

# The Twickenham Tribune



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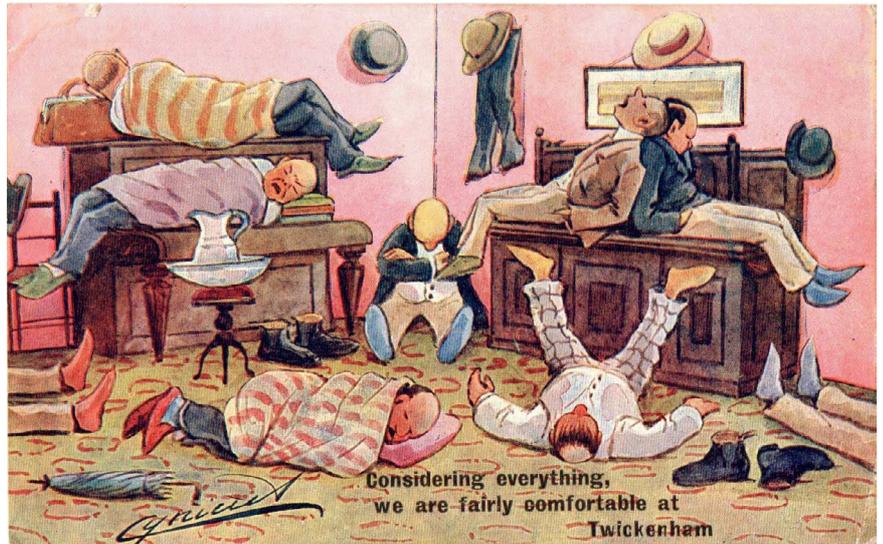
# THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

## PART 50 – HUMOUR ON LOCAL POSTCARDS

By Alan Winter

In this weekly column, we have been travelling around the old Borough of Twickenham including Teddington, the Hamptons and Whitton for almost a year. In that time we have seen how 20th century postcards became such important photographic reference documents for future historians. Our journey has taken us on trains, trams and trolley buses, through parks and along the river. We have stopped at cinemas, the Rugby Ground, visited municipal offices, schools and libraries, looked at town centres and their old shops and stopped at a few local pubs to quench our thirst. These postcards of “Places” are known as topographicals.

The other type of postcard that enjoyed great popularity among senders and collectors were those that focused on “Subjects”. You name a subject and there were postcards galore covering it. Road and Rail Transport, Sport, Wildlife, Politics, Theatre, Film and TV, Artist drawn cards, Shipping and Aviation were all popular but a subject that appealed to everyone was that of “Humour”. Cartoonists and artists



soon realised what a great source of income their work could generate through the medium of postcards and many became wealthy as a result.

One such artist was Martin Anderson, (1854 – 14 April 1932), better known by his pseudonym Cynicus. Anderson was a Scottish artist, political cartoonist, postcard illustrator, and publisher who sold his work to many postcard publishers.

A publishing trick in those days was to produce vast quantities of humour based postcards for distribution around the UK. These cards were then overprinted to localise them so they could then be sold locally as can be seen on this week's postcard drawn by Cynicus and posted in 1908.

While this card mentions Twickenham, it was also sold all over the country and overprinted with different town names. A good early example of commercial astuteness.

If you have any postcards to dispose of, any comments on this subject, or ideas for future articles, please drop me a line at [alanwinter192@hotmail.com](mailto:alanwinter192@hotmail.com)

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# Twickers Foodie - GIFT IDEAS FOR FAR FLUNG FOODIES

By Alison Jee

When you're coming up with Christmas gift ideas for those foodies in your life not lucky enough to live in our borough, there are, thankfully, lots of options nowadays for organising gifts with that 'wow' factor - without even leaving the house. Keyboard shopping can be far less hassle, and while I always prefer to visit local shops and gift fairs when I can, the hassle of parcelling gifts up and queuing at the Post Office for ages never has appealed.

So, I've done some research for you and with this weekend being 'Black Friday' (thank you USA!), you may well grab some additional bargains, as the pre Christmas sale mania seems to have spread further still this year.



How about sending a panettone or pandoro? These Italian cakes make a nice change from Christmas cake and are always a welcome gift. There is always the big classics like Carluccio's, of course, which has an online gifts facility. But perhaps more unusual is Nifeislife.com, a smaller company also specialising in top quality Italian food which has a very extensive range of Italian Christmas cakes (and in fact much more). What an indulgence it is to receive a large block of top quality Parmesan cheese - or some delicious Prosciutto di San Daniele Parma ham - just in time for the Christmas festivities!



I've always believed that when choosing a gift for someone, it's best to decide how much you want to spend, and buy something that they wouldn't justify buying for themselves. Then it is a true treat, irrespective of the actual cost. So, it could be a couple of bars of fabulous chocolate (from a local artisan specialist company like Urban Village - which delivers to most places in the UK) or a bottle of really good extra virgin olive oil or balsamic vinegar. Such gifts are always welcome with a serious foodie!

How about a voucher for a meal at a good restaurant? Or for afternoon tea at a fab hotel near to the recipient's home? Most good restaurants and hotels will supply vouchers, and many will even put a personal message in and post directly for you if you call them to organise it. (Always a good last minute gift too!) And believe it or not, some of the good hotel groups are even offering a 'Black Friday' discount on vouchers bought this weekend that are valid through to into 2018.

A new home owner? Maybe something like a pair of stylish Alessi eggcups from GiftswithStyle.com will be great for that style-conscious foodie (the site has all manner of gift ideas). Or maybe send them some unique table linen, apron or ceramics from Claribel London? (The products are all very classy, unusual and ethically produced.)

And finally, a great gift idea for that BBQ fan that's missing the BBQ weather. How about a homemade curing kit from Ross & Ross? With all the equipment included in the pack, plus full instructions, they can add another string to their foodie bow by curing their own bacon or fish.

But of course, if you are able to hand deliver the presents, what could be better than supporting some of our lovely local shops in Twickenham (The Roc, Il Corto, Sweet Memories, Warren Wines and much more in Church Street), Whitton (Ralph's is fab), Teddington High Street (and Teddington Cheese also does online deliveries) Hampton (Noble Green wines is good or Robson's Butcher & Deli) or, another thought, browse the shops at Hampton Court for some antique glass or tableware.



Happy shopping!

# Offers and Competitions

## Win Store Cupboard Standbys from Opie's

One lucky reader of The Twickenham Tribune can win the following kitchen store cupboard essentials, courtesy of Opie's, and just in time for Christmas: Stem Ginger in Syrup; Pickled walnuts; Black cherries in Kirsch; cocktail cherries and sliced lemons (to jazz up those Christmas cocktails).



To enter, check out the Opie's website and find out when the company was founded. Send your answer, together with your name & postcode to [win@twickenhamtribune.com](mailto:win@twickenhamtribune.com) with the subject **Opie's**.



Closing date is midnight Sunday 26 November.

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## Monthly Photography Competition

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(include your name and postcode) All 4 players must play the same round.

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

This competition is run in conjunction with [Strawberry Hill Golf Club www.shgc.net](http://www.shgc.net)



# Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



Weasels, stoats, and rabbits from the cast of **THE WND IN THE WILLOWS** will be taking part in the Christmas Lights Up in Hampton Hill on Friday, 24 November, 5-9pm. A craft fair and refreshments will be held at Hampton Hill Theatre during these hours.

Booking is now open for Teddington Theatre Club's production of this well-loved Alan Bennett adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's classic tale of Toad and his escapades, 9-16 December at Hampton Hill Theatre. [www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk](http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk).

Booking is also open for Richmond Shakespeare Society's production of another children's favourite, **THE RAILWAY CHILDREN** at the Mary Wallace Theatre, also on 9-16 December. [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk).

**CHRISTMAS FUN** with **THE GRUFFALO** and **THE UGLY FIVE** at **DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS** on Sunday 26 November, 2pm-6pm. Author Axel Schiffer will be reading from his new bestseller and signing copies in every 40 minute show. Also live Reindeer, Snow machine, Santa train, and BBQ.

