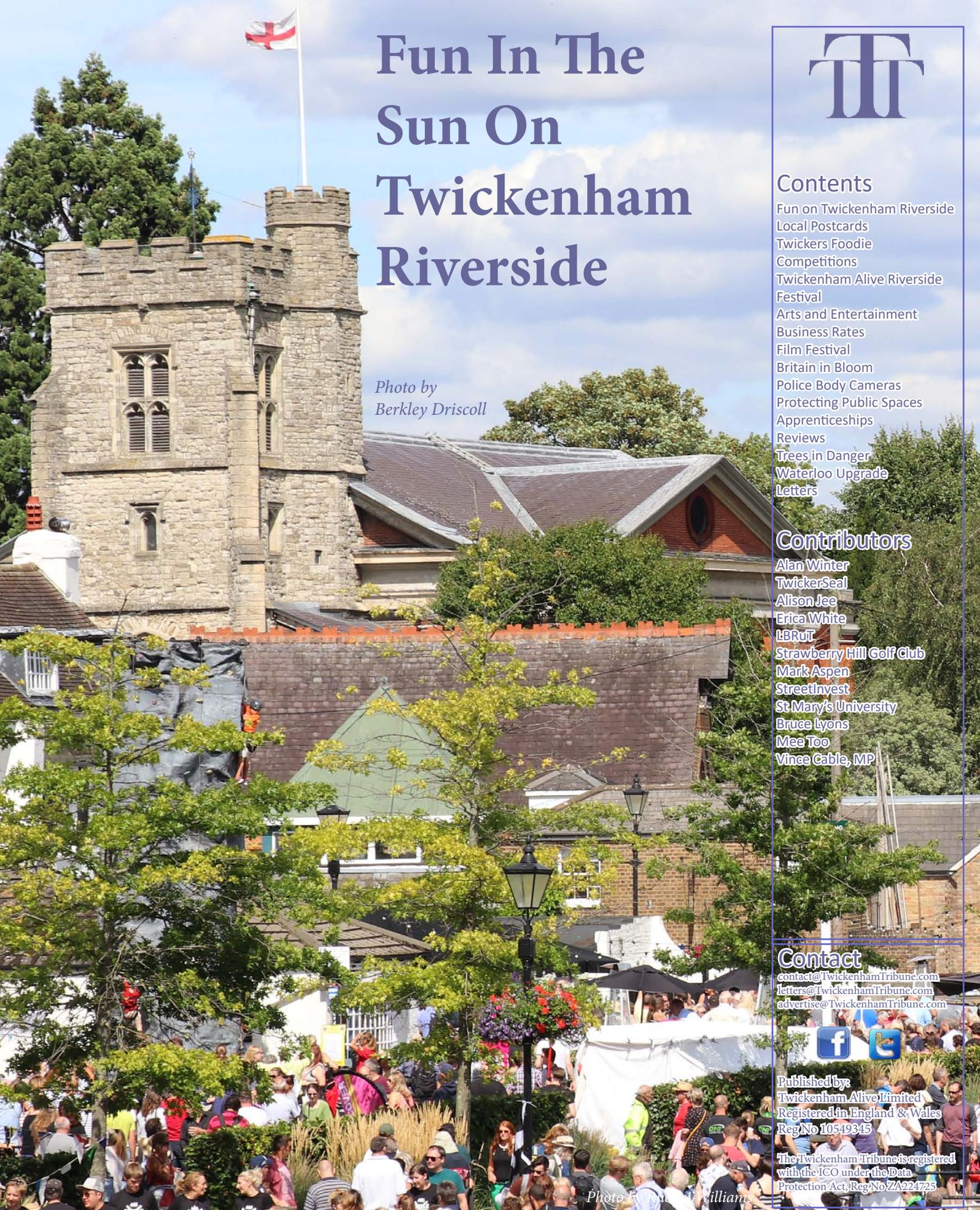


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Fun In The Sun On Twickenham Riverside

Photo by Berkley Driscoll



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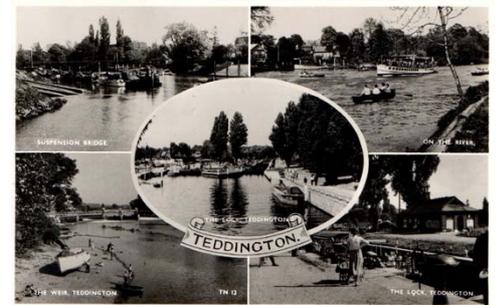
THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

PART 35 – THE SUSPENSION FOOTBRIDGE – TEDDINGTON

By Alan Winter

As we wander around the old borough of Twickenham on our postcard journey it is inevitable that we arrive at the River Thames on several occasions. This week we pause at Teddington where the lock, weir and footbridges form part of our area's infrastructure.

The first postcard is a Multiview of this part of Teddington showing all of these features while the second is an excellent example of a real photographic card showing the suspension bridge in detail. Teddington Lock Footbridge consists of two separate bridges across the River Thames situated just upstream of the lock. There is a small island between the bridges.



The two footbridges are both grade II listed and were built between 1887 and 1889, funded by donations from local residents and businesses. They replaced a ferry which gave its name to Ferry Road. The western bridge consists of a suspension bridge crossing the weir stream and linking the island to Teddington. The eastern bridge is an iron girder bridge crossing the lock cut and linking the island to Ham on the Surrey bank.



The area became a weekend focus for leisure activities and two popular pubs at the location remain busy to this day.

The Tide End Cottage pub is situated 50 yards from the bank of the River Thames in Ferry Road. The pub dates back to 1820. It was near this pub on the River Thames at Tough's boat yard that 100 "small ships" were assembled prior to their perilous passage across the English Channel to assist in the Dunkirk evacuation in May 1940.

The pub sign depicts the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) under German fire. The front of the pub is original and inside it is a cosy local's pub which is all one room split into three parts.

Situated next to the lock is the Anglers which has existed since the middle of the 18th century. A popular tavern with the local fishermen who would spend hours on the river bank. The pub was acquired by Fullers in 2010.

In recent years, wooden ramps have been added to the approach to the bridge on the Ham side and to the middle part on the small island so that cycles and pushchairs can avoid the steps up to and down from that section of the bridge.

