

## Calendar of Events

### October

- Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> **The 100 Years War**. Hobbies Room, 2.00pm (U3A History Group).  
Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> **Communion**. Hobbies Room. 11.30am  
Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> **Something to Shout About. Jonathan Jones**, 7.30pm (Soc Comm)

### November

- Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> **Communion**. Hobbies Room. 11.30am  
Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> **The Nostalgic Island**. A talk by **Ron Bavin**, 7.30pm (Soc Comm)

### December

- Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> **Seasonal Celebrations lunch**. Cole Court. 1.00pm (CSRFB)  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> **Board Meeting**

### January

- Tues. 22<sup>nd</sup> **Travelogues of Flowers and Events by means of Audio Vision through the Lens. Ray Woods** 7.30pm (Soc Comm)

### February

- Tues. 12<sup>th</sup> **St Valentine's Day Preview illuminated with music and song. Jennifer Carr** 7.30pm (Soc Comm)

### Weekly Events

**Monday evening: Film Night, 7.30pm**

**Wednesday afternoon: 'Move it or Lose it' exercises, 3.00pm**

**Friday evening: Residents Choice: music, 7.30pm**

### ANSWERS TO QUOTATIONS QUIZ

1. 'verisimilitude'; 2. Big Rock Candy Mountain; 3. A Midsummer Night's Dream; 4. The Importance of Being Ernest; 5. The Tempest; 6. Rabbits; 7. 'Jenny kissed me'; 8. 'and the pig got up and slowly walked away'; 9. Big Rock Candy Mountain; 10. Ivan Skavinsky Skavar; 11. *The King's Breakfast* (A. A. Milne); 12. Lord Byron (*The Destruction of Sennacherib*); 13. G K Chesterton (*Lepanto*); 14. H W Longfellow (*The Slave's Dream*)

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# RESIDENTS VOICE

## FULLERTON COURT



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## The Great River Race 2018

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTS

**John Blackwell**

**Udney Park Playing Fields:** The Richmond Council proposal presented at the Planning Committee Meeting on the evening of Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> September was ‘*Had an appeal against non-determination not been made, the Council resolves that the application would have been REFUSED planning permission*’. The Udney Park Playing Field Planning Application has now been referred by **Quantum** to the Planning Inspectorate, who will review the application. My understanding is that the outcome will be determined by a Public Enquiry run by the Planning Inspectorate.

**Health & Safety:** Our **Quinquennial Electrical Certification** has been satisfactorily completed, including updating of the corridor lighting.

**Front Courtyard Garden:** Plans to discuss possible redesign of the Front Courtyard Garden are underway with James Smallwood.

### KEW GARDENS CHARITY RUN

The alarm went off at 6.30 am. It was Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September and Gillian and I had to catch a bus to Richmond Station. Here we joined an ever-increasing queue of people waiting for a 65 bus to Kew, and it became apparent that this would be very crowded. Everybody seemed to get on, however, and there was a subdued, determined mood as we entered the Elizabeth Gate of Kew Gardens. The Charity Run was clearly very popular.

We made contact by mobile phone with Gillian’s son Robert soon before the runners set off. They were led by an elite group of club runners, clearly in a competitive mood and treating it like a race. As they thundered down the Broad Walk we were careful not to get in their way.

We were at Kew to cheer on Robert’s son Joe, who had volunteered to run 10km in aid of the charity MIND. Joe had managed to do some training despite having to work long hours at the Home Office. The 10km course meandered through the Gardens, and Robert had worked out how to position ourselves to see Joe at least four times throughout the run. Together with Joe’s mother and brother we would dash through the column of runners, which numbered several thousand and had become very elongated, to reach the next vantage point.

In the beautiful weather and wonderful surroundings of the Gardens, the time passed very quickly. We met Joe at the finishing line, together with his fellow runner and friend Lily, and then left the party to have a drink and eat the smoked salmon sandwiches which Gillian had prepared. Our route took us through the recently re-opened Temperate House, which is truly remarkable and worth much more time than we were able to give it. We walked on to Richmond Station, from where we took a bus to Teddington. It was a delightful outing, well worth the early rising!

**Harold**

**Michael**

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

## Profile of LEONIE LAZARUS

Leonie was born in Berlin in 1930. In 1932 the family moved to Switzerland and then three years later to Hampstead. During the war Leonie was initially evacuated to Cornwall but then joined her parents in Cirencester, where she attended grammar school. After the war the family moved back to Hampstead and Leonie attended St. Paul’s Girls School before going on to study English at Cambridge University. Having taken a secretarial course Leonie used her qualifications for a couple of years until, whilst working at an independent school, she found that she enjoyed teaching and she spent the next 25 years teaching English to



sixth form students.

In 1955 Leonie met and married her husband, Allan. They were married for almost 40 years until Allan died 23 years ago after a long illness. Whilst looking after Allan, Leonie had a part-time job working for the Citizens Advice Bureau. Allan and Leonie had two children, Marc and Corinne and Leonie now has three grandchildren aged between 26 and 18. Her children and grandchildren have all done well, with all the grandchildren currently at different stages in their university careers.

When they married she and Allan bought a house in East Sheen, where Leonie lived for 63 years. It was through being a member of the U3A that meets at Fullerton Court that Leonie learned about Fullerton Court and decided that it was time to sell the house and move here, where she has been since April this year. Soon after moving here Leonie wrote the article about her feelings on moving here that appeared in the Court Circular of Summer 2018, in which she said, ‘*While I miss my old home, I am very happy to have found my new one*’ and these

are still her sentiments.  
**Kathleen Plumtree**

UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE HISTORY GROUP



## THE DOOMSDAY BOOKS

The Group had its first meeting of the new session on 4<sup>th</sup> September. A brief history of these books and their background was given. The original basis was the



Danegeld taxes imposed by Alfred the Great to finance defence of the country against the Danes. The Domesday Books provided the detailed information to enable tax to be levied to finance the Norman army. It provided a remarkably detailed assessment of landlords' resources.

