

WWRA 2015 AGM Chairman's Report

It's been a busy year for the WWRA, with many successes, and many issues raised on behalf of our community.

How did we do?

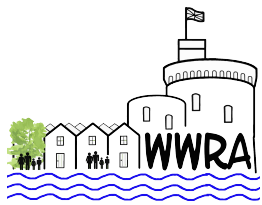
I want to remind you of our Ethos, so you can measure whether the year was a success, or not. So here are our aims;

1. To safeguard, promote and represent the interests of the resident members in the Association's area.
2. To promote the just, efficient and economical governance of West Windsor.
3. To render assistance whenever possible, in all matters, for the benefit of the resident members in the Association's area collectively and individually.

A summary of the year

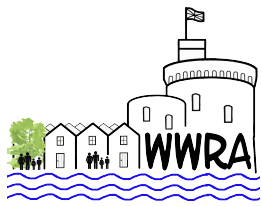
Here's a summary timeline of some of the many events

1. In **March** an inexplicable planning decision related to **The Queen Public House** was reached, amidst controversial circumstances, that RBWM have yet to report on, to approve the building of a 4 story, 12 flat monstrosity – We spoke on behalf of residents, and that decision was overturned. No new application has been submitted since then, though I have requested that the site be tidied up since then.
2. In **April**, the **Central Windsor Neighbourhood Plan**, which had excluded West Windsor, supported by JH & PB, the CWNP was disbanded in a move of real solidarity led by residents from Central Windsor, recognizing that we are all Windsorians irrespective of which part of the town we live in. We owe a greater debt of gratitude to Claire Milne, John Bastow, and many others, that you could ever realize. Sadly, certain individuals separated themselves from the new Windsor-wide group, and set up their own NP vehicle to cover the town centre only. The new WNP group continues to make great progress, led by their co-chairs Clair Milne and John Bastow. The WWRA continued to support the WNP through our members' participation, and sponsoring an open evening at All Saints Church in July.
3. Our own Queen of hearts, the late **Cynthia Endacott** passed away in **May** after a lengthy illness. John Holdstock spoke at her funeral, and wrote a tribute on the WWRA website. The Committee have since then



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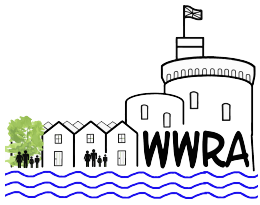
- agreed to spend £225 on a Red Acer tree to be planted on the green outside Aston Mead during the next planning cycle in Autumn this year.
4. The **WWRA website** also went live in **June**, and has grown and developed with great success, accompanied by a Facebook Page, and a Twitter account. More on this later
 5. Cynthia's passing prompted a **By Election in July**, at which, I am happy to say, your sponsored candidate achieved a resounding success, with the help and support of many local people. However, the unexpected event resulted in spending £661, which we hadn't budgeted for.
 6. **LEGOLAND Haunted House in July** we brought you news of LEGOLAND's proposed new giant indoors attraction, The Haunted House. We noted Merlin's public statement to expand in Windsor. The application was subsequently turned down by the WUDCP because of the cumulative effect on local traffic
 7. **LEGOLAND Traffic** – RBWM have been tinkering with solutions, though a needed route through Bray has not been proposed. This will cause Windsor, and also Old Windsor to bear the brunt of national traffic to LEGOLAND. This is unacceptable. Also unacceptable is the lack of vision to produce the radical solution that is really needed.
 8. In **August** we reported that Council was seeking to turn **Community Wardens**, against their will, into traffic wardens. We opposed this, and we understand that these duties have been quietly eased. However, the Cabinet has since sought to turn our much-loved CWs into a private police force without adequate training, development, equipment, or pay. We will fight against this.
 9. In **October** we raised the issue of the **Windsor Link Railway**, and the possible disastrous ramifications for Windsor during the construction phase – the project seemed to going under the radar to achieve approval surreptitiously.
 10. **Local Plan** – we, along with other, have criticized the Local Plan for its lack of competence, and lack of vision. Sadly, the Local Plan was making tardy progress, and is now, likely to be a year late – which is likely to cause a) financial problems for the Council, and b) create a developers free for all. The Council has been seriously remiss on this issue.
 11. In **November**, the WWRA was delighted to throw a **Tea Party for our helpers**, collectors, and deliverers. It was enjoyed by one and all, and we hope to maintain this tradition in future.
 12. **Heathrow Noise** – In **November** our Aviation team supported Heathrow's Planning Appeal to get the necessary work ground works in place to allow full runway alternation to help alleviate aircraft noise over Windsor on Easterly operations. Heathrow have been remiss in their tardy application, which was submitted in 2014, but could have been prepared in 2009. This has caused Windsorians, and many others



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to suffer at least 5 extra years of unnecessary noise, together with its consequential affect on human health.