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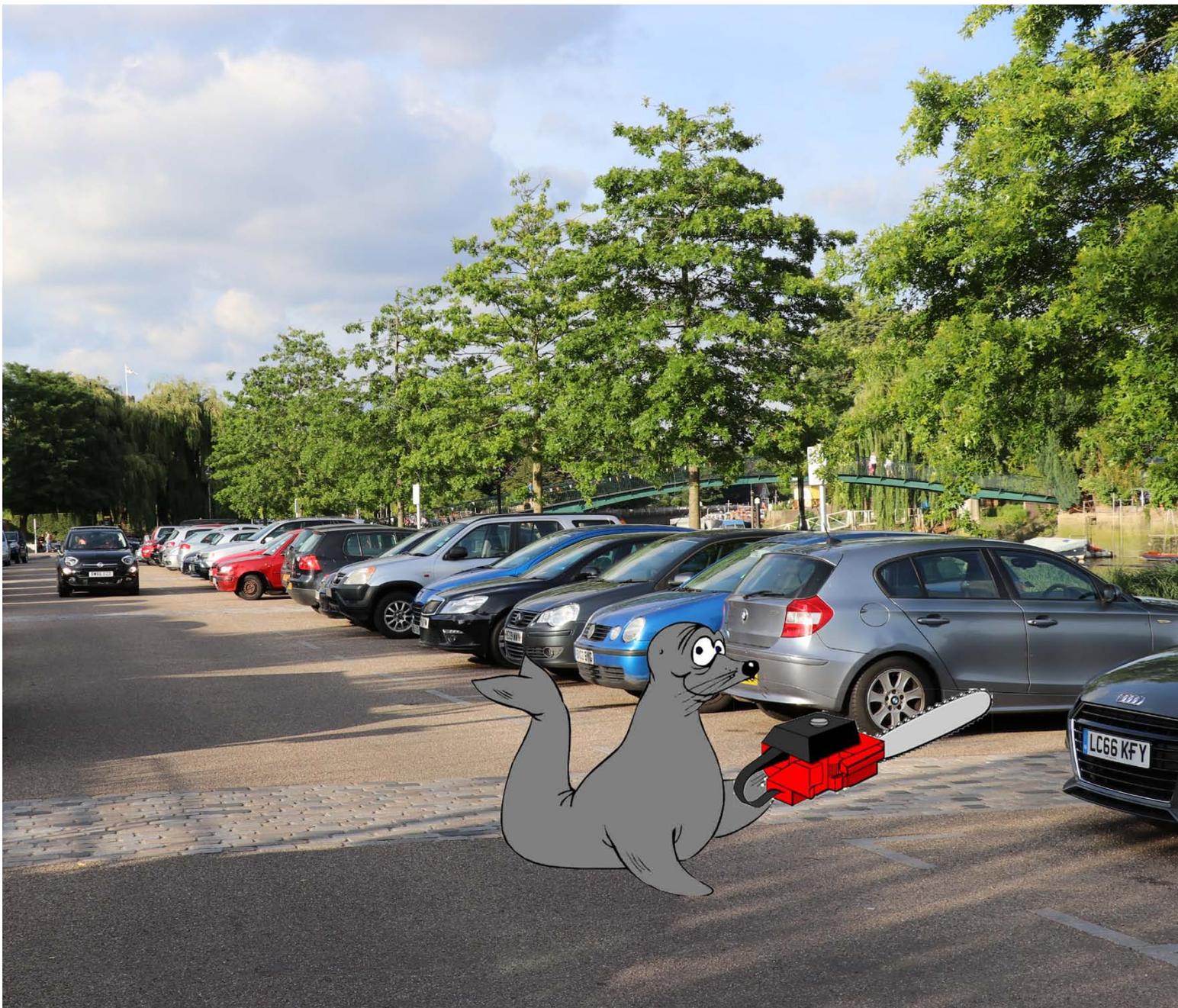
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Twitter has been aflutter with conversations concerning parking on Twickenham Riverside.

This week's BBC programme 'In Search of Arcadia' added to the chatter with some questioning why the picturesque Twickenham Riverside car park did not feature.

Perhaps we should combine developers' desire to chop down trees (see elsewhere in this edition) and the council's yearning for more car parking by chopping down those pesky trees on the riverside and expanding the car park?

Then Twickenham would have a car park to be proud of!



Twickers Foodie

Urban Village Chocolates

Yummy treats made right here in Twickers

By Alison Jee

Did you know that there is an artisan chocolatier right here in Twickenham? Originally working from the basement of their family home, husband and wife team Deborah Newbury and Mark Brownrigg recently expanded into a small business unit among the residential cottages near the Turk's Head in St Margarets. I first became aware of Urban Village Chocolates when I bought a box of 'Around the World' chocolates for a friend's birthday. This was such a clever idea; a veritable tasting journey around the chocolate growing regions of the globe. The boxes comprise chocolate originating from South America and Africa to the Far East. It offers an epicurean journey, enabling one to taste how the diverse 'terroir' affects the end result of different single-origin chocolates (just like wines). And believe me, as someone who helps judge at the Academy of Chocolate Awards, I know there is a world of difference between the various countries of origin! The box contains a menu card identifying and describing the flavour profiles of the chocolates. It makes an unusual birthday or dinner party gift – including a fun activity for the end of dinner.



As well as the aforementioned Around the World collection, Urban Village produces hand made fine chocolates (the caramels are to die for) bars, buttons and more, (often with a seasonal slant) using top quality single-origin and single-plantation chocolate. As they are long-term Twickers residents I took the opportunity to ask them about a few of their favourite local suppliers and hostelrys: They are regulars at Sandys (being pescatarian) and their favourite local is The Crown – both for dining and drinking. For special family occasions, they opt for either The Bingham or The Petersham.

Urban Village Chocolates are available at selected retail outlets and online (collected from St Margarets or posted - P&P free for orders over £45). You will also often find them supporting local events - exhibiting and offering tasting samples, as well as selling their products. www.urbanvillagechocolates.co.uk

COMPETITION: Win a box of Around the World chocolates

One lucky Twickenham Tribune reader is in for a treat this week but they won't need their passport to travel around the world! The lovely people at Urban Village Chocolates are giving a box of 16 hearts (130g with two each of eight varieties) as our competition prize. To enter, check out their website and tell us how many different 110g bars of chocolate are available. Email your answer to win@twickenhamtribune.com with the heading Urban Village Chocolates, and don't forget to give us your name and postcode. **Closing date is Friday 18th August**

Offers and Competitions

Win - a meal for two at The Royal Oak

We've got together with the Royal Oak to offer a lucky winner a meal for two. They will be offered three courses and either a bottle of wine (chosen by the manager) to share, or two cocktails/beers with the meal, coffee or tea to follow.

To enter, check out the website and let us know the name of the company behind The Royal Oak . Then email your answer, together with your contact details to

win@twickenhamtribune.com

The prize is available Monday-Thursday only.

