

T H E T E D D I N G T O N S O C I E T Y

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Our last Newsletter No. 7 was sent to every household in Teddington. The Society hopes to be able to do this more often, but it is of course expensive and tiring. We therefore need more help and more members. This wholesale delivery was successful in finding many new members and offers of help, the more we have of both these precious commodities the better. If you could spare a little time and interest to be your Road Representative the machinery of the Society would run like a Rolls Royce. The duties would be light and rewarding, principally to deliver the Newsletter and jog forgetful subscribers.

Your Committees are very hard working, are often rich in ideas, and have considerable expertise. Generally members of these are already very busy people who are generous with their spare time. They need help, even the little bit you may be able to give but think you cannot. Poster Display and distribution of the Newsletter are most valuable.

Ed.

OUR WORKING PARTIES

The Social Committee

The Social Committee hopes to arrange a Barn Dance at the Ellery Hall, if possible, at the end of September or early October. Full details in due course.

As last year's Poetry reading was so enjoyable, another will be held in November - date and place to be arranged.

In December another concert of Carols and Christmas music with more Carols in which the audience can participate, is under consideration.

The Social Committee would like to arrange a series of coffee mornings on Saturdays, late June - early July in St. Peter and Paul's Church Hall so that members and passersby could drop in for coffee and a chat. There would be a membership table and a Bring and Buy sale.

Two new members of the Society, Mr. Jeffrey Cartwright and Mr. Ron Arnold have recently opened a Finnish Sauna Bath at 29 Stanley Road. Members of the Society would be welcome at 'JERO'S'.

More active members for the Committee are always welcome, especially men!
Convenor - B. McM.
977-4965

Children and Young People's Group

A Treasure Trail was arranged for April 12th. A crowd of children spent an enjoyable afternoon and learnt much about their environment.

An Art and Photographic Exhibition for all children who live or go to school in Teddington is the next project sponsored by this group. This is in connection with European Architectural Year. There will be section for Art Work, Photographs and anything not fitting into the two previous categories, (e.g. models or projects.) There are different prizes for different age groups and these include Record Tokens, Art Materials Tokens, Cameras, Season Tickets to historic buildings, visits to the A.A., Television Studios and the House of Commons and other vouchers.

The subject matter can be anything related to the Environment in Teddington past, present or future. Entry is FREE, the judges will be local experts and the closing date is 13th June, entry forms are available from Schools, Teddington Library, some local shops and from 53 Clarence Road or 4 Connaught Road.

We gratefully acknowledge offers of prizes from the A.A., Thames Television, Toby Jessel MP, Kodak, Dept. of the Environment, Fulwell Fire Station and 'Records and Tapes'.

Details will be announced of the prize-giving and exhibition.

THE FUNWAM SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme is not now funded by the council, therefore volunteers are desperately needed to help on specific days. For further information, and offers of help please contact Sophie Pocock - 892-5378.

Community Care

The idea of a Community Care group mentioned in the previous Newsletter generated much interest. As a result there will be a public meeting to discuss the forming of a Teddington Community Care Group on JUNE 18th, at a place to be notified (watch for posters). There will be representatives from the Hampton Hill Community Care group -to talk about their group and offer advice and help with ideas.

This is a very busy group needing many more active helpers.

Convener J.IB.

977-3962

The History Working Party

This group has a strong core of about twenty people already bent on producing "the 1974-75 Survey of Teddington" - This will be a record of every dwelling in Teddington as well as every shop, business and industry, with photographs, Many areas are already nearly completed with space for additional information as time goes on.

The members would be glad to have any photographs of houses, buildings and people, single or in groups. They will copy these and return them unscathed to their owners. Estate maps would also be most valuable.

Workers would like also to contact anyone who has lived in Teddington for a long period and has personal knowledge of Teddington in the past.

Convener E.P.

977-1995

Planning Working Party

The Group continues to examine and comment on, where necessary, all planning applications of significance. Design briefs are in preparation for two sites which may be ripe for development. By doing this we hope to pre-empt any proposals by developers for these sites viz. the site in Ferry Road where some demolition has already taken place and the site between the railway bridge and the Horse and Groom in the Waldegrave Road.

One study group is looking at two possible Conservation areas: the Grove Gardens area, and the area from the Lock to the lower end of the High Street incorporating St. Albans Church and Udney Park Gardens. The group is also looking at the possibility of listing the Station and some housing in the Blackmore Grove/High Street area.

