

# The Twickenham Tribune

## Vince Cable Announced as Leader of the Liberal Democrats

Twickenham's MP, Sir Vincent Cable, was announced as leader of the Liberal Democrats on Thursday. Vince who has a formidable record in government and politics has much experience needed in this time of Brexit.



In his speech following the announcement Vince said "There is a huge gap in the centre of British politics and I intend to fill it. The only party committed to staying in the single market and customs union, the Liberal Democrats are alone in fighting to protect our economy. It will soon become clear that the government can't deliver the painless Brexit it promised. So, we need to prepare for an exit from Brexit.

In a statement today Vince also confirmed his commitment as a constituency MP. Commenting on his recent appointment as the new leader of the Liberal Democrats he said:

"It is a privilege to become the leader of the Liberal Democrats, however I wish to assure my constituents that my commitment and passion for representing Twickenham will never diminish.

"Being a good constituency MP will always be my number one priority."



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# THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

## PART 32 – TWO WAYS TO FLOOD TWICKENHAM DIP

By Alan Winter

Most of the local postcards we have looked at in this column have been 110 to 60 years old. I thought we could focus on some later postcards this week. These were produced in the early 1990's by local residents Graham and Hilda Gadd. Graham took these photographs and Hilda turned them into a series of 12 postcards all under the title of "The modern history of Twickenham Green"

I have selected two of these cards which show serious flooding at "The Dip" which is where Chapmans have their wonderful shop selling plants, pet accessories and all sorts of other things that we can't do without. Our lovely Red Lion Pub stood on the corner for 200 years but we have now lost that to a Tesco franchise in the name of progress!



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Postcard No.1 was produced from a photograph taken by Graham Gadd on 1st August 1991. It shows the H22 bus on the way to Hounslow, slowly negotiating the Dip following a flash flood. The second postcard shows a fireman looking for the plug following a burst water main. Graham took this photo on 2nd July 1994. This is real living local history. Without these postcards we would be reduced to dodgy memories of "Do you remember when the Dip was flooded"?

For those of you who would like an original of these postcards or others in the set, you may find them at Hilda Gadd's antique and collectables shop opposite "Arthurs" and the Maple Leaf Chemist shop in Staines Road, Twickenham Green. Let Hilda know you read about her in the Twickenham Tribune!



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comments on this subject, or ideas for future articles, please drop me a line at

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# TwickerSeal

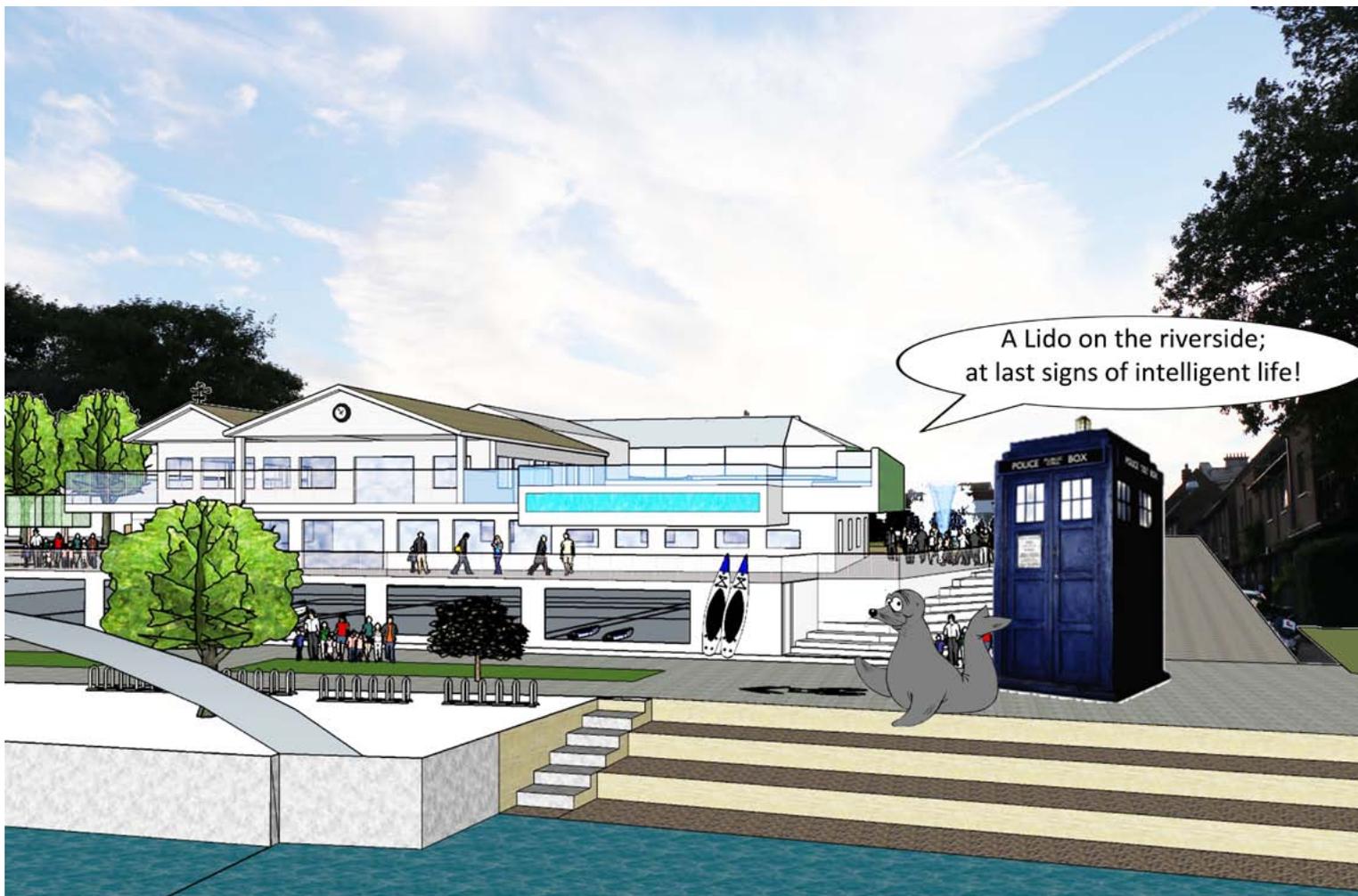
The nation was shocked when bookies' favourite TwickerSeal was not chosen as the new Dr Who!

Asked to comment, TwickerSeal said:

“I was gutted to be quite honest. I was so sure that I would get the part that I have been practising with my Sonic Screwdriver.

Even though we live in the 21st century I guess some people are just not ready for a seal as Dr Who. I hope that will change one day.

I could have used the Tardis to find an alternate reality where Twickenham Riverside gets a Lido, although that could still happen here ...”



