

Round Up March 2023

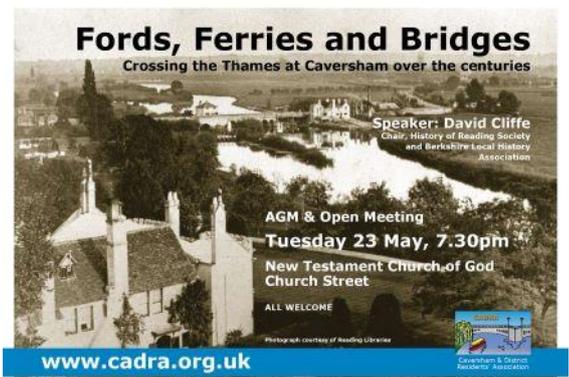
Your committee met this week and would like to update you on a range of issues. As always, do share it with anyone who would find it useful.

AGM and Open Meeting 23 May

A date for your diary - 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 been central to local history for many years and has an extensive collection of old photos. He is the author of many books, including "Picture Palace to Penny Plunge: Reading's Cinemas" (2017) which is particularly apt as we again have kind permission to hold the meeting in the former Glendale Cinema. More details will follow shortly with the CADRA Newsletter.



Planning

We expect a number of decisions to go to [Planning Committee](#) on 29 March before a gap until after the local elections on 4 May. They could include the application for retirement housing, next to the new care home on [Henley Road](#). The application for the [Old Drews site](#), Caversham Road was considered on 1 March and while the committee supported the proposals, which retain part of the old Malthouse, they requested further discussion on the mix of affordable housing.

Applications to discharge the list of **Conditions for the Reading Golf Club site** are still coming in. The Construction Method Statement which includes arrangements for construction vehicles has progressed to [Version C](#) but is still causing concern. CADRA continues to press Vistry developers, Councillors and Officers to establish close supervision and other safety measures for Kidmore End Road which is busy with school children and older residents on foot. Following the CADRA meeting with Vistry in November, a further meeting has been scheduled to cover issues for Kidmore End Road.

The latest application for a 5G mast is on [Henley Road/Cromwell Road](#) which has still to be decided, but the proposed mast next to the historic oak tree on Caversham Park Road has been refused.

An application for an [SEN school at Dysons Wood](#) in Tokers Green has prompted extensive concerns over dangers from increased traffic. We will also raise this, as it applies to traffic where it crosses the County boundary.

Traffic Safety

Following a petition to the [Last Traffic Management Sub Committee](#), a request for traffic calming on Rotherfield Way has been added to the principal list of requests for Traffic Management Measures. There are over 20 items north of the river, almost all arising from local petitions and surveys. Inclusion on the list does not imply funding or a detailed plan, but it is an essential first step.

The Council confirmed the decision to permit cycling through the station underpass, following improvements to the ceiling. Many people had raised concerns over potential collisions between cyclists and pedestrians. The underpass is not wide enough to provide segregated sections but there will be signage and marking.

Flood Prevention

The Thames Valley Flood Scheme has started looking into natural flood management in more detail. Their [March Newsletter](#) explains the latest stage in the scheme.

Emmer Green

Thanks to former members of the EGRA team, information from the former EGRA website is now available on the [CADRA website](#). You will find information and pictures of past projects and sources of information on the history of Emmer Green.

The **bottle banks** inside Reading Golf Club were well used, and closure of the site left Emmer Green with no local provision. We continue to raise this issue and are advised that alternative sites are being considered.

And finally

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