



Cherry Garden TRA



Your Tenants and Residents Association

**We wish you all a healthy Christmas!
And a happier New Year!**

2020 Lockdown at Cherry Garden TRA

Everything stopped. In March we had to close Cherry Garden Hall. No events were allowed. Only food banks were busier than ever. As we still had money from letting out the Hall, we donated £1,000 to City Hope Church and £500 to Time & Talents to help people in need.

Some young people who were furloughed from their jobs kindly spent time helping others. The new charity 'Love From All' gave us 40 gifts of Tea and Biscuits to cheer residents up during lock-down.

The North Bermondsey Community Support group is still providing help with shopping, etc. If you have any problems, ring their helpline: 07934 719 162.



Christmas gifts for Pensioners!



Since 2017 we have been giving £50 Tesco vouchers as Christmas presents to over-60s in our area. The committee voted to continue this very welcome policy. We give a total of 40 vouchers, limited to one per household. If you know anyone over 60 who is not already on the list, please put names forward to Sheila: 07906 860 979.



Christmas Pantomime at Easter?? Yes, really!!

Our TRA booked tickets for this year's pantomime at Greenwich Theatre. Then it was cancelled. But now it's been rescheduled to the Easter holidays. We have 150 seats free-of-charge for The Queen of Hearts on Sunday, 18 April 2021 at 5pm. Note the date!

To reserve places, contact Sheila on 07906 860 979.

Turn over for more!



A few limited 2020 activities



Visits to the Zoo

Coach outings were impossible this year, as you can't keep social distancing with 50 people! But we decided to fund individual family visits to London Zoo, giving each family up to £75. It was a really lovely idea, much enjoyed by everyone who's taken it up. The offer is still open. Contact Sheila for details: 07906 860 979.



Greener Bermondsey

This autumn saw the launch of Greener Bermondsey, a campaign celebrating the centenary of Ada Salter's Beautification Committee, which transformed Bermondsey in the 1920s. Greener Bermondsey followed Ada's example and gave away 10,000 free tulip bulbs.

Sheila and Carol from our TRA planted 100 of them at Ada's statue and 100 on her Wilson Grove estate. We look forward to a colourful spring!

Other local news

The Tideway site at Chambers Wharf

In July the tunnel boring machine, Selina, arrived here after being towed up the Thames. She is now underground, ready to tunnel eastwards. The new super sewer will dramatically improve Thames water quality. Anyone with problems due to the Tideway site should contact: Jacqueline Christie, the council's Consultation and Involvement Officer: Community.Engagement@southwark.gov.uk

TBM Selina was named after Dr Selina Fox, who founded the Bermondsey Medical Mission in 1904. The small clinic and 8-bed hospital provided care for vulnerable women and children.

A new Joyslide at St James's Church

Work has started on the new Joyslide in St James's Churchyard. It will open next year, exactly 100 years after the first slide was opened by Arthur Carr and Ada Salter. The original slide was the brainchild of Arthur Carr of Peak Freans, who saw children sliding on the granite slope of the church steps. The new slide was designed by architect, Fergus Carr, Arthur's great-great-grandson!



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