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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.

OWGRA AGM & Public Meeting on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Tuesday 23 May 2017, 7.30 pm, St Francis Church Hall, Great West Road, TW7 5PD

All OWGRA members and residents are invited to attend the AGM which will be followed by a session on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour, a problem that is causing increased concern in this area.

OWGRA has had a rebirth in the last year and we have been very busy as there is much happening in the area. We have organised public meetings, produced printed

newsletters and e-newsletters, put up a useful website, objected to inappropriate developments eg Gillette Corner South, are trying to get an additional access point to the Bolder Academy (apart from just via MacFarlane Lane), keeping abreast of progress with the Nishkam School building programme, recruiting street reps and OWGRA members.

AGENDA FOR OWGRA AGM, Tuesday 23 May 2017, 7.30 pm

St Francis Church Hall, Great West Road, TW7 5PD

7.30 pm	OWGRA AGM
	Welcome and Apologies for Absence
	Approval of Minutes of AGM held on 24 May 2016
	Chairman's Report and Approval
	Vote on adopting the new Constitution
	Treasurer's Report and Approval
	Election of new Committee
	AOB
8.30 pm	Refreshment break
8.45 pm	CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR
9.45 pm	Close of meeting

OWGRA Committee

We have done a lot since the last AGM but we need more help if we are to continue. The present burden on Committee members is unsustainable. You can apply for all the positions on the Committee; the positions and nomination form are being delivered with this newsletter. Please con-

sider if you could come on to the committee to share the work. We also need more helpers among those who don't feel that they want to carry out a committee role. If you like what we are doing, please give this some thought.

Keep in touch

If you would like to be kept up-to-date on what is happening in our area then sign up to our e-newsletter, which is sent every few weeks, by e-mailing

info@owgra.org.uk

We also have an informative website, so check that out on **www.owgra.org.uk**

FOR YOUR DIARY

Future OWGRA meetings:

Later in 2017 we plan public meetings on Heathrow Expansion and Waste Management/Littering/Fly-tipping.

OWGRA Membership

To be able to vote at the AGM, you will need to be a member (please bring your OWGRA membership card as proof of membership). If you cannot lay your hands on the card we will check your membership during registration so please allow time for this.

We urge all residents to join so that we can present a strong and united front in respect of developments and events affecting our local area. Printing newsletters and hiring venues for public meetings costs money so we rely on income from membership fees to do this. It costs £5 per person per annum and current membership runs to the end of March 2018. You can use the form delivered with this newsletter or download a membership from our website <https://owgra.org.uk/how-to-join/>

Updates on local developments

Gillette South	OWGRA and many local residents have objected to this 11-storey development at Gillette Corner which we consider to be inappropriate in an area of low-rise residential housing. We have also objected to the Greater London Assembly (GLA) report on this development due to the many errors and inaccuracies it contains (see the materials on our website). We will e-mail you when we know that it is on the agenda for the Planning Committee to make their decision (please give us your e-mail address for us to do that).
Bolder Academy	<p>At a public meeting on 22 March about the mixed comprehensive school for 1150 children proposed to go on the current Grasshoppers site on MacFarlane Lane, residents raised concerns about traffic, pollution and children's safety when transport aspects were discussed.</p> <p>It was apparent that little or no thought had been given to alternative or additional means of access to the new school via Harlequin Avenue, Grant Way or other possibilities. There seems to be some confusion as to what contact has been made, if any, with Tesco, SKY or other resident landowners to facilitate such access. If this is not addressed, then there is the prospect of some 3000 pupils and staff using Syon Lane on a daily basis once the Nishkam and Bolder schools are finally up and running, with all the attendant consequences on congestion, pollution and safety.</p> <p>The Bolder Academy project has mounted a number of public 'exhibitions' in the local area, but this public meeting has been the only opportunity for the public to effectively put their views and concerns to the promoters of the scheme. By the time this newsletter is published it is likely that the planning application will have been submitted; we will be analysing it very closely and relating our comments and concerns to the Council.</p>
Osterley Library	Do support our local library and please use it as often as you can. We don't want it to close or move. The Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) on St Mary's Crescent has gone to another consultation to get the hours reduced to 10-12, to allow parking for users of the library and bowls club in the afternoons.
Dudley House, The Grove	We were disappointed that the planning objection to convert this former residential home into residential flats was approved by the Planning Committee at the March meeting.
Great West Corridor	The consultation period for major development of the Golden Mile will take place later in 2017. The proposal is to upgrade the area, open it up to more business and residential developments, with a great deal of intensive development and many tall buildings, and improve public transport. It is claimed that this would make the area greener and more attractive. But we are still no wiser as to the plans for the Gillette building. We will of course keep you informed.
Church Street Closure	Traffic along Twickenham Road will remain heavy due to the permanent closure of Church Street along the river by the London Apprentice. The decision was taken at the Brentford & Isleworth Area Forum on 23 March; despite 74% of residents who took part in a survey wanting it reopened, Councillors voted 7:4 in favour of permanent closure (one abstention).
The Changing Face of Brentford	Brentford is changing dramatically. Brentford FC stadium is moving closer to the Chiswick roundabout. Morrisons will go and be replaced by a high-rise (up to ten-storey) residential development (for rent only) with Lidl and Marks & Spencer on the ground floor, Watermans Arts Centre is due to move to the location of the now closed Brentford Police Station, and there are many new buildings going up along the A4 under the M4 flyover, and many new large housing developments planned.
Nishkam School	Work on the school continues and OWGRA is in constant contact with the construction company BAM to ensure that disruption to the local community is minimised. Any particular issues or queries should be posed to BAM Construction on 07973 141653 or 07541 338770 or to bomeara@bam.co.uk ; cc. OWGRA.
Grasshoppers	Many people have contacted OWGRA complaining that the ancient hedge along Syon Lane bordering the new Grasshoppers site has been levelled. We are assured by Hounslow Council that replanting will take place, although it will never be the same again and another bit of historical Osterley has been lost.