

# The Twickenham Times



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## SUPPORT FOR LIDO IN COUNCIL CONSULTATION OMITTED IN PRESS RELEASE

A press release detailing consultation plans for the Twickenham Riverside redevelopment was released on Monday 15 November

[http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/council/news/press\\_office/older\\_news/november\\_2016/a\\_more\\_village\\_feel\\_to\\_twickenham\\_riverside\\_to\\_be\\_unveiled\\_this\\_week.htm](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/home/council/news/press_office/older_news/november_2016/a_more_village_feel_to_twickenham_riverside_to_be_unveiled_this_week.htm)

Pamela Fleming, the councillor for South Richmond, who holds the largest portfolio for the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames – Environment, Business and Community –

<http://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=410>

is in charge of the proposals for the development of Twickenham Riverside.

Following considerable consternation of the choice of the Terry architects and their plans for Twickenham Riverside the council arranged further consultation on the fate of this beautiful spot in Twickenham. In 2008 Cllr Fleming and her party gained office supporting a referendum organised by Electoral Reform Services which was against housing development on the former lido site.

In the press release, Cllr Fleming acknowledged that residents wanted to make the area a destination and draw people down to the Thames embankment. Surprisingly the press release did not mention the opportunity to rejuvenate Twickenham town. The press release did take into account the wish to reflect the history and style of the area and the needs of local residents. <http://www.memoriesoftwickenhamriverside.com/>

Council consultations have shown that the most popular proposals by far are for a restaurant and café on the riverside site, space for leisure services, and a town square. <http://twickenhamlido.com>. A lido was put forward by residents and leisure activities included boathouses, possibly for the Stand Up Paddleboarding club which is looking for its own club house and Twickenham Rowing Club which needs more space. The importance of the integration of the new development with Diamond Jubilee Gardens was also on the list; the gardens were developed over the original swimming pool which is said to still exist beneath the much disputed site.

It was a disappointment that the lido project, which is in the published council's consultation feedback from the summer, gained a lot of support from residents but was omitted.

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# This is Twickenham

## Quiz Night Fundraiser

Friends of Radnor Gardens are holding a quiz night to raise funds for the cafe at Radnor Gardens.

Tickets are £12 and include one bottle of wine per couple and a hot meal.

The quiz takes place at St Catherine's School, Cross Deep, Twickenham on Tuesday 29th November,

For tickets contact Clare on 07734 958988 or [clareorelhead@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clareorelhead@hotmail.co.uk)

Clare Head, Chairman FoRG



An application for a temporary ice rink in Radnor Gardens will be heard at planning committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 - ref 16/3240/FUL - which will hopefully see the return of the popular winter ice rink to Twickenham.

You can find out about the original Richmond Rink in Twickenham, which closed in 1992, at the Heritage Lottery Fund project 'The Most Famous Ice Rink In The World'

<http://icerinx.com/index.html>



## Twickenham Cinema Club

Welcome to Twickenham Cinema Club

We are a not for profit film club, run by our members for our members, you are the curator.

We aim to show an eclectic mix of cult and classic films from around the world, lost loved films that slip through the net all to regularly, films our members want to share and explore in an environment free of mobile phones and Nachos.

We have been overwhelmed by support at our Twitter page [@twickcinemaclub](https://twitter.com/twickcinemaclub) where followers have advanced a fantastic array of recommendations often lost to mainstream cinema, from British classics of the 1960s to French horror films, documentaries and cartoon shorts, silent masterpieces and intriguing never-seen underground sleepers.

We hope to fully launch in the New Year with low-cost membership in a purpose built cinema environment with up to the minute sound and vision. We will never charge more than the cost of exhibiting. And we welcome new committee members, volunteers and help in selling our vision to Twickenham and beyond.

We also welcome your input now, tell us your favourite films and why you want to share them [twickcinemaclub@gmail.com](mailto:twickcinemaclub@gmail.com)

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# Twickenham Riverside Police Liaison Group

Date: FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Time: 6.30pm - 8.00pm

Venue: Lynde House Care Home, 28 Cambridge Park,  
Twickenham TW1 2JB



These meetings give residents of the Ward an opportunity meet with their local Police Safer Neighbourhood Team and Ward Councillors, hear about Policing on their Ward and to raise any issues relating to crime / crime prevention. All welcome.

