stronger refreshment. Glasses will be provided for your own wine or other drinks.

Please notify us as requested by using the [booking form](#) or by email with the same details.

Minibus Outing to Worthing

A Thursday to be advised

There are only 15 seats available, so there will be a waiting list if necessary. To apply please contact Martin by emailing secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk , by phoning 01306 730321 or 07989 021501, or by writing to Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, DORKING, RH5 6RS.

The subsidised charge will be £10.

Worthing has many attractions including the Pier, Promenade, Worthing Museum, Colonnade House art gallery, gardens, restaurants, pubs and shops.

Future Activities

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

Invitation to Summer Get Together

Tuesday, 19 August 2025

12.00 Noon to 2.00 p.m.

Queen Anne Suite, Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames

The intended offer is a finger buffet, including sandwiches, cakes, coffee and tea

Bring Your Own Bottle

Glasses will be provided for your own wine or other drinks.

RSVP by post, phone or email to Jenny Longhurst, Mayfield, Hoe Lane,
Dorking, Surrey RH5 6RS **by 8 August 2025**

Telephone: 01306 730321 or 07989 021501

Email: jenny.longhurst@btinternet.com

*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 with the details requested below to confirm.*

Retain top half as a reminder and send off bottom half

I would like One/Two (please circle) places at the Get Together on 19 August 2025

and enclose a cheque for £ (payable to ARCO)

for the cost of £3.00 per head.

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

1. _____ 2. _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

Please note any dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian:

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