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Annual General Meeting
8.00 pm on 15 March 2016
at Vera Fletcher Hall

Agenda:

1. **Minutes of the 2015 AGM** Meeting and matters arising there from
2. **Chairman's Annual Report;** receive, discuss and adopt the Annual Report for 2015-2016
3. **Accounts:** To receive the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015
4. **Appointments:** to receive nominations and appoint officers and an auditor: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon Secretary, Hon Treasurer, Auditor
5. **Elections:** to adopt candidates at the Elmbridge Borough Council Elections 7 May 2016
6. **Resolutions:** to consider any resolutions submitted in writing to the Secretary by 1 March 2016
7. **Guest Speaker** Adrian Evans, Chief Executive of "Clean for the Queen"

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News from the Residents' Association to end February



Welcome to East Molesey Residents

We welcome to Thames Ditton Today the Molesey residents who as a result of the Electoral Boundary Commission's changes will be voting in Thames Ditton ward for Elmbridge Council elections in May.

We in the Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association have strong links with Molesey Residents' Association and work together on issues such as planning, car parks and maintaining our community halls. In recent years we joined them in opposing the Gladedale application on the Jolly Boatman/Hampton Court Station site, and the Friends of Thames Ditton and Molesey Hospitals are fighting together to keep services at Molesey Hospital.

Boundary Commission review of Elmbridge Wards

The Boundary Commission published its final decision regarding the structure of Elmbridge wards in January. The full details and implications of its decision for residents in Thames Ditton and Weston Green are covered in the article on page 17.

Christmas-Fun memories

This Christmas saw community Christmas Lights in a tree in Weston Green for the first time - thanks to tireless work from our RA Councillor Ruth Bruce.

The 'switch on' took place after a special day of festive celebrations starting with a singalong to the popular film Frozen and culminating in a colourful lantern parade. A big thank you to the members of the RA and All Saints Church Weston Green who together put on such a fabulous day.

The Christmas Fair in Thames Ditton High Street was also a great success with the Christmas lights looking as wonderful as ever. Thank you to RA Councillor Tricia Bland and everyone who was involved in making this a fun family afternoon out.

Weston Green Quiz Success

The Inaugural Weston Green Community Quiz took place in January with tables competing to be Weston Green Quiz Champions 2016.

The organisers were supported by Jamie Hazelgrave, Manager of the new Co-op store, who donated a bottle of wine to every table, Tom Duxberry of Marneys Inn who welcomed the winners with complimentary champagne and Phillip Johnson, Vicar of All Saints Weston Green, who had offered the use of the hall for the event.

Quizmaster Sam Dutton did a tremendous job at hosting a hotly-contested evening, which included picture rounds to test contestants' local knowledge of Weston Green. The eventual winners by the smallest of margins were 'The Magnificent 8.'



The Magnificent 8 – winners of the inaugural Weston Green Community Quiz

Given the success of the event, which was completely sold out with a waiting list for tables, it is likely that this will become an annual event.

Farmers' Market

After just three months in operation Thames Ditton Farmers' Market has been featured as one of the Best Farmers' Markets in London by Time Out Magazine. This is an amazing achievement and reflects the fact that the Farmers Market is attracting over 1,000 people per event. We hope these people will take a look at what the rest of the village has to offer and shop locally where possible.

Protecting our commons from incursion

The work on Weston Green to protect the commons from incursion by travellers is almost complete. Ward councillors and officers are monitoring the progress and measures are being adjusted and altered when new information and ideas are forthcoming. The contractor will not be paid until all the work is completed to the satisfaction of the council. Some ditching and banking work has also been carried out at Giggs Hill Green.

Milbourne Pond

Three trial pits have been installed around Milbourne Pond to provide an accurate measurement of the water table over the next six months. This will establish whether it may be possible to re-profile the pond to bring it below the level of the water table and re-establish its 'dew pond' status without needing to use a liner.

Planning

An application to create a backland development of two houses adjacent to Colets playing fields to the rear of Speer Road was refused by Elmbridge BC last year and went to appeal. The Planning Inspectorate has dismissed the Appeal. This was especially pleasing as the Inspector emphasised the need for any backland development to respect the character of the area. He said: *"I also acknowledge that Policy DM10 of the Development Management Plan (DMP) states that development to the rear of existing residential properties will be appropriate. However, it goes on to state that it will only be appropriate if the development respects the character of the area, which in this case the development would fail to do."*

Permission has been granted for change of use of **The Cricketers** pub (2015/3458) Weston Green to a pair of semi-detached houses. The familiar façade will remain.

The application at **47/49 Embercourt Road** (2015/3507) for a pair of semi-detached houses was refused as the building line was breached. Another application has now been submitted (2016/0177).

The application at **87/89 Grove Way** (2015/3368) for a pair of semi detached houses with room in the roof space and dormer window attracted over 100 letters of objection and is under consideration.

Weston Green School (2015/3070)
Planning permission was granted for a detached single-storey block of five classrooms. A stringent condition regarding the need for the school to submit a robust Travel Plan was attached to the permission. The Travel Plan will have to be considered by the East Area planning sub-committee in due course.

The appeal at **31 Imber Park Road.** (2015/2312) for a part two/part single storey side extension incorporating integral garage and front and rear dormer was dismissed.

The Newlands (2015/3316) Application for a first and second floor rear extension to provide four flats was refused by EBC.

The Co-Op (2015/4435) An application to vary Condition 9a relating to types of vehicles to be used and hours of operation was refused as “increased noise and general disturbance in the area would be harmful to the amenity of neighbouring residents.”

