

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Spring 2022

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Dear Friends,

ARCO has started 2022 as it means to go on, trying to hold one event in each month.

But before that we held a successful Christmas Lunch at The North Star on 16 December with 18 members and friends dining. Although this was a bigger reduction in numbers than we had planned for, the occasion was still very enjoyable.

We kicked off the new year's activities with an informal gathering at The Druids Head in Kingston Market Place on 10 January, again attended by 18 people, though not the same 18!

Turning to future fixtures, we have another informal gathering booked at The Kings Tun, the Wetherspoons pub in Clarence Street between 12 noon and 1.30 p.m. on **Tuesday 15 February**. Large and small meals, soft drinks and coffees are available, as well as alcohol, all at very reasonable prices. No need to book – just turn up. Hopefully we can use the upstairs bar (there is a lift).

Our next formal event will be our Annual General Meeting at the Guildhall on **Thursday 3 March**. You will find a booking form enclosed, together with a nomination form.

I am pleased to say that the current Committee are willing to carry on for another year. However, we do have one vacancy and I would encourage anyone interested to contact me. Presently, we meet via Zoom, and you could readily observe a meeting before committing yourself.

In addition, I wish to give up my second role as Pension Panel Representative, so if this might interest you, please contact me for details of the post.

We have two more informal gatherings booked for **Wednesday 27 April** at the Druids Head, 3 Market Place, Kingston, KT1 1JT and for **Thursday 26 May** at The Kings Tun, both at 12 noon. No need to book for either – just turn up!

I have set out our full diary of events overleaf. We plan to arrange a summer Get Together at the Guildhall once room bookings for the municipal year have opened. Once this date is known, we will fit other activities around it, hopefully including an outing in the autumn.

To help us with our planning, I would like you to respond to our Members' Poll on the last page so we have an idea of the sorts of activity that would appeal to members. We are aware of differing levels of concern within the membership and therefore need to establish what type of event might attract sufficient support to be worthwhile.

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

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ARCO Secretary: Martin Longhurst, Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, DORKING, RH5 6RS

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DIARY OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 15 February 2022	Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun 12 noon onwards
Tuesday, 22 February 2022	Get Together by Zoom 3 pm Contact Martin for the link at secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk
Thursday, 3 March 2022	Annual General Meeting, Queen Anne Suite, Guildhall The timetable will be: 12.00 Doors open 12.15 Sandwich lunch available 1.00 Formal business <i>Please book as indicated on form</i>
Monday, 14 March 2022	Get Together by Zoom 3 pm Contact Martin for the link at secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk
Wednesday, 20 April 2022	Get Together by Zoom 3 pm Contact Martin for the link at secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk
Wednesday, 27 April 2022	Informal Gathering at the Druids Head, 3 Market Place, Kingston, KT1 1JT 12 noon onwards
Thursday, 12 May 2022	Get Together by Zoom 3 pm Contact Martin for the link at secretary@arco-kingston.org.uk
Thursday, 26 May 2022	Informal Gathering at The Kings Tun 12 noon onwards

Keep in touch at www.arco-kingston.org.uk

ARCO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 3 MARCH 2022

QUEEN ANNE SUITE, GUILDHALL

The timetable will be:

- 12.00 Doors open
- 12.15 Sandwich lunch available
- 1.00 Formal business

Please return this sheet with both sides completed by 23 February to

**Jenny Longhurst, Honorary Treasurer, Mayfield, Hoe Lane,
Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6RS**

Telephone number 01306 730321 or email: treasurer@arco-kingston.org.uk

AGM REPLY SLIP - Please notify us so we can provide sufficient catering

You are welcome to bring a guest, but he/she is not eligible to vote.

I will be attending the AGM on 3 March 2022

Print Name in Capital Letters

Print Guest's Name in Capital Letters

There is no charge for attending.

Nominations are invited for the Committee posts of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Social Secretary, Representative to RBK Pension Fund Panel (and Deputy) and ordinary members. In addition, nominations as Auditor are sought.

Any member may nominate any other member to serve, subject to his/her agreement.

I nominate for the post of

Proposer's Name Signature,.....

I accept nomination (Nominee's Signature)

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Please note: this year there are vacancies for one Committee member, the Representative to RBK Pension Fund Panel and Deputy.

Poll on Future Activities

Help us draw up an interesting programme

The Committee are keen to arrange activities that are attractive to members, as this is a key objective of the Association. However, we are aware of differing levels of concern within the membership and therefore need to establish what type of event might attract sufficient support to be worthwhile.

Please can you rank each of these activities 1 to 5, where 1 means “Definitely would not participate” through to 5 for “Very keen to take part.”

Questions	Circle
Q1 Your name:	
Q2 Coach outing	1 2 3 4 5
Q3 Group visit to an attraction near Kingston, making your own way	1 2 3 4 5
Q4 Group visit to an attraction in central London, making your own way	1 2 3 4 5
Q5 Social event at the Guildhall	1 2 3 4 5
Q6 Social event at a pub in central Kingston	1 2 3 4 5
Q7 Social event at a venue elsewhere in Kingston, please suggest a venue:	1 2 3 4 5
Q8 Social event where you could stay outside, if fine	1 2 3 4 5
Your suggestion – please specify	
	Yes/No
Q9 I am prepared to use buses	
Q10 I am prepared to use overground trains	

Please return this sheet to Jenny Longhurst, Honorary Treasurer, Mayfield, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer, Dorking, RH5 6RS or phone 01306 730321 or email: treasurer@arco-kingston.org.uk by 23 February.

Alternatively you may complete the survey online by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5DCRX69>