

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Summer 2018

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Dear Friends,

I apologise for starting this Newsletter with some bad news but unfortunately our Chairman, Mike Belsham, has been laid low with back problems and, among other things, was unable to attend our recent AGM. I am sure you will all join with me in sending our best wishes for a speedy and complete recovery to Mike.

At two hours' notice our Vice-Chairman, Shona Hastings, stepped up and chaired the AGM, which was attended by 25 members and friends, with great aplomb. After the formal business, Brian Sullivan, the current Macebearer produced the Royal Borough's mace which was bought in 1617 and gave us a fascinating insight into its history.

The Committee were re-elected, although Chris Coke became Vice-Chairman in succession to Shona. I am pleased to say that two members came forward with a view to co-option to fill the remaining vacancies. There is one other change as June Collins has stepped down as Social Secretary, although she remains on the Committee. We were again fortunate that Val Weedon has agreed to take on organising our outings for us. Her first visit, to Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre, is advertised in this Newsletter. Let's wish Val every success.

You will also find a full list of our activities over the next year, both confirmed and proposed, in these pages. We aim to organise something every month, except August, but our first outing has slipped from April to June owing to the change in Organiser. If you have any suggestions for additional events, please let Mike or me know.

Apart from our trip to Amberley, the next events will be an informal gathering at The Kings Tun on Thursday, 10 May and our Summer Get Together at the Guildhall on Tuesday, 19 June – note the unusual day of the week. There is an attendance form for the Get Together but you can just turn up at The Kings Tun. We will have some reserved tables in upstairs bar between 12 noon and 1.30 pm.

Kind regards,

Martin

Martin Longhurst
Secretary

Contact Mike at chairman@arco-kingston.org.uk

Invitation to Summer Get-Together

Tuesday, 19 June 2018

12.00 Noon to 2.30 p.m.

Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames

RSVP by post to Jenny Longhurst by 8 June 2018

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

Telephone for queries only: 01306 730321

Email for queries only: jenny.longhurst@btinternet.com

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 June 2018

and enclose a cheque for £ (payable to ARCO)

to cover the cost of £3.00 per head for Sandwich Lunch, Wine and Coffee

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

1. _____ 2. _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

AMBERLEY MUSEUM AND HERITAGE CENTRE

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Step back in time at Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre. A remarkable heritage site in the Sussex South Downs, located between Storrington and Arundel, focusing on industrial, rural & transport history. Most days the free bus and narrow gauge railway run, which take visitors to the loco sheds, electricity, communications and railway exhibition halls. Other exhibits include the working printshop, lime kilns, road steam engines, stationary engines, greenwood village, fire station, Fairmile Café, pottery and more. The Museum is also home to traditional craftspeople, such as woodturners and blacksmith, with a very good café/restaurant, gift shop, nature trails and picnic areas. There is plenty to do in all weathers. Wheelchairs are available if booked in advance.

Wednesday 6th June 2018

Time of departure from Kingston Library – 9.30 am

Departure for home – 4.00 pm

COST : £29.50 pp

COST : £19.50 pp (essential carers for disabled travellers only)

Closing date: Wednesday 30th May

Includes the coach, entrance and driver's gratuity

Please make cheques payable to ARCO and return to me with the tear off slip to:

Val Weedon

Telephone: 01403 251390

51 Morrell Avenue

e-mail: val.palaleo@sky.com

Horsham

West Sussex RH12 4DD

Mobile for use on the day: 07934 139834 (Shona)

(Please enclose an SAE if you require a receipt.)

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I/We would like place/s for the trip to Amberley Museum @ £29.50

I/We would like place/s for the trip to Amberley Museum @ £19.50 (essential carer)

Please tick the box if you wish to book a wheelchair

Please Print:

NAME:

Address:.....

Tel No. Email.....

DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 10 May 2018	Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun, Clarence Street, Kingston (opposite Wilkinsons) – drop in to the upstairs bar between 12 and 1.30 pm
Wednesday, 6 June 2018	Outing to Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre
Tuesday, 19 June 2018	Summer Get Together, Council Chamber
Thursday, 19 July 2018	Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun
September (proposed)	Outing
Wednesday, 24 October 2018	Coffee Morning, Council Chamber
November (proposed)	Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun
December (proposed)	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday, 30 January 2019	Winter Get Together, Council Chamber
February (proposed)	Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun
Wednesday, 20 March 2019	Annual General Meeting, Council Chamber

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