**NORMANSFIELD CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** will be held at the **LANGDON DOWN CENTRE** on Saturday, 25 November, 11.00-4.30pm. Admission Free. [www.langdondowncentre.org.uk](http://www.langdondowncentre.org.uk).

Sunday, 3 December **TRAFALGAR JUNIOR SCHOOL**, TW2 5 EG will be holding their **CHRISTMAS FOOD AND CRAFT FAIR**.

At the **LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE**, on Saturday, 25 November at 7.30pm Thames Philharmonia will be joined by brikian, award-winning violinist, **SONGHA CHOI** to play Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No.1. Concert also includes music by Faure and Scriabin. [www.landmarkartscentre.org](http://www.landmarkartscentre.org).

There is a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on Saturday, 9 December at 7.30 in the **NORMANSFIELD THEATRE** at the Langdon Down Centre, Kingston Road given by the Voices of London Choir, Larondina Dance Company and the Marble Hill Singers. £10. All proceeds to the Down's Syndrome Association. [www.langdondowncentre.org.uk](http://www.langdondowncentre.org.uk).

**TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB** are proud to be hosting saxophonist Vasilis Xenopoulos and guitarist Nigel Price (aka XPQ) bringing their distinctive brand of Jazz at The Cabbage Patch on Tuesday, 28 November at 8.30. They will be joined by Dario DeLecce on bass and Steve Brown on drums. [www.twickenhamjazz.co.uk](http://www.twickenhamjazz.co.uk).

Also visit: [www.eelpieclub.com](http://www.eelpieclub.com)

and: [www.twickfolk.co.uk](http://www.twickfolk.co.uk), for regular evenings at this venue.

A fascinating exhibition, LIQUID TO SOLID: The Mutability of Glass will be open at the ORLEANS HOUSE STABLES GALLERY, from Thursday, 7 December at 6.00-8.00pm-Sunday, 21 January, 10.am-5.00 (closed Mondays). Admission Free. [www.richmond.gov.uk/arts](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/arts).

## Christmas Events

Twickenham Christmas Lights Switch On Event - 2-5pm Sunday 26th November outside Santander Bank and Twickenham Green.

Whitton Christmas Lights - 12-5pm Sunday 26th November with the award winning Kneller Hall Music Band.

The famous Teddington Lights UP - 4-9pm Thursday 30th November sponsored by the LENS BURY with chosen charity RUILS and a Lantern Procession.

“Church Street Festival of Lights” - Saturday 2nd December - Markets

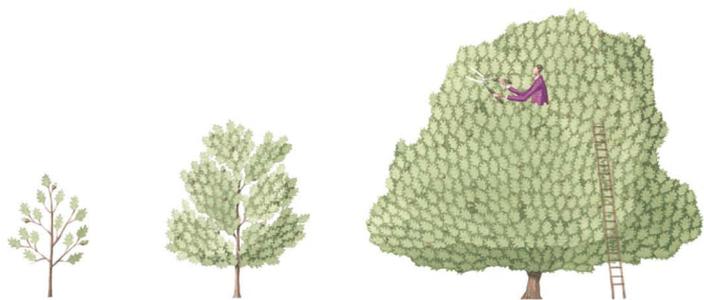
Eel Pie Artists Christmas Open Studio Weekend 2-3 Dec. 11-5 pm both days

East Twickenham Christmas Lights with Chairman Perminder, Local Councillors & The Mayor - 5pm Friday 24th November across the road from Thames Travel Agents.

Hampton Hill Christmas Parade - Friday 24th November 5pm

Hampton Wick Christmas Event - Wednesday 13th, meet at 5.15pm at Hampton Wick Library

St Margaret's Christmas Fair - Sunday 10th Dec on Crown Road with Reindeer.



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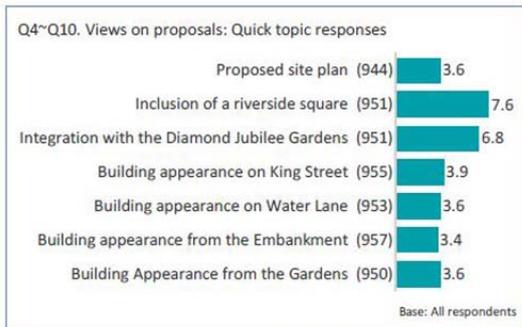
# Twickenham Riverside

## Autumn 'Consultation' Results Published

By Berkley Driscoll

On Friday 24th November the council published the results of the autumn consultation about the proposed designs for the development of Twickenham Riverside.

975 responses were received, more than previously, but still woefully little; particularly when compared to the 2,000 supporters of the Twickenham Riverside Park proposal and the 3,685 supporting the Lido proposal.

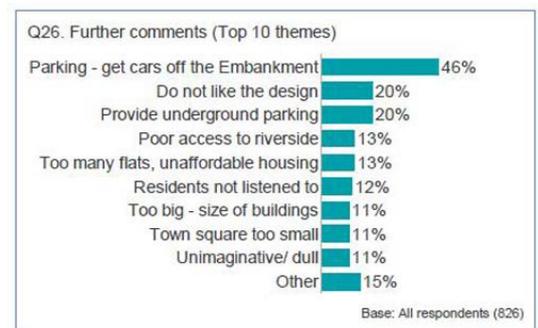


However, the 975 are not supporters of the council's scheme but the total number of respondents. It would appear from the detail of the council's report on the responses, that they are predominantly negative and not supportive of the overall scheme.

The council put forward 7 'Quick Topic' set questions and even this controlled questionnaire has 5 of the 7 questions receiving a score below 4 (with 0 being disagree and 10 being agree).

Answers to the other direct questions (with incredibly important topics such as Masts framing and lighting the square, Water feature in the square, Proposed position of steps on Water Lane and Style of bridge link) were equally lacklustre and unsupportive.

There was one question that offered respondents the opportunity to provide their own, final freeform comments.



The comments are overwhelmingly negative and show that the council is clearly not listening. What is extraordinary is that even though parking on the riverside is clearly the biggest issue, the council continues to ignore it rather than recognise it as fundamentally connected to the development. The council press release says:

*“However, it was clear that parking on the Embankment was an important issue. Parking in the wider area around Twickenham Riverside is outside the boundary of the application. As a separate project, the Council commissioned a number of studies to understand the current demand for parking, but also the demand in the future. The studies also considered general traffic in the wider Twickenham area. It has found that the Embankment is important in managing traffic flow around the Town Centre. However, the Council is currently reviewing these findings and over the next few months will come forward with proposals on how parking may be reduced on the Embankment.”*

If parking and traffic flow on the Embankment is so important, how can any planning application for the riverside proceed before the aforementioned parking/traffic proposals are considered? Yet the council's press release states:

***“With regards to the Twickenham Riverside/King Street development, it is hoped that a Planning Application will be submitted in the next week.”***

Does the council have a mandate to take their proposals to planning? I don't think so!

See full report at: [http://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/15202/twickenham\\_rediscovered\\_autumn\\_2017\\_consultation\\_report.pdf](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/15202/twickenham_rediscovered_autumn_2017_consultation_report.pdf)

Today the council published their report on the Autumn Twickenham Riverside Consultation.

The accompanying press release stated that the issue of parking on the Embankment would not form part of the council's imminent planning application, although the press release and consultation report acknowledged that parking was one of the most significant issues raised by residents.

The council says that it is reviewing studies on parking & traffic in the wider Twickenham area "and over the next few months will come forward with proposals on how parking may be reduced on the Embankment."

So a review of the Embankment parking and traffic-flow will be published after completion of the riverside development planning application?



So, the parking & traffic  
on the riverside is sooo important  
that it won't be considered as part of the council's  
planning application?  
Hang on .....

