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Twickenham residents have been waiting with bated breath for the opening of the River Crane pathway next to the new development at Brewery Wharf. Many were frustrated at the tantalising glimpse of a perfectly good, but inaccessible, path through the bars of locked gates.

But lo!! We have been told by the council that the new public open space, known as **Twickenham Junction Rough**, will finally be open from Monday 20th August. This seems a rather odd name and in fact our friends at Twickerati have even held a poll for alternative name suggestions (with the expected variations of Craney McLaney being put forward!).

TwickerSeal and his TwickerChums popped down to see just how rough this new attraction could be.



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TwickerTape - News in Brief

River reopened following Council enforcement action

Part of the River Thames has been returned to a more natural state, thanks to enforcement action by Richmond Council, removing unlawful piles and pontoons in Hampton. For a number of years, the Council has been pursuing enforcement action regarding numerous planning breaches at Hampton Riviera Boatyard in Hampton.

The Sky's the limit – says Mayor of Richmond

The Richmond dare devil mayor is to plunge 15,000ft through the air during a skydiving challenge to raise funds for charity, and is looking for others to join his team.

Councillor Ben Khosa, Mayor of Richmond, will take part in the jump to raise money for his mayoral charity, Refuge Richmond. The charity works with people in the borough who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence or domestic abuse. Refuge offer emergency housing and community based support.

He will be taking to the air in early next year and is keen to recruit a team of other keen fundraisers to join him in his challenge.

The Sky Dive will happen in the spring 2019. Fundraisers will be attached to a fully qualified instructor who controls the jump from start to finish. Full training and equipment would be provided.

Hammersmith Bridge to close to vehicular traffic

Richmond Council is giving residents and businesses advance warning of the disruption planned maintenance and investigation work on Hammersmith Bridge will cause to roads next week.

The work is being carried out by Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Transport for London (TfL) and is scheduled to run from 7am to 7pm on Monday 20 August until Thursday 23 August 2018.

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PART 88. HOSPITAL BRIDGE AND ITS MYSTERY PIPELINE.

This week's article came about after purchasing a postcard at auction that I had never seen before. It was titled Hospital Bridge, Twickenham and had been posted in 1937. It is an RP (Real Photographic) and comes from a time about 80 years ago when mobile phones with cameras did not exist. In fact younger readers may be surprised to know that over 99% of the UK population didn't own either a telephone or a camera at that time.

This is why postcards and letters were the main sources of business and social communication. The photos of places and social history on postcards provide one of the largest repositories of images of what this country looked like between 1894 (the date of the first picture postcard) and the early 1950s when telephones and cameras became more widely available.



Back to the postcard. We know that Hospital Bridge Road runs from the Fountain pub traffic lights at the Staines Road junction, north to Nelson Road in Whitton. In so doing it crosses the River Crane just before the Chertsey Road (A316) where another bridge carries the traffic over the river and lets it

continue its flow towards the shot tower in Crane Park. It was unclear which bridge was pictured so I posted an image of the postcard on a local Facebook group called Twickenham and Teddington Memories where some very nice people discuss elements of local history as they see fit. In fact the responses received even covered the original naming of Hospital Bridge as follows: "Hospital Bridge, over the Crane, probably took its name from the hospital attached to James II's military camp nearby on the heath back in the late

1600s. It had formerly been called Whitton Bridge." Thank you Richard James for that and for everyone else in the Facebook group who contributed either first-hand knowledge or research.

We also learnt that the original Twickenham Isolation Hospital which opened in 1909 was built a few hundred feet from the railway bridge at the northern end of Hospital Bridge Road. This hospital closed in 1938 when the Mogden Isolation Hospital was substantially extended.

There seems to be agreement that the Hospital Bridge shown is indeed the one you would arrive at if you walked west through Crane Park from the Meadow towards the exit gate at Hospital Bridge Road. However, the pipeline question is yet to be resolved. There were suggestions that it may have carried water, gas or even sewage across the River Crane at that point. So a challenge to the Tribune readership this week. Please study the postcard image and let's work out once and for all what the pipeline carried over the River Crane!

Please drop a line to the Tribune's letters page if you know or have any educated guesswork on the subject.

I am always looking for old postcards, so if you have any that are sitting unwanted in a drawer, in a box in the loft or the garage or under a bed, do contact me on 07875 578398 or alanwinter192@hotmail.com I would like to see them and I pay cash!

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Arts and Entertainment

By Erica White

Fun for all the family is the aim of SUNDAY FUNDAY at Orleans House Gallery where activities fall across the gallery will be organised: Story Time in the Octagon

Room at hourly intervals, at 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm; Screen Printing Flags in Coach House - Drop in; Clay Statues - Drop in; Thrones and Chandeliers - Drop in; Mask making - Drop in.

Info: orleanshousegallery.org/events/summer-holiday-activities-sunday-funday.



Record collectors will be welcome at the TWICKENHAM RECORD FAIR at St Mary's Church, Twickenham, Saturday 18 August, 9.00-4.30pm and again on Sunday, 15 September. Vinyl, LPs, EPs and CDs all to browse through and buy. Or possibly to sell.

Info: eelpierecords.com.

From St Mary's Church it is only a stone's throw across Richmond Road to the EEL PIE MUSEUM, open from Thursday through to Sunday from noon- 6.00pm.

Opened this year this well-curated museum records the history of the music scene from the 1950s -60s where many now world-famous bands tried out their skills and experimented with different effects: The Who, The Rolling Stones, Eric Clapton, Rod Stewart - to name but a few.

