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THIS NEWSLETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AREA.

IF THIS NEWSLETTER IS BEING DELIVERED TO YOUR HOME, THEN YOU LIVE IN THE OWGRA AREA.

OWGRA newsletters are published quarterly. However, we send frequent updates in an e-newsletter to those on the OWGRA e-mail list, but we can only include you if you give us your e-mail address.

IMPORTANT! IMPORTANT!

YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2017/18 IS DUE FOR RENEWAL AT THE END OF MARCH.

PLEASE DO SO AND IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER PLEASE JOIN US - IT'S ONLY

£5 PER PERSON PER ANNUM. THANK YOU.

PAYMENT: Cheque payable at OWGRA to 130 Wood Lane, Osterley, TW7 5EQ or Transfer to Cooperative Bank Account 65291223 Sort Code 08-92-99

CRISIS IN THE NHS? AN UPDATE ON LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, 27 February 2018, 7.15 pm
Isleworth & Syon School for Boys, Ridgeway Road, TW7 5LJ

Are you happy with local health services? Do you have any pressing concerns about access to your GP and local hospitals? The NHS is constantly changing, so OWGRA has invited speakers from Hounslow Clinical Commissioning Group (which is about to commission GP services in the borough) and West Middlesex University Hospital to address residents and answer questions.

AGENDA FOR OWGRA PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday 27 February 2018

| 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 7.35 pm | Registration Welcome and introductions GP (Primary) CARE Speaker: Rosalyn King, Deputy Director, Local Services Development, Hounslow CCG |
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| 8.00 pm 8.15 pm | HOSPITAL (Secondary & Tertiary) CARE Speakers: Vanessa Sloane, Director of Nursing, & Iain Beveridge, Associate Medical Director, West Middlesex University Hospital Break for refreshments |
| 8.35 pm 9.15 pm | Q&A Close of meeting |
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PUBLIC MEETING 5 December 2017

The meeting on 'Waste Management & Recycling, Littering & Fly-Tipping', with speakers from Hounslow Council and Hounslow Highways, was attended by over 60 people. More details are available on the OWGRA website as well as a full recording. Visit www.owgra.org.uk

FOR YOUR DIARY

OWGRA's AGM & Public Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 23 May 2018. More details to follow.

THANKS

The OWGRA Committee would like to sincerely thank Wycombe House Cricket Club and Thistleworth Tennis Club for their kindness and generosity in allowing us to use their facilities at no cost throughout the year. We would also like to thank the Osterley Bookshop, The Park Café, Osterley Library and other local businesses for displaying our notices and newsletters.

The OWGRA Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your past support and to wish all residents a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

HOUNSLOW HIGHWAYS DEEP CLEANSE PROGRAMME

Hounslow Highways has started on an extensive programme of deep cleansing across the borough working from west to east. This programme delivers a holistic cleansing and enforcement programme targeted at certain roads, which have been identified as requiring dedicated action to bring them up to the highest standard. The programme involves mechanical and manual cleansing, graffiti teams, gully cleansing, environmental officers addressing overgrown vegetation and unlawfully placed domestic and trade waste.

Only the worst roads identified in a Keep Britain Tidy exercise (about 400 roads or 15% of the roads in the borough) are being done in the first tranche; information about the process is displayed in those streets a number of weeks beforehand. The biggest challenge is the ability to properly access the channels (gutters) obstructed by parked cars resulting in a build-up of detritus (silt, soil and decaying matter). A trial in summer 2017, requesting vehicle owners to voluntarily move their cars, was not effective as the majority of vehicles were not moved in advance. As a result, the decision has been taken to move cars legally, using the lift and shift operation alongside enforcement action in partnership with Hounslow Council and their parking contractor, Serco. Hounslow Highways will be placing advance signage on the affected roads 3-5

days in advance to inform residents and secure the cooperation of vehicle users. Residents are advised that where they see notices displayed, they should not park their vehicles in these roads on those days. A number of streets are scheduled to be cleaned each day, which means that cleaning will commence throughout the day and not necessarily in the morning for some roads.

The following roads in the OWGRA are due to be deep cleansed in this first tranche:

Tues 13 Feb Thornbury Road
Wed 14 Feb Jersey Road
Thurs 15 Feb Wood Lane

Fri 16 Feb Northumberland Avenue Mon 19 Feb Syon Park Gardens

Tues 20 Feb Osterley Road/Redesdale Gardens/

Roxborough Avenue

Wed 21 Feb Borough Road/Braybourne Drive/Leigham

Drive

Thurs 22 Feb Syon Lane

Mon 26 Feb Lingwood Gardens Tues 27 Feb Musgrave Road

For more information and an up-to-date schedule see www.hounslowhighways.org/160-deep-cleanse

What the OWGRA Committee are up to

The OWGRA Committee continues to be very busy looking after our collective interests.

We have had meetings with:

- Tesco (about ASB racing in the car park at night, litter and rats)
- Sky (about transport, parking, development plans for the future)
- Bolder Academy (about transport, traffic and parking)
- Nishkam School (about transport, traffic and parking)
- Marlborough School (about transport, traffic and parking)

We plan to have meetings in the near future with Goals, West Thames College, the National Trust at Osterley Park.

We are also working with the Council on proposed extensions to the conservation areas in the OWGRA area and will keep you updated on that. We are investigating the possibility of getting some of our own mobile CCTV units to use in the OWGRA area to address problems of fly-tipping, littering, crime and ASB. In the last couple of months OWGRA has formally responded on the Great West Corridor ('Golden Mile') consultation, the proposed new Southwestern Railway timetable and the planning application to rebuild the Adini building opposite Gillette Corner. We will update you with these and any other developments.

OWGRA membership

OWGRA is entirely run by volunteers and relies totally on subscriptions and donations to fund our public meetings, newsletters and other activities. If you are not already a member please do join us so that we can continue to serve the residents of Osterley. It only costs £5 per person per annum. A Membership Form can be downloaded from our website on www.owgra.org.uk or contact us at the address on page 1. Do keep an eye on the website as we are adding information there regularly. If you have any comments on the website or would like to help with it then do please get in touch.

Keep in touch

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