

From our Chairman

Warm Greetings despite winter's nip.

Our aims in the Teddington Society seem to link snugly with the spirit of Christmas working: for a closer knit community; for a caring neighbourhood where people and their environment are treated with fairness and consideration.

Ever since we started with these aims in mind, nearly three years ago, we have carried out a series of activities which have improved, even if in a small way, life in our community.

We have concerned ourselves with planning, local history, trees, aircraft noise, traffic, the riverside, social events like Teddington in Bloom; and there have been matters of social concern.

This has been carried out by Teddington people in all sorts of occupations ... in their spare time. My warmest thanks to them.

I believe we are engaged in an exciting community adventure; a meaningful local experiment in the way people should behave towards each other; understand each other's needs, share a love of local history, have a healthy respect for our common environment. We hope to do more and better things in the new year. Why not join us in some of these activities? It would be nice to hear from you. Gestures like that give Christmas its true meaning.

To a cozy Yuletide ... fun, turkey and snowballs.

Adam Joseph

The Annual General Meeting

No changes in the Constitution were made.

Names of the officers appointed are appended. (You may drop your subscription into the nearest.)

Our MP Toby Jessel and others then spoke on Aircraft noise, Barry Rideout - leader of our Transport Group chaired the meeting, a course of action was proposed which his committee will put into operation.

Meanwhile when you can't stand it any more - write or phone:

The Manager, Heathrow Airport, Hounslow. Tel 753-4321  
or The Department of Trade & Industry, John Adam Street, WC 2

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

This group organised a highly enjoyable and successful BARN DANCE at the Ellera Hall on October 3, and an EVENING OF POETRY & PROSE read by members of the Teddington Poetry Society in SS Peter & Paul's Church Hall on November 21.

The next event is to be Christmas Concert at Teddington School, Broom Road, Teddington, to be given by the Teddington Ladies Choir under its Conductor, Miss Joyce Robson, on Tuesday December 9 at 8 pm. Coffee and Mince Pies will be served after the Concert. Tickets 40p (Members 35p) Children 20p. The programme will include a few popular carols for audience participation.

The Committee will also be providing the refreshments for the Society's CHRISTMAS PARTY which will be held at the Ellera Hall on Friday December 19 at 8pm. Tickets 50p. All Members and their friends welcome. This party will include a short sketch by John Kershaw called 'A Little Application.' Norman Bird and Gwendolyn Watts, two well-known TV faces, play HIM and HER - a couple who cross paths when he has to consider her application for a

temporary Christmas job The sketch will be directed by another local resident, TV director Stan Woodward.

As the October Barn Dance proved to be so popular, the Caller, Mr John Tether, has been provisionally booked for another BARN DANCE on St. George's Day, 23rd April 1976 - venue to be arranged.

Please make a note of these dates.

Barbara McMahon, Convenor, 977-4965

#### PLANNING WORKING PARTY

The Teddington Society has made representations at two public inquiries recently.

At the inquiry into Richmond Council's proposals to build on 15 acres of Ham riverside lands, David Hastings, our Vice-Chairman, objected to the building of Council houses, but not to the building of riding stables. The grounds for objection were basically that the Ham lands are an important amenity for residents of Teddington as they help create the country-like atmosphere around the Lock. It was felt that the building on 15 acres, small though it was, would be the 'thin end of the wedge', and it would be difficult to resist pressure to build on the remaining land.

Sylvia Smith represented the Society at the inquiry into an appeal by Osterbery and Lale of 64 Waldegrave Rd, Teddington, against an enforcement notice served on them by the Council. The firm had failed to remove from the premises after the refusal in 1973 of a further renewal of their temporary planning consent. The Society supported the Council in their attempt to prevent permanent establishment of industrial uses in this area, which is not seen as one suitable for industrial expansion. It is hoped that this side of the Waldegrave should eventually return to residential use as indicated in the approved Development Plan.

Make a Note in your Diary - January 20 1976 - Peter Walker, former Secretary of State for the Environment and former resident of Teddington will be speaking at Elleray Hall at 8pm.