# Twickers Foodie

## LIFE IS A BOWL OF CHERRIES!

By Alison Jee

So the saying goes, and judging by the amount of gorgeous fresh cherries in the shops at the moment, we should all be indulging in this summer treat. Last Saturday morning, Paul Cooper was offering a large bowl of cherries for just £2 at his Twickenham shop and they were going like the proverbial hot cakes. It was a Cooper 'Special Offer' and we Twickers folk were the beneficiaries.

Having bought a bowl, and thoroughly enjoyed indulging in one or two every time we walked past them in the kitchen, by Monday I was aware that I should do something more with them before they started to go off.

Now, as someone who has always enjoyed sweet and savoury combinations, I often make a mango salsa – especially to go with salmon steaks. How would a cherry salsa work, I wondered? The answer was that it was a brilliant combination.

To make the salsa is so simple: Just de-stone and chop the cherries into quarters, chop a couple of spring onions, some baby tomatoes (also from Coopers – they are always so reliable and sweet; the tomatoes I mean, but so, too, are all the team at Coopers!). Then some chopped fresh coriander and a sprinkling of chopped chilli, a squeeze of fresh lime juice, a quick stir and it is ready to go. You can experiment and use mint instead of coriander, and all manner of other herb and spice combinations, depending on what you are serving it with.



With an oven-cooked sea trout steak, lovely green beans, a couple of Jersey Royals and some salad on the side, we had a fabulous, healthy, very quick and easy 'meat free Monday' supper.

There are numerous books and recipes for making salsas, and you can buy all manner of different ones ready made. But to be honest, they are so easy to throw together and such fun to experiment with, I would leave it to your own imagination.

But do hurry, according to Paul we have about another month of fresh English cherries, but there are always other fruits, like mangoes, peaches, nectarines, figs ....

# Offers and Competitions

Winner of a meal for two, with a bottle of house wine, at Chef Doran's Pop Up Restaurant: Kitchen Angel, East Twickenham

Is Karen Johnson



Winner of a £20 voucher to spend at Ralph's

is RJ Ford of TW1

The answer was: Grapes



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# Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



## *Key to Abbreviations at end*

### THE TEMPEST, Richmond Shakespeare Society,

played before the colour-washed mermaids in York House Gardens, is not to be missed by those who enjoy Shakespeare en plein air. A magical island inhabited by spirits, a gentle giant, an exiled Duke with mystical powers, and a beautiful girl: ingredients for a great night's entertainment performed by talented actors under the darkening skies and stars.

You are invited to bring along your own seating or groundsheets and enjoy a picnic before the show. Saturday 22nd July, 3pm and 7.45pm.

Info and tickets 020 88744 00547, [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk)

Licensed bar on site.

Meanwhile, **STARLIGHT YOUTH THEATRE** present **THE WIZ** at HHT' 19-22 July at 7.30pm. Tickets: £13/£9:

[www.starlightyouththeatre.co.uk](http://www.starlightyouththeatre.co.uk)

Following hot on the dancing heels and toes of the above, **ONCE UPON A LABRADOR**, an evening of humour with Alfie, is presented by **CHARLIE GARLAND PRODUCTIONS**, Sunday, 23 July at 7.00pm. At HHT, Hampton Hill. Tickets: 07957 368644,

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/labradortour](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/labradortour)

A week later, something for the nostalgic maybe. The intriguingly titled company, **INTERRUPT THE ROUTINE** presents **THE GIN CHRONICLES AT SEA**, 1940's radio-style comedy at Hampton Hill Theatre at 7.30 pm.

Tickets: [www.interrupttheroutine.co.uk](http://www.interrupttheroutine.co.uk)

### MEMORIES FLOW THROUGH ME LIKE A BOAT DOWN THE RIVER.

A specially commissioned dance event, celebrating the history of the Belgian Refugees who lived and worked in East Twickenham during WW1, will take place on Saturday 22 July at 1.30pm and 3.00pm at Cambridge Gardens, Clevedon .road, TW1 2TA. This is part of RichDanceFest.

While [Jazz](#), [Rock](#), [Trad](#) and [Blues](#) performances take place regularly at The Cabbage Patch pub, TW1 on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

[BARMY ARMS](#), Twickenham Embankment.

Live music Saturday 22nd July, 1pm to 7pm. Featuring The T-Bone Band, Dwight Faulkner, The Groovy Boys and the Alex Dew Band.

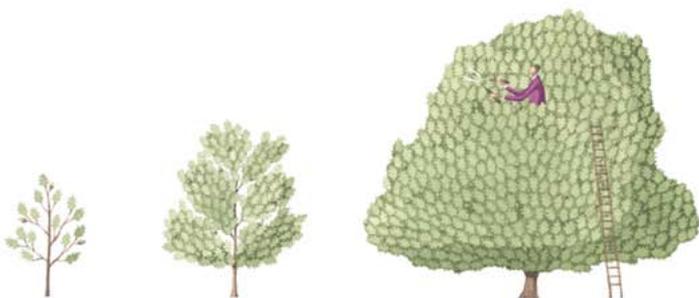
Live music Sunday 23rd July, from 2pm with Frankie and Ben.

[ANIMAL MAGIC](#) at the [DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS](#), Twickenham Riverside. Saturday 22nd July, 12pm to 4pm.

An opportunity for children to meet some exotic live animals up close & personal and find out all about them.

## The Stomping Nomads - The Barmy Arms Saturday 5th August

'You may have already heard the Stomping Nomads playing beer festivals, pubs, clubs and community events in and around the local area. Formed seven years ago the band has a reputation for giving a lively performance playing good time music. With rock and roll, blues, country, bluegrass and more than a hint of jazz, you can never be sure what's next, but it's always entertaining. Lead by vocalist Pat Dyos, the band's line up includes Dr John Muhlhaus on banjo, mandolin and electric guitar, Mike Chilvers on bass guitar, Sue Bigmore on rhythm guitar and accordion and Martin Wayne on drums.'

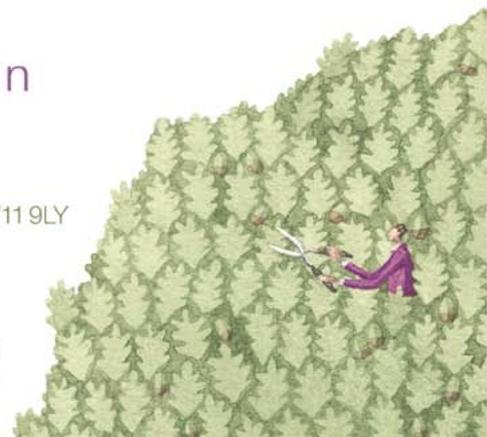


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With Wimbledon just finished it's a great time to join in the

## **Great British Tennis Weekend**

Free event at York House Gardens, Twickenham

**Sunday July 23rd from 2pm to 5pm.**

Sion Road Twickenham TW1 3DD

With fun activities for all ages, prizes, giveaways, discounts on future Tennis sessions. Try out:

- Mini tennis session for children (ages 5 to 12)
- Cardio tennis - exercise tennis session to improve fitness
- Tennis Xpress - coaching taster session for beginners
  - Ball machine to develop tennis skills.

