



## Round Up April 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.

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:

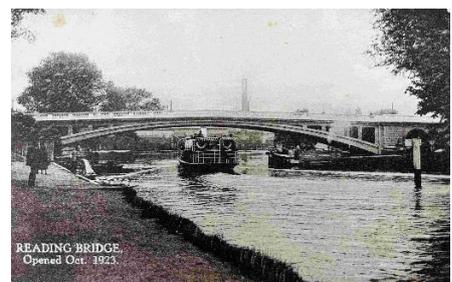
### Fords, Ferries and Bridges

#### Crossing the Thames at Caversham over the Centuries

David has a wealth of pictures to show and it promises to be a fascinating account. We will be reviving the longstanding CADRA tradition of taking a retiring collection for a charity nominated by the speaker. David has selected Alzheimer's Society. Donations in cash or cheque please.

**Reading Bridge marks 100 years** since it was opened on 3 October. CADRA are celebrating this with a booklet, which will be available to download free online and as paper copies for sale in Fourbears, before the summer half-term. Full of pictures and maps, the booklet will help to answer these questions:

- How did people cross before the bridge was built?
- What new technologies were being developed?
- How did the structure work and how was the bridge built?
- How did the new bridge change its environment?
- Was the bridge safe and would it last 100 years?



### Parish Fete

The next opportunity to meet the CADRA team will be at this very popular fete, to be held in Caversham Court Gardens on **Saturday 8 July**.

### Planning

The Planning Applications Committee met on 29 March, the last one of this Council Year, and will not meet again until the end of May, after local elections.

Three applications for **Reading Golf Club** were considered and approved. These included the design and appearance of the housing, and the Construction Method Statement, which covered all safety measures and arrangements for construction vehicles.

The route for all construction traffic via Kidmore End Road is far from ideal, with many school children and vulnerable residents using the area. There is a long stretch without space to pass because the Victorian house owners can only park on the road. Following two meetings with Vistry, CADRA spoke at Committee to press the need for a much more careful examination. The Council propose a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order which would restrict daytime parking to allow a passing place. The details of this have not yet been assessed and we have since written to express concern at the lack of forward planning. A review process for the order is to be set out, in agreement with Ward Councillors.

The application for the **Drews** site was approved, retaining part of the old Malthouse building. The application for **retirement housing on Henley Road** will be considered at the meeting on 31 May.

Another application has been submitted for a **5G mast**, this time at the junction of Henley Road and Donegal Close. To date, all decisions have been to refuse.

### **Archaeology Finds**

[Berkshire Archaeology](#) has kindly provided us with an up-to-date list, by period, of 'Archaeological Finds in the Caversham Area' as well as a new summary report of all [Listed Buildings](#). You can find all this on the [Local Resources](#) page of our website, along with many other sources of information on local history. It is fascinating to see where evidence has been found of early life in Caversham.