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Addington Residents' Association

Object of the Association:

To ascertain the opinions of the residents and to lay them before appropriate authorities when desirable

AGM

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Addington Residents' Association AGM will be held on Tuesday 30th. May at 8pm in the Hall at the Addington Methodist Church in Huntingfield at 8pm. All residents are invited to attend.

Agenda

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) To adopt the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on Tuesday the 31st of May 2022
- 3) Matters arising:
 - i. **Greenfields Pioneer Place**
 - ii. **Frylands Wood Scout Camp site**
Nothing to report
 - iii. **Yellow Lines**
Completion of the parking restrictions in Huntingfield and Featherbed Lane outside the Church
 - iv. **Addington Park facilities**
The improvement of the children's Play Ground, what news?
 - v. **Festival Addington Park**
The music festival was held in Addington Park, some complaints of noise but not as bad thought
 - vi. **Fly-tipping Featherbed Lane**
Any update of the state of fly-tipping along Featherbed Lane.
 - vii. **Theft from cars**
Any update of catalytic-converter theft and other thefts from cars
- 4) Chairman's Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report
- 6) Report from Sarah Jones MP
- 7) Report from the council
- 8) Situation 6 Gravel Hill
- 9) Situation New Bus Shelters
- 10) Situation Huntingfield/Falconwood Road
- 11) Resignation and Election of Committee Members
- 12) Any other Business

Addington Lodge

Old maps reveal interesting things. Within the general Addington Residents' Association area is the site of Addington Lodge, also known as Addington Lodge Farm and the history to this site goes back many centuries.

This map is from the 1800s, but what do we know about this place and what is it today?

It may possibly have been referenced in the Domesday Book when Addington was Eddintone but we know that in 1317 the

farm was apparently in the hands of Sir Walter de Huntingfield of Wickham. John de Bures is known to have held the Addington Lodge area in 1353 when he sold the manor to a Mr Winkeworth. Sir Olliphe Leigh held the territory until 1612 although the farming rights were held by a tenant farmer, Thomas Wood, a native of Coudon. In 1753 the farmer was Thomas Brazier.

From 1841, census records give us much more precise (and nowadays easily accessible) information from which to tell the story. Whilst it is quite clear there was a farm there, it employed many workers and covered a large land area. Here is an extract from the 1871 census showing who lived at Addington Lodge Farm:

Marmaduke Walker (widower) - Head - 64

Ann Smith – Housekeeper - 43

Mary Sweeney – Kitchen Maid - 48

Stephen B Walker – Farmer's son - 25

Sarah Thomson – Housemaid - 20

John Briggs – Mechanic - 50

At that time the farmland covered 1048 acres and employed 28 men, 12 women and 4 boys.

Little changed as the new century came, census records continued to show the existence of the farm and many workers on the large estate.

When Addington Airfield/Landing Ground opened at Milne park for a short period in the early 1930s this was on land owned by the farm. Once the airfield closed the land reverted back to farm management until the 1930s when a sale was agreed to enable the building of what we now know as New Addington.

This map shows the existence of Addington Lodge alongside the housing development



So, about the actual location. Well, according to voters roll information from the 1920s-1930s, the name Reginald Charles Umfréville Fisher shows up alongside the entry for Addington Lodge. If we tie the name “Fisher” to “Fisher’s Farm” then we can locate precisely where Addington Lodge once stood – and even visit there when carrying out refuse/recycling drops as it is the local centre!

There is an older style building behind the disposal area and this matches the footprint of Addington Lodge. The fact that there is an element of site preservation, even perhaps fortuitously, is something to be grateful for. To be able to carry out an excavation in the style of the old Time Team TV programme would be amazing, but perhaps may never happen. If it did, then the story of Addington Lodge could possibly be taken further.

So remember when you visit there after a tidy-up, it is a historic location!



Next Issue - The next issue will be produced in July 2023. Articles should reach the editor by 5th of the month for inclusion in the issue.

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New Face on the Block

Let me introduce myself – I am Richard Lowson, the new Minister at the Methodist Church (with the Big White Cross). I have moved to the area from Bushey in Hertfordshire and am loving being in this area.

It is so good having our New Cross in place, it has become a real landmark in our community, we are known as the church with the Big White Cross. During lent we decorate our Cross in church with symbols of the passion, then on Easter day fill it with flowers. I will see if we can place it outside, on Easter Sunday, for everyone to enjoy.

I don't know what you have planned for the Coronation but we are inviting you to get the Bank Holiday Monday off to a good start. We are inviting you to:

‘A RIGHT ROYAL BREAKFAST’ - Breakfast fit for a King

On Monday 8th May – Pop in anytime between 8:30am and 11am. We will be serving Hot and Continental breakfast goodies. Help us to make this a real community event.

I am looking forward to getting more involved with our community, I am keen to discern how we can best be church in our community. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Richard

Rev. Richard Lowson

Chairman's Report

I hope you all had a enjoyable Easter holiday with family and friends.

