

Calendar of Events

April

Tuesday, 4th. U3A History Group. 2.00pm

Thursday, 6th. Communion. Hobbies Room. 11.30am

Thursday, 13th. Mercia's Birthday Lunch. 12.00 for 12.45pm

Tuesday, 25th. 'Supper for Snobs' with songs from the Music Halls.

Alan & Vera Baker. 7.30pm (Soc. Comm.).

Saturday, 29th. Humorous Music at the Yehudi Menuhin School. (Soc. Comm.)

May

Thursday, 2nd. Communion. Hobbies Room. 11.30am

Thursday, 11th. Tulips & Turbans. Cherrill Sands. 7.30pm (Soc. Comm.)

Tuesday, 30th. Thames Venturer cruise to Shepperton (Soc. Comm.)

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE'S PLANS FOR YOU

The Resident's Social on 25th April is entitled '*Supper for Snobs*' because a definition of snobs is '*people having similar pretensions with regard to their tastes*'. On this particular evening, the usual cold nibbles accompanying the wine will be replaced by hot savoury snacks. (The savoury bit being in the form of an optional dip). You will settle immediately in the dining room for this light and informal supper and the sequential entertainers will join us there. With the lure of summer coming, we are planning friendly group outings and you have already been notified regarding the first one, a boat trip to Shepperton on 30th May. On this particular trip you will find it fun to view or even try to recognise the backs of the familiar buildings in Molesey, Hampton and Sunbury. If you enjoy the company of a local friend invite them along too. We have total occupancy of the boat for the day but there is an overriding limit to numbers, albeit a generous one, so be advised and book ahead in the office.

Jill Wood

Thank you for your contributions. Please send us your stories, comments, thoughts, ideas, wants, etc. to **David, no.26**,
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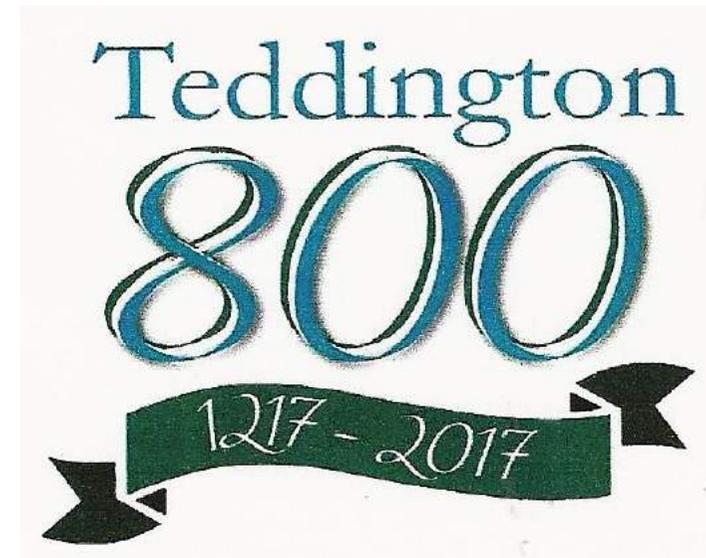
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RESIDENTS VOICE

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2017 is the 800th anniversary of Teddington. See inside

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

John Blackwell

Udney Park Playing Field. A copy of the *FUPPF Newsletter 20* has been pinned to the usual Notice Board, further copies are available from me on-line for other members of your family if you prefer. You have also no doubt seen the latest *Community Update* from Quantum, Having met with Naomi Shinkins to clear up some points of personal interest, she has confirmed that more detailed proposals will possibly not be available until the end of May, early June. Did you spot the rear view of an Owner on their illustration?

Silver Surfing. Our final session, for the time being was on Tuesday, 28th March.

Fullerton Walkers A short drive to a Car Park near Oxshott Station and we were ready to commence our leisurely monthly stroll, this time, across **Oxshott Heath**, amply led by Bill. Crossing, by footbridge, over the A3 we were then on **Esher Common** trying to find the Black Pond. A different route home took us back over the A3 by a different footbridge, back across Oxshott Common. A short walk can become quite competitive when you start trying to out-spot an experienced mushroom spotter. Lunch at *'The Star'* is becoming a habit now, though there is talk of a possible picnic when the weather gets warmer, come and join us.



GARDENING COMMITTEE

I am sure you will agree with me that with the larger trees having had their winter prune (note the mimosa tree before and after), the grass having had its first mowing and with the bulbs, polyanthus and flowering cherries in bloom, I think it is



fair to say that the garden is looking good. If you would like some company to wander round with you to discuss any aspect of the grounds, please just ask, they are yours to enjoy.

