

Friends of Twickenham Green



An open society of local residents and community working towards a common goal: to protect the charm and integrity of one of West London's most-treasured public spaces.

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Chair's welcome

Since the last newsletter, we were pleased to welcome 26 members to our AGM, including some new members. Two committee members have stepped down and we welcome Ann Ward and Shaun Hanks to our committee this year. We are now looking for volunteers to serve on the organising committee of our annual fete. The feeling from the AGM was that members strongly wished to continue holding an annual event, but we'd like some more volunteers to help please! If you have a particular interest or skill in this area, do get in touch via the email address opposite as we'd love to have new members on board.

Despite the variable wet weather this autumn, many thanks to all the volunteers who turned out to carry out our bi-annual litter pick of the Green on 13th October in the drizzle! We will set another date in the spring for our next one, so do watch out for this.

You will see from the Environment Officer's report below that we remain concerned about the state of the grass on the Green. We continue to liaise closely with the Parks department and local councillors to improve this. One strategy that worked well last year was the temporary fencing off of small parts of the Green to allow new grass to establish itself and we are keen to repeat this, as well as monitor usage of the area. Ultimately, however, decisions about events on the Green lie with the council, rather than the Friends, who act in an advisory capacity only.

This is the final newsletter of this year. I hope to meet many of you at our end of year meeting and party, to be held in the Cricket Pavilion at 8.00 on Tuesday 10th December. Please note that **the bar is now cash-free** and you will need to pay for drinks with a credit or debit card. If you'd like to stay on after the meeting for the party, please bring some snacks to share. This year, we will also be collecting for a local food bank. If you'd like to donate, please bring along a non-perishable item suitable for donation.

Best wishes
Helen Williams, Chair



Who we are:

Chair - Helen Williams

Vice Chair - Steve Guichard

Secretary - Pam McMillan

Treasurer - Nicky Rayner

Environment Officer - Howard Roberts

Membership Officer - Carmelle Jaitly

Web editor - Carmelle Jaitly

What's new

Green update by Howard Roberts, Environment Officer

As The Green moves in to its autumnal phase, it is worth reflecting on the changes that are afoot. Parks have been undertaking a local tree survey which has included The Green. Whilst we still await the final report, we shall be looking at three new saplings being planted before Christmas, with extra attention being paid to the soil conditions. If you live close to The Green, we will be looking for volunteers to assist with the watering of these young trees. Please make contact with us if you'd like to help. With regard to the trees, we are grateful for the work of Jane Crowther, Parks Arboricultural Officer, for all her efforts here.

The circus visit passed off with no significant damage to the fabric of The Green, but sadly, the grass in many parts of The Green is still in very poor shape. Parks have extensive seeding and aeration works planned for the autumn, and it is our hope that the fallow period between September and March will give the grass a chance to recover. I am pleased to report that local councillors are well aware of this issue, and working with us and Parks, to look for solutions.

Longer term, we have some environmental projects in the early stages of planning and will report on those in more detail in the next newsletter. Enjoy The Green as the colours change!

Dates for your diary

Next members' meeting followed by Christmas party: **Tuesday 10th December 8.00 p.m.** in the cricket pavilion, Twickenham Green.

General members' meetings for 2020:

Tuesday 3rd March

Tuesday 2nd June

Tuesday 8th September (AGM)