Our financial year 2022/23 has had it's challenges and we had to take the difficult decision to raise the subscription to £5 per year. We know that not everyone is happy with this and the number of households that are paying subscriptions has gone down from 257 in 2021/22 to 234 in 2022/23. It is very disappointing to see that out of a total number of households in our area of 750 only 234 think it is worth having a Residents' Association. The major expense of the Association is the printing of the Magazine which is delivered to every household 4 times a year whether the subscription has been paid or not, as we treat everyone living inside our area equally.

Please come to our AGM and let us know if you wish the Residents' Association to continue. We need new committee members. If you have a couple of hours a month to spare why not come and join us. It would be good if we could get a better spread of committee as it is top-heavy with members from one area.

The committee have spent time and effort in designing a new website for the Association and improving the Facebook page. We have also created a new Whatsapp group, ARA, in an effort to have a better communication between the residents and the committee, and hope that one or two from each of our roads will join this, so if there is a problem this can be reported straight to the committee to be dealt with quickly and efficiently.

We are trying to make the Magazine more interesting by including stories of interest and quizzes. We also want to include a page that can be of interest to children in the Magazine, but need help and welcome ideas on how we can improve further.

During the year we have attended the AGM and committee meetings of the London Green Belt Council, Croydon Borough Resident's Association meetings hosted by Croydon Council and Council meetings at the Town Hall.

During the year we have objected to planning applications and to applications to serve alcohol at two music festivals in Addington Park this summer.

The refurbishment of the children's playground in Addington Park has been completed.

We have been chasing the replacement of new bus-shelters in our area but have to date not been able to get any concrete answer as to when this is going to happen.

Wiktor Molleskog, Chairman ARA



One of our members has been collecting sewing machines which are refurbished & sent to Africa to allow folks to use the machines to bring funds into their household. You as ever have been so generous and now 30 machines have been sent to Africa via the charity Tools With a Mission. Thank you for your support.

What's coming up, well, on the first weekend in April we will be distributing bulbs/plants to those who would otherwise not have visitors, we aim to bring a little Spring cheer into the lives of those we visit.

King Charles has asked that we join with his Helping Out Day on Bank Holiday Monday 8th May. We will be arranging our annual Reachout day & will invite over 100 housebound folks to join us for a meal & entertainment and to help us celebrate the Kings Coronation – we will have a blast.

Saturday May 20th will see our annual Sponsored Walk take place, starting & finishing at St Mary's Church Hall in Farleigh. Walkers obtain sponsors to allow the walkers to support the good cause of your choice, with 60% of sponsorship to your charity & the remaining 40% to Rotary Charities. Everyone wins and with glorious weather, this walk around the beautiful Surrey Hills countryside is a day to remember. So don't miss out, get in touch and sign up to support your good cause.

If you would like to get involved, volunteer or join our Club, or for any information about the above event, please contact us on 07774-186 792 or via email to secretary@rotarysandersteadandselsdon.com

Wendy Parr

Spring Quiz

QUESTIONS

1. According to the Met Office on what day does Spring commence.
2. The song entitled 'The Flowers that bloom in the Spring' comes from which Gilbert & Sullivan work.
3. Who is the Roman goddess of Spring.
4. In which year did the so-called Arab Spring take place.
5. When does Spring tide occur.
6. In British horse racing which 2 races make up the Spring Double.
7. The appearance of which animals shadow in Punxsutawney Pennsylvania is supposed to indicate the beginning of Spring.
8. What name is given to the first day of Spring when the night and day are the same length.
9. Who painted the large tempera painting known as Primavera (Spring).
10. What type of animal is the Spring peeper.
11. Which town in Central Australia takes its name from the wife of an ex Postmaster General of South Australia.
12. The song 'Younger than Springtime' features in which Rodgers and Hammerstein Musical.
13. In which of Shakespeare's plays is the poem of 'Spring' performed in the closing scene.
14. Who wrote the music for the ballet 'The Rite of Spring'.
15. Who is the Greek Goddess of Springtime, Flowers and Vegetation.

Answers on page 13



Shetland Bus cont.

The most recognized of the skippers in charge of the fishing boats that made up the fleet of the Shetland Bus was Leif Andreas Larsen. His exploits, and that he always returned to Shetland after each trip across the North Sea with or without his fishing boat, got him the nickname SHETLAND LARSEN.

Leif Andreas Larsen was born in Bergen, Norway, in 1906. He was one of 12 children. He did not get much education and finished school at the age of 15. He tried to get an apprenticeship in the Norwegian Merchant Navy but with little education and his family not able to support him financially he did not succeed. At the age of 16 he joined a small ship as a rating and he served in the Norwegian Merchant Navy as an Able Seaman.



In 1931 he signed on a small passenger boat which served the small ports on the West Coast of Norway. The knowledge he gained of the local waterways was of great importance in his involvement with the Shetland Bus.

