

WEST WIND

Established 1962 ★ Representing over 1000 households in West Windsor

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To promote the interests & well-being of West Windsor Residents

View from the Chair

I have to say that nobody was as surprised as I was to be elected chair of WWRA. All I can say is a tremendous thank you on behalf of the members to Helen Price for the massive amount of work she did on our behalf. She is truly a very difficult act to follow.



I have to say that that the AGM was very poorly attended. Only 45 households represented. Considering that this was probably one of the most, if not the most important meeting that has taken place to date.

Never the less the decision was made to transform WWRA into a political party along the lines of The Old Windsor Residents Association, whose candidates were elected to the Council in the last election. I won't go over the rights and wrongs that took place with regard to our own candidates. Other than to say that the only legal way of identifying our candidates as WWRA Independent's was to form a political party. That is the one and only reason this was done. So next election the fielding of paper candidates as Independents won't confuse the electorate. Our candidates will be clearly identifiable as WWRA.

We now have an executive committee of **5 or 6**. We should be 9 and currently have no treasurer or secretary. Although Wisdom Da Costa is helping with the treasurer duties for the moment. So! Over to you the membership! We need more committee members. The Association cannot continue without your support. So if you feel that you want to get involved with your community and would like to join the executive

please contact either myself or Carole Da Costa (Vice chair). Our contact details are at the bottom of the news letter.

On a more positive note we would like to reinstate some of the community events we had in the past. For example the Christmas Social Night that used to take place at Homer School along with a summer BBQ. Hopefully we can attract some of our new residents to our membership.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kevin Chapman
Chair WWRA

Serious issues = Serious fun?!

The last AGM was very poorly attended despite notice of very important issues to be decided on, which are covered elsewhere in this newsletter. The Executive Committee have had to consider the future of the Association and how best to move forward.

We have decided to return to social events, which seem to have been lost over the last few years. As Vice-Chair, I have agreed to organise some social/ community events, starting with a B B Q to be held on Saturday 10th September to commemorate the Queen's 90th year.

The event will be held at the New Windsor Community Centre at Hanover Way and will be open to members and non-members alike. We encourage you to invite neighbours and friends and there will be a balloon race for the children as well as a bouncy castle, giant garden games and face painting.

10/9/16 - A date for your diary!!!



There will be lots of fun, bouncy castle, face painting, balloon race, prize draw with some great prizes.

This ticket only event will cost £5 per household for members and £7 for non-members, with no charge for children. Membership of the Association costs only £3 per household per year (see following update on membership), so families are welcome to join the Association before the B B Q so as to take advantage of the discount.

The ticket will cover food, entry to price draws and all entertainment, please note that you will need to bring your own drinks event, as we do not have a liquor licence.

Buy your tickets before they sell out; call Carole on 07931 307601 or call Annemarie on 444594

URGENT APPEALS

WE NEED HELP

The number of people on the Executive Committee is now running well below recommended levels and without further volunteers is unsustainable. Many of the volunteers who deliver newsletter are retiring as they become older and, until recently, they have not been replaced in equal numbers. This means there are many streets that do not receive a newsletter and annual subscriptions are not being collected efficiently. This will lead to a huge reduction to how effective the Association can be in the future.

Let's look to the future together

West Windsor is a great place to live and we need your help to continue to build this amazing community. We especially need

young families get involved have your say in your future.

If we are able to build a larger helper base, I would love to see a Christmas Ball for the adults this year as well as a Christmas party with Father Christmas for the children.

Help us Help You and Help our Community

If you would like to become involved, contact me or any one of the Committee. Our details are on the back page.

Carole Da Costa

Vice Chair WWRA

Membership Update

We have 1068 members on the list and we have 746 members that paid up for 2015/16. We need to recruit more, younger members, especially young families. Please pass your newsletter on to your family or friends to help us raise our profile and tell them about our bar-b-q in September.

At the AGM it was approved that subs would increase to £5. However, in an effort to recruit and retain members we will keep the subs at £3 for 2016/17.

As mentioned above, we have had several collectors / distributors resign and so we are looking to replace them and there are still rounds that are unassigned, so volunteers would be very welcome. Information and training provided.

