LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

May I welcome you to your Summer Tidings as the 12th Chairman of the Society? A big thank you to everyone at the AGM who voted me into the chair and voted for the talented Alan Benns to be our 10th Vice Chairman. You can read more about Alan inside and our two newest group leaders: James Sinclair and Andy Weston.

We have a busy time ahead with Teddington in Flower, The Village Fair and Pram Race and the River Festival. We hope most of you will take part either by attending the events or helping us run our stall. We have a new venture at the Park Hotel and that's Afternoon Cream Teas. Bring your friends along and try it out for the first time on June 3rd or come alone and make new friends.

The council have taken it upon themselves to put free hanging baskets in each village to complement the Rugby World Cup. Baskets will be planted in World Cup colours - blue, pink and white. We will get 50 placed in the High Street, Broad Street, Victoria Road and Station Road from May-October. We will get 16 baskets in the winter.

The Landmark Arts Centre is celebrating its 20th anniversary in November by installing 5 decorative panels telling the history of the building. The Society has donated £500 towards the £2,000 needed for the task.

The vinyl panels put up by LBRuT to conceal the derelict Bottoms Up site in the Causeway have been removed as the site is being refurbished at long last. Thanks to Bhavna Patel for helping us find a home for them with Corporate Member Faststream Distributors.

Oh and don't let's forget the Phantom Framers! BBC Online contacted me for a quote and several gold framed signs were shown on ITV News! Personally I rather like the gold rimmed "To Bushy Park" sign in my road. Gold framed or not, enjoy your Summer Tidings and if you’d like to participate in Society activities please get in touch.

SHEENA

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR
Donald Bell

This edition of Tidings is dominated by the Society's AGM and elections. You will find an account of the proceedings in the following pages.

We are welcoming three new people to the Committee, Alan Benns, James Sinclair and Andy Weston. And we are saying farewell to two others, Ann Sayer and Jeremy Sandle. We asked Alan to write a few words about himself:

Thank you, Teddington Society members, for electing me as your Vice-Chairman.

For those of you who don't know me I am a TV cameraman and have lived in Teddington for many years with my wife Hilary, who works locally at LGC.

You may be more familiar with my visual work for the Society which includes;

- the filming of Teddington Lights Up each year
- making an award winning film about the area in which we live; Bursting At The Seams
- photography for Teddington in Flower
- Where are they? photos for Tidings.

Last year, with my good friend Rae Williams of the Masons Arms, I revived the Teddington Pram Race which for many years has raised valuable funds for local charities and is fun too. Now it complements the Society's Village Fair as the race ends there.

I hope to give Sheena, the Committee and all Teddingtonians my full support during my term of office. Best wishes to you all.

Alan Benns

DISTRIBUTORS OF TIDINGS

When Tidings is published, a team of dedicated distributors puts a copy through the letter box of every member of the Teddington Society. So it was only right and proper that there should be a tea-party in the Park Hotel to say "thank you" to everyone.
TEDDINGTON ALLOTMENTS
Candy Taylor

Spring brings a flurry of activity to Shacklegate Lane Allotments, Teddington. Swapping laptops for spades and mobile phones for garden forks, my fellow allotment holders and I have returned to the land in earnest. There are potatoes to be planted...seeds to be sown...compost to be made.

As I dig in my heritage potatoes I realise I’m being watched...by the keen eyes of a robin, hoping I’ll turn up a centipede. I stop for a moment to wipe my brow – the robin flits down into the rich, warm soil just at my feet and picks up its free lunch.

Residents have been planting, tending and harvesting vegetables on this allotment site next to Teddington Cemetery for over one hundred and twenty years. I feel proud and privileged to be continuing the tradition on Teddington’s last remaining allotment site and one of the few vestiges left of the area’s market garden heritage. The 1894-96 and 1934 Ordnance Survey maps show that there used to be much more allotment space in Teddington.

This is one small corner of ever-developing Teddington, where time has to a large extent stood still. The array of topsy-turvy sheds look like they’ve been here since Victorian times.

For well over a century, the hedges, fruit trees and the carefully tended vegetables of Shacklegate allotments have been both a sanctuary and source of food for birds, assorted butterflies and moths, bats, newts, frogs, toads and stag-beetles to name just a few. Plot holders generally garden organically so there are also plenty of native food plants (in other words – weeds!).

This is a friendly place where people from all walks of life, and all generations, meet and work alongside each other, often sharing plants, produce and watering duties as well as local gossip! Children passing by, through the cemetery, on their way to Stanley School enjoy seeing and asking about the crops growing and are particularly interested in the chickens kept on one of the plots.