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## Twickenham Riverside Pop Up Shop

### Announcement by LBRuT

#### Future proposals

New proposals for redeveloping Twickenham Riverside are to be published by the Council – designs which reflect the ‘village feel’ of the local area.

Over the past few months, Richmond Council has been engaging with residents and businesses in Twickenham in order to gather the creative ideas of all those who wish to see a new heart for the area. This engagement included an exhibition at a pop up shop, opinion survey, community group meetings and a series of seminars/workshops looking at various themes and topics.

Three proposals will be published from 2pm on Thursday 17 November on our website and residents are invited to have their say on the proposals until Friday 16 December at the reopened pop up shop on Church Street.

#### Pop up shop

The pop up shop on Church Street will be open on Thursday 17 November from 2 to 5pm.

Following this, the shop will be open every:

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 4pm
- Thursday from 11am to 7pm
- Saturday from 11am to 5pm

The shop will also be open on Sunday 27 November from 12 to 6pm for the Twickenham Christmas event.

View the proposals here [https://consultation.richmond.gov.uk/environment/new-heart-for-twickenham-nov-2016/user\\_uploads/20161114\\_twickrediscoveredconsultboards\\_1-18-a1-\\_aw-web-\\_final.pdf-1](https://consultation.richmond.gov.uk/environment/new-heart-for-twickenham-nov-2016/user_uploads/20161114_twickrediscoveredconsultboards_1-18-a1-_aw-web-_final.pdf-1)

# Arts, Entertainment and Activities

by Erica White

Don't forget **THE STREETS** will be around the streets of Twickenham on Saturday and Sunday this week. Pop-up jazz, soul and brass band music, performances and other activities for all ages in all sorts of unexpected places: Ruben's Bakehouse, The George, Waterstones, Harris & Hoole, Caffe a Roma, Twickenham Library, The Bear, Church St Food Hall, St Mary's Church. Family workshops involving the Gruffalo and Roald Dahl! This is Twickenham's chance to discover its High Street and is part of a National Heritage Lottery funded project.

Pick up a leaflet in libraries or Orleans House Gallery, (OHG) 020 8831 6494.

The 25th Literature Festival continues with talks, readings and conversations with authors. Historian Jacqueline Riding reveals eyewitness accounts of the extraordinary events in her book, **JACOBITES**; a new History of the '45 Rebellion on Saturday 19 at 2.00pm at the Coach House, OHG. Tickets £8.£6.50.

The following day Andrew Lambert reveals the truth behind the legend of **CRUSOE'S ISLAND**, also at the Coach House, OHG at 2.00pm. Tickets £8.00/£6.50.

During the week more titillating talks tell us more about the varied and sometimes scandalous lives of the Mitford sisters, when Laura Thomson reads from Take Six Girls on Thursday 24 at the Salon, York House at 7.00pm. Tickets £10/£8.50.

On the same evening quiz enthusiasts will be tested by Alan Connor, the questions editor of the fiendish BBC2 quiz, Only Connect. He tells the story of the history of quizzing, covering the various scandals and the tactics of professional quizzers. Teddington Library is the venue for **THE JOY OF QUIZ** on Thursday 24 at 7.00pm. Tickets £7.50/£6.00.

The Literature Festival ends with an **INTRODUCTION TO THE PRE-RAPHAELITES** by Catherine Parry-Wingfield. She replaces Sara Burn Edwards who unfortunately had to withdraw as speaker. Again this takes place at the Coach House, OHG at 2.30pm. Tickets from 020 8831 6000, £15 include a glass of wine. The event is in aid of the Transforming Orleans House Capital Appeal.

This week's Christmas craft fair is **SPARKLE**, a Contemporary Craft and Gourmet Food Fair at the Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington, Friday 18, 6.00pm-8.00pm, Saturday 19-Sunday 20, 10.00am-5.00pm. Over 70 designers and producers from all over the UK. Admission £4.



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# Arts, Entertainment and Activities cont.

The next weekend's **CRAFT FAIR** will be on Friday 25, 5-9.00pm at Hampton Theatre Club to coincide with the switching on of the Christmas lights in the High Street: a welcome haven if the weather is not too kind where you find a welcome cuppa and delicious cakes upstairs. Street stalls and Father Christmas if you are good.