Venturing a little further abroad the Woodland Gardens in Bushy Park and the Isabella Plantation in Richmond Park are also a delight, both woodland gardens now have well established plantings of Camellias in flower.

. John Blackwell (Photos: Roy Conway-Smith)

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE PEOPLE WHO SHARE FULLERTON COURT WITH YOU?

Profile of HAROLD HALLE

Harold was born in Germany in 1927. Some years later the family moved to Cheshire and for safety's sake they also spent a year or so in Scotland.

From 1941 to 1945 he attended Oundle School which he enjoyed very much, spending much of his time playing many sports including rugby, hockey, cricket, fives and golf, at which he represented Oundle School.



On leaving school he joined the RAF Z Reserves, being trained in armoury. It was suggested he next trained in parachuting, but he declined this as he has no head for heights!

On leaving the RAF Harold joined the family textile firm. Harold and his twin brother started up a new line, specialised in ladies lingerie. This involved Harold driving some 40,000 miles a year travelling to and fro between Macclesfield and London, with trips to Paris and the continent.

Harold's love of sport continued; for 10 years or more he played hockey for Alderley Edge Hockey Club

and in 1954 he was Captain of Prestbury Golf Club. One year he won the Macclesfield Tennis Park championship, beating several county players on his way to the win. It was through sport, particularly tennis, that Harold met his wife Barbara who he married in 1951. He and Barbara have three children, a boy and two girls. With the help of their children, in order to be near their daughter Debbie, in December 2015 Harold and Barbara moved to Fullerton Court. They are both very much enjoying their time here.

Kathleen Plumtree.

DON'T QUIT

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG as they sometimes will,

When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,

When the funds are low and the debts are high,

And you want to smile but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit,

REST IF YOU MUST BUT DO NOT QUIT

Life is queer with its twists and turns,

As every one of us sometimes learns,

And many a failure turns about,

When he might have won if he had stuck it out;

DON'T GIVE UP though the pace seems slow-

YOU MAY SUCCEED WITH ANOTHER BLOW.

Success is failure turned inside out-

The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,

And you may never tell how close you are,

It may be near when it seems far;

So stick TO THE FIGHT when you're hardest hit-

It's when things seem worst that YOU MUST NOT QUIT.

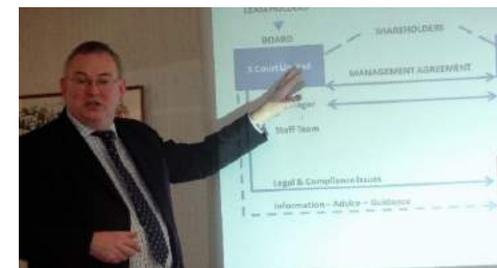
Submitted by Mercia Bullen

THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Jonathan Ross has been accused of shoplifting a kitchen utensil from Tesco. Ross says it was a whisk he had to take.

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Paddy and Mick stagger out of the zoo with blood pouring from them.



'Blow that for a laugh', says Paddy, 'That's the last time I go lion dancing.'

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Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate. When I said white, they gave me a 30 minute lecture on the benefits of brown bread. I think they were Hovis Witnesses.

Submitted by John Bourne

RICHARD SHARPLES COMES TO FULLERTON COURT

On Thursday, 9th March, Richard Sharples came to Fullerton Court to meet the Board and the Owners. Richard was appointed last October as the Chief Executive Officer of Retirement Securities Ltd. He has been visiting all 31 Courts managed by RSL and seeking their views.

The morning was spent with the Board explaining what he wanted to do in this new role and how he would set about achieving his aims. His desire was to update the ethos of RSL, originally set out by Bob Bessell, initially by changing the language used, replacing the term 'Extra-sheltered accommodation' with 'Independence with a Supportive Community'. He went on to explain that there were now weekly meetings within the RSL staff, and regular weekly phone conversations, including conference calls, with Court Managers and Service Managers so as to increase efficiency and reduce travel costs. A number of pilot schemes at individual courts were under way and the results would be circulated. Training



results would be circulated. Training and guidance of our Directors, including meeting directors from other courts, were discussed. He was extensively questioned by the Board. A 2-hour discussion covered many topics, especially on the subject of benefits or otherwise of Care Quality Commission (CQC) registration by the Court. It was agreed that this would be a decision for our Board