Getting to grips with litter

The RA is wholeheartedly supporting the newly set up Thames Ditton Litter Pickers, a community-minded group of volunteers who are on a mission to tidy up our village, making it a more pleasant place for us all.

The Litter Pickers are planning to set off on their litter picking expedition once a month, collecting the items thoughtlessly discarded by those who should know better! EBC have provided litter picking equipment for the volunteers (sticks, gloves and refuse sacks) and the RA have provided some high-vis vests for the group to wear. If you see them, please remember they are volunteers and doing a worthwhile job for the benefit of all!



Hopefully their forays will encourage litter throwing fiends to think twice about discarding their litter and bin it or take it home with them instead. For more information about the Thames Ditton Litter Pickers or to join the group, email Tricia: tdwgra@the-blands.co.uk

The Home of Compassion

The Home of Compassion in Thames Ditton is due to open to residents in early May and the marketing suite opened on February 29.

Caring Homes are planning an Open Weekend on 23-24 April for people to look around on escorted tours. The timings have not been finalised, but are likely to be 11am-3pm both days. They also plan to have an expert there to talk about the restoration programme to small groups.

Thames Ditton Station

The South West Trains Franchise covering Thames Ditton and Hampton Court Stations expires in Spring 2017 and the government have been consulting on proposals for Cross Rail 2 which would see these local stations becoming part of Cross Rail. You can see the Elmbridge Borough Council submission to the consultation on line at mygov.elmbridge.gov.uk/documents/s7862/Crossrail.

Ember River Bridge project.

A meeting was held on the banks of the Ember River attended by Elmbridge and

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Surrey County Council officers, bridge consultants Hewson Engineering and Thames Ditton residents Howard Baker and Andrew Roberts. The next step is a CIL application to fund a feasibility study by Hewsons. The study will include a topographical survey, geotechnical investigation of soil and will also include options for the bridge design.

Sport Relief Mile

Following on from 2014's successful event, which raised £450 for Sports Relief, the Elevate Boot Campers are going to hold another Sport Relief Mile on Giggs Hill Green on Friday March 18 from 3 – 4.30pm.

This is the chance for young and old (and those in the middle) to pay £1 and run, walk or amble a mile around the green for Sport Relief. There will be plenty of cake available (for a small donation) to help with the post-mile recovery! For further details contact Liam@elevatesport.co.uk

Summer plans

If you are starting to think about the summer make a note of 'A Day By the Seaside', this year's summer fair at All Saints Weston Green, Chestnut Avenue, which will be taking place this year on Saturday July 2 from 12.30- 3pm.

Highlights include many seaside attractions including Punch and Judy, a coconut shy, candyfloss and the annual Bake-Off challenge judged by Oli Blanc (son of Raymond).

Are you a secret gardener?

It is Thames Ditton's turn to host the Secret Gardens event. If you have or know of a garden that can be included please contact editor@residents-association.com

Errata

Oops ... in our autumn article on R.C Sherriff we added that he had been awarded the Military Cross. Alas, despite the fact that this information is widely reported it is wrong! Our author, Loretta Howells would not have made such an error and we apologise. It's a reminder to be wary of commonly reported information on the web!

River Thames Scheme - consultation

The Environment Agency are holding public drop in events re planned improvements to Sunbury, Molesey and Teddington Weirs. Go along to find out more and have your say

Tuesday 15 March 4:00pm – 8:00pm
Sunbury Court Conference Centre,
Sunbury-on-Thames, TW16 5PL

Wednesday 16 March
4:00pm – 8:00pm
Molesey Boat Club, Barge Walk,
East Molesey, KT8 9AJ

Tuesday 22 March
4:00pm – 8:00pm
Tamesis Sailing Club, Trowlock Way,
Teddington, TW11 9QY

Dates for your diary

Sport Relief Mile Friday March 18
Giggs Hill Green 3-4.30 pm

Farmers Market Saturday March 25
George and Dragon car park 9-1pm

Secret Gardens of Thames Ditton
Sunday June 19 1-5pm

Summer Fair All Saints Weston Green Saturday July 2 12.30 – 13pm

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Surrey County Council has pushed through a budget that is full of uncertainties. The funding from central government has been cut and was far worse than the expectations. Just one example: the budget assumed that we would receive transitional funding of £20m this year and £37m next year. At the 11th hour the council was informed it would get just £11.9m this year and £12.2m next. The budget gives no details as to how savings will be made. We will have to do more for less as changing demographics mean that there will be more elderly, more school children and more looked-after children. A council tax rise of 3.99 per cent was approved (2 per cent is ring-fenced for adult social care).

Potholes are always a problem and it will take years to cure the problem. If you see one please report it via the SCC website and if it is 40mm or more deep it will be fixed within five days. Approximately 70,000 a year are fixed. Permanent repairs, where the hole is square cut and filled with hot tar, are guaranteed for two years.

Temporary repairs, where cold tar is used to fill, last for a short time and should be permanently repaired within a month. The program of major works “Project Horizon” is scheduling (and in some cases re-scheduling) further roads that are due to be resurfaced this and next year.

Parking in the Dittons never ceases to be of concern with many different conflicting opinions. SCC have retained a firm of consultants to undertake a review of parking across Surrey. If you have any views on the subject please contact the Parking Team at SCC who will record your requests. This can be done via the SCC website www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-reviews where you will find three methods of reporting your concerns. The review is expected to begin shortly and I hope that it will result in changes that will satisfy most residents.

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Threat to Molesey Hospital – make your views known



The NHS is under great financial pressure and the causes are well known: an ageing population, medical advances offering more treatments, more people living with several significant health conditions etc. Limited resources need to go further - and the financial pressures are particularly acute in the Surrey Downs area, where there are several community hospitals: Leatherhead, Molesey, New Epsom & Ewell Community Hospital (NEECH), Cobham and Dorking.