All are welcome for some or all of the afternoon, including families and friends.

Please see the website for more information and to pre-book if you wish:

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/OpenDays/YorkHouseGardens/02e0e3fe-fd33-4611-9ad8-a7c7534cfcb5>

Jeremy Hooton, Head Coach Tel: 07896 202086 Email: [jezzhooton@hotmail.com](mailto:jezzhooton@hotmail.com)

# LOOKING FOR OUR LOST LIDOS

Lidos Alive is currently researching eight lidos in our borough – past and present.

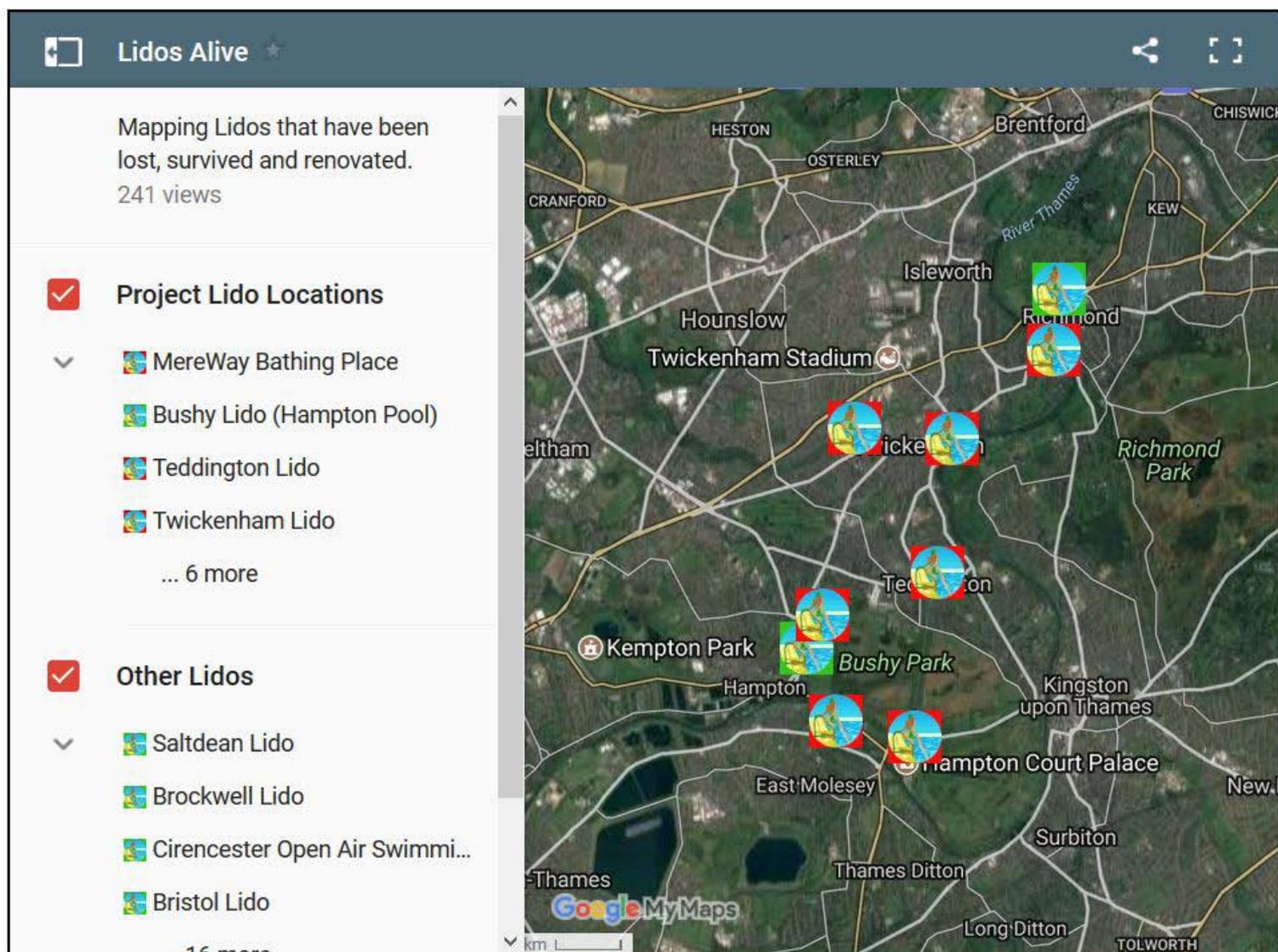


Twickenham lido on Twickenham Riverside was definitely the jewel in the crown, and documents found show that a lido on Twickenham Riverside was discussed 130 years ago – and is still in the news.

Send your memories to [contact@LidosAlive.com](mailto:contact@LidosAlive.com)  
See the project so far at [www.lidosalive.com](http://www.lidosalive.com)

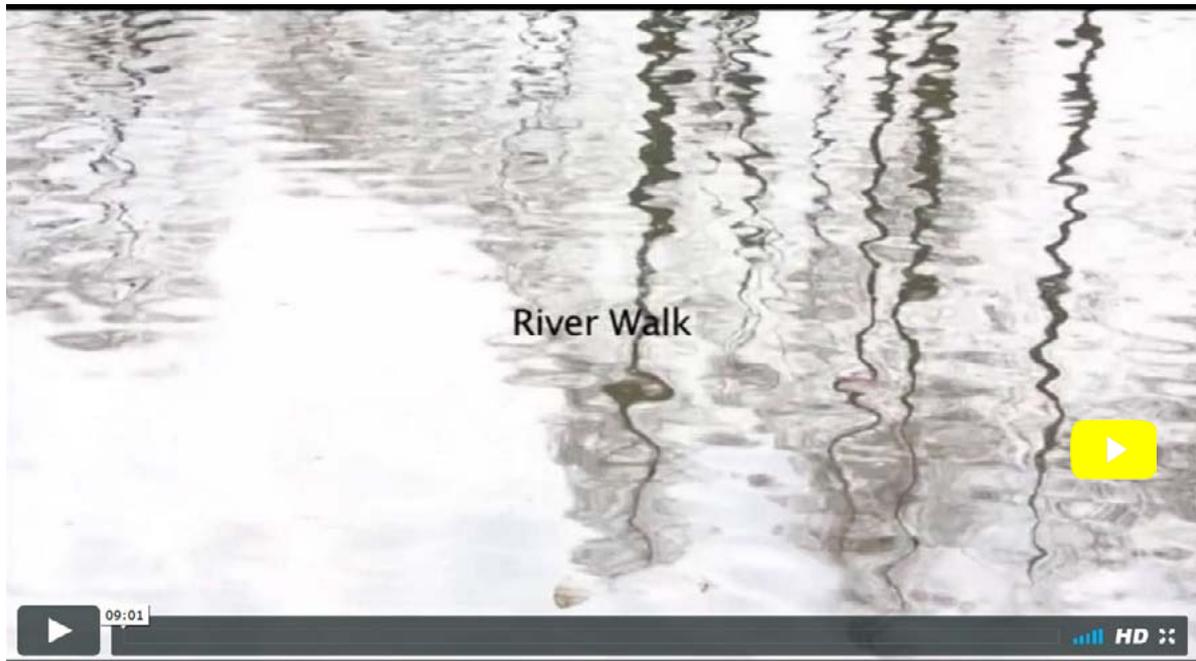
We have created a map of our local Lidos, which can be viewed by clicking the image below.