13. **William Hill submitted their planning application in November** to open the third betting shop in a small area, and near schools, and specialist groups. We challenged the application with a lengthy response, based on the enlightened work of hundreds of other councils up and down the country. Sadly RBWM councilors were forced by weak local plan to approve the application, so we took our case to the next stage, or licensing
14. **Third Runway – In December** the WWRA teamed up with OWRA, & OGFRA, to run public information meetings on the effects of extra runway capacity on life locally. We also submitted a robust critique of the two Heathrow options, and produced an information pack to empower residents to make their own response. We also launched our email newsletter, which was used to disseminate the information.
15. **Website hacked – In December**, after Wisdom had appeared on BBC Radio Berkshire to talk about the information available for residents, the website was the subject of a sophisticated international attack by a mysterious group called Virus05. Our website developer managed to get the site up and running after day or so.
16. In **December**, WWRA member **Tony Monk was elected as a governor to Frimley Health**, after a WWRA aided campaign. We wish Tony much success, and look forward to receiving reports from him on his progress.
17. In **December**, we launched our **email news service**, including a **Members only offer** from Stows, formerly of Windsor, and now in Slough. We hope to make other offers available each month. The email news service has around 200 subscribers, who receive email news updates every week or so – subject to manpower (please volunteer to help us)
18. **William Hill submitted their license application in January**, and Wisdom teamed up with local GP, Dr Katie Simpson to express many grave concerns about the effect of such a shop on life locally. They were cross-examined by William Hill's ferocious counsel, and despite a strong case, the council granted them a license, and one with few constraints. It appears that they were not listening.
19. In **February**, Wisdom teamed up with Cllr Lynne Jones to analyse the tax cutting **council Budget**, and discovered many flaws and irregularities, which we reported in our blog
20. In **March**, we **supported residents at Willows** who have been threatened with a curt, and unreasonable, eviction from their Riverside Moorings. Haulfryn was recently eased their stance due to the public pressure.



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21. This **February** saw a new proposal to turn **Community Wardens into voluntary first responders**. Unsurprisingly, few volunteers have come forward, given that our much-valued wardens will have no training, little equipment, and be required to work until 3am on only time and a third. Wisdom spoke about this to the press. We will continue to oppose this as we can
22. In **February**, we reported on the up and coming **Magna Carta 800 events**, and the chance for our community to participate in the spectacular celebrations to take place in our community.
23. Retiring of Cllrs John Fido, & John Penfold
 - **Resolution** of thanks for Cllrs Endacott, Fido, & Penfold

A call to action

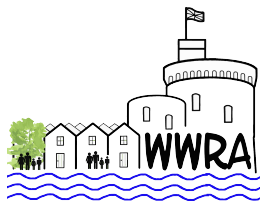
As in previous years, in 2014/15, much was achieved by a few people. I thank these people, and our committee, though some of these people have now moved on and will not be available next year.

Imagine how much more we could do for our community, and how many more people we could positively affect, if more of you got involved.

So I encourage you to help us keep Windsor wonderful, and to get involved. Volunteer to help, collect, deliver, serve on the committee, or even aim to serving as a Councillor in the coming years.

Let's get enthusiastic about our community, sign up to our various initiatives.

Let's live, love, and make a difference.



