



THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

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SPECIAL NOTICE

There will be a special general meeting of the Teddington Society on Tuesday 24th September 1974 in Elleray Hall, starting at 7.45 p.m. Many members have asked for a meeting to talk about the Society's activities and hear reports back from the Committee on what has been done. The Annual General Meeting will be sometime in November. Some of you may remember the lengthy, but absolutely necessary, constitutional meeting last September and in many respects this is what an AGM should be. We wanted to avoid the situation arising where people come along wanting to contribute ideas and discussion to what should essentially be a business meeting. We therefore have decided to call a Special General Meeting so that members (and even interested non-members) could come along to hear what has been done in our opening year and to contribute their own ideas on how to consolidate and build upon this start. We hope you will come along for this general get-together, but wish to add that there are other particular things we must discuss. Firstly, membership renewal starts in September, so that must be organised. Secondly, a certain number of the Executive Committee have to resign, so we must start the process of nomination. Thirdly, connected closely to all other aspects, is the structuring of the Committee and the Working Parties, which the present committee feels is open to reappraisal. Please come along (especially if you are a member of a Working Party), and get to know some of our 580 members!

REPORTS OF THE WORKING PARTIES

THE TRANSPORT WORKING PARTY has been mainly concerned with the proposed splitting of the Mole Valley Take-off route which at the moment passes over 'The Hamptons'. It is proposed to put half the route over Teddington which we as a society are against mainly due to the dense population around this area. It is hoped that the route may go over a less densely populated area. The Society sent a strong protest to the Minister of Aviation expressing our anxiety.

THE RIVERSIDE WORKING PARTY are pleased to inform members that the G.L.C. has agreed to pay half the sum required to save the islet downstream from Stevens' Ait from being washed away, on the understanding that the Thames Water Authority and the London Borough of Kingston contributes the rest. It is expected that the work will start this year, and that the islet will eventually be a third larger in size. We have taken up with the Thames Water Authority the condition of the draw dock at Ferry Road; the question of public access to the lock island; the condition of the rollers at the lock; and the possibility of river boats putting down passengers at the lock; and we are awaiting their reply. We have enquired what is their policy about speed-boats, as we consider these are becoming an increasing danger to other river users.

THE HISTORY WORKING PARTY are listing and describing all the buildings and houses in Teddington for our Road Survey, and are trying to take photographs to illustrate their text. This is very expensive of course (can you imagine the cost of photographing all the different types of property in Kingston Road for instance ?) and so they are asking a favour - would every member please spare one exposure of their current roll of film and take a snap of their own home. They could send it to Eileen Pilborough at 11 Grove Terrace or give it to her at the special meeting on 2 September at Elleray Hall. Please do try and do this - it is your chance to go down in history!

THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING PARTY organized a Bank Holiday Ramble for the week after Whitsun which was a great success, nearly 50 people enjoying the walk into Bushy Park and the drinks, drawings and cartoons at the hall in Park Road. They hope to arrange events on such days again and also have in mind a Teddington Society organised Firework Party. In the meantime, they hope to book a visit from a children's street theatre group at the end of that 'boring old summer holiday'. They will, of course, publicise this event fully, so keep your eyes open!

THE 'NICE AND TIDY' (HYGIENE) WORKING PARTY organized a very successful 'Teddington in Flower' weekend on June 29th and 30th which was a rather rainy weekend but all those who took part in Teddington in Flower seemed to enjoy themselves. One garden owner was overheard to say this was the nearest he got to being Lord Montague of Beaulieu, and we even had a visitor from the 'San Francisco Arboretum Society' who seemed to be duly impressed by our English domestic gardens. Several owners even volunteered to repeat the performance next year; and we thank them all heartily. We would like to thank LYNWOODS of Teddington for the prize of £2.50 and for judging the PRETTY GARDENS COMPETITION. Miss Geddes, the winner, opened her delightful garden on Saturday 13th July for everybody to enjoy. The weekend raised £18 with which we hope to buy a tub filled with flowers to make Teddington a little prettier somewhere. The object of the weekend was to show the people of Teddington aspects of it that they may have missed before, and in so doing to make them feel more of the 'whole' town. If anyone knows of a gem we missed for next year, perhaps they would contact Mrs.W.V.Dare (977 2502).