# Council Meeting - Tuesday 28th November

There will be a full meeting of the council at 7pm on Tuesday 28th November. If you are unable to attend you can watch the proceedings on the webcast at: <https://richmond.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>

You can view the full agenda at: <https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/documents/g4238/Public%20reports%20pack%20Tuesday%2028-Nov-2017%2019.00%20Council.pdf?T=10>

Of interest regarding Twickenham Riverside are the following public questions on pages 25/26:  
04: Susan Burningham, 06: Deon Lombard, 08: Ben Makins

Members' questions regarding Twickenham Riverside are on page 27:

5(a): Councillor Hill, 5(d) Councillor Roberts

Other members' questions of interest on pages 28-30 are:

5(l): Councillor Locke - re Hampton Wick

5(m): Councillor Elloy - re Bu'sen

5(s): Councillor Acton - re Crane Path from Brewery Wharf

5(u): Councillor Locke, 5(v): Councillor Jaeger, 5(w): Councillor Nicholson - re Council Tax for people on benefits

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# TwickerTape - News in Brief

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European nationals living in Richmond upon Thames will soon be able to use a new Passport Return Service and have access to a new local advice scheme, following agreement by Richmond Council. Members approved that the Council will establish a new European Passport Return Service (EPRS), new EU resident advice service and in addition, the Council will carry out a consultation with local businesses to determine their concerns relating to Britain's withdrawal from the EU.

Richmond Council will launch recommendations and planning restrictions to control basement developments in order to protect the borough's unique character and environment. In 2016, Richmond Council set up a Scrutiny Panel, looking at the growing rise of basement expansions in the borough, following concerns by local residents – particularly in areas such as Barnes.

Drivers are being urged to keep their speed down and save lives as part of National Road Safety Week which runs until 26th November.

Drivers breaking the speed limit or travelling too fast for the conditions are recorded by police as a contributing factor in one in four fatal crashes around the country. Additionally, a recent survey found 40 per cent of UK drivers admitted they sometimes drive 30mph in 20mph zones.

Richmond Council agreed a proposal to provide temporary accommodation for the popular Turing House School at its Cabinet meeting last week.

Turing House is a secondary free school run by the Russell Education Trust. It opened in September 2015 in temporary premises, at Livingston House, Queens Road, Teddington.

Hidden in the Autumn Budget was an allocation of funding for the Poppy Factory in Richmond: *“Poppy Factories – The government has committed £4.7 million to modernise the Poppy Factories in Richmond and Edinburgh, to make them fit for purpose and to secure the production of the Poppy, the iconic symbol of National Remembrance, throughout the UK for the next generation.”* Of this amount £2.5M will go to the Richmond factory.

Residents of Edward Road, Hampton Hill, are extremely disappointed that they still have no access to the council's safety audit on their street

Wednesday 29th November sees the start of the Environment Agency 12 month trial for augmenting low river flows in the Lower Crane - come along to the launch at 12.30pm. Volunteers also needed to monitor the impact. Contact Friends Of the River Crane for more information <http://www.force.org.uk/>

There was much activity on Twitter complaining about the overcrowding and queues at Twickenham Station following the England vs Australia game last Saturday.

Additionally there were complaints from nearby residents about noisy works being carried out at Twickenham Station during the night.

On Friday 24th a road traffic accident occurred on Stanley Road, outside the Methodist Church. A motorcyclist was taken to hospital by the London Air Ambulance.

# Bee Harming Pesticides and our Food Chain

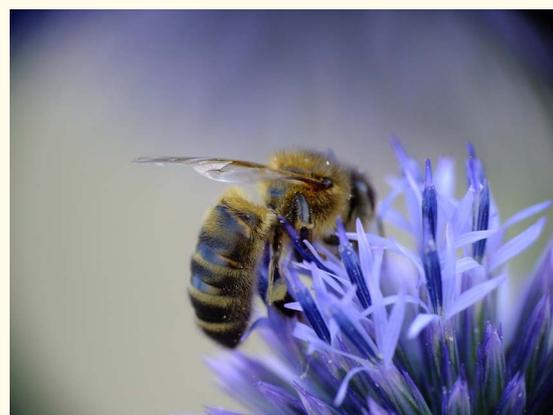
Bee scientists have welcomed a decision by the Environment Secretary to back restrictions on the use of pesticides. This follows a total ban on bee harming pesticides being used in Europe.

The plight of bees was reported in Editions 31 and 35 of the Twickenham Tribune.

The reduction in the bee population is a serious issue since bees pollinate our crops and wildflowers. One third of what we eat and food for livestock is dependent on the pollination performed by bees.

Further information:: Pesticides Can Decimate Honey Bees.

<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/06/controversial-pesticides-can-decimate-honey-bees-large-study-finds>



## LET'S LIGHT UP TWICKENHAM!

**DON'T MISS IT!**



### AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS FUN!

**SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2017, 2.00 – 6.30PM**

- Free rides on the **Victorian Galloping Horse Carousel** (Twickenham Green)
- Free rides on **The Santa Express Land Train** (King Street)
- **Live Reindeer and Gruffalo** visiting on Diamond Jubilee Gardens
- Free face painting in Johnson's Shoes
- Music from the spectacular **Royal Military School of Music Brass Marching Band**.

### DON'T MISS THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH ON!

- Twickenham Green at **4.40** (approximately)
- King Street at **5.30** (approximately)



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Places People Play



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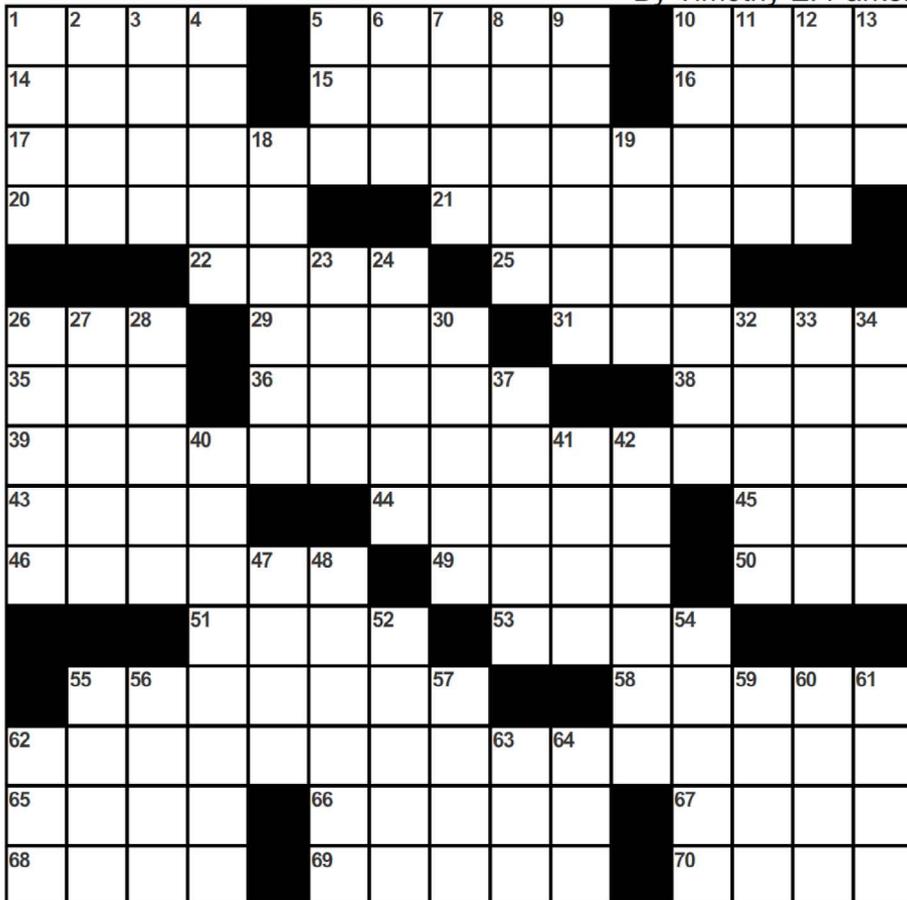
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| 1) Boys                          | 43) Knowing about             |
| 5) They're effective when nutty? | 44) Andean animal             |
| 10) "For goodness' ___!"         | 45) "We ___ the World"        |
| 14) Between continents, perhaps  | 46) Afternoon nap             |
| 15) Cognizant                    | 49) Clapton of music fame     |
| 16) Blender sound                | 50) Bow maker's wood          |
| 17) Three hard things            | 51) Little ones               |
| 20) Asparagus unit               | 53) Bowl over                 |
| 21) Holds high                   | 55) Sort of cigar             |
| 22) Fizzles out                  | 58) Bang or boom, e.g.        |
| 25) Cause for a lawsuit          | 62) Two hard things           |
| 26) Summit                       | 65) Like a noted ranger       |
| 29) Spanish appetizer            | 66) "Encore!"                 |
| 31) Lunch or dinner, e.g.        | 67) ___ mortals               |
| 35) Physicians' org.             | 68) Former communist country  |
| 36) Desktop pictures             | 69) Harps' kin, way back when |
| 38) Carve in stone               | 70) "Thank you, Jesus!"       |
| 39) Three hard things            |                               |

