

# OWGRA e-newsletter 18 August 2018

Dear OWGRA Members

## **1. NEW HOME FOR GRASSHOPPERS RUGBY CLUB**

OWGRA recently presented to the Council's Licensing Panel asking that conditions be added to the licence for the new Grasshoppers club to ensure that any impacts on local residents are minimised. Whilst we were not successful in this, with the licence being granted as requested by Grasshoppers, it was good to hear from the management of the club that pretty well all of our areas of concern already were part of the way Grasshoppers plan to run their operations on the site. On behalf of local residents we look forward to a harmonious and mutually beneficial relationship between local residents and the club.

Construction of the new facilities is nearing completion and we will include an update on this and more details on the facilities the club will offer in our next e-newsletter.

## **2. GILLETTE SOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

We are working with the developer to organise a public meeting for local residents for Access Storage to present their proposals for the old Shell Garage site at Gillette Corner. We hope to give you details in the next e-newsletter.

## **3. HOMEBASE AT GILLETTE CORNER TO CLOSE**

We are sorry to hear that our local Homebase will be closing, see

<http://www.brentfordtw8.com/default.asp?section=trading&page=conhomebase001.htm>

It is a distinctive landmark building with a suspended roof, see

<https://grimshaw.global/projects/homebase-superstore/>. It would be good if the building was retained (it's not listed). Why not e-mail us and let us know what you would like to see there?

## **4. WYEVALE GARDEN CENTRES**

It's all change in our area as the chain of Wyevale Garden Centres is up for sale. When we know what is happening to our two local garden centres (Windmill Lane and Syon Park) we will let you know.

## **5. OSTERLEY – LOCAL HISTORY**

Attached is a very interesting article written by Pennie Smith from the Osterley Bookshop on the history of Osterley and archaeological finds.

## **6. DO YOU NEED A LARGER OR SECOND WHEELIE BIN?**

if you find that your wheelie bin isn't sufficient for your needs you can request a second bin or a larger bin. See attachment for further details.

## **7. CRIME UPDATE**

We continue to hear of house burglaries and theft from cars in our area, often where windows are left open, sheds left unlocked, items left on display in cars and cars left unlocked!

So, can we remind you, again, and please pass this advice on to your neighbours (as there are still lots of people who aren't OWGRA members and don't receive these reminders).

- close and lock all windows and doors
- don't leave keys in shed or garage doors and lock them
- don't leave anything tempting on display in your car
- close car windows and lock car doors

Some residents are reporting suspicious behaviour to us or their Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators, which we welcome. However, please also report suspicious behaviour to 101 (cost of call

is 15p however long the call); you may have to hold the line for a while, so just put your phone on speaker mode while you wait and carry on with whatever you were doing.

You can read here about the recent increase in crime that we have seen in our area and specifically our ward (Osterley & Spring Grove)

<http://www.brentfordtw8.com/default.asp?section=info&page=concrime129.htm>

#### **8. TfL BUS ROUTE CONSULTATION**

A year ago we informed you of a consultation where TfL were proposing to extend the 112 bus route (which currently runs from Brent Cross to Ealing Broadway) to Tesco Osterley which would have given us a direct bus service from Tesco Osterley to Ealing Broadway. We have just had the results of the consultation and unfortunately this change will not be going ahead. This is the statement from TfL (see <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/elizabeth-line/>): *"We will not going ahead with the extension of route 112 between Ealing Broadway and Osterley, Tesco, but will be consulting separately on revised proposals on a new service for this corridor in due course."*

#### **9. HOUNSLOW SINGERS PERFORM AT THE PROMS**

It was lovely to hear that 73 young singers from our borough took part in the Ten Piece Prom on Sunday 29 July, see

<http://www.brentfordtw8.com/default.asp?section=info&spage=common/hounscoun515.htm>

You can listen to it here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b0bck66b> (available until 28 August).

Kind regards

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## **The Archaeology of Osterley and How it Relates to Osterley Bookshop.**

Osterley sits in the old county of Middlesex which, as a county, has one of the top concentrations of archaeological materials in the whole of London. Osterley itself is sited on the highest point above the gravel plain that chamfers down to the Thames. Ancient earthworks, possibly Bronze Age (ditches, banks and mounds) are shown on early maps. Of ongoing archaeological interest is Wyke Green golf course which has a circular ditch (still visible) surrounding a probable settlement site – Google Earth shows cropmarks on surrounding fields which indicate other ancient sites.

The earliest wildlife in Osterley were elephants, rhinoceroses, lions (inter-glacial period), mammoths and polar bears (glacial period). Bones have been found all over the area from Southall to Isleworth. Early nomadic people from 440,000 years ago left hand axes, blades and flaked tools in Osterley.

In the Neolithic period (4500-2300BC) came settled agriculture (view Osterley Park and farmland) uninhabited in the main for all this time, but farmed continuously since) in the Neolithic period (4500-2300 BC) and the dropping of working tools – flint axes to cut back undergrowth etc.

Now fast forward to the Bronze Age (2300-650BC): a cinerary urn was dug up in Wood Lane by someone burying a pet dog. How odd that they chose the exact spot that someone had also chosen for a burial 4000 years ago!

During the Bronze/Iron Age (650BC-63AD) circular huts were erected, some of which had fortifying ditches and gullies to allow rainwater to drain off – possibly similar to the traces shown of aerial views of the farmland opposite Wyke Green golf course, but as these are as yet unexcavated (as is Wyke Green) they could be much earlier. Incidentally, an Iron Age settlement, including a probably very rare Iron Age temple is buried under Runway One at Heathrow Airport.

