

Bulletin for the end of May 2022

Dear Member,

I do hope that the strangle-hold grip on activities exercised by Covid is now sufficiently loosened for you to be able to enjoy other people's company for an hour or two without constant worry. Quite a lot of information about our District has appeared in my email together with some interesting initiatives designed to help us make better use of our local countryside. Finally there are a couple of items aimed at helping some particularly good causes.

As you may have heard, our Council has recently announced the appointment of Kier Property as their partner in the redevelopment of Bull Hill (the Red House Gardens) and the Swan Centre. In accordance with the Transform Leatherhead Masterplan objectives, the joint venture aims to deliver residential, commercial and retail infrastructure, as well as new public facilities, during an 8-10 year programme of development and investment, with an estimated development value of £350m.

As regards progress on the new Local Plan, the Inspector will be conducting a series of "Hearing Sessions" in June, July, September and October, as follows:

Wednesday, June 22 to Thursday June 23, inclusive

Monday, 18 July to Friday, 22 July inclusive

Monday, 26 September to Friday, 30 September, inclusive

Monday, 10 October to Friday, 14 October, inclusive

If you would like to make a "relevant representation" seeking a change to the Plan, there is a deadline of 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 26th May 2022 to confirm to the Inspector the appropriate matter and the Hearing Session. To do so email louise@poservices.co.uk

If you would like to read a summary of the Representations submitted and the Council's comments thereon, type in this address: <https://futuremolevalley.org/examination-documents>. Document ED6 is what you need and the 4th column is the site ref., e.g. D545 is the Park/ the Red House Grounds. They are listed in the order of the published Regulation 19 Draft Plan.

Meanwhile, there is the Queen's Jubilee Celebration. Our Council has decided to hold the main one for this area in Dorking, in Meadowbank, on the Thursday 2nd June. It is called the Platinum party, and will include lots of activities, especially for children. They are also providing details of over 20 walks available in the area for those seeking to get out into the fresh air. Details of both the Party and the walks can be obtained from <https://molevalleytogether.co.uk> The Council are also promoting walks organised by the

Ramblers Association, which are volunteer led. To find more detail on these go to molevalley.gov.uk/walkforhealth .

For those without computers, I have been told about a Community Helpline operating 9-5 Monday to Friday dealing with Financial, Health and Welfare problems, tel: 0300 200 1008

And now for some news about our Leatherhead Residents' Association: the Directors recently approved the 2021 Accounts and these have been posted on the LRA web-site under Treasurer's Reports. (For those without email a hard copy of this Bulletin and the Accounts will be hand-delivered) Our next meeting, on Monday June 6th, will be a very informal discussion on how the Local Plan process is progressing , an explanation ,if needed of ED6 and the MV responses to our representations. We may use the "back room" at the Methodist Church for this discussion.

Given the concern for the welfare of dispersed Ukrainians, the LRA is to raise funds for them with a sale on one of the Swan Centre barrows on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June One of our members has given me a large number of small, mostly new, articles which I propose to offer, grouped into price brackets between £2-5, with one or two items being a little more, with all purchases being by way of "donations." I, with my helpers, will be there from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm each day. Please do come and support us! I have enquired in a number of shops and was told that they would be open on these days, so we are hoping for two busy days. (I still need one helper for Friday afternoon. Any offers of help would be gratefully received!)

An amusing little addition to our fight against litter is an App called "Litter-Lotto." With your camera in hand, you photograph yourself putting litter (which, of course, you have just picked up) into a bin and your picture is then entered into a prize draw. A novel idea, but not one that I think will make our "litter-picks" redundant!

With all best wishes, as usual,

Caroline (Brown) Chairman

P.S. Those of you who have not renewed your membership for 2022 will receive a hard copy of this Bulletin, together with a membership renewal form. We would be most grateful if you could continue to support the LRA by renewing your membership.

If you have recently moved to this address, and are not, therefore, the addressee, please consider joining the LRA, as your support will be gratefully received. A [contact](#) form is on our website Leatherhead Residents Association.

