

NETWORK

The Newsletter of Whitton Network

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Summer 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual The Annual General Meeting of Whitton Network was held on Monday May 13 2019. The election of the Committee of Trustees was: -

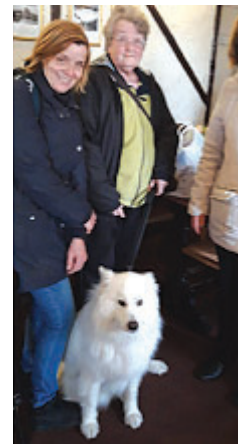
Chairman:	Hugh Patterson	Secretary:	Sheila Wookey	Treasurer:	Chris Bligh
Committee:	Margaret Clarke		Frances Grant		Val Irvin
	Mike Kerslake		Jenny Lowe		Jean Watkin
	David Willis				

In his report the Chairman, Hugh Patterson, gave an up-date on our figures and services provided in the past year. He thanked Frances Grant, who has stood down from her role as Secretary after ten years. Frances is still an enthusiastic volunteer and has kindly agreed to stay on the Committee. Hugh welcomed our new volunteers – Anna Hextall, Rodger Sworn, Geoff Inman and Heather Eva with Huby (the therapy dog).

Hugh also thanked:-

Our funders: - The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity, Dene Estates Residents Association, Twickenham Rotary Club, Coffee Bean Whitton and the Duke of Cambridge Whitton.

Our clients: - for their very generous donations and legacies over the past year.



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Special Birthdays Congratulations to Frances Grant, Demelza Jones and Carrie O'Neill who are celebrating special birthdays.

We must also thank Frances Grant for her generous birthday donation and hope she enjoyed her spectacular cake!



Birthday celebrations for our three volunteers

60th Wedding Anniversary Margaret and Derek Clarke on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

A new grandchild Demelza Jones on the birth of her new grandchild.

WHITTON HIGH STREET'S ST GEORGE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Whitton Network would like to thank everyone who donated plants and raffle prizes for our stand at the St George's Celebrations on 20 April. We raised over £230. What a great result!



OUTINGS PROGRAMME



In December we enjoyed a Christmas Tea at Pembroke Lodge. This was followed by a tour of the Christmas Lights, all sponsored by the Twickenham upon Thames Rotary Club. We also visited Hounslow Evangelical church where we were treated to a Carol Concert and Tea. Our Spring trip was to Kew Gardens.



We are planning other trips including a Coast Trip, The Connaught Opera at Hampton and a Summer Tea. So, if you have not had the opportunity to go on an outing or tea, don't be disappointed as you will be invited in the near future.

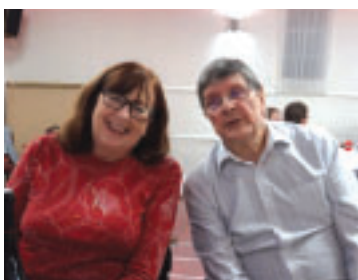
*Top: Christmas Tea at Pembroke Lodge
Bottom: Kew Gardens outing*

TWO SCAMS TO BE ON YOUR GUARD AGAINST

**SCAM
ALERT**

Beware the Blue Badge parking con: A fraudster, pretending to be a Council Parking Attendant, is approaching blue badge holders and telling them they need to register their vehicle at a parking machine. This is false. The thief tells them to put their card into the machine and watches as they enter their PIN. He then tells them that the machine has "swallowed" their card and encourages them to go, leaving him in possession of their card and PIN. The council have advised that it is not possible for the machine to "swallow" your card. **IF YOU ARE CONCERNED YOU HAVE BEEN CONNED CONTACT YOUR BANK AT ONCE SO THAT YOU CAN CANCEL YOUR CARD.**

The bogus builder: Fraudsters are going around claiming to be from reputable companies. Always check the credentials before making any payment or allowing work to be carried out on your property.



DERA RACE NIGHT

Several volunteers attended a race night hosted by the Dene Estate Residents' Association. Great fun was had by all and the proceeds of the evening were donated to Whitton Network.