



EASTWICK JUNIOR SCHOOL MURAL

Last Autumn a pilot project was launched by East & West Surrey Area NADFAS and the Surrey Area Parent Teacher Associations. Using matched funding contributed by the local Societies and the participating School PTA's an art initiative was commissioned.

Our Society contributed £150 and Eastwick Junior PTA asked Jenny Allan, a local Artist, to work with the Teachers and children and create a mural of school life for their main Hall. The mural was finished in March and John Tiffney was invited to the unveiling-see photo above.

John Tiffney

THE AGM

The annual meeting this year marked the retirement of John Tiffney as founding Chairman of the Society and its guide for the first five years. John Cook the incoming Chairman voiced the thanks of the members to John for his commitment over this time; without him there would not be a Society today. In recognition, John was appointed Honorary President for the next five years. Presentations were made to John and to other retiring members of the Committee, Derek Symonds and Bob Evans. The Chairman expressed his gratitude of all for their untiring work in supporting the development of the Society.

The Annual accounts were presented and approved unanimously. The meeting agreed the elections of Dr John Cook as Chairman and John Davies as Treasurer. Tim Cook was reappointed as Honorary Examiner of the accounts.

We were pleased to be able to welcome Pam Wilson and Jenny Denison who were elected to the Committee.

John Cook ended the meeting by looking forward to a fruitful and interesting three years as Chairman.

PROGRAMME

The first four lecturers for 2007 have been well received. The presentation by David Evans on Painting in Newlyn was particularly popular-with his unique personal relationship to many of them through his Father.

The 2008 lectures are now complete. We have tried to give you a varied programme – Art, Architecture, Music, Gardens, and a light hearted one in February to complement Valentine's Day! Next year is the anniversary of Palladio's birth so we have arranged a lecture on the English Palladian Country House in March and a visit to Basildon Park on 15th May.

Unfortunately the Lecturer we had booked for October 2007 has withdrawn, but we have arranged a lecture on Interior Decoration in Pompeii instead.

Muriel Wheatley – programme secretary

MEMBERSHIP

The membership stands at 240 and the committee have decided to keep to this figure for the time being. Regrettably this will mean that the fifteen people on the waiting list will have to be patient for a little longer before being offered membership. If it is any consolation most Societies have much longer waiting lists and people can wait years before joining NADFAS! To date we have not kept anyone waiting more than 12 months.

John Jones – membership secretary

DESIGN

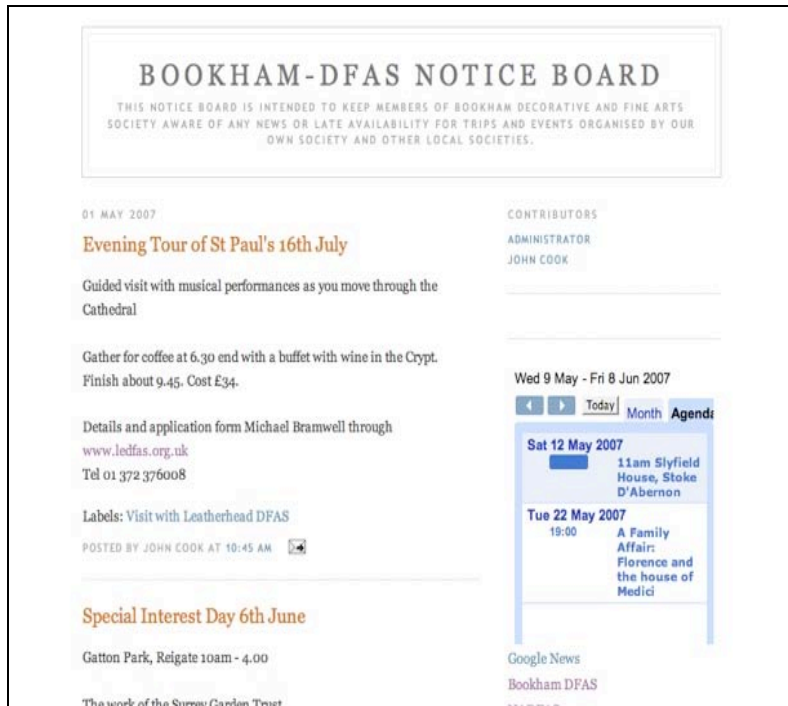
by **John Tiffney** with assistance from **John Cook**
and considerable support from **Bob Evans**

NEW!! WEBSITE INFORMATION LINK

From time to time I receive notices from other societies about their visits, study days or courses that might be of interest to our members. I place them on the board at meetings so that we all may take advantage of the offers. But, sometimes the information arrives too late for the meeting or in the limited time of a Tuesday lecture not everybody has a chance to see the board. This has meant that some good opportunities were being missed.

With the expert assistance of Bob Evans, we have devised a way to make the information available on our website. Visit the site at www.bookham-dfas.co.uk and click on the Notice-Board link and you will see details including date, price and a contact point for applications.

Follow the link... and it will look like this...



John Cook

CHURCH RECORDING

“There is a long, long trail a-winding.....”

There are times when, as a group of us as BDFAS members carry on with our task of completing a record of our Church of St. Nicolas, we feel this could well be the most appropriate sentiment to sum up our continuing efforts.

The work is however, progressing well and we are I believe at last getting to the point where “silver linings” and “dreams” can perhaps also come into our thoughts.

You may recall that some three years ago we undertook, as part of a nationwide NADFAS initiative, to compile a detailed record of everything which is in the Church- from memorials to stonework, paintings to windows, textiles to woodwork-even down to listing items under a miscellaneous category. This is a time consuming and meticulous task where accuracy is of the essence. Having completed the descriptive work we then put together the background and history of each item. I am pleased to report that we can now realistically see a finishing point for the first part of our assignment and are beginning to work consistently on the second. Even then there will still be more to do-putting our work into an agreed format and including plans and photographs. The NADFAS Area colleagues will then check our draft before it can be printed in final form.

We are very fortunate that in Bookham we have a dedicated and still (most of the time!) enthusiastic band of 20 or so Members who are working on the completion of this worthwhile and lasting record of St. Nicolas, a precious part our local heritage.

Michael Anderson

VISITS

We are having an interesting year again as far as visits are concerned, having started with the Garrick Club in February, Woburn Abbey in April, followed by Slyfield House in May, St. Albans 7 Gorambury, Southside House in Wimbledon and a walk to the Wallace Collection in July, The Stanley Pitcher Gallery in Kingston and Blenheim Palace to follow. Our overseas trip to Amsterdam & Leiden in October is fully booked and we finish the year with a Christmas outing behind the scenes at Glyndebourne on 16th November. Keep looking at the notice board to make sure you get your bookings in.

Our visit to Woburn was a delightful day, inspire of the difficulties on the M1 making us late in arriving, but we were treated “royally” with coffee and homemade biscuits and six excellent guides who showed us round the Abbey. The present Duke and his family live on the top floor, but it was the 13th and 14th Dukes who rescued Woburn and put it on the “map” for us all to enjoy. It is surrounded by the most beautiful grounds with ten species of deer. I can’t possibly list all that we saw but every room was superbly presented and included the State Dining Room, Queen Victoria’s Bedroom, the Racing Room and the “Flying Duchesses Room.... She was a very special lady who was a qualified pilot, Theatre Sister & Radiographer. She established a cottage hospital in Woburn and a ward at Woburn for First World War soldiers. Sadly she disappeared at sea in her Tiger Moth. The Dining Room is used by the family and included the second largest collection of Canaletto’s in the world!! The Crypt contained a display of china and silver /gold from the family vaults.

Hazel Parker – visits organiser