Please contact me at: travellingsar@hotmail.com

Sara McDonnell

Membership Secretary

Planning policy & applications

New planning policies are presently being drafted and will be used to determine the

nature of development that occurs in the Borough and in our neighbourhoods. The current situation regarding these and other matters is as follows:

Borough Local Plan - this is due for consultation with the public during this coming August and September. The WWRA intends to hold a General Meeting to brief out members on how to interpret it and most importantly how to respond. Meanwhile the Borough have issued a working copy (for information only) which can be found on <https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/downloads/file/2524/draft-borough-local-plan-for-information-only-june-2016>

The Windsor Neighbourhood Plan is due for consultation with the public during September. It is hoped that members can be briefed on this at the General Meeting. See www.windsorplan.org.uk.

The Windsor 2030 Neighbourhood Plan covers Central Windsor. Progress appears to have stalled as, according to their website www.windsor2030.org.uk, there have been no Forum meetings for a year. They are working on a draft Policy Document

Windsor Link Railway - The RBWM Director of Development and Regeneration has stated that the Council are not dedicating any officer time to WLR, and unless the developer brings it forward through the planning process the Council will not be progressing it. www.windsorlink.co.uk

Shirley Avenue/Medina Dairies. The WWRA are supporting residents to encourage the Developer to reconsider the design so that their homes are not overlooked by a five storey building. This development will be the largest housing development in West Windsor for many decades so it is important the Council gets it right.

The Queen Pub is to become flats.

Helen Price

Follow up to our last AGM

To avoid the confusion that was used by others to deny us success in the last local

elections, at our AGM in March, it was decided that the Association should become a political party, in similar vein to the Old Windsor Residents' Association. Candidates that we sponsor in local elections would then have the Association's name under their own on the ballot paper.

The AGM was assured that this change would not have any impact on the day to day operations of the Association but would simply require minor changes to the Constitution.

It is hoped that these will be put before the membership at the General Meeting that is planned to discuss the planning issues referred to earlier.

John Holdstock

Aviation update

When the government delayed the decision of where to locate an additional runway last year, the stated reason was to allow further time to assess the environmental impact of developing a third runway at Heathrow. A key issue is how noise disturbance is measured.

The Planning Inspector who recommended approval for Terminal Five expressed concerns regarding a method of measuring noise to reflect accurately the true level of disturbance. In 2007 the government commissioned the Anase report, which it was stated would inform future aviation policy. This found that aircraft numbers were considerably more critical than had previously been thought.

At a time of considerable aviation expansion, such findings were not welcomed by government and experts were drafted in to review the findings. They concluded that there were problems with the methodology used and the report was set aside.

Consequently, assessment of noise disturbance continues to rely on a noise measurement system that is not significantly different from that developed in the 1980's and which caused the Fifth Terminal Inspector such concern. In 2014 Hillingdon Borough Council ordered a review of the Anase Report and a new report was produced which, we understand, addressed earlier shortcomings. To date, there has

been no indication that the new report has been used in assessing the environmental impact of an added runway at Heathrow.

Similarly there is little information readily available to indicate how air pollution concerns are being addressed. Some of us have received a pamphlet from Heathrow to indicate some "concessions" they would make if a third runway is allowed. Most of these are virtually meaningless and we believe both our Council and local M Ps should do more to keep the public up to date with developments.

Our council, together with other councils, has sent a letter to the Prime Minister, indicating they would take legal action if he were to grant a third runway at Heathrow. A key part of such action relates to "reasonable expectation" stemming from previous statements he has made with respect to additional runway

capacity at Heathrow.

A further concern is the impact on housing demand, which is already in short supply. WWRA responded to consultations on Heathrow by requesting that there should be no approval for a third runway until the additional impact on housing/service requirements had been included in the Local Plans of affected councils. Malcolm Beer, the councillor for Old Windsor has been very active in trying to get this issue adequately addressed and RBWM has sent a letter to The Minister of Housing expressing its concerns.

If and when more information becomes available, we will keep you advised. You might also want to write to your local councillors to ask what they are doing.

Mike Sullivan

WWRA Summer Party / Queen's Birthday Celebration
On Saturday 10th September 2016
From 1:30 pm to 5 pm

* Bouncy castle * Prize balloon race * Face painting
 * Free raffle with great prizes * BBQ / Hog Roast ^{T&C} Cash bar
 * Tickets £5 per adult (members) * £7 per adult (non-members) *
 Children free per full price adult
 * New Windsor Community Centre
 * For tickets call Carole (07931 307601) or Annemarie (444594)

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