And if you haven't found that special gift by then, there is still a chance to find it at **THE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** at Normansfield Theatre, Kingston Road, Teddington, 11am-4.30pm.

Don't forget the treat for Mozart fans with performances of **THE MAGIC FLUTE** at glorious Normansfield Theatre at the Langdon Down Centre on the Kingston Road just before you reach Hampton Wick. Performances are at 7.30 on Friday 18, Saturday 10 and Sunday 20. Tickets at £15 from 0333 1212 300

At Hampton Hill Theatre this week Teddington Theatre Club offer you the chance to see a fascinating play about the life of the poet Stevie Smith, poet of the "Not Waving But Drowning" collection of poetry, amongst others. Stevie, one of the most original poets of the 20th century, made her home in the 1930s in Palmer's Green with her "lion Aunt" and this is an account

of her life and liaisons centred on this north London suburb. **STEVIE** is written by the acclaimed playwright Hugh Whitmore who also wrote Breaking the Code which won so many accolades earlier this year at the Swan Awards after its spring production by the same company. **STEVIE** is performed in the intimate 50 seater Studio Theatre, so make sure you get your tickets without delay. Tickets from [www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk](http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk) or 0845 838 7529 Tickets cost £12 non-members.

On Saturday 26 jazz lovers will enjoy the Eel Pie Club's annual 1940s charity gala, **BIG BAND BLITZ** at the Winning Post, Chertsey Road which this year is in aid of the Mayor of Richmond's Charity Appeal. Tickets from 020 8973 3605/ 07808 156 797, or [www.eelpieclub.com](http://www.eelpieclub.com)

**THE CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE GREEN** The lights will be switched on at Twickenham Green on Sunday 27 (time to be confirmed) Free hot chocolates will be served at Arthur's Bistro.

# London Borough of Richmond

The Municipal Borough of Twickenham became part of the London Borough of Richmond in 1965 joining with towns on the Richmond side of the River Thames.

Today, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames has 54 councillors from each side of the river, the Twickenham side and the Richmond side. <http://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx>

In 2009 the Conservative party became the ruling party and maintained a majority in the council in the following local election.

The Twickenham side of the borough has many individual towns or “villages” [www.richmond.gov.uk/village\\_plans](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/village_plans), a university, buildings of historical and architectural merit, beautiful views along the Thames and plenty of open space.

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## LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND'S PARTNERSHIPS

The council has collaborated with other Boroughs such as Merton.  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/search\\_results?qt=MERTON](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/search_results?qt=MERTON)

However, an agreement to amalgamate services with Wandsworth is a more encompassing undertaking.  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/search\\_results?qt=AMALGAMATION+WITH+WANDSWORTH](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/search_results?qt=AMALGAMATION+WITH+WANDSWORTH)

As well as partnerships with other boroughs Richmond council outsources some services. For example the Event Umbrella [www.whitstableoysterfestival.co.uk/event-umbrella.htm](http://www.whitstableoysterfestival.co.uk/event-umbrella.htm) which is based in Whitsable oversees the council's event policy and puts on events for the council.

## PAYMENT TO SUPPLIERS

[www.richmond.gov.uk/council\\_payments\\_to\\_suppliers](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/council_payments_to_suppliers)

## WEBCASTS

View planning and council meetings [www.richmond.public-i.tv/core/portal/home](http://www.richmond.public-i.tv/core/portal/home)

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Find dates of council meetings <https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/mgCalendarMonthView.aspx?GL=1>

## PRESS RELEASES

LBRuT issues press releases every Friday which can be viewed on the council website.  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/press\\_office](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/press_office)

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## THE TWICKENHAM VILLAGES

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STRAWBERRY HILL	<a href="http://www.shra.org.uk">www.shra.org.uk</a>
TEDDINGTON	<a href="http://www.teddingtontown.co.uk">www.teddingtontown.co.uk</a>
HAMPTON WICK	<a href="http://www.hamptonwick.org.uk">www.hamptonwick.org.uk</a>
HAMPTON	<a href="http://www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk">www.thehamptonsociety.org.uk</a>
HAMPTON HILL	<a href="http://www.lovehamptonhill.com">www.lovehamptonhill.com</a>
WHITTON	<a href="http://www.whittontowncentre.co.uk">www.whittontowncentre.co.uk</a>
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# Christmas in Church Street



## Christmas in Church Street

by Shona Lyons

Shopping for food and gifts surrounded by twinkling Christmas trees is one of Church Street's festive highlights. On December 2 from 12 midday until 8pm, the cobbles will be packed with traders who make the annual trip from near and far to our picturesque riverside. The event, dubbed the Church Street Festival of Lights, will coincide with St Mary's Church's Christ the Light, during which a service will be held, collections made for charity, craft activities available and Festive Stalls will be on display.