## Lido Map



## Film of the week

### *River Walk*



**Filmmaker: Joycelyn Lewis**

**Richmond Adult Community College**

*River Walk is a short documentary following the path of the River Thames from Richmond Lock to the Ferry. Looking at the History that surrounds Richmond as well as featuring locals who work along the river.*

*Running time: 9:50 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](mailto:film@twickenhamalive.com) or [www.twickenhamfilmfestival.com](http://www.twickenhamfilmfestival.com)

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# Country House Confusions.



Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

## Opera from Here to the Grange. Review by Mark Aspen

There is an optimism that comes with summer, an irrepressible feeling that every evening will be warm, as the blazing day fades; will be balmy, with gentle zephyrs to attenuate the air; will be dry, every cloud having been burnt from the sky until October. And so we come to the season of outdoor opera. All over Europe, as the sun reaches its annual zenith, the season reaches its cultural perihelion between opera and the outdoors. Further south in Europe where the optimism is a little more justified, the continent sparkles with magnificent opera festivals. Some of the grandest take over ancient sites, Roman theatres in Aix-en-Provence and Orange in France, Verona and Rome in Italy. Italians love opera, and its famous composers are celebrated in their home towns, in specially built theatres, at Puccini's house near Pisa, in the Adriatic Arena at Pesaro for Rossini, and Verdi in Parma. When creating the appropriate grandeur, imagination is boundless; such as at Bregenz in Austria, where the opera festival stage floats on the edge of Lake Constance.



At home though, the ambience is different. Outdoor theatre is a much more genteel affair, the scale somewhat more modest: it is all very English. We are always hopeful that the rain, the wind or the midges will stay away, but if they don't, then we ignore them. In England, the event is usually black-tie, almost everyone brings a picnic, and the theatre itself is often not open-air. Perhaps it is this sheer contrariness that makes the concept of the country-house opera.

Thinking of its history, one is tempted to say such events started in the twentieth century, but the eighteenth had the London's Vauxhall Gardens, where all sorts of other things went on. Indeed we still have the Holland Park Opera, but this doesn't have the Tivoli feel, and certainly doesn't have the "dark walks" to encourage amorous adventuring. But, no a proper country-house opera has to be, well, in the country.

Undoubtedly, the best known is Glyndebourne, which held its inaugural opera in May 1934. The brainchild of John Christie, who had inherited the country house from his grandfather. His inspiration was the Bayreuth Festival. He built on a 300 seater theatre plus full size organ. Under his son, Sir George Christie, there is now a 1200 seat modern theatre at Glyndebourne. (There is a public open day on 10th September when you can look around the gardens and take a peek into the theatre without an opera ticket.) Of course, Glyndebourne Festival Opera, based at Glyndebourne has become one of the world's most prestigious opera companies.

Nowadays one does not now have to go too far to enjoy great country house opera. Following on the success of the style of Glynebourne, there are Garsington Opera and Bampton Classical Opera nestling in the Chilterns, or Longborough Festival Opera in Gloucestershire. Slightly further away are Dorset Opera Festival at Bryanston or in a different direction, the Nevill Holt Opera at Market Harborough. On a somewhat more pocket style, West Green near Hartley Witney, and the bijou Bury Court Opera in Bentley near Farnham, are an hour's spin from the Twickenham-Richmond area.

People associated with Twickenham-Richmond area have been much in the forefront in the country house opera scene this summer. Roxanna Panufnik, scion of the Panufnik family of composers, was commissioned by Garsington Opera to write *Silver Birch*, a "people's opera" inspired by the war poetry of Siegfried Sassoon. Broadcaster and author Bamber Gascoigne has however been even more busy. Well known locally as patron of the arts, he recently came into an unexpected inheritance involving a country-house. And what does a patron of the arts do in these circumstances? ... Build an opera house!



Now herein lies a confusion. Bamber's new opera house on the West Horsley Place estate is now home to the established Grange Park Opera, whereas thirty miles down the road the established opera house on the Grange Park estate is now home to the new Grange Festival Opera. Are you keeping up? ... ..

(At Mark Aspen Reviews, we have been covering the inaugural season of the Grange Festival Opera, and what a fantastic opening it has been!)

See [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/category/reviews/opera](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/category/reviews/opera), where you can read more.

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# St Mary's University Update

## Baroness Shriti Vadera takes on new University role and warns against 'retreat to parochialism'

Chairman of Santander UK and former adviser to Gordon Brown, Baroness Shriti Vadera, today warned against a 'retreat to nationalism and parochialism' as Britain moves towards leaving the EU.

Speaking at her installation ceremony as Pro-Chancellor of London's Catholic University, St Mary's University, Twickenham, the former Cabinet Office Minister and adviser to the G20 accepted that globalisation had led to 'disenfranchisement and insecurity' for some communities in Europe and America

. However she said that we must recognise 'our obligation to each other as global citizens' and called for a 'fairer and more just way of ensuring progress is shared by all.'



Speaking to St Mary's graduates at Westminster Cathedral, Baroness Vadera said:

"...while the gains of globalisation were many, we must recognise the disenfranchisement and insecurity for those that were left behind in certain communities closer to home in Europe and America. But in acknowledging this and looking for a better way forward, we cannot throw out the values that underpinned our efforts: a recognition of our obligation to each other as global citizens in a world where there are no moral strangers.

"I cannot say I have all the right answers to the challenges of today. But I do know that they do not lie in an abandonment of our values and a retreat into nationalism and parochialism.

"My hope for those of you graduating today – carrying as you do the values and ethos of St Mary's – is that you can lead in shaping a future that combines the best of the opportunities of globalisation and internationalisation with a fairer and more just way of ensuring progress is shared by all."

Baroness Vadera joins Margaret Mizen MBE as St Mary's Pro-Chancellor. She will support the work of the University's Chancellor, His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, who presided over the installation during one of the University's Summer Graduation ceremonies.

In her new role she will support the ceremonial and ambassadorial work of both the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor, attending major ceremonies and events in support of the University.

Speaking about her new role, Baroness Vadera added: "St Mary's is a wonderful University that is characterised not just by academic excellence but by a warm and welcoming community and a mission to change the world for the better.

"That stems from the Catholic ethos which underpins the University, with its emphasis on being inclusive and outward looking, and on standing up for values of justice and fairness.

