

Calendar of Events

June

Thursday, 1st Board Meeting 10.00am

Thursday, 1st Communion. Hobbies Room. 11.30am

Saturday, 10th & Sunday, 11th. Teddington800. Service & Flower Festival

Sunday, 25th Teddington Fair, Udney Hall Gardens, 12 – 5pm

July

Sunday, 9th Teddington800. Old-fashioned Sports-day, Bushy Park

Thursday, 13th Scenic Drive to Shere village for lunch (*Soc. Comm.*)

Thursday, 27th Board Meeting 10.30am

Weekly Events

Monday evening: *Film Night*

Wednesday afternoon: *'Use it or Lose it'* exercises

Friday evening: *Residents Choice*: music



'Doc, I can't stop singing The Green, Green Grass of Home'.

'That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome'

'Is it common?'

'Well, It's Not Unusual'

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Photo: Roy Conway-Smith

Springtime in the parks

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

John Blackwell

Udney Park Playing Field: A copy of the latest Newsletter No 21 from the FUPPF has been pinned to the usual Notice board; further copies are available from me or on-line for other members of your family, if required.

This one didn't get away: My first attempt at Fly fishing

Fullerton Walkers: Our walks, normally on a Tuesday mornings, are leisurely, certainly not strenuous, and finish at a venue suitable for a light lunch. Come and join us, and enjoy the summer weather.

Our next stroll is bus to Kingston Bridge, walk the Towpath, to Hampton Court, often referred to as the 'Barge Walk' 2.5 -3 miles. Planned for Tuesday 13th June, leaving the Court at 10.30am, Lunch at a suitable venue.

CSRF Coach Outing: The most recent outing was to Sissinghurst Castle and Gardens. The main attraction, despite the weather, being the amalgam between the formal designs of Harold Nicolson and the lavish planting of Vita Sackville-West.

After lunch we were able to take a ride in a train with an observation



coach from Tenterdon to Bodiam through the Kentish Low Weald. A short stroll up to the moated Bodiam Castle, time for a cup of tea, and back onto the coach for the drive home, completed our day. The next outing: *Earth Sea & Sky* is on Thursday 6th July.

Extension: 25, Udney Park Road. The boarding, forming part of our neighbour's fence will be removed and the grass made good once the ground floor single story extension has been completed.

A CRUISE TO SHEPPERTON ON THE 'THAMES VENTURER'

Tuesday, 30th May

From Kingston to Walton Wharf to enjoy lunch at *The Anglers*.

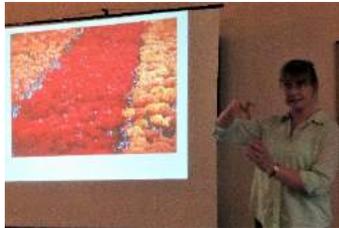




TULIPS AND TURBANS

Cherrill Sands

Thursday, 11th May



Cherrill Sands returned to tell us about the history of tulips - starting in the mountains of North China and travelling along the silk route into the Ottoman Empire (Turkey), where in the 1500's they were developed for the pleasure of Sultan Suleiman in his beautiful gardens, jealously protected by his gardeners. They eventually became a symbol of wealth and prestige and it was the custom of men to

wear a flower in their turban- often a tulip.

They eventually spread into Europe, the first bulbs in Holland being eaten in mistake for onions, but again a symbol of wealth, a single bulb being sold for the price of a house. The tulip was also shown in the design of fabrics and pottery. Dutch migrants around the world spread their popularity, so that we can enjoy a wide variety of colours and designs today, which were illustrated in the beautiful slides also shown by Cherrill.



Joyce Southern

THE RSL TRUST ADVISORY PANEL

24th May 2017

The sixth meeting was held on the 22nd February at the Lansdowne Club in Mayfair, London and was attended by David Pegler as a Southern England representative. Following the unfortunate resignation of Dr Frank Marshall (Marlborough Court, Eastbourne) due to ill-health, Mr D Marks (Melton Court, Poole) was introduced and welcomed as his replacement.

The lengthy discussions of the share buy-back procedure, current and future development plans to raise capital and on the content of the new Trust Deed which will determine retaining the ethos and future of Retirement Security Ltd. in the long-term. It was agreed that, Mr Robin Wendt (Bowling Green Court, Chester), a former Secretary of the Association of County Councils, would draw up an initial draft, with input from the other Committee Members, in time for the next meeting to be held on the 20th September. The full minutes of the Meeting will soon become available from the Office, and it is important that the leaseholders (Owners) read this as it may well affect their long-term future.

David Pegler

CATERING COMMITTEE

Miss Amy Gillman. – RSL Service Manager – attended the mid-May meeting together with all committee members.

We discussed in depth the replies to the recent questionnaire and wish to thank the 22 of you who responded. While 22 replies out of 38 were satisfactory, a higher proportion would have given the committee a better understanding of why the number of diners is so low.

A high proportion of respondents to the questionnaire requested a choice of main course. Although the weekly menus state that alternatives are available except on Sundays, very few people request one, perhaps because a specific alternative is not offered. Although it would be out of the question to provide two full dishes per day, Mrs Sutcliffe proposes to offer a Jacket Potato as an alternative, provided it is requested in advance – filling to be chosen when ordering.

The implications of carrying out a *Brain Storming* session were discussed and a postponement was decided upon. It was thought that making a suggestion would be easy, but much research and investigation would be required in order to assess its efficacy.

As always, the restaurant comments book was reviewed and several changes were proposed. Firstly the popularity of liver and bacon was discussed. It was ascertained that good quality lamb's liver is provided in our restaurant and although a number of residents are not fond of it, many do like it and consider is of value to them. It was decided to leave it on the menu, especially in view of the

proposed alternative mentioned above. Finally the matter of sausages being served twice in week 3 was resolved by a simple substitution.

We were indebted to Miss Gillman for her support and helpful suggestions gained from practices in other Courts. We are due to hold our next meeting on Tuesday 15th August.
John Bourne

GARDENING COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Gardening Committee, amongst other topics, we discussed the condition of the lawns which, given the recent dry weather are generally in good condition

A vote of thanks was expressed to Roy & Audrey Conway-Smith for the time and effort the put into maintaining the Japanese garden.

We are currently trying to maintain and improve the seating area in the corner overlooking the Playing Field

At the risk of being accused of repeating myself; this is your garden, if you have any suggestions for improvement, or would like to help in anyway, please have a word with Mercia, Lin or myself.
John Blackwell

SPRINGTIME IN THE PARKS

The year the arrival of spring has introduced a wealth of new colour and new life to both Richmond Park (photos: Roy Conway-Smith) and Bushy Park (photos: David Pegler).



CHESTNUT SUNDAY Bushy Park, Sunday, 14th May