Surrey Downs CCG has published a review of Community Hospital Services with four options for the future of Community Hospitals in this area. Two of these include the closure of Molesey Hospital to both inpatients and outpatients.

Option 1.

- Retain the 3-ward model at Dorking, Molesey and Epsom/Ewell
- Leatherhead: retain outpatient services only
- Other outpatient services to remain unchanged.

Option 2.

- Transfer inpatient and specialist neurological services from NEECH to Epsom General Hospital and transfer outpatient services elsewhere in locality.
- Leatherhead: retain outpatient services only
- Dorking and Molesey Hospital services to be unchanged.

Option 3.

- **Close Molesey Hospital.**
- Transfer inpatient services to Cobham and outpatient services to other nearby locations such as Emberbrook and GPs

- Leatherhead: retain outpatient services only

Option 4.

- Combines parts of Options 2 & 3 above
- Transfer inpatient and specialist neurological services from NEECH to Epsom General Hospital and transfer outpatient services elsewhere in locality.
- **Close Molesey Hospital.**
- Transfer inpatient ward to Cobham and outpatient services to other nearby locations such as Emberbrook and GPs
- Leatherhead: retain outpatient services only

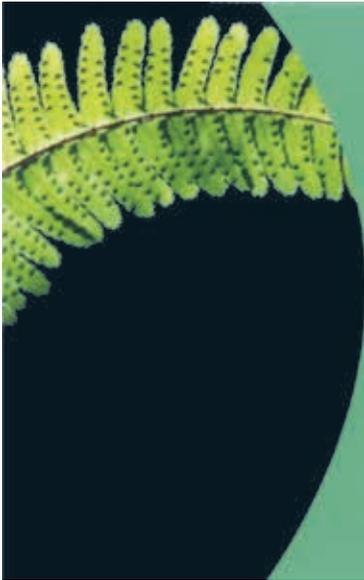
These options are now the subject of a consultation that continues until May 5 2016. During this time there are a number of consultation events being held around the Surrey Downs area. For more details and to make your views known, contact Surrey Downs CCG:

- www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk (where you can find the full consultation document),
- Tel: 01372 201500
- Email your views: contactus.surreydownsccg@nhs.net
- Contact the CCG by text (SMS) through their telephone service on 01372 998809

Molesey Hospital is at risk: Make your views known to the CCG.

Molesey Residents' Association and Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association will be holding a joint meeting as part of the campaign to save the hospital at 7.30pm on 8 March at Chandlers Field School, High Street, West Molesey KT8 2LX

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Boundary Commission Changes to Thames Ditton, Weston Green, Molesey and Hinchley Wood wards



The final recommendations from the Local Government Boundary Commission (LGBC) review of Elmbridge's ward configuration were published on January 5. The review resulted from the decision of the Council's Conservative administration to reduce the number of borough councillors

from 60 to 48. This reduced the present 22 wards (of which six have two councillors per ward), to 16, each with three councillors. RA councillors have worked with colleagues over the past two years to ensure that any redrawing of the ward boundaries does not break up long-standing communities.

They have also worked on an alternative proposal for the Weston Green, Hinchley Wood and Long Ditton two-councillor wards which would meet the LGBC's three criteria: electoral equality, reflecting community identities and interests, and providing for effective and convenient local government.

The LGBC published its draft recommendations last June, rejecting arguments for two-councillor wards, and proposing in our area:- a) Thames Ditton to lose the 940 residents on the Thorkhill side of Portsmouth Road (to go into Long Ditton ward), but gain a large chunk of Molesey East ward. b) Weston Green to join with the larger Hinchley Wood ward to form a single ward.

In the public consultation period following the draft recommendation, your Residents' Association (RA) led the campaign to let the LGBC hear our views. These were to retain the Thorkhill area within Thames Ditton ward and to extend the Weston Green area to include Lower Green in order to make a more even match with Hinchley Wood. There was no point in the RA arguing to join Weston Green with Thames Ditton, instead of Hinchley Wood, as this would have resulted in a ward size 40% above the LGBC's rules. The final results are as follows (and shown on the accompanying map).

Thames Ditton

As a result of a record 202 objections submitted, the LGBC reversed its proposal to carve up Thames Ditton ward by splitting off the Thorkhill area. It will remain part of Thames Ditton ward. This was entirely the result of all our persuasive evidence on our strong community identities, including shops, schools, village hall (now the Vera Fletcher Hall), village green (Giggs Hill Green), Girl Guides etc.

The LGBC wrote: *"Evidence received clearly demonstrated that our draft proposals would not reflect community identities. We are persuaded by the compelling evidence received and have transferred the area back to Thames Ditton ward. The change will result in a variance of 16% fewer electors for Long Ditton ward. However we consider this variance is justified given the very strong evidence received to justify the transfer of this area to Thames Ditton ward"*.

This is a triumph for local democracy or, as local resident Carol Ross of Westville Road said: "Power to the people". It is reassuring that the LGBC listened to local residents and acted accordingly.

The LGBC's recommendation to add the Ember area of Molesey East ward (shaded mauve on the map) to Thames Ditton has been retained, and so we welcome those 1500 residents to their new ward. Our RA councillors look forward to meeting them and representing their interests at Elmbridge Council.

Weston Green

The LGBC largely rejected our proposal to include the Lower Green area in the new ward, although it has added a smaller area around Blair Avenue (shaded sage green on the left of the map). Weston Green will now be joined with the bulk of the current Hinchley Wood ward (also sage green on the map). Weston Green will have 45% of the new ward's electors, compared with Hinchley Wood's 55%.

