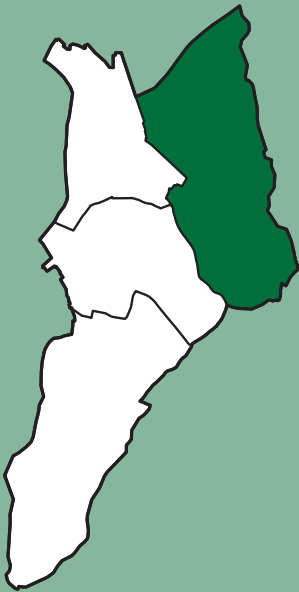


Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood



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Welcome

This is the third edition of the Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood e-Bulletin, which will be published four times a year and provide information about news and events in the Neighbourhood. This will be despatched to Councillors, residents and Partners, mainly by e-mail and on the Council's website, although a few paper copies will be available.

We would also like to welcome our new Councillors and to congratulate those who were re-elected.

If you would like to receive a regular e-mailed copy of this bulletin, please contact gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

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Beverley Ward

Cllr Trevor Heap

Cllr Simon James

Cllr Derek Osbourne

Coombe Hill

Cllr Patrick Codd

Cllr David Edwards

Cllr Eric Humphrey

Coombe Vale

Cllr Adrian Holder

Cllr Robert John-Tasker

Cllr James White

Old Malden

Cllr Mick Amson

Cllr Dave Fraser

Cllr Kate Stinton

St James' Ward

Cllr Howard Jones

Cllr Priyen Patel

Cllr Ken Smith



'Your Neighbourhood' Web Page on the RBK Website

The 'Your Neighbourhood' web pages on the RBK website have now been updated so that you can access more information about your local area from our page – including information about the Neighbourhood Committee, local facilities and activities, and links to other useful websites.

We have also introduced a Neighbourhood Questionnaire, which you can complete online to let us know your views about the local area and feed in to our work towards a Neighbourhood Action Plan. Hard copies of the questionnaire can be obtained by contacting Gemma Gallant on 020 8547 5919 or email gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Would you be interested in becoming part of an exciting new project happening in your Neighbourhood?

We are keen to hear the views of as many local people as possible to help inform decision making, so that services delivered in the Neighbourhood meet local needs.

We would like to set up a Community Panel of residents/business representatives who are interested in getting involved with the Neighbourhood and influencing decision making at a local level.

The Community Panel is supported by the Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood Committee and will act as a consultative forum for the Committee, who will seek their views on consultations and items of public interest, as well as seeking residents' priorities generally for the Neighbourhood, to help inform how services are run in your area.

For more information, please see the Your Neighbourhood page on the RBK website, www.kingston.gov.uk/information/nhoodhome/mc.htm

destination Kingston – The Journey so Far

This new report has now been published and provides an initial summary of the financial and non-financial performance of Kingston Council for the year 2009/10 and describes how the Council is working to achieve its vision for Kingston and its residents. The document can be viewed on the RBK website.

Neighbourhood Open Days - Update

Open Days have been taking place across the Neighbourhood to provide the public, at a venue local to them, with information about the services provided by the Council and others including Kingston PCT, Kingston Police and London Fire Brigade. The Open Days also give residents the opportunity to meet Officers and Councillors in an informal, relaxed setting to talk about local issues and identify priorities in the Neighbourhood.

Three Open Days were held in 2009/10, giving residents from all parts of the Neighbourhood an opportunity to attend at Shiraz Mirza Trust Community Hall in September 2009, New Malden High Street in December 2009 and Robin Hood Primary School in February 2010.

The Open Days were well attended by the public and by a wide range of Council departments and other agencies.

Feedback from residents who attended the Open Days has been very positive and their priorities for action and ideas for improvement in the Neighbourhood will be developed into a Neighbourhood Action Plan in 2010/11. This is to be agreed by the Neighbourhood Committee – look out for it coming up soon!



No More Graffiti!

The longstanding graffiti has now been cleared from a wall at the former Esso petrol station site in Kingston Vale. These pictures show how the Council's work with the landowners has resulted in a vast improvement for the area, boosting the general appearance of the site and its impact on the surrounding area.



Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Beverley - 020 8721 2750

Coombe Hill - 020 8721 2804

Coombe Vale - 020 8721 2515

Old Malden - 020 8721 2517

St James - 020 8721 2595



Did you know the Maldens & Coombe Neighbourhood has a Facebook page?