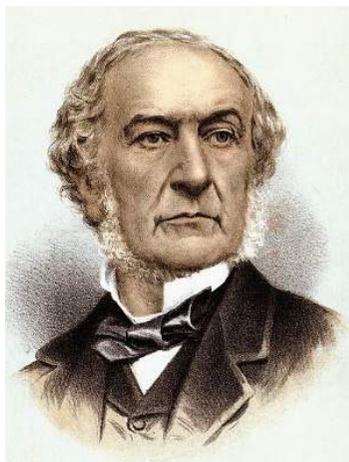
and would not be imposed upon us. Indeed, any decisions would be made by the individual courts on virtually all matters. Other subjects included the concept of bulk-buying by RSL to help in reducing the cost to us of servicing contracts, capital expenditure and carer provision. He also spoke of engaging a new company (*Blue Moon Creative*) to

redesign and improve the Owner's Handbook and the Court Website.

Following lunch, Richard gave a Power-point presentation to the Owners, repeating much of what he had said to the Board earlier, and continued with  a long question and answer session. The afternoon finished with  tea and cakes at which Richard joined the Owners. Afterwards Owners commented on their pleasure in meeting Richard and satisfaction in what they had heard.

HISTORY AT FULLERTON

As indicated in the Residents Voice in March, the Group met on the 7th March. One of the members gave a comprehensive talk on **William Ewart Gladstone**. As he said, Gladstone was a political titan. He entered parliament in 1832 and completed his parliamentary career after being prime minister for the fourth time in 1894 at the age of 82yrs. The talk emphasised Gladstone's promotion of social reform which, in effect, formed the foundation of our modern welfare state. He was also a leading proponent of Catholic Emancipation – centred on the Irish question. However, he was unable to make his desired progress in that



direction. All in all Gladstone persude a unique career which is most unlikely to be matched.

The next Meeting of the Group will be in the Hobbies Room on Tuesday, 4th April at 2.00pm. Residents at Fullerton are more than welcome.
Bill Small

PRE-HISTORY AT TEDDINGTON

Recently a small information sign was erected by the Teddington Society to indicate the position of Teddington's oldest monument, a **Bronze Age Barrow** or burial mound (ca1500 bce). It stood at the point in the road where Park Road becomes Sandy Lane, alongside the Bushy Park boundary. Over the years it became lost as a result of road widening and the building of an electricity substation. At its peak, it was 12ft in height and 96ft in diameter; it must have been an imposing landmark. In 1854 a bronze dagger was found, alongside cremated bones. Although there are 40.000 barrows in Great Britain, the Teddington Barrow is probably unique as being the only one in Greater London.



David Pegler

TEDDINGTON 800

In **1217**, for the first time the Abbot of Westminster was asked to present to the Bishop of London '*a suitable chaplain, with maintenance, for Tudinton*'. This was the point at which Teddington became a parish and was established as a town.

2017 will therefore see the 800th anniversary of the Parish of Teddington, and it is proposed to celebrate this with a programme of community events between June and November to celebrate and engage with our heritage over the last eight centuries. A joint church and community organising committee has already been established and a programme developed. Here are just some of its features:

- A significant launch **service and flower festival** in the church over the weekend of 10-11th June.
- An old fashioned town **sports day** on the 9th July in Bushy Park.
- A **Local History month** (September) including an exhibit on both St Mary's history and on a major town events and developments from each era.

- A '*Visions of Teddington*' art exhibit alongside this where all local groups, schools and individuals will contribute their art, memories and social history, plus '*spoken history*' film of older inhabitants of the town.
- A **river celebration and blessing** in September, recognising its importance to the existence of the town.
- A **Thomas Traherne inspired poetry seminar day** on Saturday, 14th October with an expert guest speaker, performance from voices in the community, a community poetry booklet and an orchestra.
- A **science and religion lecture** on 10th October at NPL, in reference to both the work of the National Physical Laboratory and also the work of Dr Stephen Hales, renowned 18C scientist and Rector of the church for 50 years
- A **newly written community play** called *The Teddington Review* dramatizing key events from the towns history, held in the beautiful Normansfield theatre in November.

The Teddington 800 is all about community and togetherness and making a difference locally. Yes it's technically a celebration of 'the Parish' but parish really just means an area with its own identity and sense of belonging and we want to celebrate that with and for all of Teddington.

To learn more contact Anne McTear, Chair of the Steering Committee on 800@stmarywithstalban.org. The website will be www.teddington800.org.uk.



Rev. Joe Moffatt, St Mary with St Alban Church