"I recognise that ethos from my youth when I, though not a Catholic, was educated at a convent school in India and later during my time in government where we developed close ties with the Holy See in pursuit of key international development goals.

"It is an ethos that has been my lodestar all my life and I hope will continue to inspire and guide you."

Speaking about the appointment, Vice Chancellor of St Mary's University, Professor Francis Campbell, said: "All of the St Mary's community are honoured to welcome Baroness Vadera as our new Pro-Chancellor. Baroness Vadera is ideally placed to be an ambassador for St Mary's as she brings a wealth of experience to the university and I look forward to working with her in the coming months and years."



## Housing Plan Concerns Teddington Residents

Concern is being expressed by Teddington residents about the consultation for plans for a house in Queens Road. 105 Queens Road was originally approved for two affordable houses built by the Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP) but it is now planned to be the site of a six bedroom house for five “Looked After” older children.



On the Agenda at Cabinet this week Teddington residents spoke about their concerns for this proposal:

A meeting has been arranged for a limited number of residents on Monday and will be chaired by a representative of Achieving for Children who are taking the proposal forward.

Residents would like longer notice of the meeting, an independent chair and all interested residents allowed to attend.

<https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=163&MIId=4257>

Achieving for Children is a social enterprise company created by the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to provide their children’s services.

## Vince met with Chief Supt Sandhu this week to discuss a number of policing issues.

There is quite a lot of developments occurring, including a consultation on the future of public access services, which covers whether some police stations should even close. Teddington is actually being proposed for closure in this consultation:

[https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/public\\_access\\_strategy.pdf](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/public_access_strategy.pdf)

## Pupil designs winning sign promoting new 20mph zone in Whitton

A sign designed by a year 5 budding artist from Nelson Primary School, has been selected as the winner of a poster competition highlighting the new 20mph on a Whitton road.

Around 300 pupils from classes at two schools took part in a competition to design the sign promoting the new 20mph zone on Nelson Road, Whitton.

The new zone is on Nelson Road, between Constance Road and the High Street junction. This also includes all cul-de-sacs off Nelson Road between these two points.

This follows on from the safety works undertaken last summer and is intended to complement the existing safety measures in place.

The lower speed limit will improve safety for all users of the roads and will increase driver awareness on approach to the two schools, Nelson and St Edmunds.

To lower the limit, the new 20mph signage, designed by Megan MacArthur, will be installed on both sides of the road at the two entry points on Nelson Road. In addition, 20 roundel markings will be painted on the carriageway throughout the zone.



# Filming in Church Street

Filming in Church Street is a regular occurrence and this week John Cleese and Alison Steadman enjoyed the delights of Twickenham. Shooting was for brand new BBC One comedy series Edith, a six part comedy series by Oscar-nominated writer Charles McKeown.



## Real Regeneration for Twickenham

Following the “lido” plans in last week’s Twickenham Tribune a consultant in Scotland who is involved in regeneration tweeted that the Riverside plans – on the front page of Edition 36 – are an example of “real regeneration” rather than the housing developments which achieve nothing in terms of regeneration although that is often the spin.

Further to this tweet an email was received from a prominent member of the community in the same vein: After hearing your explanation I felt the lido proposal had several attractive elements. You explained, on the basis of the successful model used, that this is not an attempt to recreate the (unviable) pool of the past but a modern, flexible leisure complex catering to current tastes in fitness, which would complement existing facilities as in Hampton. I wish you every success in taking the proposals forward and consider it a lost opportunity that the council failed to offer the Lido option as one of a range of models and usages during the consultation process

# Marble Hill House to Receive £4m restoration grant

The grant will allow English Heritage to transform the experience of visitors to Marble Hill House and Park in Twickenham.

A £4.08 million grant has been awarded to English Heritage to restore and open Marble Hill House to the public for free. The 18th-century gardens will also be renovated for future generations to enjoy. Facilities in the grounds of the house will also be developed, including the installation of a new play area for children, and a women's changing room at the adjoining sports centre which offers cricket, rugby and football grounds.

The funding announced today has been given to the Marble Hill Revived project by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund's Parks for People Programme. Planned improvements to the historic property and surrounding parkland are expected to cost £6 million, turning back decades of underinvestment.



Photograph by Ethan Doyle White

## Bringing Marble Hill's story to life

In Marble Hill House itself, new interpretation will be installed to bring the property's fascinating stories to life, particularly those of its former owner Henrietta Howard. This remarkable woman built Marble Hill House in the 1720s as a retreat from court life and as a place to entertain her dazzling circle of friends. Conservation works will also take place to the exterior of the building to preserve it for future generations. Once completed the house will be open to the public for free five days of the week, rather than only at weekends during the summer.

Working from a c1752 survey and archaeological evidence, English Heritage will also restore the lost 18th-century Pleasure Grounds, a small but historically significant area of Marble Hill which lay between the house and the River Thames and was created with the help of the poet Alexander Pope and Royal gardener Charles Bridgeman. Key features including a historic ninepin bowling alley, tree avenues and groves, hedged arcade, flower garden, orchard, terraces, and serpentine paths will all be reinstated.

Anna Eavis, English Heritage's Curatorial Director, said:

"This is a massive vote of confidence in our plans for Marble Hill and we are very grateful for this support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, Big Lottery Fund and Parks for People programme. Marble Hill is already a much-loved part of the local community but it has seen little investment since the 1980s. By opening up the house and revitalising the park, we will ensure that Marble Hill can continue to be enjoyed by locals and Londoners, young and old, for generations to come."

## Reviving a community space

Beyond its fascinating history, for many local people Marble Hill House is known as a place of exercise or relaxation. Set among sports facilities and 66 acres of open parkland, the house is popular with dog walkers, families, runners and exercise groups.

HLF's Chief Executive Ros Kerslake, said, on behalf of HLF and Big Lottery Fund:

"It's difficult to overstate the importance of our public parks. Vital to our well-being and essential to biodiversity, they are highly valued spaces enjoyed daily by people from all walks of life. Marble Hill House and Park is one of the latest parks to benefit from over £900million of National Lottery funding, which over the last twenty years has played a crucial role in revitalising more than 800 parks across the UK."

# FLOWER POWER by Bruce and Shona Lyons

AKA Twickenham Town Guerrilla Gardeners number 1 & 2.

We know why we do it !! By now it's in the blood, I'm sure Kevin & Elaine @The White Swan, Stuart @Sandy's, Sandra and Gillian in the Flood Lane (Church Street) car park – just can't help themselves. I am sure after a while it just gets a grip on you- but the results are so much better than bricks and concrete to look at – perhaps not as good as a Hockney or Monet – it is always a challenge, how to change some slabs of concrete into a relaxing place to stop awhile or just to be able to look up from



time to time from your desk and contemplate the flowers in the oasis we have planted outside kinds of helps the concentration and keeps one focused.