## DOWN

- 1) Research sites
- 2) "... and make it fast!"
- 3) Editor's notation, sometimes
- 4) "Rabbit food"
- 5) Barnyard noise
- 6) Possess
- 7) Put on board, as cargo
- 8) Chancy get-together
- 9) Pie chart part
- 10) Climbing flowering plant
- 11) "Beg pardon ..."
- 12) Smooch
- 13) "\_\_\_ he drove out of sight..."
- 18) One making pans
- 19) Not there
- 23) A head
- 24) Sewing kit feature
- 26) Crunchy munchies
- 27) Yemeni's neighbor
- 28) Adhesive stuff
- 30) Cronelike
- 32) Cornered
- 33) Accompanying music for a film
- 34) Tossed
- 37) Accident reminders, sometimes
- 40) Innkeeper
- 41) Give off, as light
- 42) Missing portion of text
- 47) Spelling of TV
- 48) Hardly melodious
- 52) Damp and spongy
- 54) \_\_\_ Jean (Marilyn Monroe's birth name)
- 55) Corporate leaders, briefly
- 56) Barnyard cluckers
- 57) Bygone autocrat
- 59) Gossip tidbit
- 60) Arid
- 61) Eve's garden
- 62) Winter weakener
- 63) Get a move on
- 64) Naval rank (abbr.)

## A DIFFICULT DIVERSION

By Timothy E. Parker



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# St Mary's University Update

## Alumna to Return to St Mary's to Launch Crime Novel

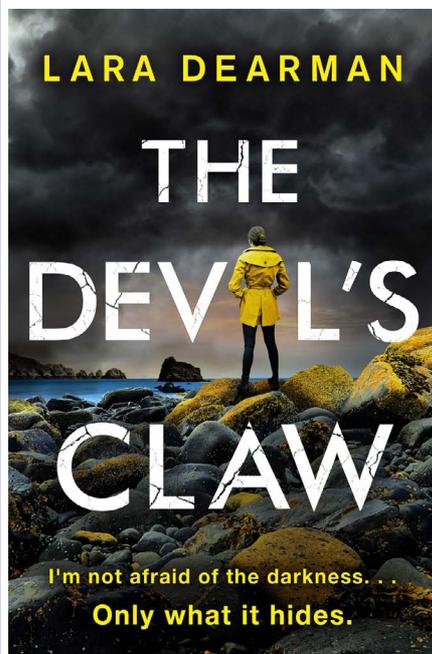
A former student at St Mary's University, Twickenham is hosting a book signing of her first novel on campus next month.

Alumna Lara Dearman (pictured right), who was in the first group to study on the Creative Writing: First Novel MA, is back at St Mary's on Tuesday 5th December to launch her book *The Devil's Claw*.



Lara, who graduated in 2016, has signed a two-book deal with publisher Trapeze and *The Devil's Claw* will be the first in a new series of crime novels set in the Channel Islands.

The book follows main character Jennifer Dorey who, after a traumatic incident in London, takes up a job as a local reporter in Guernsey, her childhood home. She works with Detective Chief Inspector Michael Gilbert on a series of similar deaths but this puts her at risk from the murderer.



Lara now lives in New York with her husband and three children but is coming back to St Mary's to launch the book she started writing as part of her postgraduate studies.

Jonathan Gibbs, Programme Director for Creative and Professional Writing at St Mary's, said, "I am delighted Lara has been given a book deal and very proud that she has decided to launch her first published piece here at St Mary's. She was a very talented and hard-working student and I look forward to welcoming her back for what is sure to be great night."

The signing, Q&A and book reading take place at 7pm in the Waldegrave Drawing Room and is free to attend while Lara will be available for interviews after the event.



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# The Twickenham Tribune Goes Global

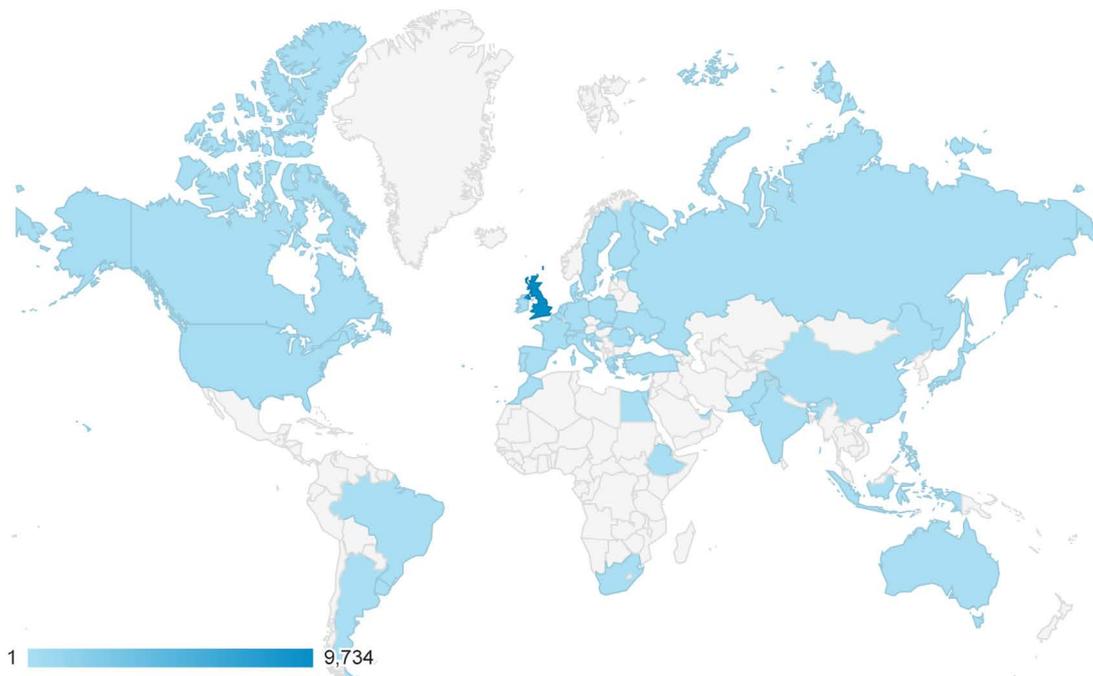
The interest in the Twickenham Tribune by an international competition (see Editions 51 and 52) brought the online newspaper to a much wider audience. It is interesting to see where the Tribune is read other than in the Twickenham constituency.

The maps below, from Google analytics, show the cities and the countries where people recently read the Twickenham Tribune.

## Cities



## Countries



# Richmond upon Thames College Principal delighted with Ofsted inspection result

In October 2017, a team of Ofsted inspectors visited Richmond upon Thames College, a general further education college based in Twickenham, to carry out a full four day inspection covering all areas of the college provision.

The final report was published in November 2017 and the outcome of the inspection is that the overall effectiveness of Richmond upon Thames College, along with all areas of the college, is rated good. This includes effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for learners, 16-19 study programmes, adult learning programmes, apprenticeships and provision for learners with high needs.

