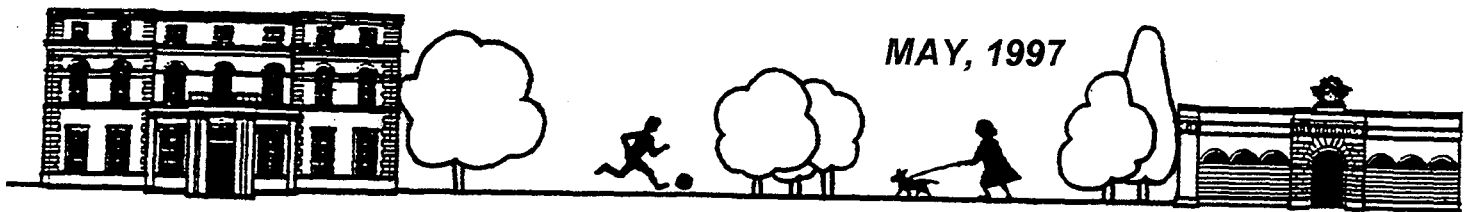


FRIENDS of GUNNERSBURY PARK & MUSEUM

NEWSLETTER

No. 47

MAY, 1997



FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone,
Welcome to the May edition of the Newsletter, and the first one under a Labour government!

The long light evenings are very welcome, as has been the sunshine: although now I'm rather hoping it will rain more as the Park, like many gardens and allotments, is in need of water.

We have our usual mixture of social events and interviews in this newsletter, plus we are looking for a volunteer to take over the conservatory.

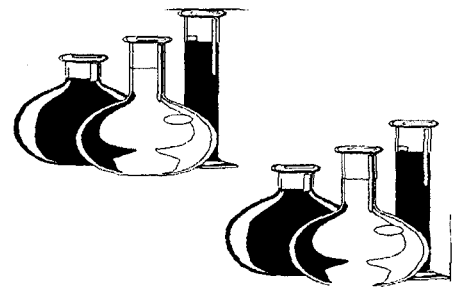
More about that inside ...

As you know, we also welcome any items *you* would like to contribute or have included in future editions.

Please send to: The Editor, 14 Manor Gardens, Gunnersbury Avenue, W3 8JU

I look forward to hearing from you,
Ed

The Museum is appealing for cylindrical glass jars, home-made pickles and conserves to display in the Victorian Kitchens. If you wish to donate any, please contact Clare Connaughton on 01 81 992 1612 or call at the Museum between 1 - 5pm Monday to Friday.



ADVERTISING

Should you wish to *advertise* in the Newsletter, we'd welcome an accompanying donation.

lottery news



Sean, Deputy Museum Curator, has contacted Richard Harrison, external Consultant, to help with the Museum bid, which needs to be in by September. Regarding the Park bid: the Heritage Lottery Fund has asked Mike Rowan to hire an Historical Architect to check the plans.



GUNNERSBURY PARK AND MUSEUM EVENTS

- **Behind the Green Baize Door**
This hour-long drama exploring a day in the life of the servants in an upstairs/downstairs drama, is suitable for all those aged 8 and over. £2.50
*20 May (3 & 6pm), 21 May (1 & 6pm), 27 May (1 0.30 & 1.30)
28 May (1 0.30 & 1.30) 29 May*
- **Thames Valley Auto Trader Car Show**
Gunnery Park *21, 22 June*
- **Turnham Green Bric-a-Brac Stalls**
Come and buy!
24 May, 9 August, 20 September, 27 September
- **It's on at the Flicks!**
Posters and stills from Ealing Film Studios
until July 6
- **Gunnery Gala**
We look forward to seeing you all on *13 July (2 - 5pm)*
- **Theatre Mini-Event**
27 July (3 - 5pm)
- **Puppets**
10 August (3 - 5pm)
- **Chiswick Extravaganza**
Come and act extravagantly on *30 August*
- **Gunnery Park Fete**
Make a note in your diaries not to forget this annual fun!
Held this year on *7 September*



INTERVIEW WITH A PARK PERSON

This Quarter it's
with...

**CLAIRE
CONNAUGHTON**

◆
'Three hundred people read the newsletter? Oh my goodness,' exclaims Claire. 'No, you can't have a photo of me, much too embarrassing!' Claire may be bashful about promoting herself, but revels in publicising Gunnersbury Park Museum. A geography graduate from Kingston University, now 24, she has been working full-time at the Museum since last July. Previously Claire worked at Gunnersbury as a Museum Assistant while she was still a student. When a full-time job came up she quickly applied: 'I think it's a really good job to get straight from university,' she says. Claire now has valuable experience of different aspects of running the museum. While she was a Museum Assistant she wasn't involved with the office upstairs at all. Her duties included showing the general public around and working in the museum shop.

Her post is entitled 'Administrative' but this isn't totally applicable. Claire explains that so long as she clears the financial, secretarial and administrative tasks, she is free to concentrate on the promotional aspects of her job. These tie in with her interest in marketing. She quickly realised the potential of her new position: 'It is flexible enough to concentrate on the areas one is interested in. I like the people, the place and the job. I enjoy it a lot.'

◆ Oh yes they do - Ed

news update



Capel Manor at Gunnersbury Park



Jason Drewitt has informed me that the next few months will be hectic, with the new development of a glasshouse training unit and floristry room in the Walled Garden, as well as five full-time students constructing a garden at the Hampton Court Palace July flower show. Capel Manor are hoping to build a mock version of the flower show garden at Gunnersbury in late May.

We hope to have some photographs of these projects in our next newsletter, but to those Friends who can't wait that long, Jason has kindly extended an invitation to visit the new development in person.

Please ring Helen (01 81 993 1 773) or Jason (01 81 993 6266) to arrange this.

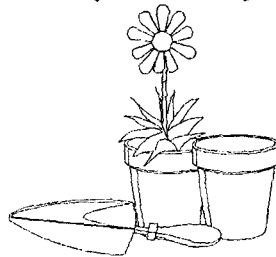
The Conservatory



The Friends and Museum are very grateful to Fred and Doris Sherley, and Marianne Booth, for all their hard work in the Conservatory during the past four years. Regretfully they are no longer able to continue with their work there, so we are now asking for other kind volunteers to take over. Marianne, Doris and Fred built up the conservatory display wonderfully, aided by your kind donations of plants. It would be a shame to see their hard work go to waste; the conservatory is one of Gunnersbury Parks many attractions.

The work is pleasant, consisting of tending the plants and ensuring they are watered. It takes a couple of hours a week and would suit someone living locally. Should more than one person apply, perhaps a rota could be worked out to cover holiday periods, etc.

If you have green fingers or are just handy with a watering-can, please call *Helen (01 81 993 1 773)* or *Joan (01 81 560 4262)*



! **BRIC A BRAC NEEDED !**

Please contact 01 81 560 4262 should you have any china, books, clothes, etc. you wish to contribute

THE NEWSLETTER QUARTERLY ISSUES:

February	Spring Lecture details
May	Summer Gala details
August	September Fete details
November	Christmas event details

This Newsletter is edited by H Poskitt Bingham, 14 Manor Gardens, Gunnersbury Avenue London W3 8JU