Info: eelpiemuseum.co.uk.

Wednesday, 5 September, 7.30pm: TWICKENHAM CINEMA CLUB returns to The Exchange, opposite Twickenham station with a showing of BROOKLYN, featuring Saoirse Ronan as a young Irish girl who emigrates to New York in the 1950s.

Info: exchangetwickenham.co.uk.

MANFRED'S COMEDY CLUB is back again at The Exchange on Friday, 7 September at 8.00pm. Comedian brothers, Jason and Colin encourage stand-ups from across the country to make local audiences laugh and enjoy themselves.

Info: exchangetwickenham.co.uk.

MIDNIGHT RIVER BLUES BAND returns to The Prince Blucher pub on Saturday, 18 August where they will entertain from 9.00pm. Toe-tapping music at close quarters. Great food available. Parking suspended on Twickenham Green from 6.30.

RED RIDING HOOD continues in performance at the PUPPET BARGE on Richmond Riverside, upstream from bridge. Performance times vary.

Info: www.puppetbarge.com.

A surprise visit from DIANA DORS: her story through Words and Song, brought to life by Mandy Winters, supported by The Collection Trio. This Tarts on Tour production is presented in association with Blue Fire Theatre Co at Hampton Hill Theatre in the Coward Studio, Friday, 7 & Saturday, 8 September at 7.45pm.

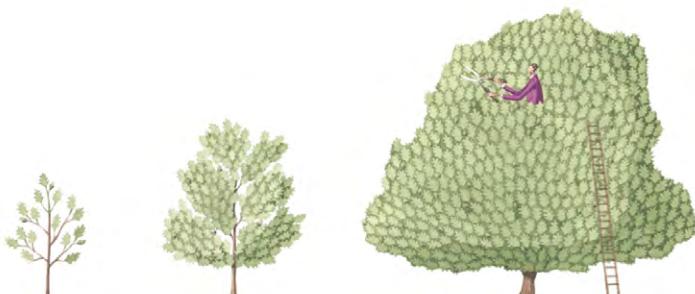
Info: trybooking.co.uk/FGP.

Booking is now open for LARKIN WITH WOMEN, RSS' opening production of the season, Saturday, 15-Saturday, 22 September (no performance on Wed. eve) at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham Embankment.

Info: richmondshakespearesociety.org.uk.

Teddington Theatre Club's opening production, JEEVES & WOOSTER in PERFECT NONSENSE is also on that week, starting one night earlier and ending one night earlier than RSS show, i.e. Saturday, 15 September-Friday, 21 September at Hampton Hill Theatre at 7.45pm, 6.00pm Sunday, 16.

Info: teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.

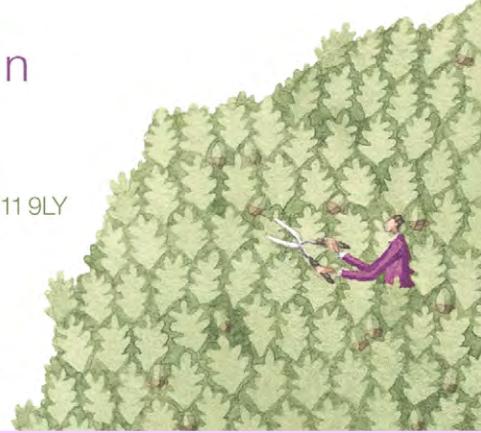


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Remembering Mereway Bathing Place

The Richmond Environmental Information Centre ([REIC](#)) has been awarded a Civic Pride grant to produce and erect a permanent history board at the site of Mereway Bathing Place, on the River Crane, which was the first organised swimming venue for many school children and local residents on the Twickenham side of the Thames.

This follows on from the REIC's Heritage Lottery funded history of outdoor swimming [Lidos Alive](#).

The project story is available on the Lidos Alive website. A book, produced by the REIC, is available either by post or from Crusader Travel in Church Street, Twickenham.



Brenda Whittaker, who took part in the project, has provided a lovely photograph (left) of her uncles who learnt to swim at Mereway Bathing Place.

“my grandmother with her six sons who as I said all learnt to swim at Mereway Road.”

Please contact the REIC if you have any further information or have any queries.

Photograph Copyright: Brenda Whittaker

If you have any stories or photographs to contribute, please contact us at
info@reic.uk.com

River Crane Sanctuary



One week left to register an objection to the Appeal against the refused building application at Churchview Garages Site TW2. Links are on our home page to see the original application and the appeal data. To make a comment you click on the Appeal Site Link and then on the 'Make a Representation' heading. <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?caseid=3196558>

Take a look at issue 55 in the Archives here to refresh your memory of the 'mistake' made by The Developers in their over zealous clearing of hedgerow in the 'amenity area' near the build site. No action taken by our council as the area would 'recover' in time.

Photo 1 below shows how well it has recovered since the chop on 20/11/17. No nesting birds, no feeding bees or hoverflies or butterflies on this area but thankfully they have stayed further down the Hedgerow and behind the garages.i.e. The proposed build site.

We do not support any builds on this sensitive and historic habitat which will be adversely impacted by the build itself and the introduction of human and domesticated animals, noise, light pollution and likely weedkillers and allowed chemicals which are in common usage by many people to maintain their homes and gardens. This site is circa 30 metres from the River Crane and the water table is high here. Any contamination from human 'mistakes' would not bode well for wildlife or nature and we already have dense housing along this river corridor.