Closing date: Noon Friday 25 August



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Photos of pets or wildlife, or any scenes taken within the local villages, ie Twickenham, St Margaret's , East Twickenham, Strawberry Hill, Teddington, Hampton Wick, Hampton, Hampton Hill and Whitton/Heathfield

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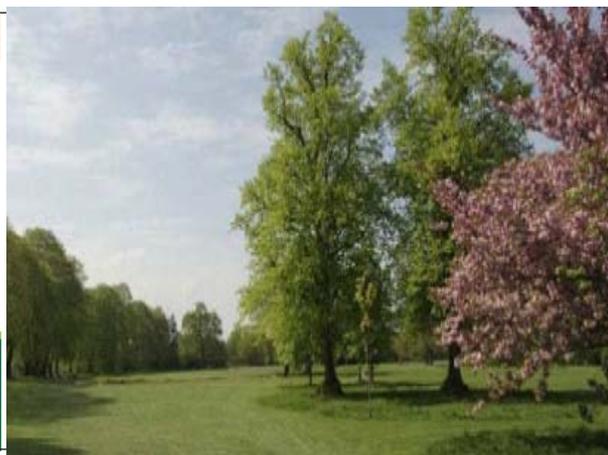
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Twickenham Alive Riverside Festival

This weekend saw family fun and entertainment on Twickenham Riverside for the 7th annual Twickenham Alive Riverside Festival. Dragon Boat Races, Stand Up Paddleboarding, Live Music, Water Zorbers, Climbing Wall and more.





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Twickenham Alive Dragon Boat Races 2017

This year we had seven teams enter: Tech21, Puzzle Punters, Kernowyon Loundres, Anytime Dragons, Friends of St Stephen's Primary School, One Performance UK & Fullers Flamingos.

It was great to have some new teams this year, as well as welcome back some regulars. Tech21 and Friends of St Stephen's Primary School, have both been past winners, but this year the title was taken by One Performance UK with the Fullers Flamingos in second place.



We would like to thank Les and the Hurricanes Dragon Boat Club for once again helping put on the races, as well as our sponsors Tech21 and supporter TryTwickenham.

We would especially like to thank everyone who raced on the day and hope to see you racing next year!



RNLI - Right Place, Right Time

On Saturday 5th the Teddington RNLI volunteer lifeboat crew joined us on Twickenham Riverside as part of the weekend's festivities. The crew, Jon Chapman, Howard Evans and Ray Searles, enjoyed an afternoon meeting festival goers to talk about the RNLI and water safety (as well as a quick selfie with Trevor Baylis).

They then set off back upstream to Teddington, but en route were flagged down by a kayaker



who said a man had just fallen into the river from a tree. The RNLI crew was able to race to the scene and stabilise and look after the man until an ambulance arrived to take him to St George's Hospital.

One moment the RNLI crew were enjoying the festivities on Twickenham Riverside, the next they were rushing to the aid of someone in difficulty.

Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



This is closed season for adult amateur productions, though much rehearsing is going on at the RSS venue at Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham Embankment where [KINDERTRANSPORT](#) will be presented in September.

Meanwhile TTC have 2 productions in rehearsal: [UNDER MILK WOOD](#) will be performed from Sunday 17-Saturday 23 September in the Coward Studio, HHT. Booking has now opened and the Saturday performance has already sold out. So hurry to book tickets from £10 now: Tel. 0845 838 7529, or visit www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.

Also in rehearsal is [THE TURN OF THE SCREW](#) which opens in the Main Auditorium 2 weeks later.

There is plenty to occupy young aspiring thespians at HHT where [STEP ON STAGE SUMMER SCHOOLS](#) run rehearsals for various age groups with productions throughout August. For information call 07973 900196, or visit www.steponstageacademy.co.uk.

[DRAMACUBE PRODUCTIONS](#) are calling children aged 7-14 years for a 3 day, 16-18 August Workshop Production of [THE WIZARD OF OZ](#) at St Mary's University, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham. Call 8408 0245, or email contact@dramacube.co.uk, www.dramacubeproductions.co.uk.

ROAR, presented by [ON-STAGE NOW](#) at HHT, Monday 14-Saturday 19 August, is running a course for 7-16 year olds, 9.30-4.00pm. Contact Mary Greco: 07957 398469, or email mary@onstagenow.com

[MIDNIGHT RIVER BLUES BAND](#) next gig is across the river at The Red Cow, Sheen Road TW9 1YJ on Saturday, 12 August at 9pm where it will be performing its eclectic mix, before returning to Twickenham pubs in September.

Gardeners are once again invited to join a small team at the [Landmark Arts Centre](#) from 10.00-noon with a break for drink and cake. Many hands make light work so please turn up and give this band of volunteers encouragement and muscle to keep the gardens surrounding the building pleasant and tidy.

Abbreviations.

RSS. Richmond Shakespeare Society

TTC Teddington Theatre Club

HHT. Hampton Hill Theatre



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The Stomping Nomads

The Stomping Nomads played to a packed crowd at the Barmy Arms on Saturday 5th August.



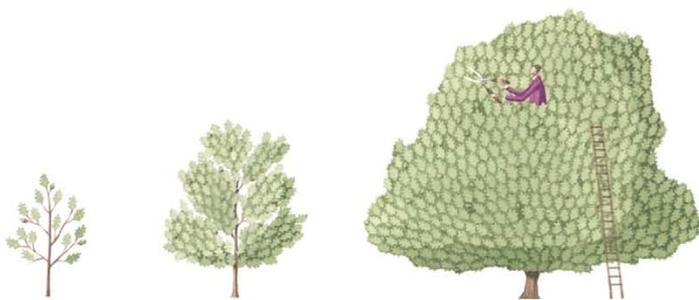
If you're out and about around Staines this month and fancy a bit of live music with rocknroll, blues, country and jazz there's another chance to catch - or avoid - the Nomads playing at various local events:

Sun 13th August: Staines Con Club 3-6pm

Sat 19th August: Sunbury Con Club 5-8pm

Sun 27th August: Egham Royal Show 2pm - entrance charge

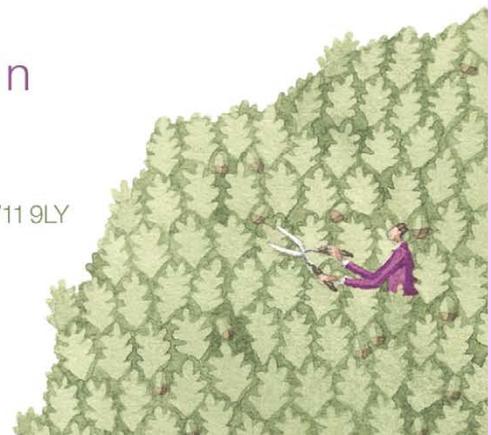
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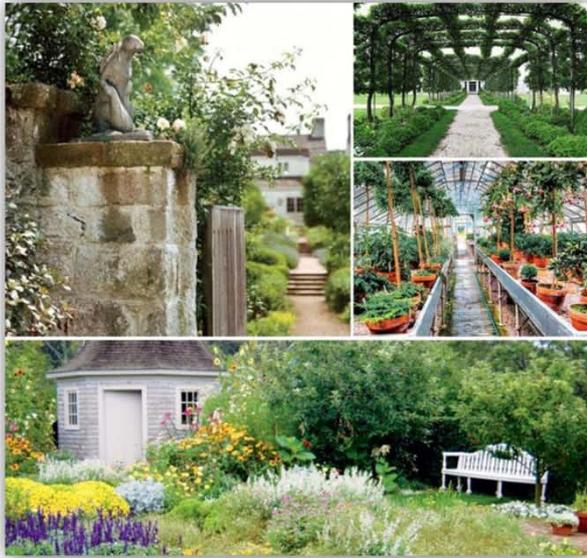
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Business Rate Relief Fund

On 14th August the Twickenham Tribune met with Vince Cable to discuss a number of issues. At the meeting we raised the subject of the business rate relief fund as it appeared that businesses nationally were still waiting for payments owing to a software issue. Vince said that he would be looking into the issue and has since responded:

"I have now got to the bottom of this problem. My researchers in party HQ established that the relief fund is only dispensing funds in 2 out of 100 local authorities.

The problem is that the software isnt working . The government has this responsibility and has failed to deliver.

The story is clear: the government embarked upon revaluation with potentially big losers; it introduced a relief fund to reduce the damage to small businesses; and is now failing to make the fund work. A lot of small businesses could be driven out by this incompetence."

Film of the week

Cat-astrophe



Filmmaker: Ben Elgar
Richmond upon Thames College

When a man gets bored at home with only two cats for company he decides to indulge in some weird science. This can only end in disaster or shall we say cat-astrophe.

Running time: 2:33 mins

Aspect Ratio: 16:9

The first Twickenham Alive Film Festival, was launched in 2012, and the awards ceremony took place in 2013. The original theme “Where We Live” has been widened to allow a more varied entry criteria, although films are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

Film Festival 2017 is now open for entries

To submit an entry contact: film@twickenhamalive.com or www.twickenhamfilmfestival.com

Thanks to Try Twickenham for their sponsorship



Britain in Bloom – the Judges are back in town!

Richmond upon Thames is again representing London in the annual Royal Horticultural Society ‘Britain in Bloom’ awards.



The Royal Horticultural Society’s (RHS) Britain in Bloom competition has been going since 1963 and the success from local and regional ‘in bloom’ competitions determines which villages, towns or cities are entered into the national competition. Judging criteria is not just about floral displays but also involves horticultural achievement, community participation and environmental responsibility.

On Monday 7th August, the judges visited the borough – looking at highlights including York House Gardens, Richmond Riverside, Strawberry Hill House, Terrace Gardens and the recently upgraded Barnes Green.

The borough is a finalist in the ‘City’ category – competing against Islington and Tower Hamlets.



Pat Schooling, Chair, Richmond Borough in Bloom commented:

Community participation is a key element of the judging criteria and it has been evident in Richmond Borough’s success over recent years, shown by the growing popularity of the gardening and floral display competitions run by Richmond Borough in Bloom community group. These attract entries from residents and businesses throughout the borough and being a Merit Award achiever is an eagerly sought commendation. Most importantly they contribute to the overall high standards and beautiful displays which put the borough in the running for Britain in Bloom.

Sandra Devine and Gillian Giblin “The Gardeners” from Stone Rowe Brewer added:

The fact that Church Street, Twickenham gets gold every year is because of all the hard work and dedication of the local residents and business community such as Crusader Travel and Stone Rowe Brewer LLP which has been continuing over many years to encourage the expansion and development of the local environment into the welcoming area it is today. The comments and praise we receive from the public as they park in the Church Street Car Park, or visit Church Street encourage us to even greater efforts - we are already planning improvements and more delights for the local bees and butterflies.



Sheena Harold from the Teddington Society said:

Strawberry Hill House are gradually restoring the famous gardens to the way they were in Horace Walpole’s day. To that end the Teddington Society donated £950 from the proceeds of this year’s Teddington In Flower open gardens event to Strawberry Hill House for some tree work and to provide a trickle hose and we will continue to support them where possible.

Police body cameras to be rolled out in Richmond

Police body cameras are being rolled out to all police officers in the borough as part of a £3.4million drive for accountability.

The Body Worn Video (BWV) will be issued to around 250 frontline police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in Richmond upon Thames with additional cameras being made available for specialist departments.

The cameras have already been credited with delivering speedier justice for victims particularly in cases of domestic abuse where offenders have pleaded guilty early once they are aware their actions have been recorded.

Officers will alert members of the public that they are being recorded with the cameras showing a flashing red circle and a frequent beeping noise once it is activated.

It is mandatory for the Body Worn Video to record in certain situations including when stop and search powers are being used, to increase the accountability of policing to local communities.

Footage from the cameras are automatically uploaded to secure servers once the device has been docked and flagged for use as evidence at court or other proceedings.

Cllr Mark Boyle, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Community Safety, said:

“Research has shown that the use of body worn cameras can help to prevent crime in diffusing difficult situations while also providing stronger evidence which can lead to more successful prosecutions in our fight against crime.

“But crucially, the use of these cameras can help to build and maintain trust among local communities and the police, knowing that the footage gathered can also be used to hold officers to account for their actions and ensure they act appropriately whilst on duty.

“It is a very positive step forward and one I wholeheartedly support.”

Sergeant Simon Whitlock, leading the introduction of BWV in Richmond, said:

“Body Worn Video is an important addition to the equipment we provide to our officers. It is an invaluable tool to combat crime and one that will make Richmond safer and support both officers and the public.

“In addition to the cameras, we also have first-class accompanying software to manage all data downloaded from the camera in a secure, systematic and professional manner. It is fully integrated with existing Met crime reporting methods and procedures for conveying evidence from the scene into the evidential chain for admission at court. Its use is proven in increasing conviction rates, reducing confrontation and complaints against police officers and informing sentencing decisions at court.

“It can sometimes be difficult to articulate what officers have witnessed. However, with both an audio and visual capability, the footage it captures at a scene will provide a compelling addition to the evidence we are able to present.