What is certain is that overtime it comes naturally, we know the seasons, true in November and December you have to push yourself to get planting the bulbs (in our case over 10,000), and it is just too easy to say – maybe tomorrow or next week, but you can always close your eyes for a moment and imagine what it will be like in April. That is what drives us, the vision of the stunning beauty of nature that we will all behold in due course if it all goes to plan.

Summer maintenance is a problem too what with plant food, black flies, watering – endless watering....– thank heaven for our watering butt which by now we have mastered and know how to clean the filter and take it apart and put together again like true mechanics :)



Is it worth it – of course it is – and when planting it out and growing our plants from the tiniest of plugs, you have to imagine what it will look like when it grows 10 times or even a 100 times bigger and blooms into a kaleidoscope of colours and textures – I guess it's compulsive and in our temperate climate you can get several seasons of blooms that are completely different. We really are blessed in this country which I guess is why this temperate little island has produced so many driven, and gifted gardeners.



We like to mix our plants in the summer with edible vegetable plants and if you look closely around the square you will spy an array of herbs, mint, tomatoes, beans, courgettes, peppers, chillies all hidden amongst the blooms in our flower & edible garden.



And!!! We are also helping our friends the bees. As they say BEE Friendly and come on down to Church Street, take a walk up Hill Rise to our Friars style planter, admire the view, give a nod to our boat outside the Victoria and

of course don't forget to check out our new project in Richmond Road outside the Eel Pie Museum, where we have been trying to replicate the colours of their logo. Come, See for yourself and enjoy.



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# Empty site at Hampton Wick set to become care home and affordable housing development

Work is about to begin on a new residential care home and new affordable housing development in Hampton Wick.

The site was formerly home to the Avenue Centre, a day centre for adults with a learning disability; it closed in 2007 and was subject to squatters and vandals. It was subsequently demolished. Work has now commenced on the site and today, representatives from the Council, RHP, Bugler Developments and FitzRoy, came together to see the start of the foundations for the new development.

The site will see a new care home with ten beds. It will enable the Silver Birches care home, currently located in Marchmont Road in Richmond, to relocate to a new facility that will have full disability access. To contribute to the funding of the works, the original Silver Birches site in Richmond will be developed for residential housing.

The remaining site will provide 15 affordable rented homes with a further three additional self-contained units providing independent living accommodation as well as a five bedroom shared house for supported living. In total 23 households will be provided with accommodation.

One hundred percent of the residential development at this site is for affordable housing. Independent living accommodation provides properties that are designed for people with specific needs, this can include those with disabilities. The 19 affordable homes, which will be owned and maintained by RHP, will consist of houses and flats. A number of the homes have been designed as wheelchair accessible. The site will also have on-site parking and landscaping. Completion of the care homes and affordable housing is scheduled for late 2018.

## A short statement from Vince Cable welcoming this announcement by the The Royal Parks regarding the Duke's Head Passage

“Pedestrians, cyclists and dog walkers have for a long time managed to rub along together perfectly well for decades along Duke's Head Passage with little, if anything, in the way of confrontation. This is an important cycle route, which I have used myself in the past. Responsible cycling should be permitted.

“Along with Councillor Gareth Roberts I have long supported a rethink by the Royal Parks management. I congratulate everyone who has campaigned on this issue and ensured The Royal Parks have backed down on this issue.”

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Another Success for a Change.Org Petition, used all over the world – and not recognised by Richmond Council.

# A Royal Experience for RuTC Catering Students

Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) students studying an NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery recently took part in work experience placements at Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle.

The opportunity for the students came after Robin Ghurbhurun, CEO & Principal of RuTC met with the Head Chef of the Royal Household, Mark Flanagan. Robin commented “it’s a privilege to have

students from RuTC working at the Royal Household and gaining skills that will benefit them in their studying and future careers.”



Carl Woodcock, Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery student spent four days at Buckingham Palace and said that the chefs he worked alongside “were really willing to teach you and there was a lot of room for creativity.”

He commented that the experience has made him “thankful for all of the training he gets at Richmond upon Thames College.”

Mathieu Haskins, Level 2 NVQ Diploma in Professional Cookery student spent two weeks at Windsor

Castle in May and said the biggest challenge he faced was “adapting quickly to the new environment.”

Speaking of the team who work there, he commented “they gave me a chance to improve my skills and to challenge myself.”

James Unwin, Curriculum Manager for Catering & Hospitality says “this is an excellent opportunity for the students to get a taste of what it’s like to work in this part of the hospitality industry.”

The two students will return to work at Buckingham Palace over the summer to continue learning from the chefs of the Royal Household.

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# St Mary's Alumnus The Body Coach Addresses Graduates

One of St Mary's University, Twickenham's most famous alumni Joe Wicks returned to address the School of Sport, Health and Applied Science graduating class of 2017 at a ceremony in Westminster Cathedral on 19th July.

Also known as The Body Coach, Joe has revolutionised the nation's approach to diet and fitness. After studying Sport Science at St Mary's, Joe graduated in 2008 and began his career running exercise camps in nearby towns.

Inspired by his degree, Joe realised that his fitness clients needed help with their nutrition alongside exercising, and launched The Body Coach and the 90-day Shift, Shape and Sustain programme with a mission to get the nation fit.



Having sold 2.5 million books in 18 months, hosted a television programme, and overseen 100,000 client transformations, Joe is now a go to expert for the media and has over two million followers on social media.

In his address, Joe told students about his journey, including graduating from St Mary's to becoming a successful business owner and social media superstar. He told graduates about how he used his degree to become one of the country's most successful fitness and health gurus and encouraged them to follow their goals and be creative to find the right career.

St Mary's Vice-Chancellor Francis Campbell said, "We were delighted to welcome Joe back to address our graduates. It is almost ten years since he sat in the same seats in Westminster Cathedral with his colleagues in the class of 2008.

"His success since he graduated from St Mary's serves as an inspiration to our current and future students, as well as our global alumni community. I am certain his words today will motivate our graduates to discover rewarding and successful careers, and I hope they too will come back and share their experience with our students."

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# Be a young 'Archive Explorer' this summer

Young detectives can discover the history of the borough this summer by becoming an 'Archive Explorer'.

In a five day course, organised by the Council's Local Studies Library and Archive Team, Archive Explorers is an adventure through the borough's exciting past for 9 to 14 year-olds.

The borough's archives carry the stories of human lives from the past, into the present and beyond. Youngsters are invited to join the Archive Explorers Team and become a detective, hunting for clues to uncover the secrets of the borough, and bringing them to life through a range of fun activities.

Workshops include delving into the archives and looking at documents that are up to 400 years old. There are sessions on what the borough could look like in a 'parallel universe' looking at plans for buildings that were never built, wartime invasion preparations that were thankfully never tested, and ideas for futures that never came to be.

Whether you love history, art, digital technology, or telling stories, there's a role for any young person in the Archive Explorers!

The course starts on the 25th July at the Old Town Hall in Richmond. It costs £5 per day or £20 for all five days. Advance booking online is essential.