Unfortunately, this could be one of the last Springs that we will enjoy. Richmond Council is intending to close the allotments in around four years’ time, to use the land as additional cemetery space. The site was reduced in size in the 1990s when a section of the area was taken for that purpose. Demand for allotments across Richmond Borough has increased hugely, with all sites having waiting lists of several years.

The Shacklegate Lane allotment holders have banded together to try and stop the closure happening. If like us, you would like to preserve Teddington’s last allotment site for future generations please help us by signing our petition on the Richmond Borough website. Once the site has gone it will be gone forever.

http://cabinet.richmond.gov.uk/mgePetitionListDisplay.aspx
The 2015 Annual General Meeting of the Teddington Society was held at the National Physical Laboratory, on Tuesday 14th April.

The Vice Chairman, Sheena Harold, introduced Dean Sumner from NPL who gave a most informative and moving talk on the five NPL employees who had given their lives as a result of WW1 and which demonstrated the loss to the country of these young lives. His 62-page booklet was available free for members.

Sheena thanked both gentlemen for their very informative talks. She gave the Health and Safety Information and said that in the foyer members could sign up to receive details of the Village Plans with Bill Reed, LBRuT Community Links Officer.

The NPL had two postcards celebrating the 60th anniversary of their development of the Atomic Clock. These were available to members and could be posted free to any address in the UK.

A short refreshment break was taken in the foyer.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER 2014
SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014
(a detailed breakdown is available on the website and from the Secretary)

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Income

| Subs, Donations, Gift Aid Refund | 6,479 | 6,879 |
| Sales: (Publications, Mugs, other) | 820 | 336 |
| Teddington in Flower | 1,192 | 899 |
| LBRuT and Environment Agency grants | 1,840 | 400 |
| Teddington Fair and Pram Race | 5,187 | 1,300 |
| Other | 621 | 658 |
| **Total** | **16,139** | **10,472** |

Expenditure

| Newsletter | 3,522 | 3,302 |
| Donations | 5,384 | 2,728 |
| Other | 6,814 | 4,015 |
| **Total** | **15,720** | **10,045** |

Surplus for year | 419 | 427 |
Balance carried forward | 10,489 | 10,070 |

S A Howland - Hon. Treasurer  
P J Shaw - Independent Examiner

Records from many sources have been examined as well as from more recognised war memorials throughout Teddington and neighbouring areas. There is now a feature on the Teddington Society's website which will enable anyone to trace a person in whom they may be interested via an alphabetical index.

Ken said they were fortunate to be able to follow up on the work developed by one of our members, Valerie Sullivan, who sadly died without completing this task which was her life’s work.
MINUTES OF THE AGM
Judy Asher (Minutes Secretary)

Members Present: John Demont (Vice President), Sheena Harold (Vice Chairman), Sally Howland (Treasurer), Josette Nikiforou, Jenny Michell, Brian Holder, Ken Howe, Geoff Howland, Jeremy Sandle, Ann Sayer, Judy Asher, Donald Bell and about 70 Teddington Society members.

1. The Vice Chairman opened the Annual General Meeting by reporting that the Society’s tribute to the fallen of WW1, a metal sculpture of three Flanders Poppies to be installed in Elmfield Gardens, had gone to public scrutiny and a grant of £440 had been received from the Council. Elizabeth Foster was warmly thanked for donating the major poppy and Mrs Sam Kamleh, of Architecture.wk was thanked for doing the council’s planning application, which cost £195, on behalf of the Society for free.

2. Apologies for Absence
Apologies had been received from Belinda Heal, Beverley Knott, Dr Tania Mathias and Margaret Pollard.

3. Minutes of the AGM held on 10th April 2014
Adoption of the minutes was proposed by June Demont and seconded by Elizabeth Foster and accepted.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes
There were no matters arising.

5. Vice Chairman’s Report
Sheena Harold explained that this year there will be a separate Agenda Item [7] to enable the Group Leaders to report on their group’s work in person to give the meeting a fuller flavour of the large amount of work that they all achieve during the year. She reported that the Society is helping to organise the Village Fair, on 28th June, and that sponsorship is still needed. She also explained that at the end of the meeting John Roxby will demonstrate his Doggie Drinker Mark 3 which he is donating to the Society.