Principal, Robin Ghurbhurun, said, "I am delighted that Richmond upon Thames College has been judged good in all areas by Ofsted inspectors. Since I started my tenure as Principal, just over three years ago, the college leadership team and all staff have worked hard to improve the quality of teaching and the outcomes for students and this year we achieved the best set of results for the last 10 years".

"The college leadership team has put in place a number of strategies to raise the effectiveness of the college and improve all aspects of the student experience and learner journey". "We are currently building a new state of the art campus in Twickenham which will open in 2019 and will accommodate our current and future students. We aim to establish Richmond upon Thames College as an outstanding destination for the public, local community and employers while creating a major gateway to employment and higher skills".

"I would like to thank all my staff for their dedication and commitment to securing such a fantastic Ofsted outcome. Richmond upon Thames College is well and truly on a journey to becoming an outstanding technical and professional hub for London with a reputation for academic excellence".



## Highlights from the Ofsted report include:

- Leaders and managers have a clear and ambitious vision for the college to increase the participation of learners by offering a varied curriculum to meet the needs of the local communities. They have successfully reshaped the curriculum offer to increase the number of vocational courses for students.
- Leaders and managers work effectively with a wide range of partners, including employers and local universities to develop training initiatives and programmes to support students in progressing into employment and in engaging with their local communities.
- Students are well motivated, have high aspirations and are keen to learn. Current students and apprentices make or exceed the progress expected of them.
- Students have high levels of respect for one another and behave very well. They enjoy attending college and have high aspirations for what they can achieve.
- Staff share a determination to improve the quality of teaching, learning and assessment, which is now good.
- Teachers and assessors are well qualified. They are ambitious for their students and use their industry experience well to plan and teach sessions that interest and meet the needs of the vast majority of students.
- Students recognise the importance of English, mathematics and IT skills in their future learning and careers. Students have good skills in these areas.
- Students feel safe, know how to raise concerns and have a good understanding of personal safety, including online safety.
- Staff prepare students well for life in modern Britain and teachers promote British values effectively during tutorials and in lessons.
- Students' achievement of their qualifications, including English and mathematics GCSE, is good.
- Teachers successfully support students to overcome barriers to employment and learning. As a result, the majority of students progress to higher level learning or employment.
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# Delightful ! Still Life



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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

by Noel Coward

Teddington Theatre Club at the Coward Studio, Hampton Hill Theatre until 25th November

Review by Eleanor Lewis

It's probably compulsory to use the word 'iconic' whenever discussing Brief Encounter. I imagine questions are asked and authorities notified if the word doesn't feature at least once in any review of it. So I'll get it out of the way now before moving on: Noel Coward's Still Life is the play from which the iconic film Brief Encounter grew and it can be seen at Hampton Hill Theatre this week in TTC's Noel Coward double bill, directed by



Mandy Stenhouse.



Fiona Auty's set for Still Life is perfect. It's obviously the first thing you see as you enter Hampton Hill's Coward Studio and it's delightful: a small, tidy and cosy 1930s station refreshment room, flowers on the tables, small cardboard menus. It makes you long for the days when railway stations actually had these places, staffed with

people who poured tea for you and served you pastries which would be accompanied by real cutlery as opposed to wooden sticks. Noel Coward sings gently from the wireless in the background and trains can occasionally be heard arriving and leaving outside the window.

Into this beautifully created little world come the formidable Myrtle, manageress of the refreshment room, directing operations from behind her beautifully arranged counter, and waitress Beryl, together with ticket collector Albert and other characters with small but expertly written roles.



These characters set the scene and establish their relationships with each other until the main players arrive on the set, one with a familiar piece of grit in her eye and the other to gallantly help her remove it and thereby fire the spark which begins one of Britain's best known and most agonising romantic dramas ... ..

Read full review at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/21/coward-double](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/21/coward-double)

*Photographs by Joe Stockwell*

# The monster consumes itself

## Hercules



Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

by George Frideric Handel, libretto by Thomas Broughton  
Richmond Opera at Normansfield Theatre until 19th November  
Review by Mark Aspen

Hercules, legendary strongman hero, tackled fearsome lions, hydras, bulls, boars, and monstrous dogs: twelve gruesome creatures, and others beside, hand-to-hand, alone. He succumbed to none, vanquished all these monsters ... but then came the green eyed monster!



Sophocles, in one of his best tragedies, *Τραχίνιαί* (Women of Trachis), tells how Hercules' death was brought about by the jealousy of his wife, Dejanira. Hercules is returning from a victorious war against King Eurytus and his sons: home to Trachis in Thessaly, with his army, much booty and many prisoners, including the beautiful Princess Iole, Eurytus' daughter. Dejanira has been waiting many years for news of Hercules, but now she is not too happy about his principal captive, an aristocratic woman who is young and highly desirable. Seeds of marital discord soon germinate in Dejanira's heart, with disastrous consequences.



Handel's *Hercules*, which premiered in 1745, had a bumpy ride in its early days. The part of Lichas, the herald, was rewritten for actress Susannah Cibber, one of the most popular stage personalities of the time. Unfortunately, she was taken ill and the part was read in. The piece flopped and Handel offered his "angels" their money back, but they stuck with him and the houses picked up later in the season. Nevertheless, Handel's confidence in the work was shaken, and he continued to write and rewrite that piece for years.

Hence, *Hercules* has always had the feel of a work in progress, and Richmond Opera in its current production of *Hercules* continues this notion by presenting an abridged version and splitting some of the original roles between other characters, albeit characters with a mythological pedigree. Moreover, director Lucy Green has moved the action to Britain, and in the mid-fifteenth century ... ..

Read on at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/19/hercules](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/19/hercules)  
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# When is Black Friday not Black Friday???????

By Bruce Lyons of Crusader Travel

Well! Here we are on Saturday reading this and in the holiday industry it's still Black Friday "full on" – No it's not all over yet!

Far from it in fact, Black Friday will last in many cases till the end of November!! For weeks now we have been bombarded with an eclectic mix of emails with headlines like "Black is Blue" (a scuba dive operator of course) "Look on the Bright Side this Friday" "Black Friday is Now" and so on – there then follows a plethora of offers, some of which last till 30th November, we even had "an apology to Black Friday" saying that they had no better offer than that which they already proposed on their website.

With so many proposals it is tricky too to disseminate what is a real "value" offer from those that have just fudged it. But, there are real offers out there and we decided that as so many had a better shelf life than just the Friday and are valid thru Cyber Tuesday and some still till 30th November that we would do an "in store" window as well as chose the best for our web site, Facebook site and Twitter. To be honest it is as hard to make Black Friday work as is the conundrum of how a retail travel agent can benefit from 82,000 Rugby Fans hitting the town – they don't book holidays, even if you offered them FREE BEER, but one should try !!!

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# Proposed Teddington Quietway cycle scheme - residents and businesses kept completely in the dark

Readers may be aware that in early 2016 a “Secret Cycle Ride” up and down Teddington High Street was carried out by a group of cyclists comprising of several Councillors and Council Officers, members of the London and Richmond Cycle campaigns and various other unknown TfL cyclists, none of whom had anything at all to do with, or had any connections with Central Teddington. As a consequence, they were apparently completely unaware that Teddington has had four very safe “Family” routes (which are identical to Quietways) in daily use since 2002, and a calmed London Cycle Network route 4/75 running up the High Street from Teddington Lock to Chestnut Avenue, so had absolutely no need for the Quietway scheme.

This motley group of individuals took part in the design process in the full knowledge that no Teddington resident or business, or any rank and file member of the Borough’s Cycle Liaison Group had been invited to join the ride and all were intentionally being kept in the dark. It has since become quite clear that the intention was to come up with a fully drafted scheme with no local input, and then present it as a “Fait Accompli” to local residents as a scheme that was to be imposed on Teddington with no changes of any sort allowed. hardly a good example of democracy.