Cllr David Linnette, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Libraries, said:

"What a fantastic opportunity to dig deep into our borough's history. With the summer holidays about to start, this is definitely a fun activity to kick start the six week break.

"Our archives are fascinating – with plans and photos remembering how the borough was and how the borough could be.

"I am sure that there are many young detectives who will thrive at the opportunity to find out more about the place where they live."



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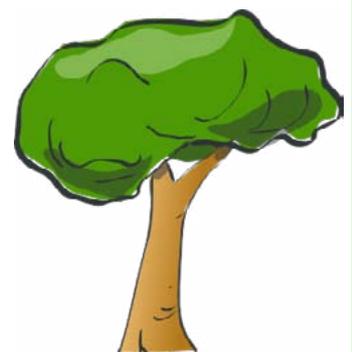
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# Live Music In Twickenham

Twickenham has long been known for its live music scene. There is of course our rich history including the famous (infamous?) 'Eelpiland' club on Eel Pie Island and the many artists who have lived and recorded in and around Twickenham. Much of this will be celebrated at The Eel Pie Island Museum.

However, we have a rich and varied music scene in Twickenham today and we encourage you to support live music and venues

## The Cabbage Patch:

Sunday in the patchworks bar there is Acoustic Music with Twickfolk.

Tuesdays in the patchworks bar there is the celebrated Twickenham Jazz Club.

Every other Thursday the Eel Pie Club brings back heritage of Richmond Rhythm & Blues.

## The Shack

Every Sunday is the Twickenham Jam.

Established artists play Wednesday to Saturday, whilst Mondays and Tuesdays are reserved for new talent or amateur musicians

## The Barmy Arms:

The Barmy is hosting live music in the afternoon on a regular basis, keep an eye on their Facebook page for info. Upcoming music dates are 22nd & 23rd July and 5th & 6th August.



# Twickenham commuters will face chronic overcrowding on the train and Tube without Crossrail 2 – Vince Cable

Twickenham commuters will face ‘absolute misery’ on their commuting journeys by both train and Tube unless Crossrail 2 is built, is the prediction of Twickenham MP Vince Cable.

Following investigations made by the London Assembly Member Caroline Pidgeon, TfL has finally disclosed this week a list of 17 London Underground stations that will grind to a halt without Crossrail 2.

The Tube stations are:

Euston	Finsbury Park	Clapham North
King’s Cross St. Pancras	Stockwell	Clapham South
Liverpool Street	Stratford	Holborn
London Bridge	Oxford Circus	Warren Street
Victoria	Highbury & Islington	Leicester Square
Waterloo	Clapham Common	

Vince Cable, commenting on this information said:

“Crossrail 2 is vital to delivering the extra rail capacity that Twickenham and other parts of south west London desperately need. Being able to get a seat on a train in the morning on the way to work should not be a rare luxury.

“However in addition to facing a crowded train service most people in Twickenham often have to jump on the Tube at Waterloo or other Tube stations as part of their daily commute to work.

“One of the vital benefits of Crossrail 2 is that it will help reduce pressure on existing overcrowded Tube stations.

“Unless Crossrail 2 is built these delays will increasingly build up until drastic measures are necessary at 17 key Tube stations, not to mention Clapham Junction railway station.

“Planning ahead for Crossrail 2 is not an optional extra for London’s transport network but of vital importance to keep London moving.”

“It is time this Government made a firm decision and backed Crossrail 2.”

1. Information about existing overcrowding on the London Underground  
[http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question\\_291554](http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question_291554)
2. TfL’s answer to a Mayoral Question asked by the Liberal Democrat London Assembly Member Caroline Pidgeon

# Impact on the London Underground from delays to Crossrail 2 being built

Meeting: Mayor's Question Time

Date: Thursday, 13 July 2017

Reference: Question 2017/2842

## Main question

### Caroline Pidgeon

TfL have repeatedly stated that at least 17 Underground stations will buckle under crowding pressures from thousands of passengers arriving at Euston on HS2 phase 2 unless Crossrail 2 is built. Please list these 17 Underground stations.

## Answer

### The Mayor

London and the wider South East are growing rapidly. In London alone there are now a record 8.6 million people; this will increase to 10 million by 2030. These extra people, and new schemes such as HS2, will mean five million more journeys each day on the transport network. Overcrowding on the Tube is forecast to become severe by the early 2030s and double by 2041, and National Rail services will face similar challenges.

Without Crossrail 2, TfL anticipates a routine requirement for station control measures because of overcrowding at stations across the network. These measures could include one-way systems or closures. By 2041, such measures would be required at the Underground stations at the six busiest national rail termini (Euston, King's Cross St. Pancras, Liverpool Street, London Bridge, Victoria and Waterloo); key interchanges such as Clapham Junction, Finsbury Park, Stockwell and Stratford\*; and at other important Underground stations including Highbury & Islington; Clapham Common and Clapham North; Clapham South; Holborn; Warren Street and Leicester Square.

There are transport improvements already underway across the network, including the Elizabeth Line, which will help offset the pressure in the short term, but we need a plan to cope with longer term growth. Crossrail 2 is the strategic solution to relieving congestion on existing Underground and National Rail routes. For example, it will reduce demand on the busiest section of the Northern line Morden branch by around 20 per cent. It will also allow passengers to bypass congested stations such as Waterloo and Liverpool Street, and provide interchange connections with London Underground, London Overground, Crossrail Elizabeth Line, National Rail and International Rail services.

[http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question\\_294530](http://questions.london.gov.uk/QuestionSearch/searchclient/questions/question_294530)

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# TESTING THE AIR: RESEARCH UNDERWAY TO DEVELOP THAMES AIR QUALITY STRATEGY



The Port of London Authority (PLA) is working with the Mayor of London and Transport for London on new research to help it develop an Air Quality Strategy for the tidal Thames.



The project involves three separate research streams covering shore side power allowing ships to turn off their engines and plug into an electrical grid while at berth, emissions from vessels during trips and an inventory of all emissions from vessels on the river. It is being completed as part of the Thames Vision, which frames a shared view of how river use is expected to increase over the next 20 years as the city and port grows.

PLA chief executive, Robin Mortimer, explained:

“We anticipate more trade, more passenger journeys, more sport and recreation and more people wanting to enjoy along the Thames. Our ambition is for this growth to be sustainable in the widest sense.

“This research is on an unprecedented scale for the UK. Individually the techniques are tried and tested, but we are bringing them together to create a detailed picture of vessel emissions on the Thames. This will give us the data we need to develop the first air quality strategy for the river. The majority of the research will be completed by the end of September and we look forward to discussing the findings with our partners and wider stakeholder community then.”

Deputy Mayor for Environment, Shirley Rodrigues, said:

“The river is an important part of London’s economy and at City Hall we are keen to see it used more for freight, passenger and waste movements while reducing air pollution and carbon dioxide emissions from all river vessels.