The new ward will have three councillors - one less than in the present two two-councillor wards. This will inevitably mean more work for RA councillors who

are already among the hardest-working. Although it would have been preferable not to be merged into a larger ward, Weston Green is fortunate in that Hinchley Wood has a strong and long-established Residents' Association whose aims accord very much with our own RA.

For the May 2016 elections, the Executive committees of the two RAs have agreed to sponsor three candidates jointly under the banner, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Residents' Associations. By virtue of its larger electorate, two of those will be from Hinchley Wood. Both RA's however are keen to stress that, no matter where the councillors live, they will represent all residents of the new ward equally, and the Associations will be working very closely together. Weston Green will still be a core part of the TDWG Residents' Association.

Do The Boundary Changes Affect County Council Divisions?

The changes to the wards will have no effect on county council division boundaries. However, they will lead to mixed county allegiances within the wards. In the new Thames Ditton ward, the former Molesey East area will still be part of the East Molesey & Esher Division, while the rest of the ward will remain in the Dittons Division, represented by our County Councillor, Peter Hickman. Weston Green will also remain in the Dittons, and Hinchley Wood in the Hinchley Wood, Claygate & Oxshott Division, as before.

Going Forward

As a result of the ward boundary changes throughout Elmbridge, all borough councillors will face re-election in May, regardless of how long they have been in post. So electors will have three votes this

time. The candidate receiving the most votes will win a four-year term, next a three-year term and third a two-year term. This is in order to retain the one-third-councillors-per-year elections for the future.

At our AGM on March 15 the Executive will recommend that the Thames Ditton and Weston Green Residents' Association adopts existing councillors Tricia Bland, Ruth Lyon and Karen Randolph, to stand for election in Thames Ditton Ward, and Tannia Shipley to stand for election in Hinchley Wood & Weston Green ward, alongside existing Hinchley Wood councillors Nigel Haig-Brown and Janet Turner, and thus adopting three councillors for each ward. Councillor Ruth Bruce who has worked tirelessly on behalf of Weston Green residents for the past four years will not stand for re-election; she is going to take up a new role as Director of a London based charity.

After the May elections there will be a period of adjustment as councillors (and RA Executive members) become more familiar with their new areas of responsibility. Regardless of boundary changes, for over 80 years Thames Ditton & Weston Green RA councillors have always worked closely together to represent their entire community, and that still remains the case. The Association will be working hard to ensure that, after the May elections, there will be four TDWGRA-sponsored Borough councillors, as well as our county councillor for the Dittons, serving our community.

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Know your Residents' Association Councillor Thames Ditton Ward



Tricia W. Bland



Tricia has been a Residents' Association councillor for Thames Ditton since 2014 when she was voted in with the highest percentage of votes of any candidate in the Elmbridge local elections that year.

Married with three daughters, Tricia has been an active campaigner on many local issues including the successful campaign to save the Ember Centre, a centre for the elderly, now residing in the Thames Ditton Centre. She spearheaded the 'Say No to Pay & Display' parking campaign which defeated the proposals for parking meters in Thames Ditton village.

Tricia cares passionately about local shops and set up the Thames Ditton High Street Retailers' Association, coining the phrase, "Keep the Heart in our High Street" and she introduced the 'Think Local. Shop

Local' initiative. As well as fund-raising for the Christmas lights on the lime tree and over 40 Christmas trees along Thames Ditton High Street, she was the driving force behind the 2015 Christmas Fair and is one of the organisers of the recently established Farmers' Market. Looking forward, Tricia is currently working on a number of worthwhile community and business initiatives to coincide with the nationwide summer of celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday.

On Elmbridge Council, Tricia sits on the East Area Planning Committee representing the views of residents, supporting objections to over-development, always mindful of the need to protect our heritage buildings, green spaces and environment.

Tricia tries her best to be a very accessible councillor believing firmly in breaking down barriers and being a voice for all residents, whatever their particular issues.

Ruth Lyon



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Ruth Lyon has been your local councillor since 1973 and is a past Mayor. She is perhaps best known for her work leading the development of the Vera Fletcher Hall in Thames Ditton and running the splendid theatre programme at the Hall for over 20 years, including the children's shows, drama and opera.

She has served as Governor and Chairman of Thames Ditton Infants and Junior Schools and is a member and past Chairman of the Friends of Thames Ditton Hospital at Emberbrook who have raised £65,000 to provide vital ultrasound and ENT equipment, which has dramatically reduced waiting times for local patients.

As your councillor she worked to provide new premises for Ajax Sea Scouts and for the Dittons Skiff and Punting Club, when they were both under threat of closure. She also worked with Elmbridge Council to support Thames Ditton Tennis Club in their successful battle to remain on their present site.

Ruth has always fought to preserve our Green Belt, open spaces and playing fields from development, and, as a member and past Chairman of the Thames Landscape Strategy, to preserve and enhance our wonderful river heritage. Along with other Residents' Association councillors she fought against the proposed disastrous Jolly Boatman/ Hampton Court Station development opposite Hampton Court Palace.

She is recognised by all groups as an extremely effective and tireless councillor in her work for Thames Ditton

Karen Randolph



Karen has been an Elmbridge Borough Councillor since 2007. She has sat on the Elmbridge Council East Area Planning Committee for the last nine years and has been Vice Chair for the last 5. She has also served on the Planning Committee for five years. This means that she is involved in planning at both local and strategic borough levels. Recently she spoke at the Public Hearing into the Taggs Boatyard application and she supported residents objecting to the proposed Angel Road Storage unit.

