

## Calendar of Events

### January

**Thurs, 3<sup>rd</sup> Communion.** Function Room. 11.30am

**Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> Owners Meeting.** 2.30pm

**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

**Thurs, 7<sup>th</sup> Communion.** Function Room. 11.30am

**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**

1. Teddy Roosevelt; 2. Franklin Roosevelt; 3. Bill Shankly (Liverpool football manager); 4. Adlai Stevenson (US Presidential Candidate); 5. Sir Stafford Cripps (Chancellor of the Exchequer); 6. Benjamin Disraeli; 7. William Shakespeare (*Macbeth*); 8. Oscar Wilde; 9. Oscar Wilde 10. Duke of Wellington (at Waterloo).

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# RESIDENTS VOICE

FULLERTON COURT



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**Tomorrow, is the first  
blank page of a 365 page  
book. Write a good one.**

Happy New Year

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Structure and Objectives of the Board

Fullerton Court is a limited company, subject to Company Law. The Owners are the shareholders, and they elect five Board Directors, of whom one is selected as Chairman. The Services Manager from Retirement Services Ltd. acts as the Board Secretary and provides guidance to the Board. The minutes of the Board meetings are made available to Owners and placed in a folder in the Lounge. The Board is most anxious to assure all Owners that the Directors, individually and collectively, work to safeguard their interests, typically but not exclusively, under the following headings: **(a)** financial accounting; **(b)** timely submission of statutory accounts; **(c)** legal matters affecting the company; **(d)** employment of staff; **(e)** maintenance of buildings and grounds; **(f)** standards of housekeeping and catering services; and **(g)** adequate financial provision for future maintenance. Board decisions are made by a majority vote of the Directors following consideration of the issues, and the Chairman acts as the spokesman of the Board.

The Catering Committee, Gardening Committee, and Social Committee routinely contact the Board for information and action if necessary. Good communication with the Owners is of major importance to the Board, although it needs to be appreciated that there are times when confidentiality must be maintained. In addition to the Annual General Meeting and the Owners' Meeting, each Board Director will address the concerns of individuals at any time and explanations whenever possible will be forthcoming.

Needless to say, the ongoing diligence of the Court Manager and all her Staff, working with the Board, is essential to the Owners' well-being and to the smooth running of Fullerton Court.

The Board, the Court Manager and all the Staff aspire to operate as a team on the principles of **(a)** working openly and honestly; **(b)** showing genuine interest in each Owner; **(c)** accept responsibility for investigating

any faults; **(d)** seeking to work together and showing respect at all times; and **(e)** always seeking to improve.

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

### Profile of MICHAEL HAROLD

Michael was born in 1935 and walked about a mile to a local school throughout



the war period. There were air-raid shelters in the school and in the local parks, and gas masks were carried. Luckily, the Luftwaffe did not visit very much, but he did once see a doodlebug (V1) from the top of a no.16 bus. He remembers cheering outside Buckingham Palace on VE Day. Later that year he went to Owen's School in Islington, where he was very happy and eventually became Head Boy, having represented the school at cricket, football, athletics and small-bore rifle shooting. It was here that he became interested in music and went to several operas at nearby Sadler's Wells.

Michael was called up for National Service in 1953 and posted to Munster. He was a gunner in the Royal Horse Artillery, and the tedium of life was relieved by a Geordie who supplied great, if crude, entertainment. He went on military exercises over northern Germany, but off-duty was able to visit Rotterdam, the Salzburg Festival, Vienna and the Rhine valley.

On his release in 1955 he went to St Catherine's, Oxford, to read physics. There he learned to play bridge as well as some quantum theory. After three years he went on to study for a master's degree at the Archeological Research Lab, and finally, in 1961, found a job at the Rutherford Laboratory. This was to work on particle accelerators, designing beam lines and magnets. During his time there he spent time abroad, principally at Stanford, Los Alamos, Vancouver and CERN.

Michael married Susie Cotter in 1964, and they had four children - a son (d) and three daughters. Encouraged by a friend, he started going on long-distance walks, but Susie contracted MS, and then cancer. She died in 1993. And Michael re-met Gillian May, last seen in about 1945, and they married in 1996. On his retirement

he joined her in North London in 1998. His principal interests are music, reading and cryptic crosswords.

### QUIZ: WHO SAID THAT?

1. Talk softly and carry a big stick.
2. The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.
3. Football is not a matter of life and death-its more serious than that.
4. Eggheads of the world unite, you have nothing to lose but your yokes.
5. Work or want.
6. The Treasury bench remind me of a range of extinct volcanoes.
7. If it were done when t'is done, then t'wer well it were done quickly.
8. The truth is rarely pure and never simple.
9. The only way to get rid of temptation is to yield to it.
10. Hard pounding This gentlemen, let's see who can pound longest.