The vast majority of the traders taking part are local, all looking forward to this event as a showcase from which they hope to reach a wider audience. We hope that people will come looking for gifts for Christmas, and be excited by the wide range of original and unique things on sale. The Church Street Traders will also be out in force with their own unique brands of fantastic gifts & food to tempt the shoppers. It is the Church Street's Association main Xmas event for the local community and we hope that everyone will be entertained by the wide range of local musicians and carol singers that we will have in the square, ranging from the wonderful Military Band of Kneller Hall, to the children's Choir of St James School, the local Brass Band of St Margaret's "The Elastic Band" and the Richmond Music Trust led by the inspiring Roger Perrin. We will also have the wonderful and quite violent Punch & Judy at the top of the street and there will also be a fantastic Santa's Grotto, this year stationed inside Mint and judging from their past creations, this should be something quite special! We have been inundated by people who want to take part in the Fayre, ranging from bakers, Charities, artists, designers & even a dog groomer! We will be extending the fayre all the way from Church Street to Aragon Road and up to the Church.

# Christmas in Church Street cont.

Here is a sample of those exhibiting at the Church Street Festival of Lights

## Daisy Tolmie: pet groomer

'I own an all-natural dog grooming salon on Twickenham Green. The services range from your basic brush-through and nail clips to blueberry facials and grooming to breed standard (yes, I have made a standard poodle look like the ones you see in the films!). I originally started out grooming in Harrods, which is where I learnt all you need to know about animal care and providing only the best service and grooming. I have been at The Green Groom for around two years now, having ventured out on my own and seeing a huge gap for quality groomers in the area. I've lived in Twickenham my whole life and there's no other time of the year that I remember more than the town at Christmas... My childhood was filled with family and festivities, visiting all the different stalls in Church Street, listening to the music and getting something to eat to warm us up! I think that's why I'm so proud to own my own business in Twickenham and especially to be taking it back to where I have so many wonderful memories, hoping to give families the same experience I had when I was young.' [www.facebook.com/thegreengroom](http://www.facebook.com/thegreengroom)



*Photo by James Frater*

## Lori Jackson: fragrance expert

'The Church Street Festival of Lights is a great time for arts and crafts people in the surrounding area to come together to show off their products to the community. The festival gives me the chance to launch my home fragrance line, Montpelier Infusion. While studying essential oils, I began combining various fragrances together, making items for family and friends. I spent many years building on my repertoire of home fragrances and only months ago stocked the items at Montpelier Antiques. These are always lovely gifts for the Christmas season—soy scented candles, diffusers, linen/room sprays and natural herbal sachets for men, women and special ones for pets. The fayre is a great opportunity for me to showcase my items. It is very encouraging to introduce my products to new clientele, watching their reaction when they first smell my fragrances, their interest in knowing how I came up with a certain scent. I enjoy talking to the public, it is important to get their feedback; this inspires me to go back into my studio to expand my line of items.' [www.montpelierinfusion.co.uk](http://www.montpelierinfusion.co.uk)





# Christmas in Church Street cont.

## Karen Thomas: Iris & Bee textiles and furnishings

'Iris & Bee is a story of colour and cloth; paint and canvas; two little girls and flowers. Named for my daughters, Iris & Bee brings together everything I love. As a textile designer and painter, I have combined these two interests to create a collection of irresistible soft furnishings, prints and kitchen textiles. Expect to find luxurious faux suede cushion covers, fine art giclée prints, and exclusive to the Christmas market, a collection of kitchen textiles, including aprons, tea towels and shopper bags. I've also made gorgeous notebook sets and greeting card gift packs. In summer, I debuted my collection of prints and cushions at 'Church Street Goes Green' and had a wonderful response from the local community. When I was asked to be part of the Christmas market, there was no hesitation. As a local resident, artist and designer, it is such a treat to have the opportunity to be a part of an event in such a special location. Church Street is a gem and I am thrilled to be able to share my work there once again.' [www.irisandbee.co.uk](http://www.irisandbee.co.uk)