6. Treasurer’s Report
Copies of the Accounts have been published on the website and distributed with the papers for this meeting. Sally Howland expressed her thanks to Pete Shaw for his helpful comments in the preparation of these accounts. Sally spoke to the five main points she had noted in her report. In response to a question from David Lawton it was agreed that the increase in subscription income was most probably due to the increase in the subscription rate rather than an increase in membership. Marlene Bradbrook queried the small amount of interest received from the bank and agreed to have a word with the Treasurer to see if there was a way round current low interest levels to achieve a better result.

7. Group Leaders’ Reports
These detailed reports were available on the Society website and also tabled at the meeting. David Lawton asked why the Ham Hydro Working Group was not included in these reports. Sheena stated that this was because it was not a fully fledged group but was set up as an interim working party to deal with liaison with the Ham Hydro Group. The Teddington and Ham Hydro planning application is covered in several of the other Group Reports especially with respect to potential flooding.

These reports were well received and all given a hearty round of applause. All the groups reported a drop in membership as members move away or become less able and urged everyone to try to increase group membership.

Environment: David Lawton asked Geoff Howland to comment on the noise pollution and environmental implications which would result from an expansion of Heathrow. Geoff reiterated that these are a matter for members to research on an individual basis.

Roads and Transport: In answer to a question from Paula Howell about a slope attachment to the footbridge at Teddington station Brian Holder gave an update indicating that the southern bridge was more likely to be developed as it had more usage. Peter Carter asked about the possibility of a bridge over the Thames at Radnor Gardens which was thought to be only a remote possibility at present.

Flooding: Bob Harris indicated that there was a more modern design which could be used for the proposed hydro scheme which was a result of engineering research in Germany. It could provide electricity for...
The Lensbury and Haymarket. EC funds might be available for this scheme.

Planning: Jeremy Sandle gave the Planning Group Report and, as he is leaving Teddington, handed over to James Sinclair who will now lead the group. A tribute was paid to the sterling work of Michael Foss, a long time member and former leader of this group.

Riverside and Open Spaces: Ann Sayer officially handed over to Andy Weston. This was followed by a presentation to Ann who had led the Riverside and Open Spaces Group for 16 years.

Gardens: Sian Morgan reported that they are still looking for garden sitters to do a 1½ hour slot for Teddington in Flower on Sunday 14th June.

Sheena Harold reported that Pamela McHutchon is now leading Society excursions. 14 members visited the Kings Cross redevelopment and 21 members went to the All England Lawn Tennis Club. The planned visit on 11th May to the Magna Carta site and the Savill Garden is not yet full.

Jenny Michell gave a short review of membership noting that those who have not yet renewed their subscriptions will no longer receive a copy of Tidings. A new event, Afternoon Tea at the Park Hotel, is being organised and it is hoped that members will bring a friend along to introduce them to the Society.

Donald Bell, the editor of Tidings, gave a short review of his ideas for the magazine. The next deadline is Monday 20th April. Louise Humphries requested that solutions for his puzzles should be published.

8. Adoption of the Accounts
The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Sian Morgan and seconded by Jenny Michell. All agreed.

9. Vote of thanks to the Treasurer and the Independent Examiner
A vote of thanks was given to the Treasurer, Sally Howland, and to the Independent Examiner, Pete Shaw.

10. Motions
The Treasurer spoke to the motion that the Constitution and Rules of the Society be amended as detailed on the Green Sheet which had been tabled. She explained that she was proposing two further minor amendments, namely that in Rule 6a "audited" is changed to "independently examined" and that in Rules 8a and 8b, "Newsletter" is deleted and that "Corporate Liaison Officer" is changed to "Corporate Liaison Role". The motion was seconded by Sheena Harold and accepted by the majority of the meeting with a show of hands.

Before proceeding to the Election of Officers John Demont took the chair.

But Sheena Harold returned to take a motion from the floor proposed by Bob Harris and seconded by John Lunt. He wished the Society to introduce a formal complaints procedure such as is available from the Charity Commission website. Sheena felt that any complaints should be handled by an approach to the Society via the Secretary who would then pass on any relevant information to the Chairman who would take appropriate action with the Executive. She pointed out that we are a friendly local amenity society and in over 43 years of existence such a procedure had never been needed. Pete Shaw pointed out that members would have appreciated prior knowledge of this motion in order to give it full consideration. It would have been usual for such a motion to have been tendered before the meeting. He then proposed a counter motion that a formal complaints procedure was not required and this was seconded by Sheena Harold. After some discussion
a show of hands was taken for the motion and as there were only 3 other supporters it was not carried. A show of hands was then taken for the counter motion which was carried by a majority vote.

