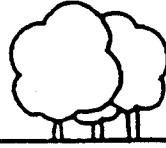
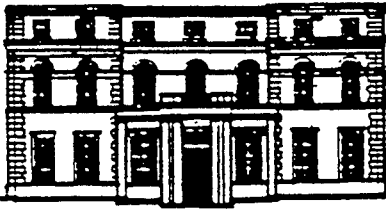


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FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Friends

I hope you all had an enjoyable Guy Fawkes night. We can now look forward to the festive Christmas events being organised by the Park and Museum.

Many people are making social plans for Millennium New Year's Eve – and it's striking how many involve staying at home in front of the fire with friends and family, or a good book!

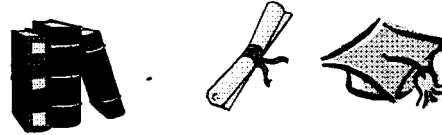
Our Chairman, James Wisdom, was the Guest Speaker recently at the annual highly enjoyable evening of Presentation of Awards for Capel Manor.

By the time this newsletter hits your doormat volunteers will have helped with the annual November Park bulb planting event. We can again look forward to seeing beautiful Spring flowers next year.

Thanks to you all for your helpful correspondence. I have just realised with amazement that the next time I shall be writing to you will be February 2000 – so I shall take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Ed.

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Capel Manor – Presentation of Awards Evening

This annual event was held on 22 October in the Small Mansion Terrace Room in the presence of the Mayor of Ealing and the Mayor of Hounslow. Students had decorated the high-ceilinged room very effectively with dramatic balloon sculptures. As usual, there was a wonderful Buffet and superb flower arrangements.

Capel Manor is impressively expanding and thriving: some Course prize winners were awarded NVQs in Horticulture, Nursery Option, and Floristry. Other successful students gained City & Guilds awards in Balloon Artistry, and Planting, and achieved Royal Horticultural Society General Examination awards.

The Friends of Gunnersbury Park Award is given annually to the student who has contributed most to the Park and to Capel Manor at Gunnersbury. This year it was won jointly by Gina Martin and Bodhi Shaw for the creation of the *Eden in the Clouds* garden at the prestigious Home & Garden Fair at Olympia.

James Wisdom, Chairman of the Friends of Gunnersbury Park was the Guest Speaker, and gave an erudite and interesting talk about Gunnersbury Park, past, present and future.

Thanks to all at Capel Manor for such a pleasant and informative evening.

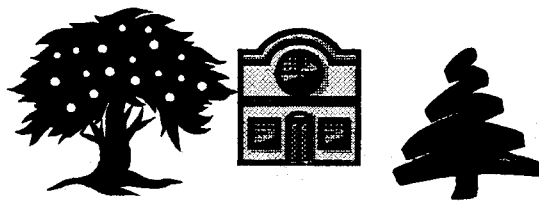
INTERVIEW WITH A PARK PERSON... *this week with Café Co-owner, Francesca Corelli*

Francesca Corelli and her husband Ernie, 'spelt like the milkman' she says with a charming accent, own the light and spacious coffee shop in the Park. Francesca took over as Manager three weeks ago and the establishment is obviously in capable hands. Francesca has spent 27 of her 46 years running Park cafés. Latterly she was at Richmond Park Café for four years, and Dulwich Park café for eight years.

'We want to look after the public and make the café look nice,' says Francesca of the site at Gunnersbury. They sure do and it certainly does. When Ernie and Francesca took on the business two years ago, they had to work hard, decorating and refurbishing the premises. Now the flowers, clean tiled floor and gleaming tables in the light airy snack bar attract many appreciative Park-users.

Customers' favourite meals are delicious-looking Lasagne (£4.00), Chile con Carne (£3.70) and Full English Breakfast. This last choice boasts egg, bacon, beans, tomatoes, sausage, toast, hash browns and tea or coffee. The shining food cabinets also contain a variety of meals, snacks, drinks and ice-cream. It is open every day, with the highest number of visitors arriving at week-ends. 'Every type of person uses the café – parents, children, young people,' says Francesca happily. Herself the mother of two grown-up sons, Francesca travels to work daily from Kingston. 'Gunnersbury Park café is part of our lives,' she explains.