'Recovered' hedging 10/8/18



Chiff Chaff feeding before chopped Elder July 2017



Song Thrush feeding before chopped Bramble July 2017.



Hedge section prior to chop 7/11/17

We cannot keep saying that nature will recover and the wildlife will go elsewhere; Enough is Enough and each little battle is worth our effort just as much as the big issues like Heathrow.

The River Crane Sanctuary Under Threat <http://e-voice.org.uk/rca/>

St Mary's University Update

St Mary's Athletes Impress in Inaugural European Championships

Endurance, Performance and Coaching Centre (EPACC) students and alumni from St Mary's University, Twickenham picked up three medals, a Season's Best (SB) and a Personal Best (PB) during the first-ever multi-sport European Championships.

The championships, which saw 18 St Mary's athletes take part in the events in Glasgow and Berlin, started well for the University's representatives as rowers Karen Bennett and Matilda Horn won Silver in the Women's Eight, with Karen following up her Gold at the 2016 European Rowing Championships.

Also on the rowing lakes in Strathclyde County Park, fellow alumni Moe Sbihi, Gold medallist at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, got through two qualifications heats in the Men's Eight before

finishing fifth in the final.

EPACC athlete Adelle Tracey eased through to the Women's 800m Final, finishing fourth and just seven-hundredths of a second off a medal, after [running a PB in her semi-final](#) where her time of 1:59.86 was her first-ever sub two minute performance.



Jake Wightman picked up a Bronze medal in the Men's 1500m with St Mary's alumnus Charlie Grice finishing fifth, after they were two of the three fastest qualifiers in the heats.

Chris Thompson earned a SB of 13:25.11 in the Men's 5000m Final, where he finished 9th after competing in the Men's 10,000m Final alongside two other St Mary's representatives; EPACC athlete Andy Vernon and alumnus Stephen Scullion. Andy impressed finishing the fastest Brit in fifth in a field of 32 athletes, with Chris 11th and Stephen 23rd.

Alumna Jade Lally put in a strong performance in the Women's Discus to get into the Final, where she finished 11th while fellow alumna Beth Potter came 27th in a field of 45 in the Women's Triathlon.

The Men's 800m saw Daniel Rowden, who is currently training with the EPACC, and alumni Elliot Giles reach the semi-finals. Current EPACC athlete Zak Curran also represented Ireland.

Steph Twell finished 10th out of 19 in the Women's 5000m Final while Ireland's Paul Pollock put in a respectable performance, finishing inside the top 50 in the Men's Marathon.

In the Women's Marathon, there was heartbreak for London Marathon winner Charlotte Purdue and alumna Lily Partridge who both had to pull out during the race with an injury when in promising positions.

The three medals won by St Mary's representatives helped Great Britain & Northern Ireland to the second in the medal table, finishing with the most medals and only behind Russia on Golds.

St Mary's EPACC Coordinator and Performance Coach Craig Winrow, said, "All of the St Mary's athletes put in outstanding performances, and it is amazing to see the progress being made year on year with the European Championships being a great towards the upcoming Olympics in two years. This was a fantastic championship for Adele, running her first sub two-minute race. I am looking forward to seeing what comes next for these athletes."



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Steam, Steel and Shells – 22

By Helen Baker

These days Christmas starts in August! So, in December 1915, the war once expected to be over by 1914's festivities before was still going strong. The 4th Battalion of the Royal Hampshire Regiment had joined in the previous year's unofficial Christmas Truce with gusto, but this year all such jollifications were totally banned by the Top Brass. All the same peace broke out in the trenches in places, and this was the year of the famous English-German football matches following the example of Twickenham's own Frank Edwards (Rifleman), who in September had inspired his comrades to go over the top into the poisonous fog of the Battle to dribble the ball the lobbed ahead of them.



Christmas truce football at the Front



Young soldiers preparing for war, BBC iWonder

Christmas on the Home Front in 1915 was quieter than in the unrealistic days of the previous year, but it was still festive for most people. Julia Billiau though, the Belgian refugee who reported to us last week about Zeppelin raids on the Pelabon Works (original home of Hollycombe's Robey steam engine), tells a pitiful story. Passing Victoria Station on Christmas Eve on her way to work, she noticed a group of young British soldiers being beaten with truncheons by Military Police. This really upset her: she imagined the soldiers didn't want to go to the Front, and it reminded her of her two brothers who were there already.

Even for the few civilians without loved ones at the Front, the war could scarcely be forgotten, even at Christmas.

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BIRD `S OF A FEATHER MEET AT THE WORLD`S MIGRATORY CROSROADS

By Bruce Lyons



Last week I wrote about the amazing growth of European flights to Eilat and had planned to write this week more about the remarkable area these flights introduce to the inquisitive traveller – But other news came in during the week and that's where the headline "Birds of a Feather" comes in.

With the international embargo on flights to Sharm el Sheik, in

the Sinai, still in place there is intense interest in close by regions. There are now many flights to Hurgada and Marsa Alam on the Eastern Desert Coastline of Egypt, which creates combinations with the Nile and Luxor. Then, as I said last week, there are new flights to Eilat from Britain as well as many from Europe.