11. Election of Officers and Committee Members
The Vice Chairman formally left the Chair which was taken by John Demont who recommended to the membership a sense of perspective following the very moving talks that had been given prior to the meeting. He noted that Sheena Harold had been doing the job of Chairman for a year. He paid tribute to the work of Mike Foss who had twice been convenor of the Planning Group during a period of 25 years service. He had made a big contribution to the work of the Society and it is mainly thanks to him that the village atmosphere of Teddington has been maintained. He wished Jeremy Sandle well and welcomed James Sinclair.

He explained that there had been one nomination for Chairman, which was Sheena Harold, proposed by himself and seconded by Sally Howland. Sheena Harold was then elected with one dissenting vote.

With regard to Vice Chairman, he said there had been one nomination, which was Alan Benns, proposed by Sheena Harold and seconded by Josette Nikiforou. Alan Benns was then elected.

The following Officers were then re-elected by a show of hands:

- Treasurer – Sally Howland
- Secretary – Josette Nikiforou
- Membership Secretary – Jenny Michell
- Publicity Officer – Sheena Harold

New Group Leaders were ratified as

- Planning – James Sinclair
- Riverside and Open Spaces – Andy Weston

The present group leaders remain in post:

- Environment – Geoff Howland
- Roads and Transport – Brian Holder
- History – Ken Howe
- Trees and Gardens – Sheena Harold.

The Committee positions of Donald Bell as Tidings Editor and Judy Asher as Minutes Secretary were ratified.

The position of Corporate Liaison is currently vacant following the resignation of Elizabeth Foster.

John thanked the Committee for their hard work during the past year which was heartily applauded by those present. He hoped that the Teddington Society would continue to thrive as Teddington would be all the poorer without it.

12. Appointment of Independent Examiner
Pete Shaw agreed to continue as Independent Examiner for another year and was duly appointed.

13. Any Other Business
David Lawton felt that the Ham Hydro Working Group was worthy of a group spot in the AGM Reports. He was thanked for the work they had done but as it was set up with simply a liaison role which was completed during the year this was not felt to be appropriate.

John Roxby formally presented his Doggy Drinker Mark 3 to the Society and was thanked by the Committee.

Sheena Harold reported that the Council’s vinyl panels in the Causeway would be retained in Teddington and stored by Corporate Member, Faststream Distribution Ltd.

14. Close of Meeting
The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to NPL for the use of their excellent accommodation which had been made available to the Society free of charge.

NPL are celebrating 60 years of the Atomic Clock.

In 1955 Louis Essen and Jack Parry developed the caesium clock at NPL and it later became the standard of accurate time measurement.
RECLAIM OUR RIVERBANK

Andy Weston

In the autumn of 2104 residents living close to Teddington Lock formed a campaign group, Reclaim our Riverbank (RoR), to pressure the local councils, Environment Agency and police to deal with a large community of boats moored on council land upstream from the Lock.

There were about 60 boats and residents were frustrated that their concerns were not being addressed with sufficient priority and vigour.

The riverbank location is on a borough boundary and this creates a complicated situation. It involves Richmond and Kingston Councils, two different police areas and the Environment Agency, and each one has a different set of powers.

Due to the recent good work of the Councils and the Environment Agency there has been a significant reduction in the number of boats but a small hard core still remains to be dealt with.

The Environment Agency and the two Councils have undertaken to give the removal of the remaining boats their full attention but RoR will continue to campaign to make sure that the job is finished and that the situation does not get out of hand again.

To find out more about the campaign or register your support contact reclaimourriverbank@gmail.com

VOTE FOR THE SWAN

According to current issue of “The Lady” magazine, there is a nationwide campaign to get a national bird for the UK, like some other countries. e.g. the USA Golden Eagle. There now seems to be a short list of 5:

  robin, blackbird, hen harrier, swan and puffin.

Surely it must be the swan, because it is everywhere in Britain, and because our country is a monarchy and there are so many historical royal connections.

Also it is “OUR bird” as the emblem of The Teddington Society!!

[Editor’s Note – I was going to suggest the “flying picket” but apparently it has been hunted to extinction]

WW1 MEMORIAL STONES

Richmond Council has installed memorial stones in 6 cemeteries across the borough in which service personnel who lost their lives in WW1 are buried.

This is the one in Shacklegate Lane Cemetery. The headstones are part of LBruT’s programme commemorating the centenary of the outbreak of the war in 1914. The inscription reads:

  We will remember them.
  Those resting within this cemetery who lost their lives during the First World War.