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Accounts

31-Jan 2013/14	Income	31-Jan 2014/15
£1,483	Subscriptions	£2,465
	Deposit Account Interest	£6
	Interest from 2012 - 2013	£0
£1,483	Total Income	£2,471

Expenditure

£791	Printing & Stationery	£1,469
£202	AGM costs	£237
£100	Web site	£844
£168	Leaflet Delivery	£99
£0	Election Expenses	£661
£13	Sundry	£154
£1,273	Total Expenditure	£3,465

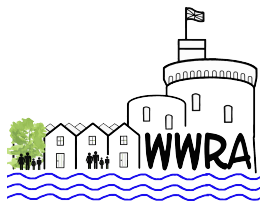
£210 Surplus or (deficit) for the year **£994**

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 JANUARY 2015

£4,391	Balance brought forward	£4,600
£210	Plus Surplus or minus deficit for the year	£994
£4,600	Balance sheet total	£3,607

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£2,566	Cash at bank	£1,566
£2,034	Building Society Balance	£2,041
£4,600	Total Assets	£3,607



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Business plan

2015 AGM Business Plan

A summary of the above is	Accountable Comm Member	Notes	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2018/20
Newsletters printing and distribution (£)		1		£1,570	£1,150	£1,200	£1,250	£1,300	£1,350
AGM costs (£)		1		£230	£250	£250	£250	£250	£250
Communications - Paid Role (£)		2		£240	£500	£600	£600	£600	£600
Website and social media development (£)		3		£600	£300	£200	£200	£200	£200
Councillor sponsorship (£)		4		£660	£1,500				£1,500
Sundry expenses (£)				£150	£500	£150	£150	£150	£150
W&E Neighbour Plan (£)		5			£200				
Total Expenditure				£3,450	£4,400	£2,400	£2,450	£2,500	£4,050
Members (households)		6		1,089	1,150	1,200	1,250	1,300	1,350
Subscription (£)				£3	£3	£3	£3	£3	£3
Subs recovery (%)		7		75	75	75	75	75	75
Total Income	Mike M			£2,450	£2,588	£2,700	£2,813	£2,925	£3,038
Surplus/(shortfall) for year				£1,000	£1,813	£300	£363	£425	£1,013
Bank Balance an end of year	Treasurer		£4,600	£3,600	£1,788	£2,088	£2,450	£2,875	£1,863
Average annual surplus/(shortfall)						£456			

Notes

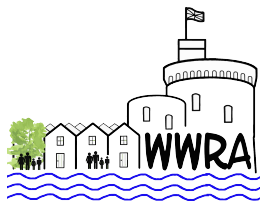
1. Based on typical expenditure 2010/11 to 2013/14, reduced due to new printer
2. For press releases, articles
3. Done by volunteers, but pay to start up & maintain (£100 hosting plus 4hr maintenance)
4. Assumes £250 support for 5 councillors, money raised over 3 year cycle (NB no set aside in plan for 2019 payment).
5. Hire of venues, leaflets etc
6. Assumes increased membership from Willows, Clewer South etc 50 per year
7. Based on recent recovery rates
8. Sundry includes £225 for C Endacott, £50 for 2014 Helpers Tea Party, £100 net for 2014 Heathrow Meeting, £50 for 2015 Helpers Tea Party, £75 contingency
9. Due reimbursement from OWRA for 2014 Heathrow Meeting

Membership report

See attached

Website report

See attached



Key future facing issues

But as good as 2014/15 has been, the WWRA, and community life, faces many challenges over the coming years, not least the misunderstanding that individuals can't make a difference, and if I don't bother someone else will, right?

Wrong. If you don't bother, self-interested people, often party politicians, will take control and do what they, or their party leaders say they should do.

So let's get enthusiastic, and get involved. Your community needs you.

Here's a summary of some of the challenges that lie ahead;

1. Aviation

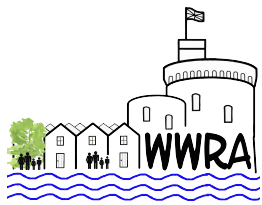
- 1.1. Result of Heathrow's Planning appeal is announced in Autumn 2015, and we hope that the planning Inspector will rule in Heathrow's favour, and that Heathrow will commence work immediately to allow a fair distribution of aircraft flight arrivals over Windsor
- 1.2. The Airports Commission opinion will be published soon after the General Election, and the new government will then make a decision on the location of extra runway capacity.
- 1.3. It will become paramount for you and I to help the Committee, and help organisations like Hacan, and work with neighbouring groups to oppose a doubling in traffic, and up to 100% increase in flight volumes, at a higher noise impact on the area

2. Planning

- 2.1. The second draft of the Local Plan should be issued later in 2015, nearly a year behind schedule – we will need to ensure that it contains a positive vision, and plan, for our town & even work with new Windsor councilors of all political persuasions on this issue.
- 2.2. Planning Applications may continue thick and fast without the control, and moderation, that should be provided by the absent Local Plan.
- 2.3. The two Neighbourhood Plans should come to fruition, and I urge you to support Claire Milne and John Bastow's team, and heavily scrutinize the Windsor 2030's plans, and vote accordingly

