

Our society is nearing its second birthday with over 600 members and some good work to look back upon. Newsletter No.9 hopes to report on work done since May and to look forward to events for 1975-76. If you approve of the policies pursued, come to the A.G.M. and give your vote of confidence. If you disapprove come and do that. Suggestions are always welcome, write to your chairman or Secretary or Editor. Money is also received with pleasure.

We try to maintain a good news service. The Public Library is most helpful and displays our programme and supplies information to the inquirer. Our postal service voluntary, unpaid and uncomplaining is better than some we could name. To join the service ring 977 5531.

Our Two Bishops

It is with regret that we have parted with Jeff and Pat Bishop who are moved now to Bristol, where Jeff has a University appointment. They have done invaluable work for our Society in its infancy, Pat as Membership Secretary, Jeff as leader of the Young Peoples Group and as an inexhaustable source of stimulating ideas. Our best wishes to them both.

977 5531 Ed.

OUR WORKING PARTIES

The Social Committee

This group has arranged coffee mornings for three Saturdays in August. If you did not manage to drop in to St. Peter & Paul's Hall on August 2nd, go and rest awhile there on August 30th, bring the shopping and the family.

Our list of "Dates to Remember", see below, also shows that this group works hard to provide varied opportunities for the people of Teddington and their friends to get together.

Young People's Group

The Art & Photographic Competition which was held during June proved very successful and we would like to thank all those people who entered, and hope they will follow our future activities. The winning entries were on display at the Teachers Centre for two weeks and we hope as many people who could, visited the exhibition. A list of the prize winners can be obtained on application. Our next event, we hope, will be the Bonfire Party and if anyone can lend us a hand we would be more than grateful, especially now that we have lost our main organiser Jeff Bishop.

Paul Sanders

The History Working Party

This Group hopes soon to finish its road by road survey of all the buildings in Teddington. When completed, the survey will be kept as a permanent record of how the town looked in the mid 1970s.

Future plans will involve delving into the past history of Teddington and help us in our work we are co-operating with the W.E.A. in holding a course of evening classes, probably starting in January 1976. This will be designed to show us how to piece together the information and historical records we unearth and also to teach us how to "read" old maps and documents.

For members who do not wish or are unable to undertake evening classes there will still be regular meetings and work to be done. For instance, we are receiving offers of photographs and documents (to keep or copy) from longtime residents of Teddington and there are several people we would like to visit to listen to their reminiscences of Victorian Teddington.

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Planning Working Party

Planning permission for redevelopment at 39 Broom Water has been refused by the Council. (P/A Nos. 73/3148, 75/420, 75/540). The developers are appealing against the decision. The Planning Working Party hopes to be represented at the Enquiry, which will probably be held in the Autumn. The appeal number is APP/5028A/75/2567.

The Executive Committee
St. Alban's

Space does not permit the repetition of the arguments for and against any action the Society takes in this matter. But members may be assured that many hours of debate have been spent on this subject.

It was the view of the committee that their basic duty was to examine every facet of the question to the fullest so that future Teddington Residents might know that no acceptable alternatives were available. You may remember that in Newsletter No.3 we said: "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.

The sites of St Alban's and other churches are of the greatest environmental importance (even if only considered as areas for building purposes). The loss of one church could radically change the face of our town.

DATES TO REMEMBER FOR 1975

- 1975
- September 14. A Walk Round Teddington meet 2.30 a Craig Hall for a party of the first 3 applicants to 12 Clarence Rd. 977 5531.
- October 3rd. Barn Dance at Elleray Hall, 8 p.m. 75p. Book now with Barbara MacMahon 977 4965.
- October 24. A.G.M. Elleray Hall and Public Meeting on AIRCRAFT NOISE
- November 5. Bonfire party. 7.30 p.m. Details later.
- November 21. Poetry evening. 8 p.m. 25p. Members 20p. St Peter & Paul's Church Hall.
- December ?? Carol Concert, details later.
- December 19. Christmas Party. Elleray Hall.

1976 Is also full of promise!
Ed.

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