

Lottery Winners

Congratulations to the lucky June lottery winners: Minnie Walker, Peggy Britton and Betty Redman (twice). Our thanks to Roy for selling the numbers.

Gifts and donations

We are very lucky to have such kind and supportive friends of Elleray Hall and give our heartfelt thanks to all of you especially those of you who have lost loved ones.

You may have noticed the beautiful new table and chairs in the courtyard off the main hall; these were bought for Elleray Hall by Jean Groves' family. Jean passed away in April; she loved being a member of Elleray Hall and had made many friends. Jean really appreciated Elleray members & volunteers visiting her whilst she was in Teddington Hospital and had asked her family to purchase a piece of furniture for the garden in her memory.

Eileen Willis's daughter has donated £500 and this will go towards the courtyard project where we hope to have a raised flower bed and a pergola built, creating an attractive setting for members to relax in. Premier Wines presented us with a cheque for £116.80 from the funds raised during their Charity Wine Week last month. We were in need of a fridge for the coffee bar and managed to purchase one for £119 which will be installed this month.

Singing Group

Our singing group will be singing for a free cup of tea and biscuits at The Stables Café at Orleans House on Thursday 21 July. We always entertain the customers, although it is unlikely there will be any room for customers as Lyn has booked two minibuses so that everyone will be able to take part! Put the date in your diary and come and join in.

July Events

- Tue 5 Beauty with Rose
Thu 7 Beauty with Rose
Members meeting (11.15am)
NO BINGO
Fri 8 YOGA CANCELLED
Mon 11 Double Your Money Bingo (1.00pm)
Tue 12 Chiropody with Kevin
Outing: Brighton (nb. there is a waiting list)
Fri 15 Hoy with Minnie (1.00)
Tea Dance at The Avenue Club (1.00-3.00)
London in Bloom judging of our garden at Elleray Hall
Tue 19 Eric entertains (11.00)
Thu 21 Singing group outing to The Stables Café at Orleans House (12.45-2.15)

London in Bloom

The garden is looking wonderful thanks to the generosity of members and volunteers. We are very grateful to those of you who donated pots, plants, tools and time and effort, especially Frank & Ivy Varney, Dorothy Castle, Dennis Aldous and Barbara Roberts. The garden will be judged on Friday 15th July and we would be grateful for help with last minute gardening during that week. We hope to see as many of you as possible on the day.

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Coffee Bar

Joan Barnett, our Vice Chairman, formally opened the new coffee bar by cutting the ribbon and serving Champagne and French fancies! It has really enhanced the main hall and although our volunteers keep losing things with so many cupboards to choose from they all enjoy being part of the social scene in the hall. We have a couple of teething problems at the moment; the washing up machine has broken down again! It would cost another £1000 to get it repaired; the machine is old and has proved to be unreliable we need to purchase a new one. This will cost well over £2000.

There is also the little problem of volunteers' legs! Now that the coffee bar is in the main hall they have a lot more running around to do as they are so far away from the lounge and the hairdressers. It is not always possible for them to leave the counter so if you could please go to the bar to be served whenever possible they would be most grateful. Thank you.

A Camberwell Beauty

Ivy Bastion was born in Camberwell on 20 April 1931. She married Stan and had three children: Sharon, Ian (who died) and Colin. They had lived in Teddington for over fifty years, originally in the house next to the Abercorn in Church Road. Ivy worked as a cook in various places. For some years she was at the Barclays Bank Training Centre where our cook, Julie, worked with her.

Ivy has been a member at Elleray Hall since she was sixty and was an invaluable volunteer, helping in the coffee bar, with Bingo and taking lottery money. Noted for her bright and cheery manner and her outspoken comments, Ivy was always very supportive of Elleray Hall, enjoyed her food and, despite being a cook, she enjoyed her lunches and was generous in her praise.

In recent years Stan's health deteriorated and he lived in a retirement home in Isleworth. He has also died recently. Ivy and Stan leave four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

We will miss them terribly and offer our condolences to their family and friends.

Ivy and Stan's funeral is on Thursday 7 July at Hanworth Crematorium and we are delighted that this will be followed by a 'Wake' at Elleray Hall in Ivy and Stan's memory. A donation will be made to the Princess Alice Hospice in Ivy's memory. If you would like to add a contribution, please take it to the office and it will be passed on.

Beauty with Rose

Rose is now able to offer her services on Tuesdays as well as on Thursdays. Please make bookings in the office.

Tuesday Bargain Shop

A big THANK YOU goes to Roy Andrews and Vera Dudman for continuing their successful bargain shop on Tuesday mornings. They have managed to raise £380.10 in the past six months. They are always grateful for donations of good quality clothing and bric-a-brac to help raise funds so please remember us when you are clearing out your drawers!

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

£235 was taken at the tea party by selling plants, cakes, cream teas and items made by the Sew and Sews group. It was difficult to judge the maddest hat as there were a number of exceptionally fun ones but the prize went to Eve Norris. As only two raffle tickets were sold we will re-affle the white rabbit at Easter time.

Free trip to Eastbourne

We have a small amount of funding left over from the first year of funding from City Bridge Trust due to Bank Holidays and other holidays when some of the Gentle Exercise and Singing activities didn't happen. Joan has contacted City Bridge Trust and they have allowed us to use the remainder to run a free trip to Eastbourne. It will be on a first come, first served basis and names should be given to Lyn. There are 13 places on offer. It is likely to be in September but the date will be confirmed when Lyn has found out what dates RaKAT have available - August is always busy as they take lots of handicapped children out every day.

Yoga

Our weekly Yoga class on a Friday afternoon has changed from 1pm to 1.15pm as Juliette has another engagement prior to coming to Elleray Hall. There will be no Yoga on 8 July and 26 August.

Joke Corner

Morris, an 82 year old man, went to the doctor to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "you're really doing great aren't you?" Morris replied "just doing what you said Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful'" The doctor said "I didn't say that. I said: 'You've got a heart murmur: be careful!'"

Reminiscence

If you have any 'ancient' objects which might be of interest to your friends, perhaps you would consider loaning them to us so that they can be displayed in the glass cabinet in the lounge. They could be a talking point at one of our Reminiscence groups.

Tea Dance

Cecil and Central Housing have invited us to their Tea Dance on Friday 15 July from 1-3pm. This time they will be serving a sandwich lunch, followed by tea, cakes and great live music to sing along to, tap your feet or get up and dance to. If you would like to go, please see Lyn as soon as possible so that she can book a bus to take you.

Date for your diary

On Thursday 25 August we will be having our annual Open Day when the theme will be 'Old Tyme Music Hall'. Drinks will be free all day. Please invite your friends and relations to come and look round. Further details will be in next month's *Topic*.

Future Saturday Club Parties

2 July ; No party in August ; 3 September
Please bring your friends and enjoy a concert party and a cuppa and cake.