In 1939 the winter war between Russia and Finland broke out and Larsen volunteered as a soldier. When that war finished Larsen returned to Norway and was a soldier in the defence of Norway.

In February 1941 Larsen dramatically escaped Norway in the fishing boat MOTIG 1. He then joined the Norwegian Naval Independent Unit, an unwieldy cover title far better known as the Shetland Bus. The unit, which operated under the Special Operations Executive was, despite its name, independent of the regular Royal Norwegian Navy.

He was trained with the Norwegian military unit Linge Company, and made 52 trips to Norway in ordinary fishing Boats. His most famous trip was in the fall of 1942 as skipper of the fishing vessel Arthur during an attempt to sink the German battleship Tirpitz in the Trondheimsfjord. The mv Arthur left Shetland with 2 mini Submarines onboard concealed under fishing nets. As they neared the Norwegian coast during night the Submarines were lowered overboard to be towed underwater for the rest of the voyage. 10 miles from the target the towing wire for the Submarines broke and the raid on the Tirpitz had to be cut short. The mv Arthur was sunk and the crew got themselves ashore and made their way overland to Sweden and were flown back to England and on to their base in Shetland.

Despite the raid's failure Larsen received a Conspicuous Gallantry Medal, the first non-Briton to do so. The Admiralty records the operation as "the achievement of penetrating to within 10 miles of the berth occupied by the Tirpitz, represents, on the part of the personnel and particularly that of the Norwegians, a fine example of cold-blooded courage."

Boat skippers were initially given the nominal rank of petty officer, but Larsen was later, without a great deal of enthusiasm, given a formal commission as a Sub-lieutenant in the Royal Norwegian Navy. This explains how Larsen received his unusual array of British medals, including two normally only given to privates, as well as two normally only given to

officers.

Operations became increasingly dangerous as the war progressed and the German forces improved their air and sea defences. They began to understand the true role of fishing boats operating far from the coast and the fishing boats were phased out in favour of three American 'sub-chasers', which were much larger, faster and better-armed, altogether better suited to the changed circumstances. The commanders of these three vessels were required to be commissioned officers and Larsen became the captain of the HMoMS Vigma.

With eleven orders, Larsen became one of the most highly decorated naval officers of the Second World War. No other man, British or foreign, received the same British military honours. In addition to the array of British decorations, he was awarded Norway's highest decoration for military gallantry, the War Cross with sword twice, in 1942 and 1943. He was one of only two people to receive this honour.



In 1995 a statue of him was erected by the sea in the centre of Bergen near the UNESCO site of Bryggen. In 2000 the Bergen newspaper Bergens Tidende named Larsen the West Coast of Norway's man of the century.

His medals are on display in The North Sea Traffic Museum in Televåg outside Bergen.

After the war Larsen had a major role in organising the naval branch of the Norwegian Home Guard. Everyone thought that Larsen would make a rapid advance through the ranks of the Norwegian Royal Navy, but his lack of higher education stopped him. In 1953 he reached the Rank Lieutenant Commander, his highest rank.

Leif Andreas Larsen died from a heart attack 12th October 1990.



Three of the medals awarded to
Lief Larsen



Memorial to the Shetland Bus in Scalloway

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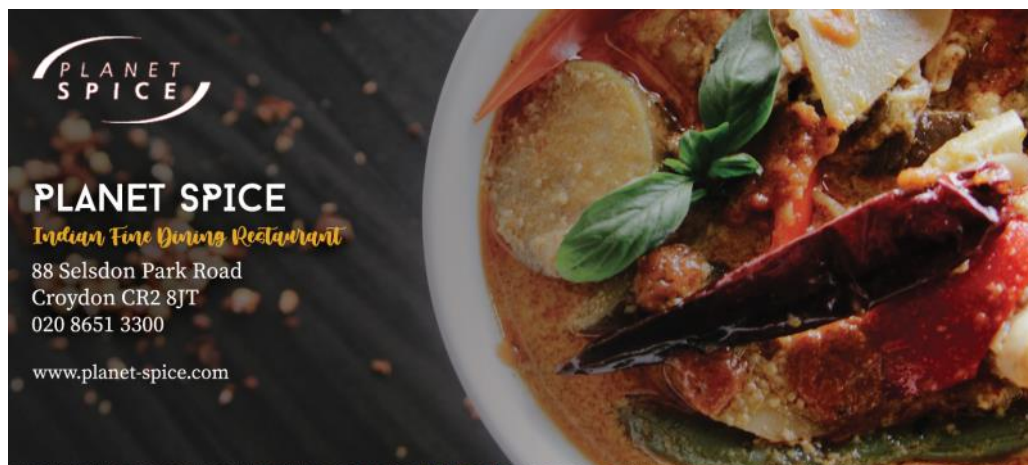
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Answers to Spring Quiz

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