“City Hall strongly supports the PLA’s work to understand and reduce emissions from river vessels. The Mayor is leading by example by cleaning up the river fleet that he owns. When his two new Woolwich Ferries enter into service next year they will be among the cleanest vessels on the river.”

Operators working on the research include Cory Riverside Energy, Thames Shipping and MBNA Thames Clippers. A document just published by the PLA sets out the main areas of the air quality research programme:

- Shore side power feasibility assessment – will consider the feasibility and environmental benefits of installation of shore power at specific sites
- Comparable journey emissions monitoring – gathering data on typical regular river borne journeys of passengers and cargo, to compare to the number of vehicles used, and routes needed, to make the same journey through London’s road network.
- Emissions inventory – creating the first port wide air inventory for the Thames



# Richmond upon Thames College Raise Over £340 for Local Charity Challenge

Over the last few months, staff and students at Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC), collected five pence pieces to help raise money for the One Million 5p Challenge set by the college's chosen charity, Shooting Star Chase, the children's hospice in Hampton.



Over £250 was collected by RuTC which required staff and students across the college to fill 500ml plastic bottles with five pence pieces. Student Representatives placed bottles in various departments across the college and collected donations regularly. The total amount raised reached over £340 for the charity when Gift Aid was applied.

The children's hospice has set the challenge hoping to raise £50,000 from one million five pence pieces in order to employ a full-time senior nurse to work in their Hospice at Home team.

As of mid-July, Shooting Star Chase have raised over £36,000, amounting to 73% of their target.



## RADNOR GARDENS INFORMATION BOARD

A new historical information board has been installed in a Strawberry Hill park, celebrating the history of the gardens.

In partnership with the Friends of Radnor Gardens, chaired by Cllr Clare Head, a new information board has been installed in the middle of the gardens near the Summer House. The board includes information and photographs citing the history of the gardens since the mid-nineteenth century.



The Gardens were originally spilt in two, linked to several properties dating back to the 17th century; Radnor House, Cross Deep House and Cross Deep Hall. Several remnants of these form features of the modern gardens including the walls of the base of Radnor House and two gothic structures; a gazebo and Grade II listed polygonal summer house.



The gardens now have a First World War memorial, grass area, bowling green and pavilion, a café and children's playground.

As part of the celebration, the Council and Friends of Radnor Gardens jointly funded the new board, along with new seating for the popular café on site.

## St Mary's University has taken over the management of the borough's newest community building in Twickenham – now named 'The Exchange'.

In 2014 Richmond Council granted Planning Consent for the redevelopment of the former Royal Mail site in Twickenham. As part of the permission, the developer, St James (part of the Berkeley Group), agreed to build a new Community Building as part of Brewery Wharf, a new residential development opposite Twickenham Train Station. The landmark facility, which is now completed, comprises a theatre space for an audience of nearly 320 people seated, a further six multi-purpose studio rooms, a large conservatory area and various back of house and ancillary rooms. Over the past two years, the Council has been working on the plans for how the new centre should be used, looking for a partner who would be able to manage the building and ensure it:

- Provides a commercially viable business. The Council's aim has been that the facility is financially self-sufficient and runs without a Council subsidy.
- Meets the needs of Community Visitors. Providing a varied programme of entertainment, cultural, community and business interests, including a local cinema.
- Create a community venue that is well managed and a benefit to not only the local community but beyond.

It was announced earlier this year that the Council would be therefore leasing the building to St Mary's University. In addition, the name of the Centre has now been revealed. Last year, members of the public were invited to submit their ideas for a name. And, following a review of all those submitted, it has been decided that centre will be called: "The Exchange."

On 18 July the developer, St James, handed the keys of the building to St Mary's University. Over the next few months, St Mary's will continue to work on their plans to open The Exchange early in the Autumn. The centre will have a number of functions, including:

- Training courses for local residents and local businesses, alongside academic tuition for St Mary's students,
- Room hire for community groups, local residents and local businesses
- A Café in the Conservatory that will be open to the public
- The hosting of local arts, music and literature festival events
- Theatre performances
- Cinema showings, band nights, comedy nights
- Conference and event hire

The Exchange website, including contact details and an upcoming events schedule will be launched in September. For any advance queries, please contact the St Mary's team at [conferences@stmarys.ac.uk](mailto:conferences@stmarys.ac.uk).

The University has appointed Stuart Hobday, who formerly initiated and produced the Norwich Science Festival and was a Director the Norwich Arts Centre, as Cultural Director for the Exchange.

Cllr Paul Hodgins, Leader of the Council who attended the key exchange event, said:

"This is the next stage in the Council's multi-million pound plan to improve and enhance Twickenham.

"Throughout all our consultation and engagement, we have been told that residents want more community facilities in the area. Through this partnership, we have been able to not only extend the educational opportunities for students at the University, but also the long-term future for this local resource. All this with no cost to the tax payer. "I hope thousands of people will enjoy the new facilities that are created. This significant regeneration project is going to bring life to a piece of land that has been derelict for so long."

Prof Francis Campbell, Vice-Chancellor of St Mary's, said:

"We are delighted to have formally taken over the management of The Exchange. While it is still very early in the project, we hope to put on an entertaining and thought-provoking programme of events and to offer the people of Twickenham a welcoming cultural space.

"I would like to extend my thanks to St James for the development of The Exchange which will be the heart of our local community. I would also like to thank the London Borough of Richmond for entrusting St Mary's University with the stewardship of The Exchange."

Sean Ellis, Chairman of St James, commented:

"This site has seen major change, from a Royal Mail sorting office to a place that people feel proud to call home. Whether through the homes we have created here, or the community building for St Mary's, we are proud to have played our part by delivering a development that has responded directly to the wants and needs of the people of Twickenham.

"The Exchange is so much more than your average community building – this is a fantastic new facility for the local community that I hope will have a really positive impact on this part of London."

# Letters

Dear Eds

The anticipation has been excruciating, but at last we know what that strange building opposite Twickenham railway station, on the site of the old Royal Mail sorting office is to be called. Not “White Elephant”, not “Beached Whale”, not “St Mary’s University Extension” and, sadly not even “Boaty McBoat Face (my not entirely original preference), but THE EXCHANGE. Why?



Could it be that St James, the developer, obtained planning permission for the brutish building from LBRUT council in EXCHANGE for permission to build a highly lucrative housing development alongside it?

In spite of mention of community use, use of cinema, and so on, nowhere, in the originally stated aims of the council, was mention made of it providing much needed tuition space for St Mary’s University College away from its campus at Strawberry Hill.

Yours,  
E.W.

The Green  
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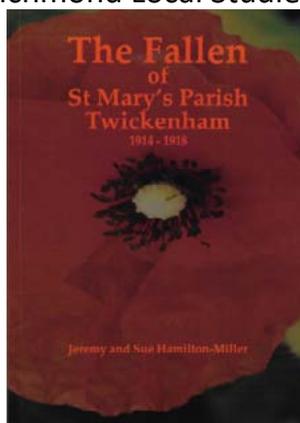
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