Find out what is happening in your Neighbourhood, or raise an issue / start a discussion about something that matters to you.....Search for 'Maldens and Coombe Neighbourhood' and make friends with us!

Kingston Police Public Open Day!

This Open Day is taking place at Kingston Police Station, 5-7 High Street, Kingston on Saturday 5th June from 12 to 4pm. Last entry at 3:30pm!

There will be a range of information on offer and you will be able to tour the custody suite, meet the Safer Neighbourhood Teams, meet the mounted and dog sections for a 'pat and a chat', see Police vehicles –past and present and have a look at what the Police helicopter sees. Children are welcome with an accompanying adult and disabled access is of course available. Please note that there is no parking available on-site, but there are a range of car parks nearby, such as The Rose car park. Dogs are not permitted, except for guide dogs.



The following have kindly sponsored the hanging baskets in New Malden High Street

Pearson Maddin - Solicitors
New Malden Vets - Veterinary Surgeons
Sloane Winkless - Accountants
Woodhouse Davies & Martin - Solicitors
Suttles – Stationers
Oliver Bailey – Insurance Services
Tudor Williams – Departmental Store
The Methodist Church
Hawes & Co – Estate Agents
Waitrose – Supermarket
ACS Hards & Co – Solicitors
The Rotary Club of New Malden
The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames

Neighbourhood Committee Meetings

All meetings start at 7.30pm at the Christchurch Centre, Coombe Road, New Malden.

The Neighbourhood Manager will be holding an Open Forum event starting at 7pm before each Neighbourhood meeting. Please come along and ask questions or raise issues that affect your local area.

Neighbourhood & Planning Sub Committee
26th May

Neighbourhood Committee
16th June

Planning Sub Committee
14th July

An Inspector Calls!

Showing near you from 2 to 5 June

An Inspector Calls by J. B. Priestley, first performed in the UK in 1946, is considered to be one of Priestley's best known works for the stage and one of the classics of mid-20th century English theatre.

The play will be shown from 7:45-10pm at the Barton Green Theatre, New Malden and tickets cost £6. For more information, please call Rick Whittle on 020 8942 0155 or email bartongreentheatre@hotmail.com

Maria Haupenthal, Pianist, in Recital

Saturday, 12 June 2010, 7:30 pm
New Malden Methodist Church,
High Street, New Malden

International prize-winning German pianist, Maria Haupenthal, is an Ambassadorial Scholar hosted by the Kingston Rotary Club, and is pursuing a Masters of Arts Degree at the Royal Academy of Music, London.

Maria recently won first place in the International piano competition "Studio Musica" in Venice.

Maria's programme will include pieces by Bach, Beethoven, Debussy, Liszt, Wagner, Szymanowski, and others.

Tickets cost £5 each and the proceeds from this concert will go towards Rotary International's "Thanks for Life" campaign which seeks to finally eradicate polio worldwide.

For more information, please contact Stan Moss on 020 8549 4384 or Alan Vincent on 020 8942 3752

Or visit: www.kingstonrotaryclub.org.uk or www.newmaldenrotaryclub.org.uk

Malden Fortnight

This year, as usual, the Malden Fortnight Festival takes place during the first two weeks of July, (Saturday 3rd July - Sunday 18th July) in New Malden.

There will be a wide range of activities on offer, including theatrical and musical performances, Grand Parade, Craft Fair, Dog Show, Day of Dance, Charity Cream Teas and of course, the Korean Food Festival. Many of these events are free.

The Festival is organised by the Malden Fortnight Festival Committee and has been taking place for the last 25 years, in celebration of the local community. For more information about Malden Fortnight including an itinerary, see www.maldenfortnight.co.uk

Alternatively, the event organiser David Wallis can be contacted on 020 8942 9686.

Government Pilot to Improve Processing of Planning Applications

Kingston Council has been chosen to take part in a three month pilot with the aim of introducing a new National Performance Indicator to measure the quality and speed with which Planning Applications are processed. Quality of customer service is at the core of this pilot, which is being run by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG), is also being rolled out in twenty other local Planning Authorities nationwide, including just one other in London.

Excellent customer care is a priority nationally as well as locally at Kingston Council. This is shown in the Council's vision as set out in destination Kingston, which states that "Our services must be designed and accessible in ways which suit those who need to and want to use them, and we must ensure that we align our organisation to our customers rather than to our services." Over the next three months, the Council will be contacting Planning applicants and agents to ask them about their experiences of the Development Control service. The information gathered will be used to improve the Council's understanding of customer needs and to help ongoing improvements to the Planning service.