The working party have checked all the off-licences in the area to find out who will take back empty bottles and amazingly only WINEWAYS, The High Street, Teddington will take back non-returnable bottles. The group is very concerned about big and small firms squandering natural resources by not taking back glass bottles. Take all your empties back to Wineways.

The working party also sent representatives to a meeting called by Richmond Council to inaugurate the Anti-Litter Campaign which is to be run between the 16th and 22nd September. From this meeting some important points were raised. Riverside residents were requested not to throw their grass cuttings into the river as it causes a problem for the Thames Water Authority. Teddington residents are requested to save their old newspapers as the Council are starting the recycling of paper in this area in September. W.H.Smith are experimenting with not wrapping goods unless the customer asks, in an effort to save paper. Please support them and please ask other shops to follow suit. The fine for dropping litter is now £100. You could warn people about that, if you do see them dropping litter. Due to the 50% understaffing of the Council Salvage Collection teams, they are to invest in more mechanized vehicles.

THE TREES WORKING PARTY has submitted a scheme for planting the site at the road intersection facing the A.A. and Barclays' Bank Training Centre. This scheme includes the planting of a Snowdrop Tree or Halesia named in honour of an 18th century physiologist Dr.Stephen (*next line missing - Editor*)

the completion of planting in Waldegrave Road. Our suggestion will be placed before the relevant committee. Should planting take place in any street we would urge members to organise their neighbours to give the trees the odd bucket of water during dry spells. The Council obviously do not have the man-power to do this and lack of water can be injurious or fatal to newly-planted saplings.

Together with various complaints and suggestions from residents, several cases of Dutch elm disease have been reported to the borough Engineer. Most of the trees are already scheduled for felling.

We have ascertained that of 98 trees in the immediate area of St.Alban's Church 93 have had preservation orders placed upon them, and we are pressing the Council to place similar orders on other trees which we consider worthy of them. We are doing what we can, but we rely on the members of the Society for information, suggestions and complaints - the more the better !

THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL WORKING PARTY have organized three gatherings for their winter programme. The first is on Friday November 8th at St.Peter and St.Paul's Hall, Broad Street, Teddington at 8 p.m. when the Teddington Poetry Society will give a reading of Dylan Thomas's "Under Milk Wood". On Friday December 6th the Teddington Ladies Evening Choir (with possibly the assistance of the Thames Valley Male Voice Choir) will perform Christmas Songs and Carols. A dance has been organized to be held on 25th January 1975. The venue of these two last events with tickets and further publicity will be available at the special general meeting on September 2 at Elleray Hall.

A series of relaxation activities are planned by the committee such as musical or painting evenings, or perhaps making use of one of Teddington's most attractive assets - the riverside. These could take the form of Sunday picnics or boating activities. For more information contact Dave Briggs - 977 9886.

THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTY looked into the possible purchase of the Old Police Station in Church Road with a view to buying it for a Teddington Community Centre. They decided however that the cost was too large for the Society to raise at this moment in time.

The fate of St.Alban's Church is being closely observed with Alan Sibley keeping in touch with the Church Commissioners. A draft pastoral measure has been published by them which proposes that St.Alban's closes for public worship and St.Mary's be made into the Parish Church. As soon as the Church Commissioners have reached a decision, members will be informed through the News Letter.

The Committee have considered the problem to the residents of noise due to the enlargement of the printing works in Gomer Place and also the increase of light industry in Waldegrave Road. Letters have been sent to the Council expressing the Society's concern about these urgent matters.

DID YOU KNOW ???

- that the swan emblem can be seen over the window of the library in Waldegrave Road, writes Mrs.Jan Golding of Anlaby Road, Teddington. On the corresponding side are the initials of the old Teddington Urban District Council. Do have a look at the interior, even if you do not want to borrow books. It has been very tastefully modernized and redecorated and there are often amusing collages in the Children's Section, which also runs special activities and "Story-Time" for Children. The staff are very helpful, and will help you with any query you may have about books and where to find them.

- that during the winter of 1871 the Teddington Cricket Club started to hit a cricket ball about. The result of this was the founding of the oldest Hockey Club in the country. Teddington Hockey Club still play in Bushy Park and now rank as one of London's leading clubs. The club has grown to its present seven teams with a good social pavilion. (Hon.Secretary - Steve Woodward, 940 9313).

PLEASE KEEP THIS LIST FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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