Fast on the heels of these other new flights comes the announcement of a weekly flight to Aqaba on Saturdays from Gatwick creating all sorts of Winter opportunities to Jordan and Petra and beach holidays in Aqaba itself. Overtime one of the most popular itineraries in Jordan has been a sort of fly drive (where you don't drive) – you get a driver /guide who seems to disappear at night and these itineraries cover all the Historical/Cultural sites as well the Nature of the country. Petra is

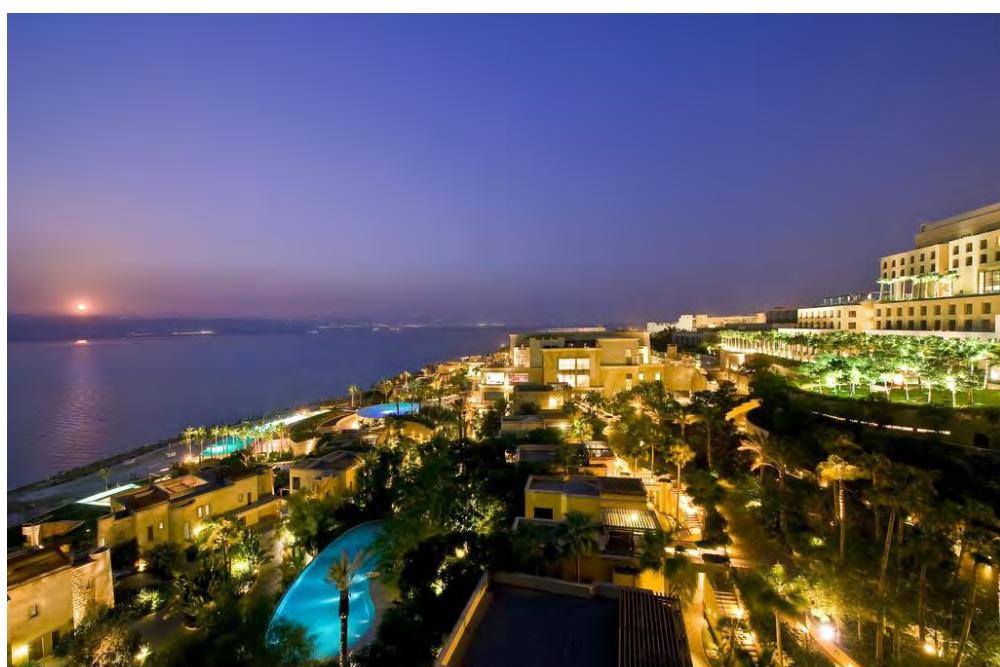
known to us all but Madaba and its famous Mosaics, Mount Nebo from the Bible, Kerak the Crusader Castle, Wadi Rum – often associated with Lawrence of Arabia – Jerash going back millennium's in time. Aqaba itself is an interesting and thriving Red Sea Port of an international stature as well as



having many top class hotels as well as some good diving and Coral to snorkel on. There is also the Dana National Park, which lies between the Dead Sea Resorts and Petra and Kerak further South

Take a look ; <http://www.crusadertravel.com/offers/explore-jordan-new-direct-flights-gatwick/>

For many years we have been providing two country holidays; Israel and Jordan – but from now on it will be easier on the traveller as they can arrive in Aqaba and leave from Tel Aviv - this allows, even in a short week an opportunity to see Wadi Rum, Petra, The Dead Sea, Jerusalem, The Galilee and more – So my cup is spilling over and I am looking forward to a busy winter



This week's advert gives an example price of a classical week in Jordan but there are many variations- Both Israel and Jordan enjoy a coastline on the Dead Sea , but there is a difference in that the Israeli side has many, many hotels catering for a diverse customer – some looking for Spa and Health treatment, others just to experience the Dead Sea or venturing in the

hinterland of the adjacent Judean Desert; whilst in Jordan they have just a handful of hotels , some of which are quite lavish with beautiful gardens running right down to the shores of the Dead Sea

I have also included some special prices for a January short break (4 nights) and some examples of prices to Eilat for a week – both leisure in the Sun and Learn to Dive and Diving – but don't hesitate to pop in and talk to us about a region close to our hearts and take advantage of these low prices before the general market wake up to the incredible opportunities these flights present . I have booked my place – have you?

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Twickers Foodie – By Alison Jee

AFTERNOON TEA WEEK

Apparently, we are in the midst of 'Afternoon Tea Week'. I bet you are glad you know. I've written reviews on a couple of local places where one can indulge in afternoon tea: **The Petersham Hotel** and **R Chocolate** in particular, but there are loads of other options around here. **Patisserie Valerie** does a proper afternoon tea for two for £25, which is pretty good value, but not quite the fabulous setting of some of our lovely hotels. **The Bingham** serves afternoon tea for £25 a head (champagne tea also available for £36) and the setting is worth paying for. Other local hotels offer varying tea menus, and of course **The Ivy Café** in Richmond (or Cobham if you fancy a jaunt) offers a full range of afternoon teas, ranging from an excellent value cream tea at £8.95 to the full works with champagne too at £27.50. A pretty, and rather unusual, additional sweet has been added to the menu for August – The Ivy Nursery Pot, (pictured here) featuring a chocolate topping, lavender cream and edible flowers.



And of course, you could also have your own afternoon tea, in the comfort of your own home! I discovered this recipe the other day for a really delicious and incredibly simple cake. Glenilen Farm yoghurt is really rather nice (available from Waitrose, Sainsbury, Wholefoods, Ocado). It is creamy, and not too sweet. Now you can have your cake and eat it. Happy cooking!