Karen is particularly interested in health matters. She is a co-opted member of Surrey County Council's Health Select Committee and has been involved with several 'Member Reference' groups liaising with various organisations involved with supplying health services across Surrey. She is Chair of Save Our Surrey Community Hospitals campaign and supports Molesey Hospital in Surrey Downs Clinical Consulting Group consultation for their Community Hospital Review. She is also Chair of The Friends of Thames Ditton Hospital.

Karen and her husband have lived in Thames Ditton since 1985. They have two grown up children. She is a past Chair of Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents Association. Karen is a trained mediator, working as a volunteer mediator with Mediation North Surrey, she also runs her own market research consultancy.



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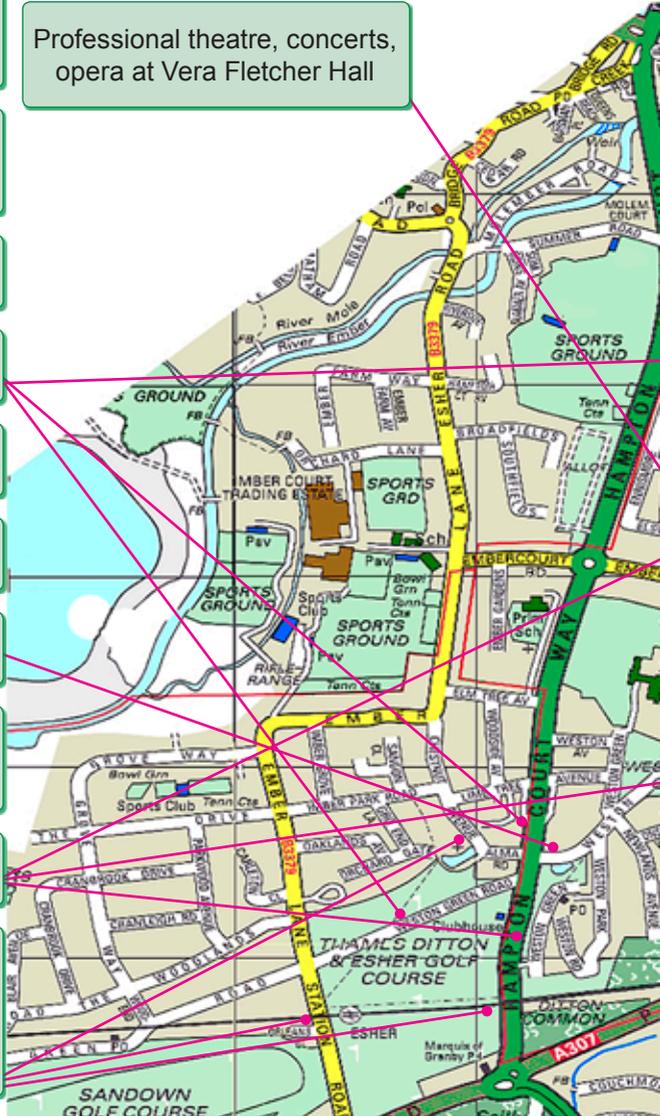
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Know your Residents' Association Councillor



Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Ward

Tannia Shipley



Tannia has been a Weston Green Councillor since 1999 and has always considered this an honour. In the last 17 years she has served on most Elmbridge Council Committees including the Environmental; Community Affairs and Licensing committees but her biggest commitment is planning. She has sat on the main Planning Committee, and on the East-Area Planning Committee for the last 13 years. This is one of the busiest committees. It considers planning applications in Hinchley Wood and Weston Green amongst others, so she is very familiar with both areas. She believes planning to be vitally important as the pressure from development is so great. Tannia is currently Deputy Mayor of Elmbridge and thoroughly enjoys meeting people on the many events she attends across the borough.

Tannia is also very keen to support the vulnerable in our community and has served on the Elmbridge Older People's Advisory Body for many years, having been Vice Chair and now Chair for the last two. She is Elmbridge Borough Council's

representative for CHEER – Care and Help for East Elmbridge Retired. CHEER is an excellent local, small charity which helps the elderly and provides a Befriending Service which is so appreciated by those who are socially isolated. She is also a Trustee of both Elmbridge Trust for Older People and Walsingham Care-another local charity that helps the vulnerable, often elderly members of our community. Tannia is keen on the Arts and has been a Trustee of the R C Sherriff Trust since 2000 and its Chairman for many years. This Trust is a grant-giving charity set up for the advancement of the arts in the Borough of Elmbridge.

Tannia and her husband moved to Weston Green 30 years ago with their two young daughters. Her professional background was in education culminating in a senior management post in a large London Comprehensive School.

Nigel Haig-Brown



I have been an Elmbridge Borough Councillor since May 2014. At Elmbridge Council I sit on the East Area Planning



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Subcommittee which covers the Dittons, Weston Green, Hinchley Wood, Esher and Oxshott. I also serve on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, the Audit & Standards Committee, the Heathrow Task and Finish Group and the Information Technology Steering group.

My priorities as a councillor are planning and greenbelt issues, together with assisting the vulnerable.

I have lived in Hinchley Wood since 1997 and been Chairman of the Hinchley Wood Residents' Association and involved with the local scouts as an adult selector. I am now semi retired after a career in accountancy and recently joined the Finance Panel at the Princess Alice Hospice in Esher and a London Livery Company. I like to travel and enjoy long distance walking and recreational skiing. I am married with three daughters and five grandchildren.

I will be standing for election as a Residents' Association Councillor for Hinchley Wood and Weston Green in the May election. I very much hope to be elected to serve the new ward.

