

About Us

We founded the Twickenham Tribune in November 2016 publishing the online newspaper weekly. As well as news items and editorial the Tribune has a core of dedicated contributors who bring variety to the popular publication. (Teresa Read and Berkley Driscoll).

Previously we had organised quite a few community events and as trustees of a local charity (REIC) had worked extensively on Heritage Lottery history projects ([Memories of Twickenham Riverside](#), [IceRinx](#) and [Lidos Alive](#)).

Our first community event coincided with the Great River Race in 2011. We were awarded the first Civic Pride grant and organised the Twickenham Alive Riverside Regatta - a two-day event. The focus of the weekend was the recreation of the historic Charlie Shore Regatta for Boys and Girls which saw racing organised by Twickenham Rowing Club and a specially commissioned Charlie Shore dance on the Embankment.

There was live music on Champion's Wharf, a children's fun fair, Shetland ponies in the statue gardens and a market along the whole of the Embankment. We also organised photographic and video competitions of the event with a prize giving at a later date in Clarendon Hall.

At that weekend we introduced Stand Up Paddleboarding to Twickenham and eventually formed the first SUP club on the Thames.

Diamond Jubilee Gardens opened in 2012 and as trustees of the REIC we exhibited our photographs from the HLF Memories of Twickenham Riverside project. On the following day we arranged a day of events including live music. For the Christmas festivities in Diamond Jubilee Gardens we organised a live music stage, children's entertainment, festive stalls and break dancing.

During the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations we organised a two week Twickenham Riverside Jubilee Festival which included water zorbing, live music, children's fairground attractions, Shetland ponies in the statue garden, markets, a craft fair, a D-

Day Dance and the Twickenham Alive Blue Mile (a national Stand Up Paddleboarding charitable event).

The Twickenham Riverside Festival continued annually until 2017 with all the usual attractions including the exciting spectacle of Dragon Boat racing.

2012 had seen the launch of the Twickenham Film Festival with an outdoor screening of the premiere of a UK comedy "Borrowed Time". From 2013 our annual Twickenham Film Festival gave the opportunity for people of all ages to have their short films screened. As well as people from the Borough films came from as far away as Hong Kong, the USA, Italy, Portugal and Gibraltar.

In 2012 and 2013 we became co-organisers with the RFU of the Strawberry Hill Music and Fun Day (SHMFD). In 2014 the RFU withdrew from the organization of the SHMFD so it became the Twickenham Alive Music and Fun Day - raising money for Strawberry Hill House - which we ran successfully for two years.

Around this time we were preparing to embark on a two year HLF project about the ice rink in East Twickenham and at Christmas 2013 were able to bring a temporary ice rink to York House. 2014 saw a very successful festive ice rink at Strawberry Hill House which returned again the following year.

In 2017 the Planning Inspectorate granted Twickenham Alive planning permission for an ice rink in Radnor Gardens.

As well as bringing an ice rink back to Twickenham we also took part in a competition for plans for Twickenham Riverside. Our proposals included a small lido with health spa, community café and restaurant. This idea was entered in a Council competition partnering with Atkins Global.

http://richmond.gov.uk/media/7145/twickenham_riverside_itt_atkins.pdf

A Change.org petition for a lido attracted over 4,100 supporters. <http://twickenhamlido.com>

During this time we published various history books including one about the history of lidos "Lidos Alive" and another about healthy

eating "Eating the WIZ Way". We also produced two permanent history plaques for Warren Gardens telling the stories of the ice rink and the Belgian Village in Twickenham during World War One.

Note: My involvement in the local area started with supporting St Catherine's School when it was threatened with closure <http://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=StrawberryHillPo>
[pe](http://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=StrawberryHillPo), then much later working on a suitable plan for Gifford House <http://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=StrawberryHillGif>
[ford](http://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=StrawberryHillGif) and arranging the Referendum which saved Twickenham Riverside. Before delving into community politics I spent ten years producing a world history www.worldinfozone.com, with people in over 150 countries, the content totalling in excess of 1,000 web pages. From 2002 I have taken part in international conferences with educators from around the world. Teresa Read, Editor, Twickenham Tribune.

In 2017 the Twickenham Tribune was invited by Fondazione Mondo Digitale to exhibit the Twickenham Tribune in Rome.