Mango, Passion Fruit and Poppy Seed Cake

128g self-raising flour

113g sugar

95 ml sunflower oil

110 ml Glenilen Farm Mango and Passion Fruit Yoghurt

1/2 tbsp poppy seeds

2 small eggs

Method



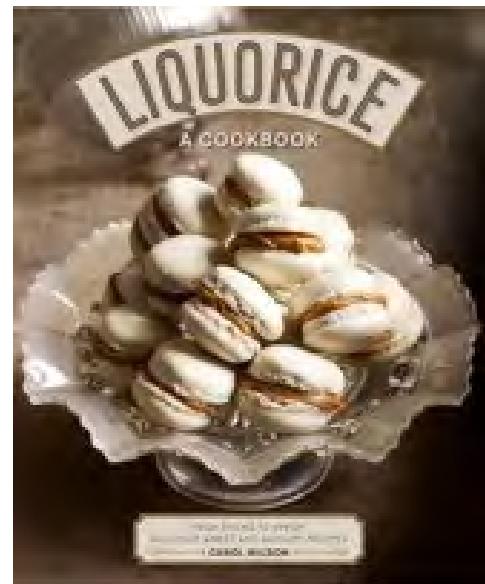
1. Line 1 x 1lb loaf tin with parchment paper and pre heat oven to 180 degrees.
2. Sift flour and add sugar and poppy seeds.
3. In a separate bowl whisk eggs, add oil and blended yoghurt, mix well.
4. Add liquid to the dry ingredients and mix gently, just enough so no dry ingredients visible.
5. Pour mixture into the tin and bake for 35 mins until golden.

Offers and Competitions

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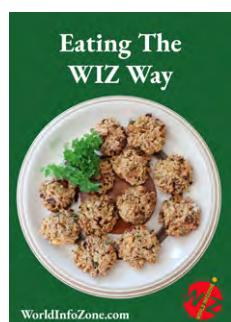
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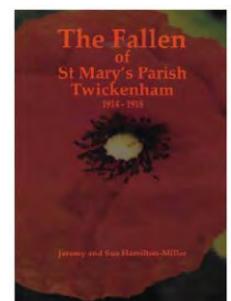
Review: <http://www.worldinfozone.com/>



The Fallen of St Mary's Parish Twickenham 1914-1918

By Sue & Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

The book costs £8 plus £1 p+p and is available from the Local History Society's website at www.botlhs.co.uk



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Teddington Theatre Club opens its new season in September with a delightfully silly evening with Jeeves and Wooster

JEEVES & WOOSTER IN PERFECT NONSENSE

By David Goodale & Robert Goodale, original author PG Wodehouse
Directed by Matt Beresford

What Ho! You are cordially invited to an evening with B.W. Wooster, Esq. He will entertain you with the spiffing tale of how he reconciled the affections of Madeline Bassett and Gussie Fink-Nottle, whilst avoiding amateur dictator Sir Roderick Spode and trying to steal a silver cow creamer!

Fortunately Bertie's valet Jeeves, and Aunt Dahlia's butler Seppings, are on hand to ensure that the entertainment goes smoothly...

Join them for an evening of laughter, silliness and theatrical invention!

Dates: Sat 15 Sep – Fri 21 Sep 2018

Performance times: Sunday 6pm.
Weekdays 7.45pm

Website link

<http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk/production/jeeves-wooster-in-perfect-nonsense>



A black and white photograph of a waiter in a tuxedo carrying a tray with a martini glass. The background is blurred, suggesting a stage setting. In the top right corner, there is a red 'ttc' logo. At the bottom, there is promotional text for the play.

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The Editor, The Twickenham Tribune,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

11th August, 2018.

Dear Editor,

Publication in last week's issue of *The Twickenham Tribune* of early-20th century, colour post-card views of the south-eastern side of King Street provided a timely reminder of the scale and character of the 18th century buildings – including the original *King's Head* - that once stood between the top end of Water Lane and the flank of the former, 1870s Town Hall – all sadly lost through the wholly misconceived and destructive widening of King Street in the 1920s and the total redevelopment of its south-eastern side in the following years. Thankfully, a number of similar, 18th century buildings – including *The George* – still survive on the north-western side of King Street, and along Church Street.

The published views are also of particular relevance in that they demonstrate all too clearly why the 'repro' solutions for the now aborted Riverside Development proposals put forward in November, 2015, November/December, 2016 and June/July, 2017 failed so significantly. The scale of the proposed King Street buildings was not only in excess of that of their 18th century predecessors, but also of that of the inter-War retail and residential development at nos. 3 to 33, King Street immediately adjacent. The published views also demonstrate all too clearly why the 'modern' solution for the now aborted proposals put forward in October, 2017 and in the planning application of November, 2017 also failed for the very same reasons.

May one hope that any new proposals for the Riverside Development that may emerge in coming months - whether traditional or contemporary in architectural character - will provide for new buildings on the King Street frontage of a height and scale that reconciles the modest height and scale of the attractive group of buildings at the corner of Water Lane and Church Street – nos 31 and 32 , Church Street and nos. 1, 1A and 1B, Water Lane - and the greater height and scale of the adjacent, inter-War development at nos. 3 to 33, King Street. Importantly, may one hope, too, that the design of such buildings, and indeed, that of the remainder of the site, will be of an architectural quality that not only sustains and enhances the character of the area but provides the heart of Twickenham with a development solution of real distinction. Sadly, what we have seen hitherto has not provided the prospect of such an outcome.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Velluet.

