



## THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

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### EDITORIAL

We are hoping to publish smaller but more frequent news letters. In this way the news you receive will be more up to date and there will not be so much to read at one time.

### SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

A reminder that the "Cockney Evening of Entertainment" will be held at Elleray Hall on Friday 29 March at 8 p.m. Adam Joseph will give a talk on "The History of Petticoat Lane & the Birth of Cockney London" There will also be music from a barrel organ, cider, bangers and mash. Tickets obtainable from Rosalind Sandford, 12 Clarence Road, Teddington or any other officer of the Society, will cost 75p. On Friday 11 May, an evening Boat Trip has been organized by David Hastings. The boat will leave Kingston at about 6.45 p.m. and cruise up to Shepperton. We shall return to Kingston at about 11.45 p.m. Dancing, Disco, Bar and Supper will be available. The cost will probably be about £2 and any profits will go to the Society funds. Unfortunately, the party at Elleray Hall on Saturday 16 February has had to be cancelled so we hope the entertainments of 29 March and 11 May will be well supported by Teddington Society members.

### WORKING PARTIES MEETING

A meeting was held on Thursday 24 January at Elleray Hall when the Committee and members of the 10 working parties came together to review the work so far carried out by the Society. Adam Joseph showed the members present the Society's first antique possession: a silver trowel. This trowel was used to lay the foundation stone in 1887 of the Teddington Town Hall which was built in the Causeway at a cost of £15,000 (now the site of A & V Motors). The trowel has inscribed on it "This trowel was presented to Florence Emily Collier by her father (the builder) and used in laying the foundation stone of the Town Hall and Parochial Offices, Teddington, June 21, 1887". Unfortunately the Town Hall was burnt down in 1903 and it was presumed that the trowel perished with it. But recently the trowel turned up and by chance the Society had the opportunity to buy it. It is a very attractive trowel and is a small reminder of "Old Teddington".

### SEEBOARD OFFICE BLOCK, SANDY LANE

Regarding the erection of the four storey office block at Seeboard's land in Sandy Lane, at the bottom of Bushy Park Road; three members of the Society, Adam Joseph, Geoff Bishop and Sarah Strike met Mr Brodie Manager of Seeboard, and his assistant, Mr Brick, concerning this building. Mr. Brodie was very helpful in explaining the project and answering our questions concerning parking and catering facilities for the Seeboard workers. However, the Society still feels that the positioning of this block in a residential area, adjacent to Bushy Park would have a visually detrimental effect to the surrounding area and letters have been sent to the Town Clerk, Toby Jessel, Councillor Tremlett, Cllr. Arbour and Mr. Brodie voicing our objections.

FUTURE PUBLIC MEETING

We are hoping to hold another public meeting at Elleray Hall in March to discuss local environmental problems, including the future of St. Alban's Church. We are to circulate every house in the area informing them of this meeting. We will therefore need postmen to distribute 200-300 leaflets. (This should take about an hour if two roads are covered at a time). Contact Sarah Strike 3852, if willing to help.

FUTURE ENTERTAINMENTS

In the next few months we hope to hold evenings of social and cultural entertainments to enable Society members to meet and relax in a friendly atmosphere. If you, or a friend, have an artistic, musical or entertaining skill and would like to share it with other Society members, please contact Ruth Joseph, 4 Broom Lock, 977 6209, or Sarah Strike, 977 3852 so that we can arrange a function to incorporate it.

FUTURE NEWS LETTERS

If you would like to contribute to the News Letter, please contact Sarah Strike, 977 3852 to see if it will be possible to include it in the following news letter. We are always interested in new ideas for the news letter and for the Society generally.

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Municipal Offices, Twickenham.		
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Citizens Advice Bureau . . . . .	892	5917
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