TEDDINGTON and the BLITZ

7th October 1940 to 6th June 1941

Was your street bombed during the war? Look in: http://bombsight.org

The web site lets you see where the bombs fell all over London during the “blitz”.

RED MATCHSTICK PUZZLE

change the position of 4 matches, make 3 squares (solution on page 15 – look for the red coloured heads)
TEDDINGTON WEIR HYDRO SCHEME
Donald Bell

In the Christmas 2013 issue of Tidings, Michael Foss, then the chairman of the Teddington Society Planning Group, described the proposed installation of a Hydro Power Scheme at Teddington Weir.

He asked me to join a working group with David Lawton and Ann Sayer to look at all aspects of the proposal, especially the technical aspects. Then the three of us wrote another article which went in the Spring 2014 edition of Tidings. We also gave presentations to the Committee and to anyone else who was willing to listen. The Planning Group gave an update in the Winter 2014 edition of Tidings and I contributed a short article to the "TW11" magazine.

A great deal of discussion took place over the following year and on 15th April 2015 the Planning Committee of Richmond Council spent several hours considering the proposal.

In principle, the idea has many attractive features. It could be a demonstrator of renewable energy, an educational facility, a visitor attraction, a community project and an example for other schemes to follow.

The Planning Group of the Teddington Society recommended approval of the project in the way it had been proposed, subject to four issues of concern:

- possibility of excessive noise
- increased danger of flooding
- environmental impact
- that construction might start and not finish

But the main Teddington Society Committee then decided that these concerns were so significant that they actually had to formally oppose the Scheme.

I was given the unenviable task of acting as spokesman for the Teddington Society at the Richmond Council Planning Committee meeting on 15 April, so on that Wednesday evening, I found myself in the "hot seat" being grilled by the Councillors on the Richmond Planning Committee.

There are several interested parties, and a lot of different points of view, but I will try to describe the main ones:

- The proposers of the scheme, the "Teddington and Ham Hydro Group", would like to show how a renewable energy scheme can be used to generate electric power without contributing any greenhouse gases to the atmosphere. Similar schemes are already operational or under construction at other weirs on the Thames and other rivers.
- The Environment Agency is very interested in the scheme, but it has to balance three different imperatives. One EA group is tasked with helping to develop renewable energy on the Thames and other rivers. Another group has to make sure that the wildlife is adequately protected and they will insist, for example, on adequate provision for fish passes. And the third group has the task of ensuring that the floods of 2013/14 will never happen again. That may include engineering works at Teddington Lock in the near future.
- The Teddington Society is concerned that the proposal is for a much bigger facility than anything else on the Thames and it has gradually changed from a community project into a commercial development which would not be an asset to the town.
- The preferred site for the hydro scheme is beside the gardens of the Lensbury Club and the Club fears that one of their unique selling points, the "riverside experience", will be taken away, with consequent loss of business and even loss of employment.

The meeting on 15th April lasted over three hours and initially the Councillors voted to turn down the proposal. But after further discussion it was decided to defer the decision to a later date, pending a further report on the issue of noise.

There are a few other similar installations on the Thames. This one is at Romney Lock, near Windsor.

You can get a lot more information from the Internet Ham Hydro Web Site http://www.hamhydro.org/

Proposal to Richmond Planning: ref 14/3732/FUL

Reports Pack for the Planning Committee on 15 April http://cabinet.richmond.gov.uk/documents/g3482/Public%20reports%20pack%20Wednesday%202015-Apr-%202019.00%20Planning%20Committee.pdf?T=10

Video of the Planning Committee Meeting on 15 April http://www.richmond.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/171981
NEW PLANNING GROUP CONVENOR

James Sinclair has taken over the convenorship of the Planning Group from Jeremy Sandle. James has this part of London in his blood, having been brought up in Richmond and Twickenham and living in Teddington for the past 29 years.

He lives in the west end of town, in what the estate agents like to call “The Royals”, between Stanley Road and Hampton Road. His two daughters went to school at Stanley.

James would like to encourage some new recruits into the planning group, so if anybody would like to get involved in influencing local decisions over planning applications and wider planning policy, then please do get in touch. James says that "few of us on the group are property experts, but we all care about the way our town looks."

His email address is: james@sinclairprojects.co.uk

And Ann Sayer wrote in her farewell letter:

Dear Old TeddSoc Committee

The AGM already seems a long time ago, but I would like to thank you very much indeed for the lovely leaving present. Of course, "you needn't have bothered".

I have done my best to keep the beautiful orchid alive with correct aspect and watering etc. and I am pleased to report that the blossoms have not fallen off yet.