Janet Turner



For the last 21 years I have had the privilege of serving as a Hinchley Wood Residents' Association Borough Councillor, and also as the Mayor of Elmbridge.

As a Residents' Association candidate in the forthcoming elections I am seeking your support on 5th May 2016.

Over the years I have served on all of the committees at Elmbridge Council. When the Residents' Association had the balance of power I held the portfolio for Leisure and Culture. In this role I was responsible for the development of the Xcel Leisure Centre, which I am very proud of. I have sat on the Planning Committees for many years and also chair the Countryside Committee that looks after our commons. I have also served as Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This is a demanding post which looks at all areas of the Council. It was a tremendous honour to be elected as Mayor of the Borough. I met so many wonderful people, it was an experience I and my husband will never forget. I have also been a Governor of Hinchley Wood Primary School for 18 years and served on the working group for the Friends of Thames Ditton Hospital.

My priorities in the coming year will be to protect the Hinchley Wood and Weston Green boundaries. To protect allocations for services for the elderly and vulnerable. To hold the administration to account for the effective delivery of essential services and to maintain Hinchley Wood as a viable shopping centre.

I have lived and worked in Elmbridge all my life, the last 35 years in Hinchley Wood. My interests include my family- I have a daughter and a son and three grown up grand daughters of whom I am very proud. My husband and I lead healthy cycle rides in and around Elmbridge to promote a healthy life style and I still like to keep in touch with the local Girl Guides and Scouts. Cooking, reading, sewing and gardening are a must, and if there is time we like to go on cycling and skiing holidays.



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Although bees are rarely seen in winter they are not inactive and there will be approx. 5,000 bees in a hive including one queen and female worker bees. The bees only leave the hive if the temperature rises above 10°. In spring, as the days lengthen, the queen starts laying around 1500 eggs per day, each into a honeycomb cell, so

that by summer there will be 60,000 bees in the hive including drones (male bees).

The eggs hatch into larvae which are fed by the worker bees and then sealed with beeswax allowing the larvae to pupate. After 12 days a female worker bee emerges. At first their role is to housekeep; cleaning out cells, feeding the larvae, making wax, compacting pollen and creating the honey. After 21 days they

leave the hive to collect nectar, water and pollen. Worker bees live for only six weeks in the summer months.

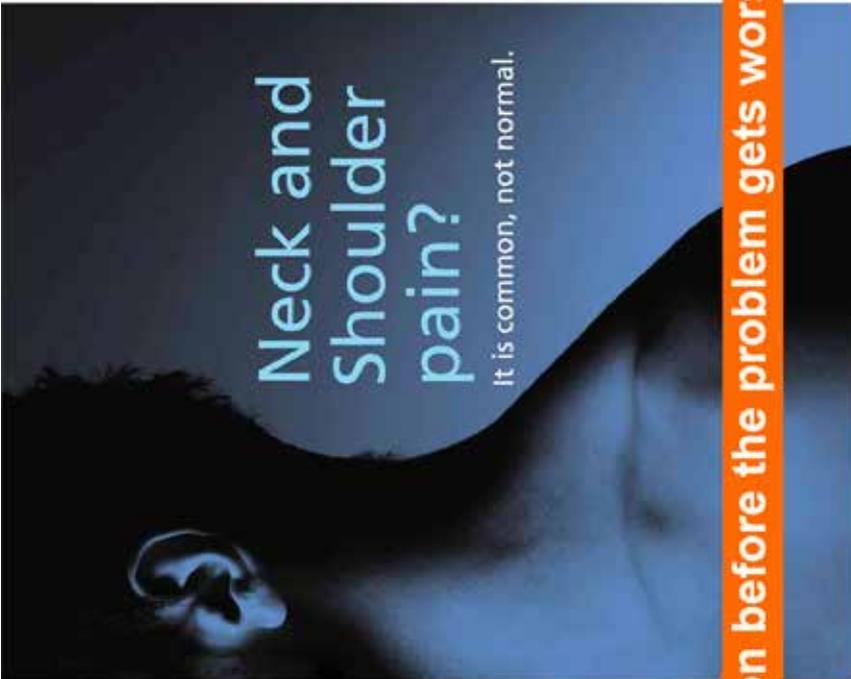
The queen can live for five years but only flies once to mate and the second time to form a new colony (swarm). Any egg can become a queen if the worker bees form a larger cell and feed the larvae protein rich Royal Jelly, this can happen at any time if a queen dies.

Alison and Diane tend the bees all year round. In autumn after extracting some but not all of the honey (bees need some for food) they gradually reduce the frames and boxes. The bees are checked regularly over the winter and fed sugar syrup if necessary. In the spring they add more boxes which are stacked so the queen can crawl between the layers to lay more eggs. Later, they introduce a "queen excluder" which restricts the queen from accessing the further boxes added for honey collection and storage. This allows the smaller worker bees access but not the larger egg laying queen.



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Miss Madge McIntosh Blooms and Fades



Researching the many entertainers, mostly the journeymen and women of their profession, who frequented the village in the golden age of theatre and music hall, my attention, was caught by a snippet in *The Stage* of 27 July 1905: “*A Pastoral Play has proved attractive lately at Thames Ditton. Miss Madge McIntosh and company gave a highly successful performance of As You Like It on July 20, in aid of the Thames Ditton Cottage Hospital. Miss McIntosh was ably supported by an admirable company.*” Now Miss Madge McIntosh

had lately starred as Vivie, the daughter to whom Mrs Warren reveals the shocking truth, in the London première of Mrs. Warren’s *Profession*, no less - “*An Unpleasant Play in Four Acts, by Bernard Shaw*”. Naturally, I was hooked.

