

# Teddington & Hampton Wick Voluntary Care Group

**SPRING 2015**

**Dear Everyone**

It seems a very long time ago that we were singing carols at our Christmas party! In January we celebrated the New Year by going to 'Merit's' for a lovely New Year's lunch. It proved so popular that we will be using the same venue next year. Now Spring is well on it's way and we have just planned our Spring/Summer outings (please see the enclosed form). Do join us on some, if not all of these. All you need to do is fill out the form and return it to the office or just call us on **0208 943 3112**. We will then put your name on the attendance list and let you know full details nearer the time of the outing.

Enjoy the beautiful Spring, it's my favourite time of year!

***Ali***



## **A FEW WORDS FROM MARY.....**

Hello Everyone

What a busy winter it has been for our group, from our Christmas Coffee Morning through to our trip to East Molesey for Bell Ringing and Pub Lunch. The entertainment was a marvellous addition to our Christmas Party. I don't know about you but I have thoroughly enjoyed every trip I have been on.

As Chairman, I have to deal with the more serious side of things but being part of such a 'Happy Band of Clients and Volunteers' makes it all worthwhile. The main problem the Trustees have is the diminishing funds and we are pursuing any ideas for getting cash in the bank. Have you any ideas?

I would like to take this opportunity to give Miranda and Ali a big round of applause for their amazing work in running the office. They are so dedicated, kind, hardworking and a pleasure to work with.

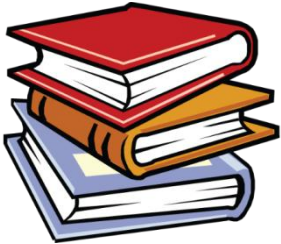
Mary

## **DO YOU LOVE READING, BUT CAN'T GET TO YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY?**

The Library Service provides a home delivery service of books, CD's, audio books and DVDs for residents of the borough who, because of age or disability are unable to leave their home or get to their local library.

This service is free of charge to all residents of the London Borough of Richmond. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving this monthly service, please speak to a staff member at your local library.

Call 020 8734 3308



## **We went bell ringing!!**

On Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February we went bell ringing at St Mary's church, East Molesey. Following tea/coffee and biscuits, we were treated to a very interesting talk and demonstration by Jane Masters and her bell ringing colleagues. We were able to purchase delicious jams and marmalade before going across the road to the Bell for an enjoyable pub lunch.

## **The Teddington Village Fair and Pram Race**

The 2015 Teddington Village Fair and Pram Race will take place on Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> June. We are taking part this year! The pram race is organised by the Teddington Society and part of the money raised will be donated to us.

## **Do you like good old fashioned musicals?**

On Saturday, 14th November we have booked theatre tickets for a matinee musical performance at the Normansfield Theatre. Places are limited and further details will appear in our Autumn newsletter. So watch out for it!



## Promoting the good work we do.....

As some of you know, we have been having a film made to promote our charity. This has been kindly constructed by Alan Benns and we hope to be able to show this to you at some point. The film will be available to view on our website so that the general public can see the type of work we do. It is hoped that this will attract more volunteers, clients and even shopping bus drivers (which we are in desperate need of).



## SCAMS!

A reminder **NEVER** to let a stranger into your home, male or female even if they sound distressed and ask to use your phone. This can be a scam. Do not open the door, call the police and they will investigate the incident.

Also, never give any personal details to anyone who calls you via phone especially bank details. Report the call to the police if you are at all suspicious.

## **Does your older persons Freedom Pass expire on 31 March 2015?**

If your older persons Freedom Pass expires on 31 March 2015 you should have received a letter inviting you to renew your pass using your unique renewal number.

Replacement Freedom Passes are currently being sent out to those who have completed the renewal process, and they will receive them by 31 March. If you haven't yet renewed, you should do so as soon as possible, so that you receive a replacement pass before your old one expires.

You will need to return the paper form that was enclosed with your letter. If you would like to try renewing using the website yourself, ask a friend or family member to help, or visit your local library for assistance. It is worthwhile contacting your library first to check what support is available and whether you need to make an appointment to use their computer with help.

If you have lost your pass or haven't received a letter - Call the helpline on 0300 3301433 (local rate) to request a replacement letter (open Monday - Sunday 8am to 8pm).

## **OUTINGS**

**COFFEE MORNING** – Come along and have coffee with us on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> June. We have a wide range of books to buy and there will be homemade cakes. Transport can be provided.

**See Booking Form for details.**

**THE SWAN PUB LUNCH** – On Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June we will be going to The Swan at Thames Ditton for a pub lunch. This is always very popular so book now to avoid disappointment. Transport provided.

**See Booking Form for details.**

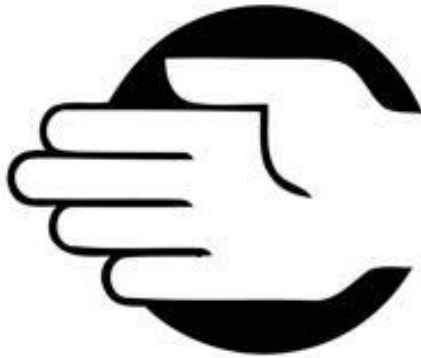
**HOLLY LODGE CENTRE** – Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July. Tour of the Victorian room, Victorian pharmacy and kitchen garden. Come along and learn more about Richmond Park, including its wildlife and fascinating history. The experience should be fun as well as educational. Transport provided.

**See Booking Form for details.**

**SUNBURY WALLED GARDEN** – Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. Join us for a stroll around the garden followed by tea and cake. Lovely! Transport can be provided.

**See Booking Form for details.**

**EVENTS** please contact the office if you would like to come to any of our events 0208 943 3112



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