There were three so called public consultation/engagement displays at the Baptist Church in late 2016, none which were officially advertised anywhere, as a consequence attendances were very low at the first two events - less than 30 people. As a consequence, about a year ago, Councillor Buckwell ordered that a Saturday meeting should take place which had a turnout of 80+ local residents and businesses, neither he nor Councillor Loveland, the Borough Cycle Champion attended, just two ill-prepared Council Officers, no handouts, no minute taker, no microphone, no formal presentation, the meeting got totally out of control until a local Councillor volunteered to chair the event. Apart from that Councillor, all the other attendees were totally opposed to the proposed Quietway.



Central Teddington’s churches, residents and businesses and other organisations were implacably opposed to the Quietway proposals back then, and remain so now. But such has been the constant opposition, that with grudging reluctance, the 28 or so High Street Shoppers’ parking spaces that were to be removed, are now being retained, without exact details being made available. It looks as the threat that our supersafe and super friendly staggered Zebra Crossing on the railway bridge is to be replaced by a smaller much less safe single Zebra Crossing is still on the cards, and it is absolutely certain that no one wants that.. During 2012, the Olympic Year, over one million cyclists passed over this bridge, with, as far as we know, no incidents, accidents or queues, and well over 1.5 million pedestrians cross over the bridge annually, with around a half using the staggered Zebra Crossing. The present design fully meets all our pedestrian and cycling needs, and at the same time, reduces traffic queues and air pollution to a minimum.

As you can see from Council Leader Paul Hodgins’ letter ([attached](#)) in response to Teddington Society Chairman Mrs Sheena Harold’s letter which requested a joint public meeting, shoppers’ parking spaces are being preserved, but that no further changes are to be allowed - a ruling being strongly challenged by the Teddington Society which wants the QuietWay to terminate on the Ham side of Teddington Lock. Cyclists coming to Teddington should be encouraged to use the four safe “Family routes” (equivalent to QuietWays) and the High Street London Cycle Network route 4/75, which provide five safe, and interesting routes to different parts of Teddington and Bushy Park that have been in place since about 2002. No other changes are required.

Mrs Sheena Harold, Teddington Society Chairman, affirms that the Society is actively pursuing a policy of opposing Quietway as originally designed and is looking forward to seeing the secret plans that for no good reason, are currently being withheld from Teddington’s residents and businesses.

# Vince Cable backs call for people to check their electrical products

Vince Cable MP is backing the call for all local residents to take the time to check electrical products that could be putting their homes at risk of a fire during Electrical Fire Safety Week.



There is evidence showing that electricity is the cause of 70 deaths and over half of accidental domestic fires each year in the UK.

Electrical Fire Safety Week has joined with the Government's "Fire Kills" campaign Nov. 21-27 to raise awareness about the dangers of electrical products that are faulty or misused and could lead to a devastating home fire.

Vince Cable has also been an active supporter of the Total Recalls campaign, backed by the London Fire Brigade, which is calling for changes make it easier for people to protect themselves from potentially lethal faulty appliances.

This campaign calls for a number of changes in manufacturing, communication and access to communication.

The campaign's recommendations flow from a report commissioned in 2015 by the Department

of Business Innovation and Skills when Vince Cable was Secretary of State of that government department. The report was carried out by the consumer champion and local Twickenham resident Lynn Faulds Wood.

Vince Cable MP said:

"Electricity brings countless comforts of living to every home, but it is critical that every homeowner is aware of the risks of using electrical products.

"Just in London, nearly one fire a day involves white goods."

"We need to ensure that everyone is educated on electrical safety in order to prevent the needless tragedy of home fires in the UK."

"And while I believe we need far better consumer protection standards we should never forget that we also have an individual role to play in ensuring that basic checks on electrical goods regularly take place."

The advertisement for 'The Oven Man' features a white background with a dark teal border. At the top left is a stylized icon of a person kneeling to clean an oven. Below this is the text 'The Oven Man' in a dark teal font. The central text reads 'Let your oven sparkle this Christmas' in a mix of teal and black fonts, with several small teal stars scattered around the word 'sparkle'. To the right of the text is a silver Christmas bauble hanging from a gold string, featuring the 'The Oven Man' logo. Below the main text is a light teal rounded rectangle containing the text 'Your local independent oven cleaning, spares and repair service'. At the bottom of the advertisement is a dark teal banner with the website 'www.ovenman.co.uk' and the phone number 'Call 020 8185 7069' in white text.

# THE TOP SCHOOLS IN GREATER LONDON

ST. PAUL'S GIRLS' SCHOOL TOPS NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

THE CARDINAL VAUGHAN MEMORIAL SCHOOL NAMED UK COMPREHENSIVE OF THE YEAR

KING'S COLLEGE LONDON MATHS SCHOOL IS THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE OF THE YEAR

KING'S COLLEGE SCHOOL WIMBLEDON IS LONDON INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

The top performing schools in Greater London are revealed in Parent Power, The Sunday Times Schools Guide 2018, published in The Sunday Times and online this Sunday, November 26.

The 25th edition of Parent Power identifies the 2,000 highest-achieving schools in the UK, ranked by their recent examination results. A fully searchable database by school name, local authority, town and postcode, together with new regional rankings are available to Times and Sunday Times subscribers at: [thesundaytimes.co.uk/parentpower](http://thesundaytimes.co.uk/parentpower)

As well as assessment of all academic results on a school-by-school basis, Parent Power enables parents to compare the performance of a given school with other schools in the same town, local authority or nationally. There are also live links to school websites and schools' most recent inspection reports.

Parent Power is widely acknowledged as the most authoritative survey of the country's best schools. The rankings in the secondary school league tables are determined by the percentage of examination entries gaining A\* to B grades at A-level this summer (which is given double weighting) and the percentage of entries returning A\* and A grades at GCSE. They are published several weeks ahead of the official Government tables for secondary school performance.

## The top 10 Independent secondary schools in Greater London

1. St. Paul's Girls' School, London
2. King's College School, Wimbledon
3. Westminster School, Westminster
4. City of London School for Girls, London
5. St. Paul's School, London
6. The Lady Eleanor Holles School, London
7. North London Collegiate School, Edgware
8. South Hampstead High School GDST, Hampstead
9. Putney High School GDST, Putney
10. 1Alley's School, Dulwich

## The top ten state secondary schools in Greater London

1. The Henrietta Barnett School, London
2. Queen Elizabeth's School, Barnet
3. St. Olave's Grammar School, Orpington
4. Wilson's School, Wallington
5. The Tiffin Girls' School, Kingston upon Thames
6. The Latymer School, London
7. Tiffin School, Kingston upon Thames
8. St. Michael's RC Grammar School, Finchley
9. Nonsuch High School for Girls, Cheam
10. Wallington High School for Girls, Wallington

The top school in London is St. Paul's Girls' School, based in Hammersmith in West London. A staggering 97.4% of all Year 13 examinations gained A\*, A or B grades or equivalent, and 99.2% of all GCSEs taken resulted in A\* or As this year.

However, King's College School, Wimbledon, which is ranked second in the list of London independent schools, has scored the best sixth form results in the capital with a mixture of A-level and International Baccalaureate examinations. A staggering 97.8% of outcomes achieved A\*, A or B grades or equivalent. These results helped KCS earn the title of The Sunday Times London Independent Secondary School of the Year.



# THE SUNDAY TIMES

# Joyful ! Red Peppers



Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

by Noel Coward,

Teddington Theatre Club at the Coward Studio, Hampton Hill Theatre until 25th November

Review by Eleanor Lewis

Noel Coward's Red Peppers could be seen in its entirety as a barbed comment on the draining effect of a life touring in vaudeville. This pithy cameo play runs at Hampton Hill Theatre this week in TTC's Noel Coward double bill, directed by Mandy Stenhouse.



Husband and wife double act Lily and George

Pepper are, as aptly described in the programme, "on their way down the ladder of success". The two stagger through a song and dance number Has Anybody Seen Our Ship and then retreat to their cluttered dressing room, where they snipe mercilessly at each other but come together as one to highlight the shortcomings of the musical director and then the theatre manager, nicely played by Andy Hewitt and Edz Barrett.