“Body Worn Video will provide further reassurance to the communities in Richmond of our enhanced ability to support victims of crime and directly record criminal behaviour and its consequences.”

Scrap the pay cap campaign for NHS workers gets backing from Vince Cable

Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham, was happy to give his full backing to the 'scrap the cap' campaign for nurses and other NHS workers when he recently visited Middlesex Hospital.



Expressing his support for the pay campaign by the Royal College of Nurses (RCN) and other NHS workers he said:

“The cap on pay for health service workers and especially nurses is putting patient care at risk. It devalues nurses, nursing and health service provision and is making recruitment and retention of good staff increasingly difficult.”

“After years of pitiful pay increases it is time that increases in pay started to match inflation.”

Have Your Say - Crane River Sanctuary

To Build or not to Build....that is the question? Our website now has music videos to help convince you that nature is worth fighting for even if the Developers have big guns.

Google River Crane Sanctuary or see the link below and follow the links to the current planning applications we would like you to object to online or by writing to the planning department at Richmond Council. Here is a video of our resident woodpecker on the hedge adjacent to the proposed new build where apparently there is no record of wildlife! No one told the birds and the bees.

Woodpecker Video: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/18554479@N05/35546936080/in/album-72157680139604143/>

River Crane Sanctuary website is : www.e-voice.org.uk/rcs/

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LOOKING FOR OUR LOST LIDOS

Lidos Alive is researching nine lidos in the London Borough of Richmond – past and present. We only have two left; one each side of the river. On hot days they quickly reach full capacity and people are turned away.

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Powers Needed to Protect Public Spaces – PSPO

There is increasing concern about the number of people congregating on Twickenham Riverside behaving in an anti-social manner. Last weekend an unruly crowd was dispersed by the Council's Parks Patrol officer.

As a result of changes in national legislation, Richmond Council recently held a consultation on proposals for new Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) earlier this year. This order would be used to address anti-social activities in public spaces, which are having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of local people. The area in question last weekend is covered by the borough's Parks department.

The consultation looked at actions and behaviours such as the walking and control of dogs, flying drones, BBQs, starting fires and using fireworks. In addition, the proposed PSPO would give powers to stop alcohol being consumed by those behaving anti-socially.

The Chief Inspector of Police at Twickenham Station said that Riverside Ward police are in consultation with the Local Authority about the implementation of the PSPO.

You're Hired!...Jobs now available for young people 16 and above

Young people aged 16 and above looking for an apprenticeship or traineeship in Richmond upon Thames and Kingston are reminded that Way2Work has a number of local opportunities.

Way2Work is an apprenticeship training provider run by Achieving for Children, on behalf of Richmond and Kingston Councils. They offer apprenticeship vacancies and traineeships opportunities for young people aged 16 and above with local employers who value and encourage them to achieve their full potential.

Since launching over 26 years ago, Way2Work has helped a thousand young people to secure employment through apprenticeships and associated qualifications.

Current opportunities include traineeships at the Museum of Richmond and apprenticeships at a number of local schools, nurseries and within Achieving for Children. Roles could be in administration, IT, customer service or teaching assistants.

Cllr Susan Chappell, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Young People, said:

“Way2Work is an excellent programme that gets young people into the workplace. It's tough out there at the moment and Way2Work gives youngsters a chance to earn while they learn.

“Importantly they're also able to get recognised qualifications that will help them to advance in their chosen field.

“Way2Work is absolutely vital in helping the young unemployed get the chance they deserve. And, with a number of opportunities currently available, I would encourage more young people to go online and find out more about being an apprentice.”

The Juice Runs in Shakespeare's Saucy Romp

The Merry Wives of Windsor

By William Shakespeare

YAT at the Coward Studio, Hampton Hill Theatre, 8th to 10th August

Review by Mark Aspen



Mark Aspen

www.markaspen.wordpress.com

Expressing the art of the theatre critic

Sir John Falstaff is everybody's loveable rogue, and was probably Queen Elizabeth I's too. A tradition, albeit first mentioned in writing nearly a century after her death, has it that Good Queen Bess wanted to see Falstaff in love, and so commissioned Shakespeare to write more about the naughty hedonist of the two Henry IV plays. Royal Command performance or no, Falstaff was certainly a favourite of the great unwashed groundlings, who clamoured for a resurrection of their rotund anti-hero, for whom they had shed buckets of tears on hearing of his demise.

Either way, or both, what we have in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* is a good rollicking knock-about, and the YAT company certainly plays to the strengths of its *raison d'être*, in its pre-Edinburgh Fringe preview. It is no mean feat to condense a full five-act play down to the 55 minutes necessitated by the raw conditions out on the Fringe, but YAT have done so consummately. If you see just one Shakespeare at the Edinburgh Fringe, then this should be the one. The adaptation is the joint brainchild of directors Sarah Dowd and Lizzie Lattimore, a creative pair fresh from the success of achieving three Swan Award nominations for their *Titanic*, the Musical, seen on the main stage at Hampton Hill Theatre last November. Remarkably, they are also responsible for the inspired costume design, which sets this *Merry Wives* accurately in the Windsor of the late 1950s.



Shakespeare deliberately kept *The Merry Wives of Windsor* firmly lowbrow, with no elaborate verse, almost no verse at all, and lots of silly foreign accents, like Franglais and, er ... Welsh. YAT has run with this idea, so that Mistress Ford and husband are the Fords of Dagenham, whilst Mistress Page and husband are definitely Windsor and Eton Riverside. Mistresses Ford and Page are the eponymous merry wives and, especially in this hard-pruned version, the storyline largely revolves around Falstaff's abortive attempts to seduce these two middle-aged ladies. In a commanding performance, Joanna Leppink makes Mistress Page a force to be reckoned with, whilst Rebecca Tarry is an arresting Mistress Ford, equally daunting. Together they form a tight-paced duo, their acting engaged and energetic. We all know that Falstaff will not crack these defences, even before the merry wives' tricks are unleashed on the hapless reprobate.

The action is motivated by the differing emotions of the un-cuckolded husbands. Gabriel Burns showed us an old-school-tie Page, phlegmatic, confident in himself, whereas Arran Southern's Ford is a self-made man, perhaps one who would not be adverse to bending the rules a bit, but unsure of his standing ... and of his wife. It is his jealousy that triggers Falstaff's misadventures. Ford's meeting with Falstaff, designed to uncover the truth, goes drastically awry. Disguised as Master Brooke Southern nicely differentiates Ford's alter ego, relishing the humour of the farce that develops.