The fate of St. Alban's Church has been constantly under scrutiny. The Committee has lodged a Protective Notice of Appeal to the Privy Council against the planned closure of St. Alban's. Papers are with Counsel at the present time

for advice as to the strength of our case and on its presentation. It is likely to be several months before the appeal will be heard, if in fact Counsel's advice is to proceed.

Convener S.S.
977-8473

Transport Working Group

Much time has been devoted to the proposals for dividing the Mole River Air Traffic Route, Two committee members even underwent a Television interview on the subject - lost later on the cutting room floor. We were also represented at a meeting with the Responsible Minister and other officials, on April 17th. The result of this is now awaited.

The Committee has made objection to our local council's suggestion for an 'Overnight Heavy Lorry Park' in Hampton Road and has supported local residents in their protest.

Currently under consideration are;

1. The provision of Town/Street Guides for visitors and strangers to Teddington.
2. Pedestrian crossing proposals.
3. Traffic Island sites and traffic light re-phasing.

Members wishing to join this group will be contacted shortly.

Convener B.R.
977-7451

Trees Working Party

The TREES WORKING PARTY is able to report that the planting of trees promised for Somerset Road and Linden Grove has been carried out by the Council and that the Society has circularised the residents of these roads asking their help in tending the young trees through their first few difficult months.

We are continuing in our efforts to get as many Preservation Orders as possible on trees in Udney Park Road, and have once more raised the matter of replanting the High Street-Station Road-Broad Street-Waldegrave Road intersection, In the present economic climate Council budgets for such projects have necessarily had to be cut, but we are hoping the Teddington Society may be able to help by donating the odd tree or two and by prevailing upon one or two of the better heeled concerns with offices in the area to do the same, in cooperation with the Park Dept.

No spectacular achievements perhaps, but we are plodding on!

Convener J.B.
977-4546

Riverside Working Party

The Thames Water Authority will not re-open the gate from the island over the rollers to the Lock, because of the danger factor, There is, however, no restriction on people embarking or disembarking from passenger vessels at the Lock, and, we hope that members will try this out!

Speed boats have been giving trouble to other river users, and any quick-sighted person wishing to report excessive speed or improper navigation above the Lock should contact the Thames Conservancy Division of the T.W.A. at Reading - phone 0734-583583, extension 350 - giving location, time, name of the craft and particulars of witnesses. See next Newsletter for details of what to do about transgressors below the Lock!

Following representations about 'too late, too quiet' flood warnings, the Teddington police very civilly explained the flood warning system to us, and, a useful exchange of information and opinion took place. It transpired that as usual it is impossible to please all the people all the time.

We were pleased to be consulted by the Council and, the G.L.C. about the re painting of the footbridge at the Lock, even though all our suggestions could not be accepted.

Our members are concerned about the paucity of suitable slipways for launching small boats, and about the state of the draw dock at Ferry Road. We are at present considering what can be done to improve matters.

Convener J.W.
977-3822

THE TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

Nice and Tidy Group presents:

T E D D I N G T O N I N F L O W E R

The following residents will open their garden to visitors either on May 18 or June 22 from 2 - 5 pm. Entrance is 5p per garden.

On Sunday May 18

9 Grove Gardens	Miss Forder
121 Fairfax Road	Mr Pope
26 Udney Park Road	Mr & Mrs Goodwin
41 St Albans Gardens	Mr & Mrs Krishna

Trowlock Island for boat trips.

On Sunday June 22

Norfolk Lodge, Park Road	Mr & Mrs Bostock
Bushey Park Cottage, Park Road	Mr & Mrs King
36 Cromwell Road	Mr & Mrs Book
The Coach House, Blandford Road	Miss M Geddes (garden & paintings in studio)
39 Clonmel Road	Mr & Mrs Baker

Broom Water for boat trips.

Further details from the Library.

Nice & Tidy Group also report

1. The chairman planted a tree (Liquid Amber *Styraciflua*) on May 12 St. Mary's Church, a contribution from last year's "Teddington in Flower".
2. A sign "Dogs not allowed in Playground" now appears at Broom Road Recreation C-round.
3. It is suggested that at Wades Lane Recreation Ground dogs should be prohibited altogether.

Convener W.D.
977-2502

Subscriptions:

The Year's Subscription runs from one Autumn AGM to the next.

If you have forgotten to pay your 1975 sub - i.e. yellow card inscribed "75" - please do so peaceably to your Treasurer at 12 Clarence Road, 977-5531 or your nearest committee member. Better still contact the Membership Secretary:

Miss T. Mellor - 7 Cherrywood Court, Cambridge Road.

SUBSCRIPTION - 25p MINIMUM

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