Noisy arguments ensue, disturbing the rest of Miss Mable Grace, a Shakespearean



actress somewhat past her best, who floats in and provides an opportunity for new types of sarcasm to be employed by George and Lily who have little time for such types. Helen Smith is appropriately oblivious and other-worldly in this cameo role. The hapless two conclude the play, newly costumed, with a rendition of Men About Town which comes to a disastrous end, sabotaged by the enraged musical director.

It is a joy to watch and very funny, and tribute must be paid to the skill on show from Lottie Walker and Steve Taylor, two strong actors more than capable of getting everything that is to be got out of Lily and George but whilst doing so they are required to change out of one costume and into another, apply additional make-up, arrange and fit wigs and ultimately consume a plate of steak and chips each ... ..

Read full review at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/21/coward-double](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/21/coward-double)

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# Slick and Classy Classic

## Death Trap



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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

by Ira Levin

Salisbury Playhouse, TBO Productions at Richmond Theatre

Review by Eleanor Marsh

Stephen King said, “Ira Levin is the Swiss watchmaker of suspense novels, he makes what the rest of us do look like cheap watchmakers in drugstores”. If he were in the audience at Richmond Theatre during the run of *Deathtrap*, I don’t doubt he would have said the same of Levin’s playwriting skills. The play started as it meant to go on, with the first night audience jumping out of their seats before the curtain went up. Adam Penford’s production never let the level of suspense or shock value drop throughout the entire play.



A vast amount of attention to detail had been paid to set and costume design, which were complemented by effective lighting and sound, transforming the stage instantly from cosy living room to house of horrors.

Aficionados found all they would have expected in terms of suspense and surprise: it certainly did not disappoint. I particularly liked the device of using snippets of classic movie suspense thrillers to mask scene changes and at the same time illustrate the various forms of murder depicted in Bruhl’s and Anderson’s plays.



Star casting in a production such as this always makes me nervous – I would rather see a good actor than a famous one, but in this case it worked extremely well. Both Paul Bradley and Jessie Wallace are versatile actors and worked well together as husband and wife Sydney and Myra Bruhl ... ..

Read on at: [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/15/death-trap](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/11/15/death-trap)

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# RICHMOND FILM SOCIETY

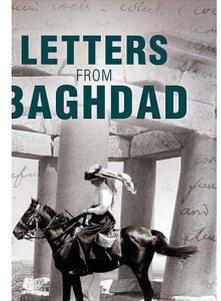
See [www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](http://www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk) for details of the full 2017/18 Programme and membership, which is £60 (i.e. £4 per film). Tickets are available on the night for non-members at £6.



The first half of the fifteen film season comprises the following films:

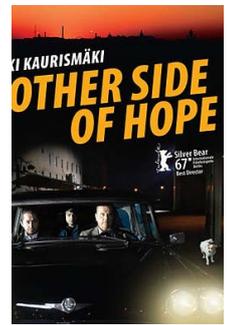
## 28th November – Letters from Baghdad (UK)

Voiced by Tilda Swinton, this documentary explores the extraordinary life of English writer, archaeologist, diplomat and spy Gertrude Bell. Openly critical of colonialism, Bell offered a counterpoint to typical British all-male power; and her views on the future of the Middle East were prescient.



## 12th December – The Other Side of Hope (Finland)

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By Timothy E. Parker

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## TWICKENHAM FIXTURES

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Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>NFL International Series</b> Minnesota Vikings @ Cleveland Browns	13:30
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Killik Cup</b> Barbarians v All Blacks	15:00
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Old Mutual Wealth Series</b> England v Argentina	15:00
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Old Mutual Wealth Series</b> England v Australia	15:00
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Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Big Game 10</b> Harlequins v Northampton Saints	16:00
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2018	<b>Six Nations</b> England v Wales	16:45
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Schools Cup Finals Day</b> U15 Vase U15 Cup U18 Vase U18 Cup	11:00 12:30 14:00 15:40
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2018	<b>Six Nations</b> England v Ireland	14:45
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<b>Students Rugby Day</b>	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2018	<b>The Clash</b> Bath Rugby v Leicester Tigers	tbc
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	<b>Army v Navy for the Babcock Trophy</b> UK Armed Forces v Oxbridge U23	15:00 12:00

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# LARRY RICHMOND'S SHOWBIZ NEWS

Well, hello again readers. Let me just put down my glass of Champagne to tell you about the annual 1940s gala Big Band Blitz, which took place at the Winning Post on the 4 November last. It was the 18th year of this event, and according to some members of the audience, the best yet. The Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Lisa Blackmore, attended, together with former Mayor, Cllr Clare Head. Also present among the audience were service veterans from the Royal Star and Garter Home. The Jon Bennett Big Band once again delighted the audience with some of the favourites from that period, including a fair helping of Glenn Miller. The guest vocalists this year were Nicole Anne, Katey Robinson, Mikey JC, and Peter Hammerton. All gave first class performances.



There was also the Raffle Draw. I understand that the monies raised from the Raffle Draw will be donated to the Mayor of Richmond's Charity Appeal.



Like it or not, it's not long now until the festive month of December. To start the festive season there is no better way than the special dinner cabaret being held in Patchworks, London Road, Twickenham, on Saturday 9th December. The show in question is An Evening with the Rebecca Turner Quintet – the Christmas Special. Rebecca Turner has been described by critics as the new Carole King. , The cost of a ticket is only £25, which includes a two course dinner plus coffee, plus the 90 min show, plus a free raffle draw. Well, you can't get better value than that. I have seen Rebecca Turner before, she is a very talented singer songwriter. I will be there.

Rebecca Turner and her band will then be appearing on the 30th December, at The Bulls Head in Barnes with another special show. It will be a pre New Year's Eve cabaret to celebrate Rebecca's new record release.

Now, to stay with the festive season, the award winning blues venue, The Eel Pie Club, in Twickenham, will be holding it's own Eel Pie Club Christmas gig on Wednesday 13th December. I hear there are a number of special guests coming along. Also in December we have the opening of Panto Season. I am looking forward to seeing Clive Rowe in Mother Goose, at the New Wimbledon Theatre.

Well it's time for another glass of Champagne. Until next time..... Cheers!

Larry Richmond



# THAMES VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL REUNITE

Sheena Mackay (Harold)

Waldegrave School, 5th Cross Road, Twickenham is well known but those of you with longer memories will know that in 1928 it was the site of an unconventional co-educational school called Thames Valley Grammar School. The only truly co-ed school with mixed classes of boys and girls unlike Chiswick Grammar which had one school of boys and another of girls with teachers moving through a corridor between the two. The first Headmaster, Mr H.W. Bligh, one of the youngest Heads in the country commented that : “It was looked upon locally as a doubtful experiment”. The experiment lasted until it gradually became a Sixth Form College in 1973. By 1977 educational policies had changed and it became Waldegrave School For Girls girls from Kneller Grammar moving in and boys moving out either to Teddington or Whitton Schools.

But Thames Valley Grammar (TVGS) refused to die and irregular reunions have been held from the first at the Rugby Tavern (site of the old Regal Cinema) in 1973 to a Millenium Weekend at the old School in September 2000. From 1500 invitations sent out former pupils came from not just all over the UK but the World - USA, Canada, S. Africa, & New Zealand - 700 on the Saturday and 600 on the Sunday - and that despite a petrol shortage and the Thames flooding.



A couple of weeks ago a mini reunion took place at the Fountain - again organised by the formidable team of Janice & Paul Kershaw - where 12 former pupils and one redoubtable Music Teacher, Mrs. Lorna Bellars, enjoyed meeting again and rolling back the years. Our photo shows: Janice & Paul Kershaw, Wendy Matthews & Tom Carter, Beryl Vokes, Janice Underhay & John Elder, Jennifer Bagguley, John Morgon and Sheena Mackay and the lovely Lorna Bellars (nee Brookes). With entry dates from the class of 1947 to 1954 we will spare identifying blushes. In this small group the Elders were visiting from the USA, Jennifer and husband Alan had just returned from Australia and Beryl and husband Frank had come over from Ireland. The bonds fashioned in that unconventional school have stood the test of time and will continue to do so.