The whole cast seems to have just walked in, put on their characters and simply become the part. This is certainly true for Cath Bryant as a pragmatic and sophisticated Mistress Quickly and Jennie Hillard as the Hostess, who makes quite a packet playing both ends against the middle. There are a good few cross-cast roles, including the veteran soldiers of the Henry plays, Pistol, Nym and Bardolph, now reduced, in Shakespeare's description, to sharpers.

Indeed there are many sharpers in *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, but none so sharp as the much derided and much beloved Sir John Falstaff. Liam Hurley excels in this central role as the pot-bellied rogue, with great comic timing, great expression and huge physicality. Joints crack with arthritic wooing, lips smack in relishing a bottle of port, thighs tremble at the thought of erotic foreplay, or, as he puts it "the prologue of our comedy". As an arch-epicure and arch-lecher, Falstaff is easy prey to the honey traps set up by the merry wives ...

Read the full review at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/08/09/merry-wives

Photos by Jon Constant

Tree Protection Order - Objections

This week Twickerati pointed out that trees at 159 Heath Road, which are covered by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), are under threat from an objection to the TPO by Simon Jones Associates (Arboricultural Planning Consultants), apparently acting on behalf of Portdevon, developers of Twickenham House on the same site. Ironically most of the objections to removing the TPO are from residents of Twickenham House. Council officers are opposed to removing the TPO and the matter will be heard at planning committee on 16th August.

Details at <https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?id=33738>

Andrew Hall responded with a tweet bringing attention to another TPO objection, this time brought by developer Quantum Group regarding TPOs at the Former Imperial Sports Ground, Udney Park Road, Teddington; Quantum Group wished to remove trees along the fence line of the site bordering Kingston Lane. It seems that the existing TPO incorrectly identified the tree species and therefore the TPO has been re-served to rectify this, but Quantum Group raised an objection.

Details at <https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/documents/s68738/TPO%20-%20T0912%20Report%20and%20Appendix%20A.pdf>

Heath Road (Below Left), Udney Park (Below Right)



StreetInvest: Forty Minutes. Not Forty Winks

There's something about local charity StreetInvest which means that you will never ever be taking a nap! In part this is because their passion to support tens of thousands of street children around the world is so clear to see.

For their latest charity event eighteen cyclists have signed up with a ride from Château de Fontainebleau to Orleans House Gallery ending at an event also for families at Orleans House Gallery on Sunday 17 September which will include children's entertainment and local art and music.

However, when it became evident that many people could not take time off work, or otherwise were daunted by the 263 miles, StreetInvest rose to the challenge and launched Ride40 Minutes as part of its 40th Twinning Anniversary celebrations between Richmond Borough and Fontainebleau.

The premise is simple. You cycle on a static gym bike for 40 minutes and are sponsored by family, friends and work colleagues for the number of miles covered in the allotted time.

Best of all, a local man and woman who cycle the greatest distance will win dinner for two at Chez Lindsay, Richmond. And their gym will be presented a trophy.



St Mary's University Update

St Mary's Amongst Top Ten London Universities for Student Satisfaction

Data released from the National Student Survey (NSS) has ranked St Mary's University, Twickenham amongst London's top ten universities for overall satisfaction.

The annual survey, which asks final year undergraduate students about their university experience, saw St Mary's climb 20 places in the overall satisfaction rankings. Students at St Mary's rated the University 85% for overall satisfaction, ahead of the sector average. Almost half of the University's programmes achieved above 90%, with English and Acting achieving 100% satisfaction.



St Mary's Vice-Chancellor Prof Francis Campbell said, "One of the most important metrics we evaluate ourselves on at St Mary's is student satisfaction. I am particularly pleased to see that we have ranked sixth in London for Student Voice, we invest a great deal in ensuring our students are represented at all levels of the institution and this is a great endorsement of our work in this area.

"As an institution, we put the student experience at the heart of everything we do. Whilst there is still scope for improvement, I am delighted to see that we are amongst the top ten institutions in London for student satisfaction."

In June, the University achieved the Silver award in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF), with Times Higher Education ranking St Mary's in the top five London institutions. Of particular note the TEF panel found that;

"Most students achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions of students continue with their studies and progress to employment or further study, with highly skilled employment being particularly notable."

Earlier in 2017, students at St Mary's also nominated the University for eight awards at the Whatuni? Student Choice Awards, including Job Prospects, Student Support, Accommodation and Students' Union, ranking it number one in London overall.



A message from Bruce of Crusader Travel

Today is my 83rd birthday, so I thought I would share with you my dream.

For as many years as I can remember, I have hankered to see Richmond upon Thames as the centre of the Universe, and it is – just most people don't know that. Just where else is there a tow path protected by an act of Parliament!!! What about a Royal Park with a fenced in area that is almost as well known in Japan and China as it is in Ilfracombe – Try mentioning The Isabella Plantation to a Japanese and you will see what I mean. Think of Twickenham, villagers in deepest New Zealand know where we are and that we are the HQ for Rugby worldwide. Not to mention the fame of Kew Gardens for its International place in matters botanical or the notoriety of Hampton Court Palace and its most famous occupant Henry VIII.



Ever since the 2002 Anniversary of the Act of Parliament and the visit of the delegation from Richmond Virginia for the celebrations, it has been my passion to develop this relationship with Virginia VA, once a British Colony. The Virginian named their town Richmond from the 'view' of James River noticing the similarity of the view of the Thames from Richmond Hill. All of this is brought home to us once again with the wonderful documentary screened on Channel4, this last Wednesday, In Search of Arcadia and the influence of Alexander Pope and his friends on this magical stretch of River and the legacy we have today.

So far so good, but not really, where I need to be. We have had some success with incoming visitors; Visitors for the Great River Race, mostly from Holland but some from Canada, Australia, Sardinia and this year Bermuda. We have had rowers travelling following the "Three Men in a Boat" who came from Norway.

Now, following the visit, in 2015, of a delegation from the Garden Club of Virginia, and Ellen LeCompte from LeCompte Travel of Richmond Virginia, Crusader Travel, co-operated with her



to create a wonderful and unique tour in April 2018 during the Historical Gardens Week in Virginia which will be escorted by Ellen herself and hosted by many of the owners of the private gardens and historic homes featured in the tour. The visit finishes with a visit to Mount Vernon, home for over 40 years of General George Washington.

So, here you go folks, watch this space, hopefully time is on my side...

Redlees Park Family Fun Day

Join Me Too & Co. at the Redlees Park Family Fun Day on Monday, August 28th! We are excited to be chosen as one of the charities benefitting from this event. We will be hosting a stall during the Fair which runs all day from 12 noon to 5pm and which will be full of information, games and family fun activities!

