

Drama Group

Starting in January, Rosemary Johnson, who spoke to some of you at the Open Day, will be organising our new fortnightly Drama group on a Friday afternoon. A number of people have expressed interest already and Lyn would like to know of any members who would like to join the drama group. Some of the Teddington Safer Neighbourhood Team will be joining the group and we're going to have a really good time.

Christmas Sleigh Walks

Sleigh Walks are from 6 to 8 on Monday 7 December and Wednesday 23 December. Come and join us to collect for Elleray Hall and to give small children an enjoyable occasion.

Open Day

Judging by the positive comments received, those who came to the Open Day on Tuesday 27 October all had a jolly good time. The positives to come out of the day are that we have one new member, a "lapsed" member has rejoined, Orione House residents are hoping to visit on a regular basis (this includes Annie Banazak who we were all pleased to see) and with a record number of councillors in attendance. Hopefully they will tell all the over-60s they come into contact with that we're a great club and they should all come along! The stars of the day had to be Mustard the barn owl and the very gentle Guy the gorilla. Eric entertained us in the morning and fifteen of the Carolinas in the afternoon. A big thank you to them and to all the volunteers who worked extremely hard and without whom the day wouldn't have been possible.

November Events

- Tues 10 Eric entertains (11 am)
Thurs 12 PepsiCo Volunteers Day
Fri 13 Yoga with Carol (1 pm)
Tues 17 Beauty with Rose (from 9.30)
Wed 18 Beauty with Rose (from 9.30)
Sat 21 Christmas Fair (don't forget to buy your raffle tickets)

Thurs 26 Chiropody with Kevin (from 9.30)
Teddington turn on their Christmas lights (6pm at Elmfield House)

Fri 27 Yoga with Carole (1 pm)
Mon 30 Chiropody with Kevin (from 12.30)

December Events

- Dates for Beauty with Rose have not yet been confirmed
Thurs 3 Elleray Hall's Christmas party
Tues 8 Chiropody with Kevin (from 12.30)
Mon 14 Outing: Mickie Driver's Palace of Varieties Christmas Lunch (leaving at 10.00 am)
Wed 16 Outing: Snow White at Richmond Theatre (leaving at 1 pm)
Thurs 17 'Let us Entertain You' (12.45-2.15)

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Christmas Fair

Please come along and bring all your friends on Saturday November 21 at 10.30 to 1. Lots of preparations have been made and we hope that it will be a very positive occasion, both for meeting people and for making money. Please make sure that you sell plenty of raffle tickets — they are cheap and the prizes are terrific!

Would you like a New Friend to visit you?

The Richmond Consortium is working with the local Voluntary Care Groups to provide a befriending service for older, isolated people in the borough. It's specifically designed to support and provide companionship - someone to talk with and listen to you. If you'd like to be befriended or know of someone who would like to receive regular visits then please call Liz Harrison or Pat Harper on 020 8943 1807

Stanley Infant School

Sarah Peterson, the Music teacher at Stanley Infant School, will be bringing her choir of 6 and 7 year-olds to join us for our 'Let us Entertain You at Christmas' show on Thursday 17 December. The children will join our singing group to sing some festive carols but will also sing one of their favourite songs to us. This is the start of a new venture with the school and will be the first of many get-togethers with the children. We will also be taking our singing group to the school to sing with the children nearer to Easter. Do come along on 17 December and support them. Invite your relations and friends too.

Chiropody

Please note that Kevin is unable to be here on Monday 16 November. The date has been changed to Monday 30 November. For those of you who have made an appointment, please let Lyn know if this isn't convenient. Poor Kevin hasn't had a holiday this year and so is taking some leave so as to recharge his batteries.

PepsiCo Volunteers Day

Following the success of the PepsiCo volunteers' day last year, on Thursday 12 November we will have another group of PepsiCo employees volunteering at Elleray Hall. They will be helping out in various ways and running activity sessions: in the morning (10 - 12) there will be an opportunity to make Christmas decorations and you can also plant bulbs for a beautiful spring display (10 - 12 and 2.30 - 3). Please give the volunteers a warm Elleray Hall welcome.

Au Revoir, not Goodbye!

Jen, our cook is leaving us this month. She is going to have a change of scene and work with children! Come and say "Cheerio" on Friday 6 November, her last day with us. Thank you Jen for the thousands of lunches cooked since you came to Elleray Hall in 2006; we wish you all the best for the future.

Many thanks must also go to Julie and Frances for all their hard work in the kitchen.

Christmas Party

Still on the subject of lunches we are taking bookings for the Elleray Hall Christmas party on Thursday 3 December (please arrive 11.30 for lunch at 12). This includes a traditional three course meal with wine, entertainment, tea and cake all for £5 per head! This event has been generously subsidised by Hampton & Hampton Hill Philanthropic Society. Places are limited so book early!

Anyone for table tennis?

Some members are interested in playing table tennis. We have a table but no bats or balls! So if you know of any unwanted bats or balls we would appreciate them.

Future Silver Threads Parties

7 November ; 5 December

We would like more to come each month. Is there anything we can do to encourage you? Please try to come to the December Silver Threads. Our entertainers are the Connaught Opera who are superb entertainment.

Lottery

Congratulations to our lucky October winners: Kit Bass, Doreen Coward (Doreen is on a winning streak as her number was drawn two weeks in succession!), Helen McDonagh and Jen Boswell.

A big thank you to all who support the Elleray Hall lottery - it raises £24 each week for the club. Many thanks also to Ivy and Roy for running the lottery.

News of Members

Eileen Grimshaw is in Teddington Hospital and would welcome visitors. Jenifer has kindly been bringing Eileen in for the singing group and it's great to be able to keep in touch. It was lovely to see Anne Banazak at the Open Day. Anne is no longer able to attend on a regular basis due to health reasons, but at least she was able to get to this special event with a party from her home. It was also good to see Ron Cooper, from Richmond Older People's Forum.

If you know of any member who is in hospital, unwell or has something special to celebrate please tell us in the office.

Coffee Morning

Teddington and Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group are holding their Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 28 November 10.30 - 12.30 at Teddington Methodist Church. This includes a "bring and buy" sale so you can pop in for a drink and biscuits as well as getting some festive shopping.