And as for the little book of country lore I am actually doing a cover to cover reading job. The tiny essays of 200-300 words are fascinating.

Very best wishes to you and to the new Committee members for a successful coming year.

Fond regards

Ann

YELLOW MATCHSTICK PUZZLE
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TREES & GARDENS
Sheena Harold

Teddington In Flower June 14
We have ten gorgeous gardens for you to visit and a trip to St Mary’s Parish Church will reward you with teas among the tombstones!

What we do need is YOU to help at the gates, taking money and giving out info so if you can spare us just a couple of hours get in touch with Sian Morgan: secretary@teddingtonsociety.org.uk or phone me and I’ll relay messages. Suggestions for local charities to receive some of the proceeds would be helpful too.

Richmond Borough In Bloom
To celebrate its 25th year we’ve organised an exhibition of children’s art through the years. Details on Events page. Do come along and see how talented some of our youngsters are. There will be Application Forms on hand for you to enter this year’s Bloom Awards in several categories. Do enter. Every front garden or window box adds to the delightful ambience of our town. Bloom website is www.Richmond BoroughinBloom.co.uk

Elmfield Gardens
LBruT have awarded us £440 towards two Poppy Sculptures to go with the one that Elizabeth Foster has given the Society. Red Flanders poppies are so evocative of the 1st World War that it will make a lovely tribute to the fallen. We have come up against problems with the Conservation side of things and may have to re-site the art work towards the Elmfield Avenue side of the Gardens. We are grateful to Mrs Kamleh of Architecture:wk for helping us with the complicated planning applications and procedures.

Magnolias
Teddington seems to be the place for Magnolia trees. There are so many lovely examples in town - two in my own garden - so I was interested to learn that Magnolias evolved before bees and therefore they are pollinated by beetles! There are some lovely blossoms out at the moment. Due to hot days and cold nights the blossom is lasting longer, so let’s enjoy it while we can.

PRAM RACE 2015
Alan Benns

The 2015 Teddington Charity Pram Race will be on Sunday, 28th June. This is the second year of the modern charity Pram Race.

Teams will race or walk from The Masons Arms stopping at pubs along the way and finishing at Teddington Fair. There are prizes for fastest and best-dressed teams and also for the most sponsorship raised for our designated local charities.

This year we are helping Teddington and Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group amongst others. Dressing up, decorating your pram, raising sponsorship, but most importantly having fun, is the name of the game.

All details can be found at the Pram Race website. http://www.teddpramrace.org.uk/

Please get your applications in soon. See you there.

GREEN MATCHSTICK PUZZLE
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CONGRATULATIONS
from Geoff Hyde, Chairman of London in Bloom

Dear Sheena
I would like to offer my best wishes on your appointment as Chair.
Please could I take the opportunity to thank the Society from London in Bloom for what it does for our quality of life in our Capital City, as well as locally.

Kindest regards, Geoff
STAND UP PADDLEBOARDING
Teresa Read

River users were amazed on Easter Monday to see this new giant paddleboard on the river at Twickenham. They all asked “what is it?”

Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) came to Twickenham in September 2011 when Active 360 partnered with Twickenham Alive to organise the first SUP races on this stretch of the Thames. The following year, the Blue Mile, a major SUP race was hosted at Twickenham.

Last year, with the help of Twickenham Alive, Eel Pie Island Club SUP (EPICSUP) was formed and now operates from Twickenham Rowing Club.

We have a 17ft Mega Board, which can take 6 to 8 paddlers. The board is ideal for training, group excursions, team bonding or just fun! An after school SUP club is being arranged for local children and will start in May. Let us know if you would like to try it out. More details on the web site http://epicsup.org/

ON LINE WW1 MEMORIAL

The History Group is developing a web site which will have biographies of Teddington people who were killed in WW1. The link is: http://www.teddsoc-wiki.org.uk/wiki/index.php?title=Online_WW1_War_Memorial_for_Teddington

There are plaques like this one in many of the churches and public buildings in Teddington. This one is a puzzle because the name “Cecil H Palmer” appears here but nowhere else. So who was he?

The mystery will be explained in a future edition of Tidings.

TEDDINGTON VILLAGE PLAN
Mamta Khanna

The Village Plan describes a vision for all of Teddington, its businesses and residential areas, and identifies what the Council, residents and businesses can do to achieve the vision together.

It will shape Teddington over the next 5-10 years. It will cover a range of improvements with a long term vision of the area in mind – for example the look and character of buildings, the use of green space, services, community projects and more.