We are very pleased that Stefan and Melinda of Integral Harmony are coming to spend the day at the Fair and for a small fee are offering Massages, Acroyoga and Yoga in a Yurt for everyone! Please come and see them in the quiet zone! You can also book your massage or yoga place in advance to guarantee a space - first come first served!

Me too & Co is also thrilled to have one of our amazing volunteers cut off his long hair to raise money in our honor at the Redlees Park Family Fun Day! Hagley has been growing his hair for 5 years and will be donating his locks to the Little Princess Trust, who fashion wigs for children suffering from hair loss. The money raised will allow Me Too & Co continue to fund our innovative programmes, and have a greater impact on our community. Feel free to give in advance and come to the Redlees Park Family Fun Day to see Hagley lop his locks!

In addition to our fun there will be pony rides, live music, international food stalls, bar and a barbecue, a petting zoo, and a motorbike stunt team! You can also join Little Meerkat at a super accessible and massively enjoyable show for children. Based on the book by parenting expert, Jane Evans, 'Little Meerkat's Big Panic' is a not-for-profit multi-sensory production for children aged 0 -7. Grab your tickets here!

Redlees Park is situated on Twickenham Road, Isleworth TW7 6DW. Entry is via either Twickenham Road or Worton Road. There is plenty of free on-street parking available and 3 free car parks. Bus numbers 267, 481, H20 and H37 stop nearby.

We hope to see you out and about on bank holiday Monday, August 28th at the Redlees Park Family Fun Day!

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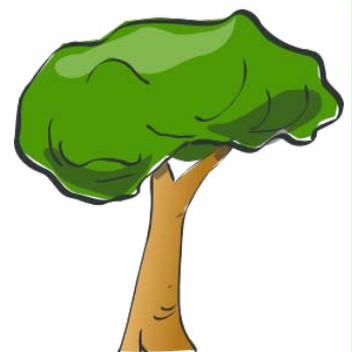
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Poetry Portraits, Wide and Varied

Poetry at the Adelaide

Performance Poetry at The Adelaide, Teddington 6th August
Review by Eleanor Lewis



Mark Aspen

www.markaspen.wordpress.com

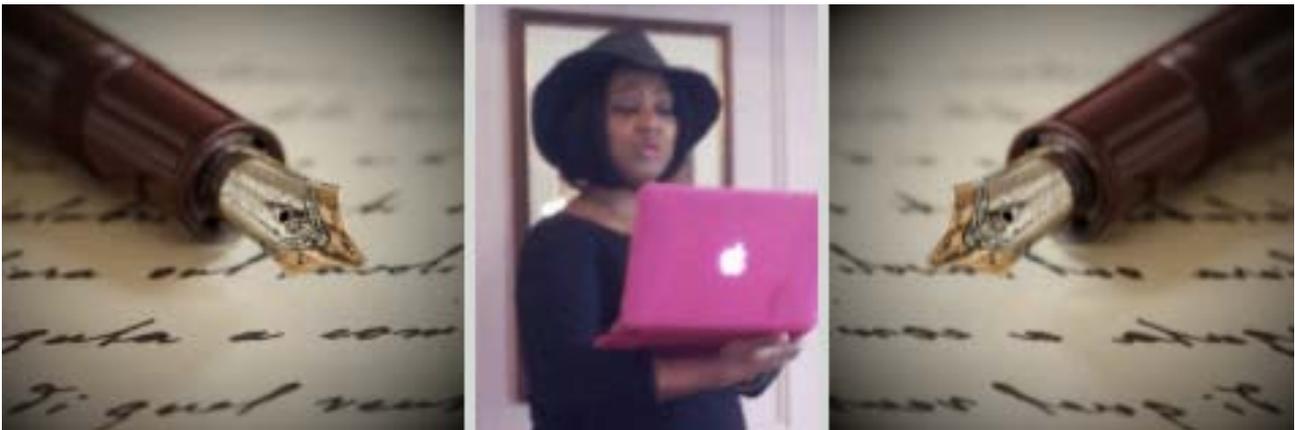
Expressing the art of the theatre critic

It's odd, fascinating and a little depressing the reaction that the sentence: "I'm going to see some performance poetry in a room above a pub" draws from people.

"God, really?"

"Oh, how lovely, so few people do that these days!"

"Well, that's very noble of you. You'll be missing Countryfile then ..."



I like poetry though, and not just the "With rue my heart is laden..." stuff, but the Philip Larkin account of how your parents ruin your life and you inevitably proceed to do the same to your children, which is also the one which allowed you to say the 'F word' as a teenager in school without consequences. And this is before we get to the likes of John Cooper Clarke, Roger McGough and John Hegley. If you're hoping to get children interested in poetry, you can achieve a lot with the ever increasing body count of dead grandparents used as an excuse to get out of PE, in Conversation Piece by Gareth Owen, but I digress ...

There's much to be said for poetry and much to be said for those to write it and perform it.

So a like-minded group of people assembled in a nice pub, The Adelaide in Teddington, to read and perform their own poetry is an event to be relished. This is a monthly meeting, which has not been going for long, but is building popularity. In the August holiday season, the group was smaller than usual but the range of poetry its members produced still wide and varied. Entertaining, funny poems sometimes enhanced by the occasional wig or prop stood alongside darker, more intense offerings. Thus Bob Sheed's reworking of a familiar tale: "They offered me a tuffet, I told them to stuff it"; and Anne Warrington's account of the good-humoured gravedigger at Teddington Cemetery who eventually ended up in the cemetery conversing with old friends, intermingled with Malissa Elliott's intense and thrillingly disturbing portrait of the Devil as a woman.

Malissa Elliott's ability to communicate an idea is quite a talent. Her poem about a child learning to deal with the mother's (I think) epilepsy was gentle, rhythmic and powerful. Lines such as "children setting upright things which have fallen" are strangely powerful in her hands

Read more at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/08/08/adelaide-august

End 1st Class Empty Seats To Ease Commuter Overcrowding During Waterloo Upgrade Work

Vince Cable

Vince Cable, MP for Twickenham, has backed the calls for commuters to get a better deal during the three and half week upgrade work to Waterloo train station taking place this month.

Starting from the 5th August no less than 10 platforms - half the station – will be closed until Monday 28th August.

During the upgrade work South West Trains have said they will only pay compensation to train users under the standard arrangements for compensation for excessively late trains that occurs to their much reduced service.

Commenting on the situation facing commuters from Twickenham and South West London Vince Cable said:

“I accept that these works are necessary, indeed it is vital that longer carriage trains can access Waterloo Station to help address the current levels of overcrowding.