*The Park café is next to the toddlers playground and open
Mon – Sat: 9.30am-3.30pm & Sun: 9.30am-4.00pm*



Students Garden Stars at Olympia



NEWSLETTER QUARTERLY

ISSUES:

February

- Spring Lecture
details

May

- Summer Gala
details

August

- September Fete
details

December

- Christmas event
details

EDEN IN THE CLOUDS –



GUNNERSBURY PARK & MUSEUM EVENTS

For more information also e-mail: gp-museum@cip.org.uk

□ **CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT**

Booking essential for a traditional Christmas evening 'The Whirligig of Time' at Gunnersbury Park Museum. Enjoy mulled wine, Christmas cake, sketches, readings and carols at this annual Christmas show, back for a third year by popular demand.

Please phone 0181 992 1612 - tickets £5.00 (conc. £4.00).

Box office opens 7.30pm. 16 December (at 8pm), 17 December (1pm & 8pm) and 18 December (8pm)

□ **LIFE IN THE LANE**

Portraits and Memories from Acton Lane by Gill Mathias

This is a Millennium history project and photographic exhibition, showing portraits of Audrey the Lollipop Lady, Raj the Pharmacist and Dave the Printer, amongst others, from the community of Acton Lane. (For further information pl. contact Caroline Gardner or Vanda Foster:

0181 992 1612)

□ **FOR CHILDREN:**

Gunnersbury Park Museum Victorian kitchens.

Museum open 1-6pm

Teachers may be interested by the Museum's education programme and many Workshops.

For more info. call Sue McAlpine or Adam Senior on 0181- 992 2247

□ **APPEAL**

MILLENNIUM SPECIAL EXHIBITION

- 20TH CENTURY TIME WALK

Do you have any new blank audio cassette tapes you don't need? The Archive Department at the Museum needs some to record interviews with people for the Millennium. They are also searching for white bow ties, for the butler and footmen at Gunnersbury. Sue McAlpine is organising this Exhibition and is also interested in considering borrowing or having objects that SCREAM 60s,70s,80s or 90s. Things particularly sought after are listed overleaf, so if you have them lurking in a cupboard ..?

1960s

Kenwood chef
 ceramics - Spanish garden, Derby, Susie Cooper
 psychedelic
 Beatles
 mary Quant
 Carnaby Street - kipper ties
 tights
 mini
 Sindy doll, action man
 habitat/conran
 flower power
 shos, fashion
 Mary Quant
 transistor radio
 PVC
 Germaine Greer - the Female Enoch
 James Bond
 hair rollers
 roll on
 Top of the Pops
 She Loves You 45
 Telestar
 Rolling Stones

1970s

Biba
 Op art
 carlton walking ware egg cup
 Punk
 platform shoes
 maxi
 flares
 Mr Men
 Raymond Briggs - Snowman
 Star Wars figures
 Magic Roundabout
 first pocket calculator - sinclair
 Bay City Rollers
 electronic typewriter
 Rubic's cube
 Queen's silver jubilee
 Fleetwood mac
 Denim jeans
 yoghurt makers
 Hornsea pottery
 digital watch
 decimilisation
 Monty Python
 the pill
 Sergent Pepper

1980s

Margaret Thatcher
 Charles and Diana wedding
 Yuppie (young upwardly professional)
 cordless electric kettle
 swatch watches
 Calvin klein Obsession
 shirts printed with slogans
 Boy George Culture Club
 Cabbage Patch kid
 Roald Dahl
 Gothic
 LSD
 Rave
 Wham
 Durrant Durrant
 telephone cards
 Space Invaders
 Game Boy Donkey Kong
 ZX81 Spectrum
 Comodore V20
 Walkmans
 skateboard
 legwarmers
 BMX
 leotards - keep fit
 tapes and tape recorders
 Connect 4
 leather jackets
 video rental

1990s

Jean Paul Gautier
 Versace
 New labour
 Boyzone
 Oasis
 Beanie babies
 Pop up Books
 Football memorabilia
 filofax
 laptops
 personal organiser
 handheld computers
 Diana commemoratives
 health
 GM food
 Millennium bug
 mobile phones
 comic relief 1999
 internet
 CD and mini disc
 small calculators
 millennium stuff
 eclipse - water bottle
 eclipse glasses
 Wallace and Gromit
 Salman Rushdie -
 Spice Girls
 Grunge
 baseball caps
 Emma Bridgewater
 Recycling
 Designer labels