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L E T T E R S

Dear Sir,

Save the Playing Fields given by the man that Churchill credited with saving Britain

Whilst the primary argument for retaining all of Udny Park Playing Fields are the health and society benefits of community sport and activities, the historical significance of Udny Park is often over-looked.

The man who donated Udny Park was credited by Churchill as Britain's salvation in World War 2. Teddington must stand firm and save precious Udny Park from the predators from Quantum.

Udney Park was originally established as a War Memorial after the Great War, in honour of the fallen parents from a school and for sporting use by wartime orphans. Significantly, Udny Park was opened by Viscount Cave, Home Secretary during and after WW1. Check out the video of the opening on Pathe News

<https://www.britishpathe.com/video/VLVA4FFCWM74D709KBQEX85BCEE9H-OPENING-OF-THE-MERCHANT-TAYLORS-SPORTS-GROUND/query/Teddington+merchant+taylors>

In the 1930s the school relocated and the playing field was acquired by Lord Beaverbrook no less, and donated under covenant for "amateur sport". Lord Beaverbrook placed the playing fields under the strongest covenants available in English Law at the time and entrusted them to the RFU to prevent "change of use".

Whilst perhaps best known in the UK as a newspaper owner, Lord Beaverbrook's greatest contribution to Britain came in wartime. In 1940 Britain was under siege and ill-prepared to defend itself from the Luftwaffe. Sensing strategically that Britain's independence would be won or lost in the air, Churchill made the crucial decision to separate Aircraft Production from the RAF and invited Lord Beaverbrook to be Minister of Aircraft Production to massively increase the airworthy fleet.

Beaverbrook was a lifelong confidant of Churchill, and whilst the WW2 coalition Cabinet was 8 men, it was Beaverbrook's judgement that Churchill relied upon the most. Winston Churchill himself said in his own book about WW2 about his hand-picked appointment of Lord Beaverbrook to the Ministry of Aircraft Production "*I felt sure our lives depended on the flow of new aircraft. Beaverbrook played a decisive part in our salvation. The RAF won the Battle of Britain but it would never had the chance to do so but for the activities of one man, Lord Beaverbrook.*"

Jack Kidd, a direct descendant of Lord Beaverbrook, submitted an impassioned Objection to the Quantum Planning Application saying "*I am outraged that Udny Park Playing Fields, given by my Grandfather Lord Beaverbrook, has been snatched by greedy property developers. This land was donated for amateur sport by my generous family and we will do everything in our power to prevent a developer smashing the covenants put in place to protect this gift to Teddington. Udny Park was given for sport and all of it must be retained for sport.*

Churchill's closest personal ally was Beaverbrook for decades, and he wrote after WW2 "*I was glad to be able to lean on him (Beaverbrook). He did not fail me*". There could be no better permanent British Memorial to Lord Beaverbrook than a Playing Field he himself donated for amateur sport. As Beaverbrook "did not fail" Churchill, The Friends of Udny Park and the Teddington community will not fail by losing Beaverbrook's amazing legacy to us.

Yours Sincerely, Friends of Udny Park

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FOOTBALL FOCUS

By Alan Winter

Brentford kept up their fine start to the season with a deserved draw away at Stoke City last Saturday. Stoke scored first following a mix-up in the Bees defence. After 66 minutes, Ollie Watkins was on the score sheet for the second game in succession in a match that Brentford dominated.



Head Coach Dean Smith was able to select the same eleven who beat Rotherham 5 – 1 in their opening match. After the game a satisfied Smith said “Stoke have a talented squad, so for us to come here and dominate is very pleasing for me. The players can take a lot of belief from this result. Stoke’s goal was a mistake and it can happen. I thought we were then the better team in the second half. The character and spirit from the players was there in the second half and we eventually put that right with a great goal.”

The point keeps Brentford well placed in the play-off zone. Unbeaten with a goal difference of plus 4 at this stage will keep Bees supporters very happy.

Another positive was that Brentford held on to three of their star players in the transfer window which has now closed. Ryan Woods, Ollie Watkins and Chris Mepham were all the subject of interest and bids from other clubs but Brentford refused all offers. The Bees now look as if they have a strong squad quite capable of maintaining their promotion challenge this season.

Brentford’s next game in the Championship is at home to Sheffield Wednesday tomorrow at Griffin Park (Sunday 19th August at 3.00). Come on you Bees!



Hampton and Richmond Borough lost 1-0 at home to Bath City last Saturday in the Vanarama National League South. Manager Gary McCann will get an early opportunity to see an improvement this week, playing away at St Albans City on Tuesday night and hosting Chelmsford City at the Beveree ground in Station Road today (Saturday 18th August at 3.00). Both games are league fixtures.

New partnership between Brentford FC and vdoc

Brentford Football Club has continued the growth of its partnership family with the addition of vdoc as Official Healthcare Partner for the 2018/19 season. vdoc is a private healthcare concierge service provider that gives 24/7 access to a doctor via video call or phone for as little as £4 a month. The multi-award-winning healthcare company provides businesses with immediate access to private doctors and prescription services within the workplace with key features including access to 400+ doctors, a secure video platform, confidential appointments, fast prescriptions and specialist referrals.



