

ARCO (Association of Retired Council Officers) Newsletter

Summer 2023

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Our Forthcoming Events

Wednesday, 28 June 2023	Lunch, Hart's Boatyard <i>Booking form enclosed</i>
Thursday, 20 July 2023	Get Together at the Guildhall <i>Booking form enclosed</i>
Monday, 14 August 2023	Informal Gathering, Kings Tun,
Wednesday, 6 September 2023	Nominated visit to Marble Hill House, Twickenham

Dear Friends,

We have enjoyed three events since the last newsletter. In February some 14 members gathered at the Kings Tun for a good chat and lunch. March saw us return to the Guildhall for our AGM which was attended by 20 members and guests. As usual, we were treated to an excellent sandwich lunch prior to the formal business. The proposed rule change was approved, so we are no longer obliged to have the AGM in March, and the raffle raised £40.

April saw us visit a new venue which was The Berrylands where 18 members partook of an excellent lunch. Our thanks go to Bob Weedon for organising this event and I am pleased to say he has planned another lunch for **28 June** at Hart's Boatyard – you will find a booking form in this mailing.

We have organised one of our traditional Get Togethers at the Guildhall for **20 July** when we will continue with last year's Bring Your Own Bottle approach. Again there is a booking form for you to use, please. We are returning to the Kings Tun for an informal gathering on **14 August**. No booking is needed, just turn up and buy your own food and drink. We will meet in the upstairs bar from 12 noon. The Kings Tun is in Clarence Street, opposite Wilkinson's and the Rotunda.

For September, we are trying something new as an outing. With coach costs now prohibitive, the idea is to go to places easily reached by bus, with members making their own bookings and travel arrangements. We have selected Marble Hill House in Twickenham (free admission) and set a date of Wednesday **6 September**. Save the date for now – full details in the next newsletter in August.

I look forward to welcoming you to one of our activities.

Best Wishes

Chris

Chris Coke, Chairman

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

Invitation to Summer Get Together

Thursday, 20 July 2023

12.00 Noon to 2.30 p.m.

Queen Anne Suite, Guildhall, Kingston upon Thames

The intended offer is finger buffet, including sandwiches, cakes, coffee and tea

Bring Your Own Bottle

Glasses will be provided for your own wine or other drinks.

RSVP by post to Jenny Longhurst, Mayfield, Hoe Lane,

Dorking, Surrey RH5 6RS **by 11 July 2023**

Telephone for queries only: 01306 730321

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

Retain top half as a reminder (and for directions overleaf) and send off bottom half

I would like One/Two (please circle) places at the Get Together on 20 July 2023

and enclose a cheque for £ (payable to ARCO)

for the cost of £3.00 per head.

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

1. _____ 2. _____

Telephone No. _____

Email: _____

Please note any dietary requirements, e.g. vegetarian:

Click [here](#) to download this form.

LUNCH AT HART'S BOATYARD

This is the next in our series of lunches. Hart's Boatyard is "set in peaceful and idyllic surroundings on the banks of the River Thames, with its very own courtyard, centrally located in the heart of the picturesque town of Surbiton."

Date – **Wednesday 28 June 2023**

Location – Harts Boatyard, Portsmouth Road, Surbiton, KT6 4ES

Time – 12.00 for 12.30

Hart's Boatyard has a large car park and is on Diamond Bus 458 and Stagecoach 715 (both hourly) or is an 8 minute walk from The Crescent bus stop on routes 71, 281, 465 & K3. More information can be found at their website - hartsboatyard.co.uk

If you would like to attend, **please reply by 5 June** so that we can arrange the booking. The restaurant have asked if we can provide pre-orders for all starters, mains, and desserts for everyone attending, so we are including a copy of their Lunch Menu (All Day Menu also available). Drinks can be paid for separately on the day. Please send the form below together with a cheque payable to ARCO to-

Bob Weedon, 51 Morrell Avenue, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 4DD

Tel: 07443 638295

Or e-mail to zoetomelk@gmail.com

Please keep a note of your choices

Member's Name _____

Starter _____

Main _____

Dessert _____

Guest's Name _____

Starter _____

Main _____

Dessert _____

TOTAL TO PAY

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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HART'S BOATYARD – LUNCH MENU

Starters

CREAMY BAKED MUSHROOMS Vintage Cheddar & white port sauce, garlic & rosemary pangrattato crumb, ciabatta (v)	£7.50
CHIPOTLE STICKY CHICKEN Karaage fried chicken, smoky chilli jam	£7.95
RUSTIC TOMATO & BASIL SOUP Toasted pine nuts, warm rustic bread, Netherend Farm salted butter (v). Vegan alternative available	£6.95

Mains

CHARGRILLED GAMMON STEAK & FRIED EGGS Rustic thick-cut chunky chips, honey-roasted pineapple	£13.75
SMOKED HADDOCK FLORENTINE FISHCAKES Hummus, giant couscous, avocado, roasted cauliflower & squash, mooli, pomegranate seeds, watercress, blood orange dressing (ve)	£16.25
NOURISH BOWL Toasted pine nuts, warm rustic bread, Netherend Farm salted butter (v). Vegan alternative available	£12.75
SEARED SALMON FILLET Fresh herb & garlic crumb, red pepper & carrot purée, baby potatoes, tomato & spring onion salsa	£17.75
SWEET POTATO MASSAMAN CURRY Sticky jasmine rice, green beans, spring onion, coriander, red chilli (ve)	£15.50
MARGHERITA PIZZA Mozzarella, cherry tomatoes, basil (v)	£11.95

Desserts

CREAMY VANILLA PANNA COTTA Passion fruit coulis, lime	£7.75
HOME-BAKED CHOCOLATE BROWNIE Amaretti biscuit crumb, chocolate sauce, Bourbon vanilla ice cream (v)	£7.75
MINI DESSERT & HOT DRINK choose from: Apple & damson crumble (v), blackcurrant mousse (ve), home-baked chocolate brownie (v), white chocolate cheesecake or summer pavlova (v)	£6.25

There is also an All Day Menu from which you may choose instead, if you wish. Please visit The Hart's Boatyard web site for details: hartsboatyard.co.uk and follow the link to Menus.

The gratuity will be met from funds in hand.