



Round Up May 2023

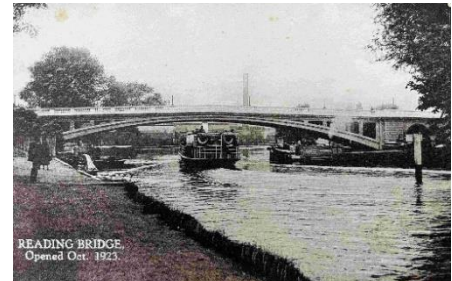
Your committee met this week and would like to update you on a range of issues. As always, do share it with anyone who would find it useful.

AGM and Open Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at **7.30pm on Tuesday 23 May** in the New Testament Church of God, next to Caversham Library. After a brief AGM and roundup of the year, we welcome David Cliffe to talk about:

Fords, Ferries and Bridges – Crossing the Thames at Caversham over the Centuries

There will be a retiring collection for the Alzheimer's Society. The booklet on the **History of Reading Bridge** (£3.99) will be hot off the press. Also for sale, local scene cards and the Emmer Green book (£12). **Cash only please.**



The AGM is a good opportunity to check or renew your membership and meet the CADRA team. We will also be at the very popular Parish Fete to be held in Caversham Court Gardens on **Saturday 8 July**.

Planning

Following the approval of the Construction Method Statement for **Reading Golf Club**, we are waiting for details of the proposed Temporary Traffic Restriction Order, which would impose no daytime parking to allow a passing place in Kidmore End Road. A review process for the order is to be set out, in agreement with Ward Councillors. The Condition ([230073](#)) for hard and soft landscaping on the site has still to be discharged, with more detail required.

Applications for **5G masts** continue. The one at the junction of Henley Road and Donegal Close has been refused. There are new applications at the junction of Henley Road and All Hallows Road ([230491](#)), and on St Peters Hill ([230523](#)) where the appeal for a previous one was dismissed.

The application for **retirement housing on Henley Road** is expected to be considered at 31 May Planning Committee. A revised application for **1a North Street** through to **3 Prospect Street** ([230052](#)) would increase the number of flats and add a third storey on Prospect Street. An application in Caversham Park would involve felling **The King's Spy Oak** ([221909](#)), thought to be 700 years old, the oldest survivor from Caversham Park and the oldest tree in Reading with an exceptionally important ecosystem.

Reading Borough Local Plan Review

There is a requirement for local authorities to review their Local Plans every five years, and a [review carried out in March 2023](#) has identified a need to carry out a Local Plan Partial Update. A [Call for \(Development\) Sites](#) for the Local Plan Review is open until Thursday 8 June 2023.

The [Reading Local Transport Plan](#) is expected later this year.

Emmer Green Noticeboard

This important board is showing signs of decay and we plan to restore it, but this process is complicated and may take some time. As the board will need to be moved to a workshop, we'd be pleased to hear from anyone with access to a large vehicle.

Overweight and Obesity

These are major risk factors for a number of chronic illnesses. As part of a review into services, the Council is seeking views on what contributes to excess weight and what types of weight management services people would find most beneficial. [Healthy Weight Needs Assessment 2023](#).

No5 Charity

This [Local Charity](#), which supports young people to take charge of their mental health, is campaigning for funding that involves a public vote. If successful, they will be awarded £70,000 to support an additional 300 young people this year. The vote is from 15th to 26th May and to get involved use this [Link](#), to create a reminder with the link to vote, at the time.