These assessments gave rise to great conflicts causing major uprisings particularly in the North. These were mercilessly put down with great devastation to the country.

A royal assembly was convened in Gloucester in 1085 and the survey was launched. The country was divided into seven regions under the tutelage of independent commissioners. The fieldwork was carried out within a month utilising existing records. The surveys provided detailed information on landlords and tenants possessions. Over the next three months commissioners interviewed landowners and completed their work in 1086. The records covered 29,000 estates and 3,000 villages. A separate survey of the Eastern counties provided information on that area. A royal assembly at Old Sarum was presented with a bound volume for the King. The total value of the land in the Domesday Books was £76,000 per year.

A significant feature illustrated by the surveys was a demonstration of the virtual transfer of resources from the English to the Normans.

Meetings of the Group are held fortnightly in the hobbies room on Tuesdays. Future subjects will be 'Aspects of Religion'; the '100 Years War'; and the 'History of English'. Owners are welcome.

**Bill Small**

## WHICH GOD SHALL I CHOOSE?



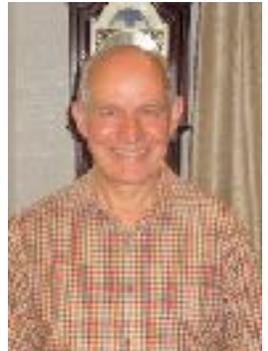
The Group met on 18<sup>th</sup> September. The meeting was well attended with several Owners present. Initially, for example, in the time of Cicero (70BCE) religion with many gods referred to behaviour rather than prayer. In England 'religion' came about 1200CE and took the meaning of monastic vows. The concept of religion was used in the 1500s to distinguish between the domain of the Church and civil authorities. Religions often started with a charismatic prophet. Ancient polytheistic religions such as those of Greece, Rome, and Scandinavia were usually categorised as myths. Now there are thousands of religions, but three quarters of the World's population follows Buddhism, Christianity, Chinese religions, Hinduism and Islam. Each religion has its own rituals particularly relating to death.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 2.00pm in the Hobbies Room. The subject will be 'The 100 Years War'. Owners are welcome. **Bill Small**

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### A FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS

We had two social evening meetings in September: The first on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>** to hear an interesting talk by James Smallwood on '**Introducing the Auricula Flower**' - a plant in the *Primula* family first discovered growing high in the Alps and Pyrenees and later introduced to England probably by French weavers. We were shown beautiful photographs of the different classes and many different colours.



Our second talk '**A Place for Your Fuchsias**' on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>** was given by *Fuchsia* expert **Nick Dobson**. *Fuchsias* were originally discovered South America and are now very popular in English gardens. Once again, we were shown photographs of the many different cultivars forming hedges, garden borders and hanging baskets. We were also given advice on their planting and care, so are now looking forward to seeing beautiful *Fuchsias* in our garden and balconies next year!

**Joyce Southern**



### 31<sup>st</sup> GREAT RIVER RACE 2018

London's annual river marathon, the *Great River Race*, took place on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> September. This spectacular boat-race attracts many overseas crews. It is a fun charity which this year involved 337 boats and 2,400 competitors. The contestants range from sea scouts to veterans, rowing clubs, pubs, police, and armed services. Several boats were from Holland and Rumania. It is now the most prestigious event of its kind in Europe. A punt made entirely of re-cycled plastic was included.

The race covers 21.6 miles starting at 7.45am at Millwall Riverside reaching Richmond at 12.45 pm and finishing at Ham House to a cannon response. The winner becomes the UK Traditional Boat Champion. The photographs below were taken at Richmond Bridge.



### THE DUNKIRK LITTLE SHIPS

Along with several hundred others it was a memory evoking experience to witness 22 'little ships' assembling in Teddington Lock on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. They had assembled as an Association at the Thames Motor Yacht Club, Hampton Court and had journeyed in procession downstream to be together in the large lock at Teddington by 1.30pm. Once the lock gates had been closed behind them, we had access to the lock island green, where at 2.00pm, a short service led by our Parish Vicar, Rev. Joe Moffatt was held, expressing admiration and gratitude for the bravery of the many civilians who took more than 800 vessels to Dunkirk on '*Operation Dynamo*' between 26<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to rescue 238,226 troops from the hands of the surrounding enemy. Two minutes silence was held with banners lowered and raised on military trumpet command. Following the ceremony, the ships sailed downstream to eventually disperse at Richmond.



Jack Nolan

### QUOTATIONS QUIZ

#### What's missing?

1. 'merely corroborative detail to add .....to an otherwise bald and unconvincing narrative'
- 2 Where do 'little streams of alcohol come trickling down the rocks'

#### Where do these lines come from?

3. 'whereat with blade, with bloody blameful blade, he bravely broached his boiling, bloody breast'
4. 'A handbag?'
5. 'Full fathom five thy father lies'

#### Please complete

6. 'Once upon a time there were four little .....
7. 'He arrived just in time to exchange a last line with .....
8. 'You can tell a man who boozes by the company he chooses and .....
9. Where are 'all the jails made of tin'?
10. Who 'donned his most truculent sneer'?

#### Which rhyme does this come from?

11. 'I'll go and tell the cow, now, before she goes to bed'
12. 'The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold'
13. 'White founts falling in the courts of the sun'
14. 'Beside the ungathered rice he lay, his sickle in his hand'

See Back Page for the answers

Michael Harold