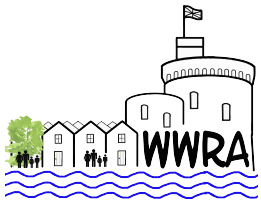
3. Lack of helpers

- 3.1. A lack of helpers, collectors, and deliverers, has resulted in reduced cash collection, and could result in reduced activity.
- 3.2. If we don't find more volunteers, if you don't volunteer, it could have dire consequences for the WWRA, and effective scrutiny in the area – remember our ethos



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- 3.3. **Funding**, will then drop, and we will need to have a fundamental review of how we operate
- 3.4. The **Website's** evolution may be hampered, or we may need a revolution in say, cutting out all physical delivery of newsletter, and become entirely electronic. This may require the recruitment of a full time person to boost on-line revenue to a) fund the Association, and b) pay for their own wages
- 3.5. Remember to volunteer, and qualify for our wonderful helpers tea party.
- 4. Local Elections, May 2015**
 - 4.1. We are proposing a major development in achieving our Constitution and business plan for your to consider, with your approval sought for
 - 4.1.1. up to 6 WWRA sponsored Independent candidates in wards in the WWRA area, as noted in our Constitution, and
 - 4.1.1.1. **Clewer North:** Kevin Chapman, Carole Da Costa, & Wisdom Da Costa **Sponsored**
 - 4.1.1.2. **Clewer South:** Chris Beale, **Sponsored**
 - 4.1.1.3. **Park Ward:** Franco De Luca, Jon Davey **Sponsored**
 - 4.1.2. Sponsored candidates to be allowed an allowance of £250 each, subject to receipts being provided
 - 4.1.3. Proposed candidates all agree to comply with the WWRA's Constitution, they will also seek to adopt the draft Independent behavior Model, and to co-operate with each other.
 - 4.1.4. See attached biographies
 - 4.1.5. **Proposed resolution to sponsor the 6 candidates named for Clewer North, Clewer South, and Park Ward for £250 each as set out**
 - 4.1.6. the chance to recognize and promote, but not sponsor, another 3 like minded Independent candidates in areas outside of the WWRA traditional area
 - 4.1.7. Proposed candidates all agree to comply with the WWRA's Constitution, they will seek to adopt the draft Independent behavior Model, and to co-operate with each other.
 - 4.1.7.1. See attached biographies
 - 4.1.7.2. **Castle Without:** David Eglise, Raewyn Porteus, Margery Thorogood **Endorsed, but not sponsored**
 - 4.1.8. **Proposed resolution to endorse the 3 candidates named for Castle without Ward, without any financial sponsorship, and allow candidate to publicise their support by the WWRA**
 - 4.2. As ever, I refer you to one of our principles, "To promote the just, efficient and economical governance.." – a greater number of like minded Independent Councillors, will help provide more effective opposition to the ruling group, and may even result in Independent



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Councillors taking more prominent roles as Chairmen, or even on the Cabinet.

5. Politicising of the WWRA

5.1. As the number of friendly councilors increases, our desire to promote good governance may again result in the WWRA being mis-interpreted as a political organization, as noted by the Windsor 2030 group when declining the offer to envision us with their plans for our town centre.

5.2. Also, I have had two roles during this year including chairman and councilor, which may have resulted in lines being blurred in the eyes of some.

5.3. In my opinion, it is not ideal to combine the two roles, as this has resulted in me not being able to speak as freely, or strongly, or critically, on issues as I would have wanted to, because I was also a Councillor. I do not recommend this from a workload point of view either.

5.4. Bearing in mind that this dual role will not be present next year, do you consider our activity as appropriate, or is our website, and activity overly political?

5.5. For discussion

6. Magna Carta 800 celebrations

6.1. Get involved.

6.2. Let's have some fun together. We deserve it. You deserve it. Our community needs it.

Summary

We face an exciting year ahead of us with many opportunities for ordinary residents to get involved and help shape our town and community.

So, together let's keep Windsor Wonderful, and design a dazzling Dedworth.

Come and join us. Come and volunteer.

Wisdom Da Costa

21 March 2015