Forward again to the Roman occupation (AD43-410) – and what's 2343 years, give or take a couple of centuries in Osterley's timescale? Roman artefacts were found whilst building Tesco's (Osterley) and background traces, along with much earlier objects have, in the last year, been found whilst digging the foundations for a new school between Windmill and Wood Lanes. Remember Wood Lane? it popped up with a burial just 4000 years ago.

Which, with a mighty leap, takes us to the Medieval period (1066-1500). Isleworth, unusually, had two sub-manors (not a manor house, but a house belonging to a great landowner. In 1066 just 10 landowners owned 7/8<sup>th</sup> of the county). Originally a 'manor' was a piece of raised ground surrounded by a 'motte' – moat. Here we are back again at Wood Lane and Wyke Green: One of these two great sub-manors, Wyke, on Syon Lane/Jersey Road, had a rectangular moat, circa 1100, which was cut through by the Piccadilly Line, and which survived on the South-eastern side until it was filled in a few months ago to 'tidy up' the view of the new school and rugby club. Incidentally this now lost moat also marked the parish boundary between Heston and Isleworth. All over the country for many hundreds of years (with possible pagan origins) parishioners went 'beating the bounds' with sticks, hitting the boundary (and the small boys who accompanied them to ensure they would remember where the boundary was). This Heston and Isleworth boundary-beating is on record a couple of hundred years ago as having resulted in an all-out fight between the Isleworth and Heston boys over territory (not a lot changed there then). A very tiny remnant of scrub – the only visible evidence of this moat can be seen to the northern extremity by an old brick wall beside

the Piccadilly line cut. If you look further northwards towards Wyke Green you'll spot Seccombe's builders merchants, whose buildings constitute some of the original model farm buildings belonging to Wyke House (circa 1638), which sat on the site of the new school and was remodelled in 1778 by Robert Adam (he of Osterley House fame) when he was involved in the enlargement and redecoration of the house.

Time-travelling again, (circa 1440) this minute area of Wyke, Wyke Green and, close by, 'Osterley Park' has exposed traces of three moats – astonishing for such a tiny area, which, to the naked eye, looks like a small trace of unspoiled countryside.

People have lived, laughed, loved, worked and built on this little plot for 442018 years ... and its relationship to Osterley Bookshop? None, except we've been here for fifty years, a tiny footprint in the saga of Osterley.



## **Larger Black Wheelie Bin (Rubbish/Residual Waste) Policy**

The council will provide residents with a larger 240 litre wheelie bin (or a second 140 litre wheeled bin where appropriate) if their current black wheelie bin is not large enough to store their rubbish/residual waste between each collection which will be fortnightly from Monday 10 July 2017.

You will need to demonstrate that you are recycling as much recyclable waste as possible as shown below if you are to be considered as requiring a larger or additional wheelie bin:

Plastics and cans	in the Red recycling box
Paper and Card	in the Blue recycling box
Glass bottles and jars	in the Green recycling box
Food waste	in the Food waste bin
Textiles and shoes	in tied plastic bags
Small electrical and electronic equipment	in tied plastic bags
Garden waste	Collected via the garden waste service (chargeable) Or Take to civic amenity site

If you believe that you are recycling all of the above and that your current black wheelie bin is too small, you may apply for a larger bin.

All requests for a larger bin will be subject to an assessment by the council. Information may be required to support your application which must be provided within 28 days of the request. Failure to supply the information will result in the application being rejected and closed. If necessary a council officer will make arrangements to visit you to assess whether you are entitled to a larger or additional wheelie bin. This assessment may include an audit of the waste in your black wheelie bin. Households will need to demonstrate that they are making the fullest use of all the kerbside and other recycling facilities which the Council has made available.

### **Recycling**

Full recycling must be maintained at all times, there will be a periodic inspection of larger bins to ensure this takes place. Failure to maintain full recycling will lead to the withdrawal of this additional capacity.

### **Large households/family policy**

All households that have 6 or more people, permanently living at the address may be entitled to a 240 litre bin. This will be subject to the following criteria:-

- Number of householders (checks maybe made against the Council Tax register)

- Evidence of fully using the green, red and blue recycling boxes and the food waste collection service (checks will be made against your usage and collection history) additional recycling containers can be provided free of charge if required.
- Families with 4 or more permanent residents and with young children in nappies may apply for a larger residual waste bin. In these circumstances the bin would be issued for a limited period.

When additional capacity is no longer required due to a change in circumstances, e.g. the child no longer uses nappies or a member of the household moves out, the Council should be informed

### **Medical Exceptions**

There are a number of residents that require additional capacity for medical reasons; these residents (or carers on behalf of households) may apply for a larger bin or an additional 140 litre bin through an application form. The criteria for this bin will be based on the following:-

- Medical condition
- How much additional waste will be residual waste
- If necessary a site visit

Where additional capacity is no longer required due to a change in circumstances, e.g. a person is admitted to a nursing home, the Council should be informed

### **Ongoing Assessments**

- Officers will be entitled to undertake a review of households with a 240 litre bin or additional bins to establish the ongoing need. If an officer determines that the 240 litre bin is not required it will be removed and replaced with a smaller bin (140 litre) bin.
- Emphasis will be on the resident to advise the Council of any changes in circumstances. If a resident moves house they will have to inform the council and the bin must be left at the property for use by the new occupier
- Families with five or more permanent residents that have previously been issued with 240 litre bin under the old arrangements will be entitled to keep it until such time as a review has taken place.
- Any changes in household circumstances may result in a review of the wheelie bins provided.
- All applications will be reviewed after one year of commencement.

**Assessments may take up to eight weeks. During this time, the Council will not collect any excess or side waste.**