Her story is suffused with poignancy, but began well enough. Margaret “Madge” McIntosh was born in Calcutta on 8 April 1875. Her parents, civil engineer Alexander Rankin McIntosh and Hughina McIntyre Fraser, had married in Rome on the way to India the year before. Madge had at least one sister. By the 1891 census when she was 16, she was staying with her sister and cousin at her relative Henry M McIntosh’s London address, 7 Porchester Square in Paddington. It was said that silk

petticoats benefitted a stage career, and we can assume from the presence of a cook, parlourmaid and French nanny that the McIntoshes had a shilling or two. A month after the census, her father died in Calcutta at the age of 51. Madge’s mother died much later in Richmond, December 1923.

Where she trained I do not know, but at the age of about 18 she joined Edward Terry’s theatre company in London, which toured Britain and Ireland, and with good reviews (“inimitable grace and versatility”...) she began to take leading roles.

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Madge in love

I was lucky to find in a rather excruciating “forgotten book” (*From The Wings – The Stage Cat*) a vignette of the young Madge on tour with Terry’s company: *“She had already had a good deal of experience of the stage, and had very clear ideas about the value of that experience and her position in the company. Her voice and elocution were as perfect then as they are now, and she showed certain promise of developing into the fine actress she has since become. She was a good dancer, too; she had been trained in stage dancing, which is probably why she moves so gracefully, and her stage curtseys were my envy.....”* on tour in Cork, Ireland: *“I slept soundly, until suddenly awakened in the morning by a hollow groan and a voice saying, ‘Oh, God! I wish I was dead! ‘It was Madge, sitting up in her bed with a face of the deepest misery. I thought that something dreadful must be the matter, but it was only that she had left behind in the last company someone*



with whom she thought she was in love, and she was sure, therefore, that her heart was broken; though before many days had passed she began to realise that there were lots of interesting things left in the world – including other men! Dear Madge! She always did feel things intensely. The artistic temperament, I suppose.”

Not long after, in the autumn of 1898 Madge married a dapper, handsome well-known actor five years her senior, William Graham Browne. Some six months later she appeared with him in a Granville Barker play staged by Terry’s company: “The Weather Hen” (*“A fresh and interesting treatment of what is a woman to do who has foolishly married the wrong man”* – The Times. *“Rather crude and more or less unpleasant”* - The Stage). Our “Stage Cat” comments: *“The Weather Hen was, of course, the heroine, beautifully played by Madge Mcintosh, who swayed round with every wind, first deciding that she had the right to live her own life and leave an utterly despicable husband a vividly drawn character”*

Married years

I am afraid that the theme was to have future echoes. However, for now the couple starred in several London plays and it was in January 1902 that Madge took a leading role as Vivie in the première of “Mrs Warren’s Profession”, which, after being censored for eight years before its eventual staging, took London by controversial storm with its treatment of prostitution. London critic Eveleigh Nash wrote: *“Miss Mcintosh was fully equal to her task. She did her best to ...kindle every little spark of womanhood into flame. Her performance betrayed great study and a carefully planned conception of a part ...the play was admirably cast from first to last.”*

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The consternation in polite society prompted an aggressive defence by George Bernard Shaw which is still a rattling good read. Madge didn't play in the subsequent Broadway première of *"The most shockingly immoral dialogue ever publicly repeated....the words, suggestions - the whole rotten mess of immoral suggestions - have no place on the public platform"* in the words of one US critic. Needless to say, the play was a sell-out in New York and caused traffic problems as carriages queued round the block.

It was probably about that time that Madge and her husband, who had been based at 145 Hammersmith Road with her mother (I think), rented Laurel Cottage in Thames Ditton. By a process of elimination, there being two Laurel Cottages here at the time, this is almost certainly the one in the High Street that still bears the name. Their stay lasted just a few years (there are traces in 1904-1905 but the couple were often on tour).

The strains of separate touring, Madge to the antipodes in 1907, William to the USA shortly after, were too much for the marriage to stand. William had an affair with another actress on tour, Mary Susan Etherington, better known by her stage name of Marie Tempest, who became "the queen of her profession." She was nine years older than Madge, to boot. In July 1909 Madge, back in Britain, petitioned the courts to restore her conjugal rights. The judge ordered William to return home and awarded costs to Madge. Thanks to the New York Times of 24 October 1909 we know that William was having none of it. He wrote to her: *"I don't blame you in any way for the fact that our married life has not brought us the happiness we hoped. It appears that we have been unsuited for*

each other - we ought not to have married. The whole thing was a mistake..." The subsequent decree nisi cited grounds of his adultery in America and his desertion of Madge by non-compliance with the court's decree. William was also reported to have stayed in an hotel in Tonbridge with "a lady who was not his wife." It was, of course, the popular star Marie Tempest – who would, eventually, make William her third husband in 1921 when her second one died.

The play's the thing

1911 found Madge ("actress, single") living in a four roomed apartment just off Regent Street, and again touring Australia, in Maeterlinck's Blue Bird. In interview with the West Australian it's hard to escape Tempestuous undertones: *"I have been starred, as the leading actress, and my name blazoned forth. No, I have nothing to complain of from that standpoint, but still, I honestly disapprove of the system of starring. It is bad, especially from an artistic standpoint. The system is carried to ridiculous extremes in America, where the individual is eternally put forward and not the play. Yes, it is far worse in America than it is in England. Mind you, I don't mean to contend for a moment that personal popularity does not count for anything on the stage. It does, but the following which could be attracted to a theatre where a favourite actress was appearing is not an appreciable quantity, and would not make a poor play a profitable one."*

After a period producing and acting at the Glasgow Repertory Theatre, Madge became coordinator of the small team who ran the Liverpool Playhouse from the outbreak of World War I. With enlistment in the offing, the theatre Board gave a fortnights notice on all contracts, whereupon the employees took on the theatre as a collective, the

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Commonwealth Theatre Company. During this period her reputation in both serious drama and satire was firmly entrenched within the profession. After the War she also played an active part as a delegate of the Actors' Association, lobbying theatre managers in London's West End for better wages and payment for rehearsals, and other fair terms. She produced plays for charity fund-raising as well, including for a new extension to Bedford College.