The consultation process for Teddington's Village Plan and Supplementary Guidance will begin in January 2016 and will need everyone’s participation as residents, businesses or local organizations.

More information from Bill Reed, Community Links Officer: william.reed@richmond.gov.uk

TEDDINGTON SOCIETY EXCURSIONS
Pamela McHutchon

Tuesday 21 October 2014
King's Cross Regeneration Walk
14 people joined the walk to see the progress being made by the King's Cross Central Ltd Partnership development.
The whole area is being transformed into new public spaces, restaurants, cultural and educational centres as well as a new business district for companies such as Google, Luis Vuitton and BNP Paribas.
We also visited the moveable Skip Garden and heard about the community work carried out by Global Generation.

Saturday 14 March 2015
A group of 21 took the tour of The All England Lawn Tennis Club. It was a cold and blustery day but we saw the Championship Courts, sat in the Press Interview Room, walked up the famous Hill and had a look at Centre Court where dreams do come true for some. After some lunch, many spent time in the excellent museum.
NELL AND THE GIRLS
John Demont

Jeanne Gask is a Teddington resident and a member of the Teddington Society. Her new book "Nell and the Girls" (Myrmidon Press) is to be published on May 7th 2015 to coincide with the 70th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe).

It tells the story of her English mother, trapped in occupied France during the last war with three young girls to bring up, while Jeanne’s father was interned at Tost by the SS as a British subject. It is a memoir of hardship but is full of moving and heartwarming moments. The developing story is seen through a child’s eyes – her own. She was aged seven at the outbreak of war. More information from: https://www.waterstones.com/book/nell-and-the-girls/jeanne-gask/9781910183113

TEDDINGTON SUMMER MUSIC
Normansfield Theatre, 20, 21, 27 June 2015

20 June - SUMMER IDYLL
The LONDON DVORÁK ENSEMBLE

21 June - 'CON SENTIMENTO'
The MAXWELL STRING QUARTET

27 June - FAVOURITES OF STAGE AND SCREEN
The RICHMOND SYMPHONIC WIND BAND

Tickets are available from the Normansfield Theatre call: 0333 1212 300

BLUE MATCHSTICK PUZZLE
change the positions of 2 matches, make 2 squares
(solution on page 15 – look for the blue coloured heads)

60s FUN BUS
Terry Bray

Our shuttle bus will run 12 hours a day between Richmond, Twickenham and Teddington town centres.

Proposed route (once an hour) Richmond Bus Station, Wakefield Road, Richmond Road, Cross Deep, Pope’s Grotto, Waldegrave Road, Teddington High Street, Ferry Road, Twickenham Road, Cross Deep, Poulett Gdns, York Street, Richmond Road, Cresswell Road, George Street and back to Sheen Road, Richmond.

You will find out about the iconic bands that performed in local venues such as Richmond’s Crawdaddy Club and the Eel Pie Island Hotel in Twickenham, home to the legendary Eelpiland.


And Twickenham Film Studios where The Beatles filmed "Help" and "A Hard Day’s Night", plus other famous haunts and homes in which many of the music celebrities still live today. Look out for the "celebrity" conductors who will be making guest appearances...

More info soon!

TEDDINGTON THEATRE CLUB

The next production in the Hampton Hill Playhouse will be that old TV favourite, Dad’s Army, running from Sunday, May 10th to Saturday May 16th.

Details at: www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk/


LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE
Lesley Bossine

It may seem unbelievable, but this year the Landmark Arts Centre celebrates its twentieth birthday and over the weekend of June 6th and 7th there will be two very special events to celebrate.

On Saturday June 6th the legendary Andy Fairweather Low and his band The Low Riders will give our 20th birthday concert. Ticket demand has unsurprisingly been extremely high with very few top price seats remaining.

Then on Sunday June 7th there will be a free, drop-in open art workshop when we will be inviting anyone to come along and help create a brand new birthday artwork for the Landmark. Under the guidance of Happy Potters’ Una Fagan, we want you to come and make your mark by painting ceramic tiles which will be assembled into a picture and then hung in the Landmark for all to see. We want you to help us create the design too so look out for more information on our website.

Finally, later in the year, the Centre will be unveiling new display about the history of the building, kindly supported by donations from the Teddington Society and Sheena Harold. The Landmark would love to hear from you if you have photos or interesting memories of the Landmark during its time as a church.

Contact Lesley Bossine on 020 8977 7558 or via lesley@landmarkartscentre.org

MY LIFE FILMS
great people great memories
Jessica Palmarozza

My Life Films is a charity based in Richmond Hill that makes biographical films for people living with dementia. These films remind the person of their life story and reinforce a sense of identity as well as providing an opportunity for the rest of the family to celebrate their shared, happy memories.