# Have Your Say

## Hedgerows and Wild Habitats:

By Sammi Macqueen



Here today and gone tomorrow. Seems we have no powers to stop 'management' of hedgerows and habitat on privately owned land even if it is on a River Corridor and of importance to connectivity and endangered species and has been there undisturbed for over three decades.

Planning has been refused on development behind Churchview Garages, Twickenham ref:17/2759/FUL and MOL Field 16/2815/OUT but developers have a way of manipulating the appeal/new application to combat objections raised.



For example, there is protection for wild birds nests but if you remove the hedgerow and fruiting ivy, brambles and roosting sites before the nesting season...hey ho.....no nests here! See attached photos ..... before and after 20/11/17. The Redwing and a flock were feeding here with the usual suspects... blackbirds, songthrush, blackcap before the chop.

If you get an objection on the dark space which will be impacted by a build you can put in bright lights 'for security'. Hey ho...no more bats!

To quote David Attenborough: "We can now destroy or cherish - The choice is ours"

## CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

The Churches in Teddington are once again organising a lunch in Elleray Hall on Christmas Day for the elderly and others who might otherwise be alone that day. If you, or someone you know, might appreciate attending the lunch, put them in touch with Colin and Elizabeth Hicks (contact details below). The lunch will be accompanied by entertainment, mince pies and other refreshments.

Volunteers are also needed to give people lifts to and from the lunch, to help with the preparations and to serve the food. Many of the volunteer tasks can be fitted around a family Christmas. This could be all the more enjoyable for having helped to give some folk, who might otherwise be alone, a truly happy Christmas. The Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity is generously supporting the lunch but additional donations are also welcome both of money but also of small gifts for the guests at the lunch.

To register attendance, or to offer help, contact: Colin and Elizabeth Hicks:  
tel 020 8977 8000 or email: [office@teddingtonbaptist.org.uk](mailto:office@teddingtonbaptist.org.uk)

# Strawberry Hill Parking Study

LBRuT commenced a review of parking in the Strawberry Hill area in 2017 in response to resident feedback.

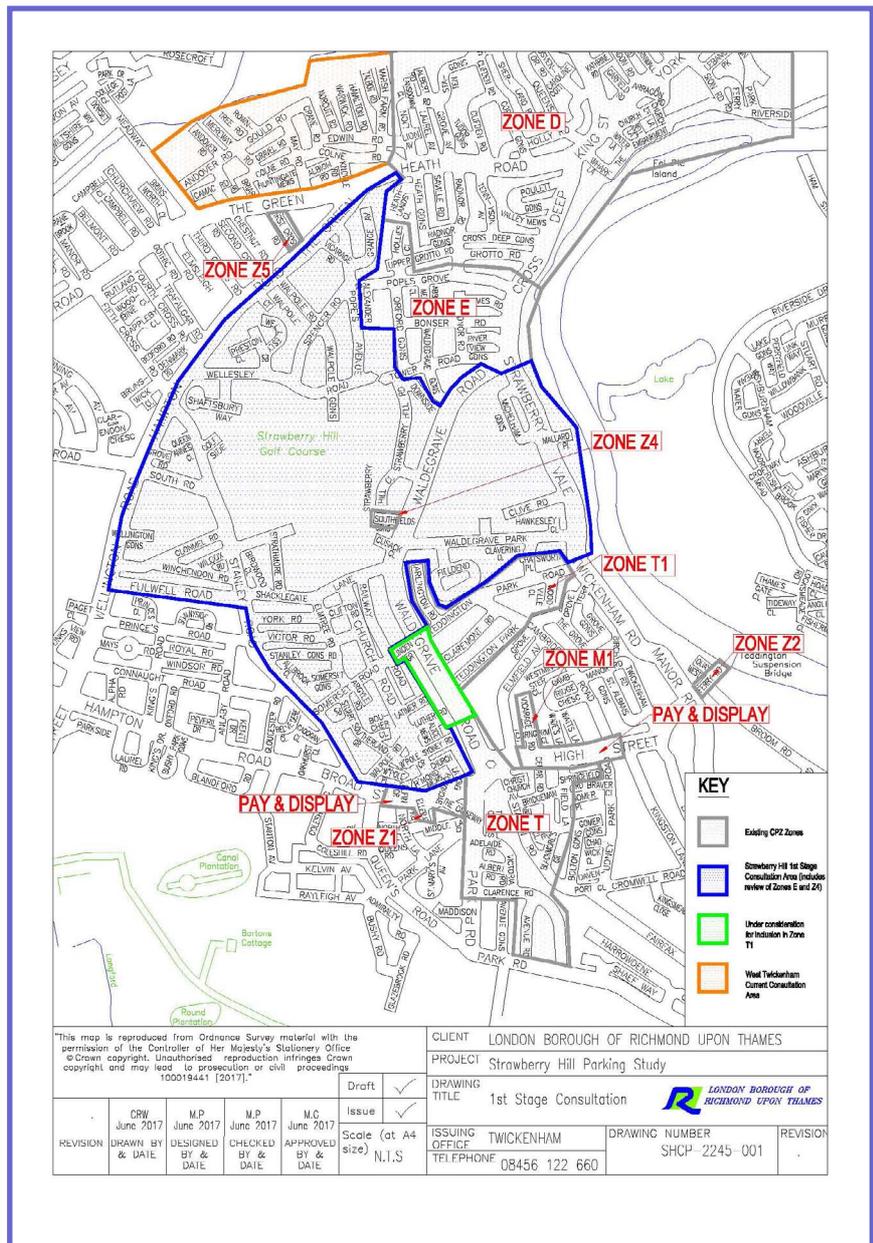
The review was commissioned following the receipt of complaints from residents concerning the difficulties they have in finding a parking space near to their home. These difficulties were attributed primarily to the parking of vehicles by non-residents (all day commuters and students attending St Mary's University, Twickenham).

The consultation also took into account the decision by the Council's Planning Committee to approve the new Sports Hall in 2008 at the University which reduced the number of parking spaces within the complex. Funding was provided by the University in accordance with the decision to undertake this study and implement a Community Parking Zone (CPZ) if agreed.

Details at: [www.richmond.gov.uk/services/roads\\_and\\_transport/transport\\_planning/parking\\_reviews/strawberry\\_hill\\_parking\\_study](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/roads_and_transport/transport_planning/parking_reviews/strawberry_hill_parking_study)

Residents living in the following roads will be asked whether they would like to join the CPZ if they demonstrate sufficient support, although a final boundary will need to be agreed with which may include some additional roads:

- Vicarage Road
- Walpole Rd (Twickenham)
- Walpole Gardens
- Shaftsbury Way
- The Green
- Hampton Road
- South Road
- Grove Road
- Golfside



# Letters

Dear Sir,

## Rock Salt Danger To Cats

I understand that you have recently published a press release regarding Rock Salt to be provided to residents by Richmond Council should they request it. Perhaps you should also publish a reminder of the dangers of Rock Salt to cats and dogs to whom it is toxic if they lick it off their paws and can burn their paws if it remains on them. There are many articles and posts on the internet about this.

Thanks  
Regards  
Carys Williams

## A letter from the Twickenham Riverside Park Team

A big, big thank you to all of our **2,000 supporters**.

Yes, there are now 2,000 residents who want Richmond Council to:

1. Scrap their riverfront car park proposal with unattractive retail/residential blocks.
2. Provide a Twickenham Riverside Park, a large Town Square and sympathetic buildings with underground parking that will bring life back to the town centre.

Best wishes,  
The Twickenham Riverside Park Team



*Note: A Twickenham lido is just one of the building options we are considering.*

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