In 1922 we see the dedicated side of Madge again, as producer for all the plays put on in London by a new venture. The Times reported: *"The rents of theatres, equally with the salaries of the star artistes, are absurdly high, and the general tendency has been in consequence to make the play itself a matter of secondary importance. The venture represents an intention of the part of a number of reputable actors and actresses to get back to the real business of dramatic art, and affirms their belief that there is still a limited public which wishes to see good acting."*

It does not seem to have made a lasting mark on the theatregoing public.

Final curtain

In later years Madge's star waned. She had maintained contact with George Bernard Shaw, in a number of whose plays she had been cast, and in 1933 wrote to him asking for a part in a new play he was writing. He replied somewhat testily on a postcard: *"Dash it all, my dear Madge, don't you realize that the moment a word is breathed of a new play everyone who has ever spoken a line of mine demands a part? I am one: they are many: how can I answer them all, or even the extra special ones like you? I'm afraid there's nothing that would fit you this time..."*

Poor Madge! At least she had the satisfaction of outliving her ex-husband, who died in 1937, as well as the star comic actress who stole him, who died in 1942. But Marie Tempest's shadow was long indeed. In later years, she too worked for the members of her profession and in 1934, she was instrumental in founding the actors' union Equity, when she hosted a dinner for stars at the Savoy. On 28 May 1935, Tempest's golden jubilee was celebrated with a benefit performance at the Theatre Royal attended by King George V and Queen Mary. She was made a Dame of the British Empire.

Madge died undecorated in St. Albans, near to her relatives, in February 1950. Five sentences of obituary in *The Stage* were her last review before this one. On coming across these researches, a relative posted to my genealogy thread online: *"Great Aunt Madge (Margaret) McIntosh ... left a concertina and opera glasses to my grandmother and a leather case to my grandfather. We still have the former. It is a family story that she played the concertina in front of George Bernard Shaw who was unimpressed with her playing."*

I must say that I took to Miss Madge McIntosh. It's fitting that the last word should be that of "Stage Cat" who accompanied the young Madge on tour:

"What fun she was, and what an absolutely good sort."

Anybody would be happy with such an epitaph. Beat that, Marie.

Keith Evetts

Solution to the Winter Crossword

by Michael Jackson



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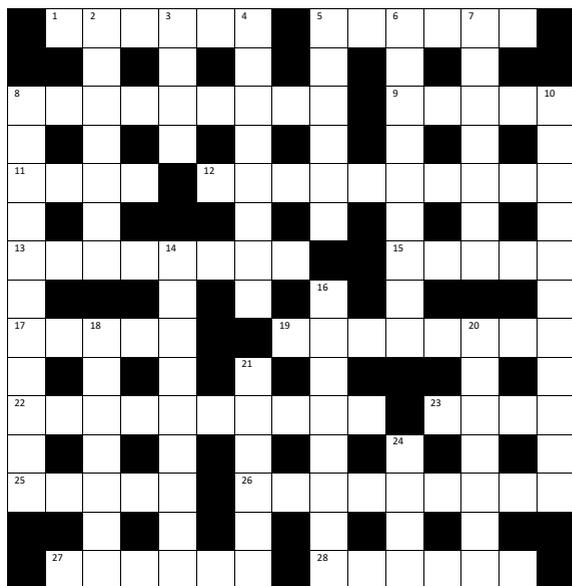


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by Maureen Wilcox



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ACROSS CLUES

1. This clue has only one answer (6)
5. A computer suitable for travellers (6)
8. If Ed is sat comfortably, he'll be pleased (9)
9. Surely a favourite Royal tippie if stirred! (5)
11. A culinary temperature setting (4)
12. Settles a question conclusively (10)
13. This duo enhances a certain beverage (5,3)
15. An unabridged performance (5)
17. What a meal to eye with pleasure! (5)
19. A baby conceived by IVF (4,4)
22. Have respect for this senior fruit (10)
23. An object of great devotion (4)
25. Have a sleepover here, but pay for it! (5)
26. Widespread in certain areas (9)
27. Robin says more than this one (6)
28. Elicit help to hang tinsel at Christmas (6)

DOWN CLUES

2. The meantime (7)
3. The main point of a speech (4)
4. One does not need vice to prove a point in court (8)
5. Pays to live with an owner (6)
6. This is of the greatest importance (9)
7. Relating to living matter (7)
8. Local provider of necessities (6,5)
10. Completely miss the point (4,3,4)
14. Obviously one expects aunt to rally round (9)
16. A domesticated breed bred to do so (8)
18. Is qualified to inspect a firm's accounts (7)
20. Do this at a match and get a chilly reception! (7)
21. Should you lose it, don't look for it! (6)
24. Correct if you hit this on the head! (4)

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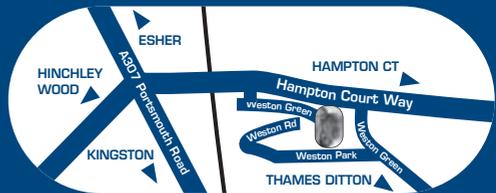
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