

# THE FRIENDS OF ISLEWORTH PUBLIC HALL

Registered Charity Number: 1102928

## NEWS BULLETIN No.25 October 2011

Hello to all Friends and a warm welcome to those who have recently joined us.

### **FUTURE OF ISLEWORTH PUBLIC HALL**

This remains uncertain. We reported in News Bulletin No.24 that Hounslow Council had deferred its decision about the future of community venues until September. This decision has now been deferred yet again until January 2012. Our formal declaration of interest in taking over management of the venue was submitted earlier in the year and we have subsequently submitted an outline business plan. Unfortunately, despite numerous requests to Hounslow Council, they have failed to provide us with the important information we require in order to move forward.

Be assured that your committee continues to fight the good fight on behalf of our much-loved local venue and we are doing everything possible to ensure its future remains as a community facility.

## URGENT

### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

*If you haven't yet renewed your membership then please do so.*

Membership renewal this year has been very disappointing. Despite new members coming on board it is of concern that a number of previous Friends have failed to renew their membership. Perhaps this is due to the uncertainty about the future of IPH, or perhaps people are confused about The Friends of IPH and The Isleworth Society, thinking we are one and the same. We are not. The Isleworth Society is a local amenity group which fortunately uses Isleworth Public Hall for most of its events. The Friends of IPH is exactly what the label says – friends who support Isleworth Public Hall.

So, if you haven't yet renewed your membership then please do so ASAP.



**It is vital that we retain a large membership base (renewal form enclosed).**

## CURRENT PROJECTS



### **HURRAH - THE LIGHTS GO ON!!**

Not quite the Blackpool illuminations but almost! In March replacement fluorescent lights and new wall lights to the main hall were finally installed and they look great. Our thanks to the LBHounslow Isleworth + Brentford Area Committee for awarding the grant which made this work possible.



**MAYORAL SHIELD.** This historic item, on permanent loan from the Mayor's office, has been installed in the Vestry Room replacing the three David Hackman prints which are to be relocated to either Room 1 or the main entrance hall. Our thanks to Len Wiles for carrying out the redecoration necessary post installation.



### **REPAIRS TO MAIN HALL FLOOR**

The unused Section 106 money finally came through, due to the determination of one particular committee member, namely Christine Diwell, and the repairs have now been carried out including re-varnishing. Thank you Christine!

### **STORE-ROOM ADJACENT TO ROOM 1**

As there is surplus money remaining from the repairs to the main hall floor, we intend to use it towards the cost of new floor covering for the store-room adjacent to Room 1, with the balance from our own funds. A request has been made to LBHounslow and we await approval.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS



**Friday 11 November 7.30 for 7.45 pm**

The Isleworth Society's **Annual Quiz Night.** Teams 4-6 people. Tickets £8 per person including a light supper. To book phone 020 8744 0633.

**and another quiz ....!**

**Friday 18 November**

Stop Gap's **Annual Quiz Night.**

Teams maximum 6 people. Tickets £9 including a fish/sausage/chicken/veggie&chips dinner. Contact Valerie on 020 8995 9725.



**Fund-raising Coffee Morning** for The Friends of IPH on Monday 23 January including an **illustrated talk** by Christine Diwell "**Isleworth – Many Rivers to Cross**". Entrance fee £3.00 inclusive of refreshments. Raffle. 10.30am – 12 noon with talk at 11 am.

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**15-17 February 2012 at 7.45pm**  
 Stopgap's presentation of "**Passion Play**" by Peter Nicholls. "*On the surface an old, old story: the happy marriage of a middle-aged couple suddenly blown apart by the infidelity of the husband ... what starts off as racy and funny develops into something far darker and more profound*". Licensed bar and delicious snacks in the auditorium. Tickets £9. To book phone 020 8995 9725.

**1-3 August 2012.** Stopgap will present their Summer Show. Full details in the next newsletter.

## ONGOING ACTIVITIES

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** remains as popular as ever. Held on the second Thursday of each month from 2-4 pm and organised by The FOIPH it offers a varied programme. The September club was part of the LBHounslow Annual 50+ Festival 2011 and many new people attended. Entrance fee £3 includes refreshments and free raffle. Everyone welcome – just come along. (Programme for January-June 2012 enclosed).

**LIGHT WORK-OUTS FOR OVER 60's.** Exercise class, chair and floor based run by Valerie Oliver on Thursdays 10.15 – 11.30a.m. For more information call Valerie on 020 8840 1605.

### ZUMBA CLASSES WITH KATHY

Due to increasing popularity Kathy has increased fitness classes to three a week –

Monday 6.15 - 7.15 pm

Thursday 6.30 - 7.30 pm

Thursday 7.45 - 8.30 pm

For full information contact Kathy Edge on 077148 99624 or [kathyedge@msn.com](mailto:kathyedge@msn.com).

### MINI-ME'S PLAYGROUP

Pre-school sessions for Under 5's. Contact Caroline on 07932 085895.

### KATHAK DANCE

Women only dance classes. Contact Pratap Pawar on 020 8568 0423.

### FUJIAN WHITE CRANE KUNG FU

All ages. Contact Nick on 07747 775 220.

### YOGA

Monday 7.30-9.00pm – contact Sally 07970 330792.

Monday 7.30-9.30pm – contact Erin 0208560 2935.

### BABY TALK AND PLAY

Activity sessions for Under 5's. Contact Debbie on 07960 019277.

### HOUNSLOW AFRICAN & ASIAN YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Friday 1.30-3.30pm - religious prayers.

Saturday 10.00-1.00pm – WLMC Saturday School.

Contact Mr Miah on 020 8569 6350.

### ISLEWORTH PUBLIC HALL USER'S GROUP

(formerly Isleworth Public Hall Executive)

Representatives of user groups are welcome to attend this bi-monthly user group. Come along and tell us your views on the venue – good and bad! Contact Christine for further details 020 874 40663.

### WARD COUNCILLOR SURGERY

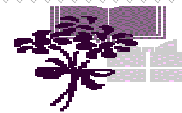
Councillor Ed Mayne, one of the three Isleworth Ward Councillors, holds surgeries at Isleworth Public Hall on the first Monday of each month from 5.00 – 6.30 pm (excluding May).

**POLICE SURGERY.** A dedicated drop-in surgery will be from 6.00 – 7.30 pm on 12 November.

### REVIEWS

In August **Stopgap** came up trumps yet again with their brilliant production of Marc Camoletti's comedy "Ding Dong". Well done Stop Gap – keep up the good work.

On the 19 October **The Isleworth Society** held a successful social evening which included an illustrated talk by Harvey Sheldon of Birkbeck University "*Syon Abbey – its secrets revealed through recent excavations*".



### Hanging Baskets

Our continued thanks to the Rugby Football Union for their annual donation used to part fund the twice yearly planting of the hanging baskets which greatly enhance the exterior of the building.

Please pass this newsletter on to a friend or neighbour and encourage them to join (application form enclosed).

**IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A  
 MEMBER PLEASE JOIN TODAY!  
 ONLY £2.00 per annum**



**IF YOU HAVEN'T RENEWED YOUR  
 MEMBERSHIP THEN PLEASE DO  
 SO NOW BECAUSE .....**

**WE NEED YOU!**

Isleworth Public Hall is a community venue, built and paid for by public subscription. We need your support to ensure it remains as a community venue.

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