## Diane Denham: designer

'Christmas is my favourite time of the year and Church Street always starts it off with a bang. It really is the heart of Twickenham. I have always had a passion for colour and creativity and have made things from a very young age. Although I studied art and textiles at college, I learnt the basics from my mum and gran, something I am passing on to my own daughter. As a Twickenham resident for the last 20 years, I love the area and have a passion for the 'shop local' ethos. I used to sell my handmade cards at the wonderful Par Ici on Church Street before its sad closure. I reignited my passion for fabric a few years ago and started making bags and purses. I like to create unique items in quirky fabrics and love making bespoke items for customers... they get exactly what they want at an affordable price. This is my first time at the Church Street Christmas fair and I can't wait (although I have sold at the last two summer fairs



and had a wonderful experience)! Along with my bags and purses, there will be a range of handmade Christmas gifts and decorations, including a new range of hand painted purse designs. Look forward to seeing you there at the festival. [www.etsy.com/uk/shop/DianeDenham](http://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/DianeDenham)

# Letters

## Pop In to the Pop Up Shop

Sir

I attended the Pop Up Shop in Church Street yesterday to see the latest proposals for Twickenham Riverside unveiled. How disappointed I was.

The Council is hailing these proposals “A more village feel to Twickenham Riverside”. Drawings of quaint shop frontages onto King Street when we all know the reality will be discount signs or empty shops within a few months.

The Santander building is to be demolished and instead, a larger, wider build on top of Francis Terry’s trademark columns. Yes, Francis Terry. The Architect already signed up and who, despite overwhelming public opposition, for reasons only known to their inner circle, the Council refuses to cut loose.

There will be a pathway to the river and yes, the river can be seen a little more from King Street. However, on arriving at the riverside, you will be met by huge grandiose buildings. The build looks like housing but it is in fact a row of shops. Yes more shops. With flats above. Given the struggling sprawling high street and numerous empty shops, do we really need more shops?

The only saving grace of this scheme is the archways underneath, copied directly from Terry’s Richmond Riverside design, which we are told will be used to house boats.

Where is the hugely popular Lido proposal? Where are the landscaped gardens linking Diamond Jubilee Gardens to this new site? Where is the boat hire? Where is the pontoon?

The Officer had no idea how many flats were proposed in the new scheme but I was told that there HAD to be housing. WHY? The Council didn’t tell us we HAD to have housing on the Diamond Jubilee site. The Council spent 6 million pounds buying the Santander building. This is a small price to pay for truly opening up the Riverside and I don’t believe that selling off prime public land to a private developer for housing is in the public interest, nor would the Council reap the benefits of the true value of this site.

The people of Twickenham have saved the Riverside for a great many years. The fight is not over yet.

J. Hill, Twickenham

# Letters cont.

## Lorry Worry

Dear Sir

There is growing concern about the ever-increasing size of lorries which use our side roads. I have seen some very difficult situations recently in Crown Road, St Margaret's and in Pope's Grove in Strawberry Hill.

Is there anything the Council can do to restrict these large vehicles trying to negotiate their way along roads where cars are parked on either side with only a narrow strip of road between?

This is of particular concern outside schools as in Pope's Grove - large lorries are often seen turning into this road from Cross Deep. On some occasions they have become trapped and caused enormous problems for other vehicles.

I would say it is the Council's duty to seriously consider this issue as it is only going to get worse and not better.

G. Page, Strawberry Hill

## Community Arts Centre

Dear Sir

I am delighted to see that you have a letters page in your new online newspaper, and I wish you good luck with the launch of this much needed community forum.

I should like to use the page to enquire if anyone knows anything about the strange building that has appeared opposite Twickenham railway station on the site of the old GPO sorting office. I had been led to believe that it was to be some sort of community arts centre that was due to open last Spring.

At the moment all it seems to serve is as a giant hoarding advertising the apartments built alongside it. It resembles a white elephant, or even more an ocean liner destined never to reach its destination. When will it be launched ?

Yours

M. Wells, Twickenham

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