My Life Films has won a grant to make films for people with dementia in Borough of Richmond; There will be 30 personalised life stories funded by Richmond Parish Lands Charity. Families can register now for free films.

The films are around 30 minutes and are made up of photographs from across the decades, video interviews with members of the family, set to favourite music tracks. There is also a 5 minute narrated version for professional carers to discover more about their patient, to help them deliver personalized care.

My Life Films has been running since January 2014 and has worked with a variety of families across London. From April onwards, the charity will have a special focus on the Borough of Richmond. Our ambition is to make a film package for every single person with dementia in the Borough.

Over the next year, we hope to be at least 30 films closer to this target. We have been building a network of young filmmakers, many of whom are local to the Borough, and having secured substantial funding from the Richmond Parish Lands Charity, we are now ready to officially launch. There is no charge for the films although many families like to donate to the charity.

My Life Films has started working with several care homes in the area as well as with families directly. We are working with Home Instead in Teddington, and with local NHS services. We would be delighted to hear from people with dementia, family members or health care professionals interested in commissioning a film. For more information please email jessica@mylifefilms.org, call 07939105430 or write to 23 Mount Ararat Road, Richmond, TW10 6PQ.
For more information about My Life Films, please visit www.mylifefilms.org
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THE AGM SUDOKU

This Sudoku puzzle is done with letters instead of the customary digits.

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As usual, every row, every column and every 3x3 square must have all nine letters.

When you have finished, the line of grey squares will spell the name of someone who made a big contribution to the AGM this year.

MATCHSTICK PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

[ note by the Editor ]

In the Spring 2015 edition of Tidings, I posed a couple of matchstick puzzles. I thought they were so easy that there was no need to print the solutions. But there were complaints at the AGM! So I have reprinted the original puzzles (the red and green ones) and added two more.

Here are all the solutions. The matchstick heads are colour coded for easy reference.
EVENTS
Compiled by Sheena Harold

Monday 18th May until 25th 10-5pm
BLOOM SCHOOLS ART EXHIBITION

Orleans House Gallery: Celebrating 25 years of the Richmond Borough In Bloom Awards, schoolchildren’s artwork from across the borough will be on show in the Octagon Room. FREE entry.

Tuesday 26th May From 11am
PEG WOFFINGTON COFFEE MORNING

Tony and Betty welcome you to their home, 167 High Street for coffee and homemade cakes. Come and have a chat.

Wednesday 3rd June 3pm for 3.30pm
NEW: AFTERNOON TEA AT THE PARK HOTEL
Come & enjoy Sandwiches, Scones & Clotted Cream, Homemade cakes with tea & coffee for £12 a head. Society officers on hand to chat & circulate.
Bookings to Josette 0203 1742481 or Email the Secretary secretary@teddingtonsociety.org.uk

Sunday 14th June 2pm-6pm
TEDDINGTON IN FLOWER
Visit hidden back gardens and help raise money for local charities. A list of all opening gardens is enclosed. Only 50p per person per garden. Gardeners on hand to advise.

Friday 26th June 4.30pm
LITTER PICK AT THE RIVERSIDE
Annual clean up at the Lock. Meet at the Boat Shop in Ferry Road where you’ll get picks and tabards from Geoff.

Sunday 28th June Noon-5pm
TEDDINGTON PRAM RACE & VILLAGE FAIR

Pram Race starts at Mason's Arms - details page 11. Village Fair, Udney Hall Gardens opens Noon until 5pm Details on page 10. Free entry. Fun for all the Family.

Tuesday 30th June From 11am
PEG WOFFINGTON COFFEE MORNING
Come to 167 High Street to enjoy coffee in good company.

Sunday 26th July 11-5pm
TEDDINGTON RIVER FESTIVAL & RNLI OPEN DAY

The Society will have a stand on the river bank but events will be all around the Lock area so look on the website.

Tuesday 21st July From 11am
PEG WOFFINGTON COFFEE MORNING
If the weather’s nice we may be out in the garden of 167 High Street for coffee and a good conversation.

Sunday 2nd August
HAMPTON WICK FESTIVAL & PARADE

We will have a Society presence in the Parade. See website for more details http://www.hwfestival.org.uk

Tuesday 18th August from 11 o’clock
PEG WOFFINGTON COFFEE MORNING
Another chance to enjoy Betty’s homemade cakes at 167 High Street. See you there.