Although primarily a business to business model, vdoc will be offering Brentford supporters the opportunity to have the service as a feature of the partnership. Bees fans will be able to sign up for £10 for a year, a huge

saving on the RRP of £48. More details of the offer will be sent out in the coming weeks. vdoc, a winner at the 2017 West London Business Awards, will sponsor the ball boys at Griffin Park.

Suresh Sivagnanam, Founder and CEO of vdoc, said: "We're delighted to be getting involved with Brentford, our local team, during a very exciting time in the Club's history. vdoc's mission is to become one of the first 24/7, 365 days a year digital healthcare provider globally."

Adam Ward, Brentford FC Partnership Development Manager, said: "Health and wellbeing is paramount to everyone, so it's fantastic to have vdoc, who have strong links within West London Businesses, onboard for the exciting season ahead."



RFU Disciplinary: Danny Cipriani

In light of his conviction for common assault and resisting arrest, Danny Cipriani has been charged with conduct prejudicial to the interests of the game contrary to RFU Rule 5.12.

RFU Head of Discipline David Barnes said: “We have high standards that we expect across the game, in line with rugby’s core values, from all those involved within it. I have this afternoon taken the decision to charge Danny Cipriani.”

Cipriani’s hearing in front of an independent disciplinary panel will take place next week with date, time and panel members to be confirmed.

Details on RFU Rule 5.12 can be found [here](#) (please see page six)



RUGBY PLAYER BANNED FOR FOUR YEARS FOR ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATION

Dean Ashfield, registered as a player for Clevedon RFC, has been banned from all sport for four years following an in-competition test on 15 March 2017.

He is banned from 10 April 2017, the date of his provisional suspension, until 9 April 2021.

Mr Ashfield tested positive for three substances, Drostanolone, Trenbolone and Clenbuterol. All three anabolic agents are non-specified substances included on the 2017 World Anti-Doping Agency Prohibited List.

Mr Ashfield was charged with a breach of World Rugby regulation 21.2.1, “Presence of a Prohibited Substance or its Metabolites or Markers in an Athlete’s Sample”. He admitted the charge and was handed a four-year ban by the National Anti-Doping Panel.

RFU Anti-Doping and Illicit Drugs Programme Manager Stephen Watkins said: “This case demonstrates that there are serious consequences to doping.

“Beyond the performance-enhancing effects of steroids, there are significant health risks associated with their use, including kidney failure, liver damage and an increased risk of strokes and heart attacks.”

To read the full judgement, please click [here](#)



England U18s side to play South Africa Schools in U18 International Series

England U18s have named their side to play South Africa Schools in their final fixture of the U18 International Series on Saturday.

The side have recorded two defeats to France (41-21) and Wales (26-20) while in South Africa.

Coaches Steve Bates and Jim Mallinder have made eight changes to the starting XV for the fixture at SACS, Newlands (1.05pm BST).

Hooker Alfie Barbeary (Wasps) returns to captain the side in a new front row, while lock George Martin (Leicester) and flanker Harry Dugmore (Harlequins) also start Saturday's game.

Josh Hallett (Saracens) and Lennox Anyanwu (Harlequins) form a new centre partnership and Louis Lynagh (Harlequins) returns at full back.

To reflect a change in the England pathway calendar the group in South Africa are predominately U17s with the tour now marking the start of the U18 international season, as well as their England journey.

The squad is coached by Bates and Mallinder, who are being assisted by Mark Luffman as well as Nick Kennedy.

Steve Bates said: "We made progress with our execution and defence in the Wales game and had several opportunities to win the match. We still have work to do in lots of areas but we've spent the past couple of days working hard to continue improving and developing.

"This is a young group, playing only their third game together against more experienced U18s sides and that is affecting our cohesion and organisation.

"We tightened up our defence well against Wales but we still need to make it much more secure so sides have to work harder to score and feel under more pressure when they're on the ball, which in turn will make us more competitive in both defence and attack.

"Any international fixture is always special, but to play South Africa in South Africa will be a proud moment for these players who will play with a huge amount of passion."



WOMEN ENCOURAGED TO STEP OFF THE TOUCHLINE AND ONTO THE FIELD WITH ENGLAND RUGBY'S INNER WARRIOR CAMPAIGN

The next wave of England Rugby's Inner Warrior campaign has launched today, after a successful series of Warrior Camps in 2017 and 2018 gave a huge boost to grassroots women's rugby participation. The upcoming wave of Warrior Camps kicks off on 31st August and will run until 16th September with over 100 rugby taster sessions taking place at clubs across the country.

With the end of summer on the horizon and the new school year beginning soon, the Inner Warrior campaign is returning to provide women with a new challenge.

Having announced earlier this year that there are now 30,000 registered female rugby players playing regularly, the Inner Warrior campaign is encouraging new women to get active outdoors this autumn and express themselves and their inner strength through rugby.

England international, Katy Daley-McLean commented, "Rugby is incredibly inclusive and encourages women from all backgrounds and physical statures to come together and bond through the sport. One of the best aspects of rugby is the variety of people you meet through the sport; the different characters and backgrounds of different players fosters a fun and sociable atmosphere which helps to strengthen the bonds between yourself and your teammates."

Since its initial launch, over 15,000 women have attended Warrior Camps nationwide; and of those women, around 5,000 had never picked up a rugby ball before. The number of camps available to women has continued to grow to meet demand and the influx of players has seen a significant number of new female rugby club teams established.

Steve Grainger, RFU Rugby Development Director, said: "Female participation in rugby has seen unparalleled levels of growth in recent years, and is one of the fastest growing team sports for women in England."