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Bill Small

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CHOIR Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December



The juniors of St Mary's & St Peter's School joined us on Wednesday to give a rendition of some Christmas songs. There were 40 children all with beautiful voices and even some clarinet players. With renditions of *Rudolph*, *the Red Nose Reindeer* and *Away in the Manger* the children certainly have something to be



proud of. The Choir always enjoy coming to the Court and we greatly appreciate their visit, giving the lounge a real Christmas feeling.  
**Lin Sutcliffe**

### SOCIAL COMMITTEE

### 'NEW': BRIDGE GROUP

Several of the Residents at Fullerton have expressed an interest in playing Bridge. I am prepared to organise this on an informal basis. A meeting of those who are interested would be useful; to gauge the numbers involved and discuss on what basis the Bridge could be arranged.

As a first step, could people let **Louise Humphrey** know they are interested, either by note or email: [ayemel94@gmail.com](mailto:ayemel94@gmail.com)



Louise Humphrey, Appt 38

### RECYCLING OF ELECTRICAL WASTE

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018, Richmond Council has announced that broken or unwanted, small, electrical items, such as toasters, radios, irons can be taken and left in the new **WEEE** (*Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment*) **BIN** at **Teddington Library**. In this way unwanted items are not only disposed responsibly but can be re-cycled.

### UDNEY PARK PLAYING FIELDS

**Local Green Space** (LGS) decision: A local resident has appealed in the High Court over the decision by the Planning Inspector to remove the LGS status for the Playing Fields. A judicial review will argue the decision was flawed as LGS status clearly fulfilled National Policy criteria. Neither the Council nor the Planning Inspector will contest the case.

**Public Enquiry:** The developer *Quantum* has appealed against the Planning Committee decision to reject their planning application. A 10-day public enquiry will commence on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 to object to this *Quantum* application.

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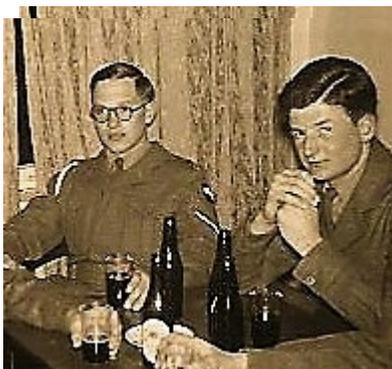
**THE SENILITY PRAYER:** *Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.*

### A GUNNER'S TALE

The year was 1955. Much to my surprise I had just been promoted to Lance Bombardier in the Royal Horse Artillery, which made life in Germany as a National Servicemen a little more interesting. I was being driven in a jeep, with a radio contact man in the back. The driver was a very pleasant man called Neil Moore (photo, right), who like me (photo, left), was due to go to college in the autumn. But this was winter, and the road was straight, narrow and very icy. Because of the ice, Neil was driving cautiously.

I forget what our mission was, something dreamed up to keep us occupied, I suspect. But nobody had warned us about the dog. We saw it from some way off, in the middle of the road, trotting towards us. Any sensible dog would have got out of the way, but this one held its position until Neil, having a kind heart, had to brake quite suddenly to avoid it.

As I said, the road was very icy, and the jeep did a 180 degree turn and ended on its side in the ditch. I could not move because Neil was on top of me, but the radio man in the back was sending an SOS with great enthusiasm. Nobody was hurt, and eventually we were picked up and returned to base, with no injuries but lots of hurt pride. Neil was put on a charge, rather unfairly, I thought. He was fined ten shillings for not running over a dog. **Michael Harold**



### UNIVERSITY OF THIRD AGE HISTORY GROUP BISMARCK AND RISE OF GERMAN EMPIRE



Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November

The Group met for the last time before Christmas to discuss Bismarck and German reunification. **Bismarck** (1815-1898) came from a Prussian Junker family. His aim was to further Prussian interests which initially he pursued in the Prussian legislature. When Chancellor and Foreign minister he was concerned to avoid Prussian 'encirclement' by France, Austria and Russia. He pursued that policy pragmatically working to play one country against another. With Moltke and Roon he reorganised the Prussian army and it became a formidable force enabling quick victories against Denmark, Austria and France. Against that background he was able to form a German Federation. In



effect he transformed the European political scene. Domestically he pursued advanced social policies. He was dismissed by Wilhelm II in a dispute over control. He died in 1898. The next meeting of the Group will be on 8<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm. Owners welcome. **Bill Small**

### A FIRST FOR FULLERTON COURT



Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018 was a very special day when the Chairman of the Board of Directors, **John Blackwell** and Director **Hélène Elston** married. The wedding was held in the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin in Hampton. The couple met when Hélène Elston moved in next door to John in 2016. They immediately became fast friends and almost inseparable. John proposed in the spring of 2018 with Hélène immediately agreeing. The wedding was a beautiful affair with the service being led by the Rev. Ben Lovell. The Bride looked gorgeous and dressed in a beautiful velvet dress with the groom dressed to coordinate with his bride. The church was almost



full and there were many happy faces. Certainly, a blessing for this time of year and we would all like to wish the happy couple all the very best for the future.