“And as the work cannot be permanently avoided choosing to do these works during August also has some merit, as for some people it is time when they are taking some holiday leave.

“However I received two specific complaints from constituents which South West Trains need to urgently address. Firstly, some of the pain facing commuters could be reduced if 1st class seats were declassified during this period. There is nothing more galling for commuters who are crushed in like cattle on overcrowded train carriages to see empty seats in the first class section of a train. In the longer term I think consideration should also be given to completely phasing out 1st class seats on our local train services.

“South West Trains also need to reconsider their overall compensation arrangements. The first notice any commuters ever had of the disruption facing Waterloo Station was in January of this year. There are many commuters who bought an expensive yearly season this time last year who quite understandably felt they were getting a full year of train travel. These people feel they have been cheated. It is time South West Trains addressed this issue and started to provide exceptional compensation for yearly season ticket holders.”

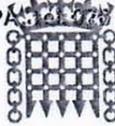
“I am taking up both these issues with South West Trains.”

1. Details of South West Trains’ limited compensation arrangements that exist at present

<https://www.southwesttrains.co.uk/tickets-explained/compensation/>

2. Information about the changes to Waterloo Station were first announced by Network Rail and South West Trains on the 26th January 2017

<https://www.southwesttrains.co.uk/news/significant-temporary-changes-to-south-west-trains-services-six-months-to-go/>



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I know this is early days with the August disruption related to the platform improvements at Waterloo but I am already getting feedback from commuters in my constituency who are making some valid points about how South West Trains could do more to ameliorate their difficulties. Two issues in particular are being raised with me which I would be grateful if you would address as a priority:

- As I understand it, during the upgrade work South West Trains have said they will only pay compensation to train users under the standard arrangements for compensation for excessively late trains that occurs to the much reduced service. I suggest it would be reasonable to reconsider these overall compensation arrangements. It is important to bear in mind that the first notice commuters had of the disruption facing Waterloo Station was in January of this year. There are many of my constituents who bought an annual season ticket this time last year on the understanding they were getting a full timetable of train travel when this is not being delivered. I believe that South West Trains need to address this issue and provide exceptional compensation for yearly season ticket holders.
- Where applicable, some of the pain facing commuters could be reduced if 1st class seats were declassified during this one-off period. There are few things more galling for passengers who are on an overcrowded train than to see empty seats in the first class section while they are being crushed in 2nd class. In the longer term this is I think the direction South West Trains should be moving towards anyway.

I of course accept that these works are necessary, and indeed it is vital that longer carriage trains can access Waterloo Station to help overcrowding. It is something I have long argued for and discussed with your predecessors and choosing to do these works during August also has merit as for many people it is the time when they are taking some holiday leave. Nonetheless, the work at Waterloo is making the daily commute even more difficult for some of my already long suffering constituents and I do urge South West Trains to look at the further measures I have suggested to ease at least some of the pain. I would be grateful if you could get back to me about this as soon as possible and look forward to hearing from you.

The Rt Hon Sir Vince Cable MP

PS I hope to be able to set up a meeting with you shortly.

Whilst your MP will treat as confidential any personal information which you pass on, he will allow authorised staff to see the information if this is needed to help and advise you, and may pass all or some of this information to agencies such as the DWP, HM Revenue & Customs or the local council if this is necessary to help with your case. He may wish to write to you from time to time to keep you informed of related issues that you may find of interest. Please let him know if you do not want to be contacted for this purpose.

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LETTER TO EDITOR: SEA CADETS' WATER SAVVY CAMPAIGN

Sir/Madam,

The school holidays are now well under way, and Sea Cadets – a national youth charity with 400 units across the UK – is urging people to stay safe as it launches its Water Savvy campaign.



More than 300 people drowned in the UK last year, and more suffered life-changing injuries through near-drowning. But many of these tragic incidents could be avoided through good knowledge of water safety.

Sea Cadets' Water Savvy campaign highlights the importance of staying safe in, on and around the water, and making others aware of the dangers. We offer water-based adventure to 14,000 young people aged 10 to 18 across the country who – along with our 9,000 volunteers – undergo specialist water-safety training. But we want to spread the message further.

There are a number of things you can do to ensure you, your family and your friends stay safe. When swimming in open water, stay close to the shore, make sure you are appropriately dressed, and let someone know where you're going. If you fall in accidentally, cold water shock can be deadly and it's vital you do not swim or try to get out. Instead, focus on floating and keeping your airway above the water.

You can find lots more tips and information by downloading our free Water Savvy guide at: www.sea-cadets.org/get-involved.

Yours sincerely,

Tye Shuttleworth

Head of Inshore Boating, Sea Cadets

View Sea Cadets 'On The Water' video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csJksdHwtjU>

You can also find your nearest Sea Cadets unit here:

<http://www.sea-cadets.org/find-your-nearest-unit>.

Fly-Tipping

Fly-Tipping at recycling areas continues unabated. It seems that as fast as the council clears the rubbish it reappears.

The rubbish below left was left at the recycling centre at Twickenham Green, behind the cricket pavilion, on Tuesday. The council was quick to remove the rubbish, but by Thursday more rubbish was piling up once again; the delivery label clearly visible presumably led to some enforcement measures.



Letters

Dear Sir

I was caught in the box junction at the junction of Richmond Road and Arragon Road. It extends past the junction to the area where pedestrians cross on the town centre end of the box. I was caught on camera and fined but appealed it as the box seems to extend far past where most boxes would on a normal junction. The appeal was heard a couple of weeks ago and upheld.

The interesting thing is that the council tried to appeal against the decision, their rationale was that it would effect their strategy (I'll double check the wording) for Twickenham. On the basis that I drive that route every day and see many cars stopped in the final part of the box junction, I suspect that the strategy is to make as much money as possible from it – I doubt that many have appealed.

I think that this might be something that is in the public interest.

Best regards
Stephen T



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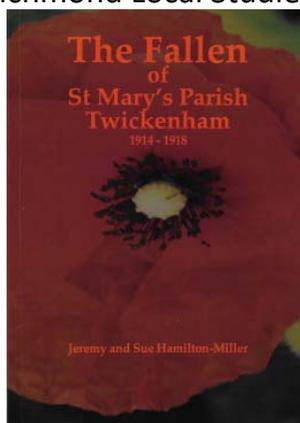
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THE FALLEN OF ST MARY'S PARISH TWICKENHAM 1914-1918

The book costs £8 plus £1 p+p and is available from the Local History Society's website at www.botlhs.co.uk. – click on 'Publications'. It can also be read and purchased at Twickenham Museum and Richmond Local Studies Library.



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