"As part of the 2017-21 funding agreement with Sport England and our Women and Girls' Action Plan, the RFU is looking to significantly expand the number of women and girls participating in grassroots rugby across England, and the Warrior Camps are instrumental in supporting this growth."

The Inner Warrior campaign aims to encourage more women and girls to play contact rugby, teaching participant's key introductory skills and drills for rugby within a non-committal, social and fun environment. For 37-year-old, mother of three Vicki Greensmith, discovering rugby has been a life-changer. Discussing how she got into the sport, Vicki says: "The turning point for me was when my two girls started playing rugby, they absolutely loved it. I was going along to watch them all the time and noticed that there were quite a lot of girls who were playing up until U18s but then didn't have a women's team to go in to."

"So, when a group of women started running these sessions I was convinced to go along.

"Most of us have never played before but we just love it. I wish I'd found the sport when I was younger because there's a social aspect to it that I've never found with any other sport, I've found loads of friends of all different shapes and sizes who will be friends for life now."

The upcoming wave of the Inner Warrior campaign launched today with a digital campaign and evolution of the brand creative that shows strong imagery of women, alongside inspiring quotes from the Inner Warrior "Womantra". The evolved brand creative brings the look and feel of the campaign in line with England Rugby's wider Game of our Lives campaign.

Click [HERE](#) to find a Warrior Camp near you.



Helping businesses find a home

Residents and businesses in the borough are encouraged to take part in an online survey that aims to help identify and maximise available work space in the borough.

With high rents and a high number of offices converted into residential housing, it can be difficult to find office premises in the borough that meet the needs of organisations. Richmond Council's recent business survey identified that almost a quarter (23%) of businesses found it difficult to find the right premises.

Building on the Council's survey findings, RHACC and Richmond Council for Voluntary Services are carrying out a more specific survey to explore the potential for those other business who might have spare space to share with others, and those who might be interested in using it. This could be a desk, an office or other workspace, within a bigger unit or a stand-alone space, and could be for short periods or longer.

They are particularly interested in hearing from organisations who currently hire out their space or facilities, those who don't but might be interested in doing so, those who are looking for space now or in the future and those who already do.

The results of the survey will be used to help identify local space and resource needs in the future.

Cllr Geoff Acton, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Business, Economy and Employment, said:

"We know there is strong demand for flexible workspace as availability reduces and the demands of businesses change. People want less risk and more flexibility in their business accommodation and Richmond is under-provided for. Due to Planning legislation, the number of affordable office spaces in our borough is in short supply and as developers are more attracted to residential than commercial provision.

"This can make it very hard for small businesses and the voluntary sector to be able to find suitable premises. Those that do are often faced increasing rent, many not in ideal locations for their needs.

"This survey will help us understand what flexible space is currently available and indeed what could be available in the future. It could provide innovative ways to address the challenge." Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College are developing a co-working space at their Richmond Town Centre site to provide flexible, cost-effective provision of workspace.

To take part in the survey, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HX85B5D>



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Warning over Council Tax refund scams

Richmond Council is aware of a Council Tax refund scam that is currently operating across the borough.

A number of residents have reported that they received a telephone call from someone purporting to be from the Council saying that they are due a refund on their Council Tax as their house has been re-banded. The caller repeatedly asks for the resident's debit card number.



Scams can happen in a number of ways, either by phone, email, text or at the front door. The callers may claim to be from the Council or the Valuation Office Agency and they may use a number of tactics to get you to part with your money including:

Asking you to pay a fee in order to get the refund

Asking for your bank details

Asking for your card details and pin number

Claiming that you have to pay a fee to challenge your Council Tax Band or that you must have an agent representing you to do this

Richmond Council does not initially contact residents regarding Council Tax refunds by phone.

Councillor Liz Jaeger, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Community Safety, said:

'If you do receive an unsolicited phone call from a third-party company - even if they claim they are calling on behalf of the Council - please do not give them any personal or banking information, or make payments to them for their services over the phone.'

'Please end the call immediately and report the matter to the Council who will pass details of the call to the Council's Trading Standards team to investigate.'

If you have been the victim of a scam please contact the police straight away, and/or report it to the [Action Fraud](#) website.



Garden waste service – sign up now and pay nothing until November

New and existing users of the Council's garden waste service are encouraged to sign up or renew their contract now and they will pay nothing until November.

Residents who pay the yearly subscription receive a large wheeled green bin in which to put grass cuttings, old garden or house plants, twigs and leaves, hedge trimmings and weeds. The bin will be collected every other week and the contents turned into compost.

The annual contract runs from 1 November 2018 until 31 October 2019 but all customers who apply now will receive their bin and sticker within 10 working days – paying nothing until the Autumn.

Current customers can also benefit from this offer, as if they renew their contract now they will also get free collections over the summer until November.



Residents who only occasionally need the service, are reminded that they can also take garden waste to the Townmead Road Recycling Centre, or buy garden sacks online, from borough libraries, the Civic Centre or at Townmead. No subscription for the sack collection is needed.

Councillor Martin Elengorn, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Environment, said:

‘Thousands of residents already subscribe to this service. Last year we collected hundreds of tonnes of garden waste, which has all been turned into compost.

‘Home composting is the most sustainable option but those residents who can’t do this can take their garden waste to Townmead for no charge, or use our paid for collection service.’

Visit our [garden waste recycling page](#) for more information about the garden waste collection service or home composting.



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