



CADRA News

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CADRA Monthly Round-up: May 2019

Please think of two or three other people who care about our area and forward this monthly roundup to them.

The William Marshal Information Panel

800 years ago this month, William Marshal, one of the most powerful men of his time, died here in Caversham. We have previously mentioned the plan to place a panel on Caversham Bridge with information about this fascinating figure. We are working with the Civic Society and the project is going well: fundraising is well-advanced, detailed design is in progress, and a planning application has been submitted.

William Marshal will also be the subject of a fascinating talk at the **CADRA AGM** on 11 June at 7.30 pm at Thameside Primary School, Harley Road.

New Borough Councillors

Congratulations to the newly-elected Councillors representing our area. They join their longer-serving colleagues in this list:

Caversham Ward: Adele Barnett-Ward, Richard Davies, Ayo Sokale

Mapledurham Ward: Isobel Ballsdon

Peppard Ward: Clare Grashoff, Simon Robinson, Jane Stamford-Beale

Thames Ward: Paul Carnell, Jeanette Skeats, David Stevens

Planning

Hermes, the owners of St Martin's precinct, are seeking permission for a variety of uses to attract tenants to the currently-vacant units in the square.

Hermes are also behind a huge scheme on the Royal Mail site adjoining Reading Station. The details are on the RBC planning website under reference [182252](#). While it is good to see development proposals for this site coming forward, CADRA will reiterate its [previous concerns](#) over the very high housing density, and the lack of green space and other amenities among the very large blocks proposed, one of them up to 25 storeys.

Air Quality

This is a pressing concern here, as in so many areas, and a big contribution comes from people not turning off their engines when parked. As well as urging our members to take care with this, we are happy to support the Council's 'no idling day' on 20th June, designed to spread the word on this important issue. The Council is seeking volunteers to become Air Quality Champions, who will be briefed on the facts and trained to encourage vehicle owners to turn off.

Details are at <http://www.reading.gov.uk/idlingaction>

Caversham Sign

The council has just removed the sign from the top of the post. It will now go to Stuart King's workshop to be restored. More details are in the [Recent Newsletter](#).