## HAM, PETERSHAM & RICHMOND RIVERSIDE NEWS

**SPRING 2024** 





YOUR COUNCILLOR ANDREE FRIEZE

# WHERE TO GET SUPPORT LOCALLY

### The charity Cooking Up is providing FREE cookery lessons at Ham Youth Centre

These 5-week courses are on Wednesdays from 11am to 12.30pm. Each week, volunteers will help you cook a meal for up to four people. They'll provide all ingredients and equipment, and a take-away carton for you to take your food home, plus a recipe card so you can cook it again yourself anytime.

Email info@cookingup.org to find out when the next course starts and to sign up.

Financial worries can be a real burden and debts can mount up all too easily. Crosslight Advice is a financial advice charity offering a FREE service to Richmond residents, including help with rent arrears, advice on energy arrears, money education and budgeting support. Go to <a href="https://www.crosslightadvice.org">www.crosslightadvice.org</a> or email Andrée and she can refer you.

Andrée says: "I've also heard that this spring, at Ham Youth Centre, the Vineyard is planning to open a food bank, while the Real Junk Food Project hopes to start up its pay-as-you-feel cafe. As soon as I know more, I will share details."



Residents on a Cooking Up course in Ham Youth Centre

## THAMES WATER BYPASSES LOCAL PLANNING PERMISSION



Andrée joined residents including Cllr Chas Warlow on a rally to protest against Thames Water's plans

Most of you will have heard about the Thames Water plan for discharging treated wastewater at Teddington and removing water from the river. We now know it will be dealt with through a Direct Consent Order (DCO).

Going for a DCO means the final decision on whether to allow the Thames Water Direct River Abstraction (TDRA) project to go ahead will be made by the Secretary of State, NOT the local councils. The next two years will see public consultation - including one on design later in 2024 - and some environmental assessments taking place.

Andrée says: "I am deeply concerned about this project and have been working closely with Save Our Lands and River, the voluntary campaign group opposing the plan. This project is misguided: Thames Water should be fixing its leaks, not using the stretch of the river here as a cesspool."

#### More info:

- Save Our Lands And River saveourlandsandriver.org.uk
- Teddington Direct River Abstraction -Thames Water Resources Management Plan thames-wrmp.co.uk

# **LONDON ELECTION NEWS**

#### **Meet your local London Assembly Candidate**



London Assembly candidate Chas Warlow with Cllr Andrée Frieze

On 2 May, in the London elections, you get three votes - one for the Mayor, another for the political party and a third for the South West London constituency, covering Richmond, Kingston and Hounslow.

Our Green Party candidate is Councillor Chas Warlow, who is well known in Ham and Petersham, having lived here since 2007. He is an energetic campaigner and member of many local community groups and grassroots projects. He set up and ran the Low Carbon Neighbourhood scheme, headed the project to get renewable energy on the Thames at Teddington Weir and was a governor at Grey Court School.

Since 2022, he has been a Green Party Councillor for South Richmond, alongside Andrée, your Green Party Councillor for Ham. Petersham & Richmond Riverside.

Andrée says: "I am delighted that Chas is standing as the candidate for South West London on 2 May. I know he will be a strong champion for residents and fight for better, more affordable housing, cleaner air in pollution hotspots and make our area an even better place to live. Give your vote to Chas Warlow in the constituency part of the election."

#### YOU NOW NEED PHOTO ID TO VOTE IN ELECTIONS

Check out the list of acceptable forms of ID at: richmond.Gov.Uk/council/elections voting and registration/elections\_act\_voter\_identification If you don't have one of these, you can apply on the above website for a free of charge voter authority certificate. Do it now so you're ready for May's election.



## **CAN I HELP YOU?**

### ANDREE FRIEZE



Councillor for Ham, Petersham & Richmond Riverside

Ward surgery on the first Saturday of every month, 11am-12pm, Costa, Ham Parade



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