

WHITTON NETWORK NEWSLETTER

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Summer message from our chairman

Welcome all to the summer newsletter from Whitton Network, and after a slow start to the summer and some bad weather, we are pleased that the sun finally decided to show its face. We've had a busy couple of months where we hosted a contemporary dance troupe in March supported by the Whitton Baptist Church, took a group to visit Kew Gardens in May and had a day out to the seaside in July, which although windy it at least remained dry! We also hosted a stall at the Whitton St. George's Day parade which raised over £250.

We remain committed to providing support through transport, shopping, befriending and outings to as many vulnerable people as possible in the Whitton and Heathfield wards in the Borough, and we couldn't do this without the ongoing support of our main funders the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and the Hampton Fund. This year we also successfully applied for funding from the National Lottery Community Fund, which will help us to continue the good work that we do thanks to our team of tireless volunteers. We are so very grateful to all of our clients and for their continued donations and support of the Network, and we hope to see you at an event soon. All the best

Hugh Patterson - Chairman



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING UPDATE

The Annual General Meeting of Whitton Network was held on Monday 20th May 2024. The election of the Committee of Trustees was as follows: Chairman, Hugh Patterson; Treasurer, Richard Hurdle; Secretary, Linda McHugh; and the Trustees elected for the year were: Nan McCreadie, Mary Sangtabi, Rosa Sworn and David Willis.

The Chairman's Report, 2023 Minutes, and Annual Accounts were all approved by those who attended. Hugh thanked Val Irvin and Greg Addington who both stepped down as trustees this year. He also thanked the friends and families of Evelyn Heavey, Myrtle Mowle, Majorie Mitchell and David Salter who had made donations totalling £1,800 during 2023/24 to the network as they had all sadly passed away during the year.

APPLYING FOR A BLUE BADGE

Don't forget that a blue badge is allocated to you as an individual passenger NOT the car, and you don't need to be a driver to apply for one! Many of our clients struggle with mobility and with lots of new controlled parking areas around the borough, it is becoming increasingly difficult for our drivers to park close to your destination. If you have access to the internet the easiest way to apply is online here: https://www.richmond.gov.uk/blue_badge_apply or call the Supported Travel team at Richmond to discuss your needs or if you need an application form sent out to you on 020 8831 6096



ST GEORGES DAY STALL, KEW GARDENS AND ROTTINGDEAN TRIP 2024



MONDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AND A 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Our weekly free coffee morning continues to be well attended, and since the start of this year we've hosted some 500 people and provided literally 1000s of cups of tea and coffee. It takes place every Monday morning from 10.30am till 12 noon, in the Whitton Library Annexe and is free of charge, thanks to the Richmond Library Service for their continued support. Please do pop in to say hello if you're available on any Monday morning. No need to book, just turn up and a warm welcome will greet you.



We had the honour of celebrating the 100th Birthday of one of our members John, back in April this year! Congratulations John from all the network volunteers, and your coffee morning friends

DATE FOR THE DIARY

Thursday 3rd October - Along with AGE UK Richmond, we will be taking a group of our clients to see the Connaught Opera perform, and this time we are being hosted in Hampton Hill Theatre. **The performance will take place at 2pm.** If you are interested in attending, and due to limited spaces, please let us know asap and we'll add your name to the list. Call on 020 8755 1336 or email us at whittonnetwork@btconnect.com. We are still planning a Christmas Carol Service and Tea Party and a shopping trip before Christmas and details of those will be sent out in due course.

CONNAUGHT OPERA
"MOONLIGHT AND ROSES"
 Maria Arakle, Glenn Wilson, Pianist Nick Bosworth

Thursday 3rd October
 2.00pm
HAMPTON HILL THEATRE
 90 High Street, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NZ
 For reservations please contact: 0203 794 1995 Marie Theresa Ranges
 marieranges@ageukrichmond.org.uk
 (cover charge of £5 will be made for refreshments.)

Enjoys London, Governing Communities, SILVER SUNDAY, ageUK, Connaught Opera