



# RGN Newsletter

October 2024



## Chair's Message

Reflecting on the summer which passed all too quickly, we seemed to dodge the rain and had some very lovely outings.

It is a joy to read positive messages from you reflecting on the impact Richmond Good Neighbours continues to have.

I would like to thank our wonderful volunteers and our generous funders who support the running of the charity. I have enclosed our annual fundraising letter, and hope that you may consider making a donation.

We were all thrilled to hear of the 100th birthday celebrations of Iris - what a lot of changes Iris has seen in her time. Happy Birthday Iris, from all at RGN!

**Louise Taggart**



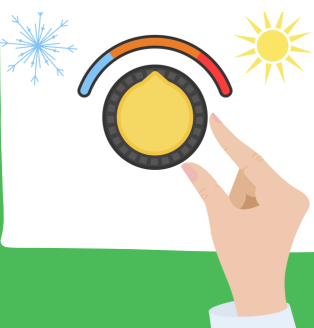
## Richmond Council Winter Fuel Grant Scheme

Many will be concerned about the changes to government winter fuel payments. Richmond Council will offer some extra support this winter:

- **Fuel Grant Scheme** - a payment of up to £170. Those still eligible for the Government winter fuel payment can also apply for the Council's Fuel Grant Scheme which will be open for applications between 2 December 2024 - 17 January 2025.

In addition,

- **£100 will be offered to all pensioners who receive a Council Tax Reduction**, but who are not eligible for the government's winter fuel payments.



Remember to **check if you are entitled to the government Pension Credit** - it could be worth on average £3,900 per year for those who are over the State Pension Age (66+ years).

For more info, please visit: [www.richmond.gov.uk/services/cost\\_of\\_living\\_hub](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/cost_of_living_hub)

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# Our recent events

Over the summer, we enjoyed a fascinating trip to The National Archives and a sunny visit to Ham House.



In October, we all got together to celebrate Silver Sunday at The Avenue Club.

On October 14th, a group went on a shopping Trip to Squires Garden Centre.



## Volunteers

Many of our volunteers were able to meet up in Kew Gardens on a glorious Sunday evening in August for our annual Pagoda Picnic. It is so important for the volunteers to get together and to feel part of our special Richmond Good Neighbours community.

**Huge thanks to all RGN volunteers for their hard work and dedication**



## Afternoon Teas

July - We enjoyed strawberries and cream and a talk from Phil Barron, CEO of Richmond Parish Lands Charity.

August - We welcomed local residents and family members to a summer tea at ETNA with board games and lots of animated conversation.

October - Our guest speaker Janine Stanford, Archivist from Richmond Library, gave an informative talk about how to use the resources at the library.





## Bus to Kew Retail Park

The shopping trips are very popular with clients, running on alternate Thursdays: 31st October, 14th November, 28th November, last one this year is 12th December. Please contact the office to reserve a place.



## Christmas Lunch 2/12

Christmas Lunch this year will be at at The Sun Inn, Parkshot TW9 2RG on **Monday 2nd December**. 12.30pm £10 per head payable in advance.

Please call the office 020-3538-4060 to book your place.

## Dates for the diary

**November 13th:** Cambrian Centre afternoon tea with guest speaker Caroline Bresson from Eel Pie Museum who will give a talk on "A suburb less ordinary".

**December 11th:** Cambrian Centre Christmas Tea 2.30pm-3.30pm



## Meet the Team

To many of you we are just a voice at the end of the phone, so we thought it was time for you to see what we look like! Anne has been with RGN since May 2018, Fay joined in September 2022. We work on different days to cover the office from 9am-1pm Monday-Friday.

Anne has lived in Richmond since 1987, raised her family here and is often seen walking her dog along the towpath or in Richmond Park trying to recruit more volunteers.

Fay moved to Richmond in 2004 with her young family and can't quite believe it's been twenty years in this beautiful green borough of Richmond. Fay can be seen jogging along the towpath on the days Anne is covering the office!





**It is always joyful to receive messages such as the following ones from clients.**



“Can I say how pleased I am you suggested I joined RGN; it has been a revelation, many thanks. You do a fantastic job and all the meetings and events work so well and never disappoint. We are lucky to have you and your lovely volunteers.” GG

“We are very lucky to have Richmond Good Neighbours and I’m sure that many others feel as I do. “What would we do without them?” You always go the extra mile for us and it is really appreciated. Anne and Fay really do their very best to find someone to help us with whatever our request is.

Now to the many very kind volunteers that give up their valuable time for us shopping, taking us for appointments or befriending they are always very kind and most helpful in many ways.

I have had a lot of appointments to get to lately and someone has always come forward. During Covid RGN also came with bags for tea and gifts. So thank you all for whatever role you play for RGN. From a very grateful person”

Pat Platt



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