Help please for the Planning Working Party which needs the occasional advice of professional architects and planners to ease the burden on the present members of the working party.

Sylvia .Smith, Convener, 977-8473

#### RIVERSIDE WORKING PARTY

We are enquiring about the GLC's reported plan to build a flood wall along the Thames from 52 Twickenham Rd to Broom Water with particular reference to Ferry Road. It seems likely that the GLC's proposals will greatly facilitate our own objectives for the improvement of the Draw Dock.

Riverside dwellers are reminded that the days of highest risk of flooding between November 1975 and April 1976 are: Nov 27, Dec 6, Dec 21-22, Jan 18-22, Feb 15-20, Mar 15-20, Apr 13-18. The police are able to give a maximum of one hour's warning.

Mr. John Parton will be giving a talk with slides on "THE WORK & OBJECTIVES OF THE RIVER THAMES SOCIETY" on Wednesday March 10 1976 at 8 pm in St. Peter and St. Paul's Church Hall, Broad St. Refreshments will be provided after the talk. Write yourself a reminder to put this date in your 1976 diary!

Jean Wattam, Convenor, 977-3822

#### TREES WORKING PARTY

Work has start on a street-by-street census of trees so that we will be better equipped to put our recommendations to the Council. We are being particularly vigilant with regard to tree-felling and would welcome the participation of all members, i.e. if you feel 'the-end is nigh' for a

particular tree - and it could be an emergency - call this number:892-4466- and speak to Mr Jackman in the Planning Division of the Technical Services Department. He will take the appropriate action because his special responsibility is 'Tree Preservation Orders'. Ours is very detailed work and concerns individual trees - whether on private land or in the streets; therefore we would like to encourage everyone with an individual problem on trees to contact the Convener of the Party and we will attend to it. We have asked the Council to provide us with a map and a full up-to-date list of all trees in Teddington carrying Tree Preservation Orders; and we are asking for details of the Council's policy and plans for re-planting street trees in the coming financial year. We hope to establish as a promise the further planting of trees in the centre of the town. Various enquiries by residents are being investigated; we would welcome more.

Myles Crockford, Convener 577-5108

HISTORY WORKING GROUP

They're serious but not too serious. On roughly every other Wednesday from February to May they will be studying with the WEA. There is room for you in the class.

Eilleen Pillborough, Convenor, 977-1995

COMMUNITY CARE FOR TEDDINGTON

This scheme has had two public meetings and has formed a committee to explore the possibilities for Teddington. Our Society has a representative on that Committee. If you feel you can be of any help please contact Trevor King, 10 Gloucester Road who will give you information.

ELLERAY HALL

You may like to pass on information on this Centre to an elderly friend in need of companionship. It is open to anyone of pensionable age anywhere, in the borough, from 10 am - 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

About 150 meals per day are at present served at lunchtime. Tea and coffee are available during the mornings and afternoons. Monday to Thursday there are regular activities and on Friday afternoons games are played or sometimes a special show: concert; film show; etc. A weekly shop of nearly-new items helps members with their budget.

There is a rota of volunteers which is reasonably adequate so long as no emergency arises, which can take all the volunteers for a whole day. We would like to be able to call upon stand-by personnel in such an event, especially one with administrative experience or who can just 'take charge' for a morning or afternoon.

'HOMEMEAD' OLD PERSONS' HOME - This residence for 22 elderly folk is run with a small paid staff, but at special times such as holidays and Christmas a few additional volunteers would be extremely valuable.

<u>FUTURE EVENTS:</u>	January	20	Talk - Peter Walker
		29	A Cockney Evening - Adam Joseph
	February	10	Teddington in the Past - Diana Howard
	March	10	River Thames - John Parton
	April	23	St. George's Day Barn Dance

MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS- 25p! Most people think this is too low - but let us keep it that way - it's so original in 1975! How can we do it? Only if you renew your subscription quickly, and each of you finds a new member for 1976.

IN THE PINK! Your yellow membership card is now out of date - your pink card will be available very shortly - and your Membership Secretary now lives at 12 Clarence Rd and would be very pleased to have hundreds of subs dropped through her letter box before Christmas. See form attached