



Round Up - September 2022

As the Nation mourns the death of Her Majesty the Queen, we join in sending condolences to the King and all the Royal Family. Books of condolence are available in Caversham Library and in local churches or a message can be sent [Online](#).

Following the Proclamation at St James Palace and the subsequent Proclamations in Reading last Sunday, we took the opportunity to look back at the last Proclamation which took place in Caversham, under the Caversham Urban District Council, for the Accession of George V in 1910. See the CADRA [Facebook Post](#).

CADRA Open Meeting

The next CADRA meeting will take place at **7.30pm on Wednesday 9 November** at Highdown School hall which has convenient parking. Steve Hambridge, a very experienced Trading Standards Officer, will talk about the growing problems of scams and how best to avoid them. Steve has successfully brought evidence to prosecute those attempting to defraud Caversham residents. Older people living alone can be seen as rich pickings, but we are all vulnerable to increasingly sophisticated scams. We look forward to hearing some fascinating tales and learning about new methods being developed by criminals across the world.

We will also welcome to the meeting Margaret Ormonde, author of *Emmer Green Past and Present*, which has now been reprinted.

Further details will be available in the next newsletter due out in October.

Emmer Green Past and Present

On Wednesday we presented 20 copies of the book to the School Council of Emmer Green Primary School. This will enable a copy for every classroom. The children were delighted to see pictures of school children dating back over 100 years. Copies are being donated to all schools in Emmer Green and to Reading and Caversham Libraries. The book is available from Fourbears (price £12) or you can email them.

emmergreenbookorder@cadra.org.uk

Planning

Informal discussions with Beechcroft, the **Caversham Park** developers, suggest that revised plans may come forward later this year for new building within the grounds. We hope for further public exhibitions. Proposed demolition of **14B Wolsey Road** ([220971](#)) has highlighted the importance of the main building. In the 1920s, this was the premises of Herbert Engineering who assembled the very successful HE cars, which were the subject of an exhibition at Caversham Court Gardens last weekend. It is hoped this will transfer to Caversham Library. The premises were then taken over by Thornycroft who manufactured marine engines, including those for the WWII landing craft manufactured by Elliot's – also in Lower Caversham.

While we wait for a decision on **Caversham Lakes** ([P22/S1691/FUL](#)) concern is growing over traffic safety following another accident on Henley Road. The most recent application for an 18M telecom monopole and three associated cabinets is on **Chiltern Road** ([221279](#)).

There are final details of applications for a new frontage on Bridge Street at the old **NatWest Building** ([221194](#) & [221230](#)), and the construction methods for both **3 Prospect Street** ([221084](#)) and **58 Prospect Street** ([221265](#)). Six information boards explaining the hydropower plant are planned for **View Island** ([220844](#)).

Detailed applications to meet the conditions for **Reading Golf Club** continue. A slightly revised Construction Method Statement is now available ([220958](#)) but this has not yet been approved. Understandably, residents of Kidmore End Road are very concerned at the implications.

Licensing

Planning and Licensing are separate processes. For **Winter Wonderland**, there is a planning application for use of the land at Hills Meadow ([221171](#)) and a License Committee hearing is due late September. Following the latest **Reading Festival**, local groups will attend a review meeting in early November and we would welcome comments - info@cadra.org.uk.

CityFibre

We recently received a query about an additional pole being installed to bring CityFibre connections to individual properties. CityFibre have made clear that wherever possible they will use existing Openreach underground ducts or run overground cables from existing poles. If you are advised otherwise, we suggest you push back, to try and avoid unnecessary proliferation of poles and cabinets - [CityFibre Support](#).

Flood Prevention

We met recently with staff from the Environment Agency concerning the [Thames Valley Flood Scheme](#). This wide-ranging examination is in its very early stages to identify possible measures over the full Thames catchment.