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Twickenham Station
 'The Two Towers'
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THE SUN IS RISING AGAIN!

A big welcome back to the Rising Sun Public House opposite St Stephen's Church and Marble Hill Park. It re-opens today (Saturday 27th) after an erratic decade or two as The Marble Hill, the Aleksander and the Alba. There is something intrinsically wrong in renaming pubs that have been part of a community for 150 years or more. Recent history suggests that most of them then go on to fail after a relatively short period.

So well done to whoever decided to give it back its original name. It now joins The Royal Oak opposite York House as a return to common sense regarding pub names. Shall we start a movement to bring back the names of the other half a dozen or so Twickenham pubs that have had their original names erased from the streets in recent times? So let's try and return The Mulberry Tree, Pope's Grotto, Jolly Blacksmith and Five Oaks to today's local street maps.



Our postcard image shows the Rising Sun as it was in about 1905 although it was first recorded as a pub in 1841. St Stephen's church in the background had been consecrated in 1874 and the tram lines appeared around 1899 replacing the previous horse drawn trams on this route between Richmond and Twickenham.

My grandfather was a fire warden in the second world war and his lookout point was on the roof of the Rising Sun from where enemy aircraft movements were also reported. I first went into the garden of the pub as a youngster in the early 1950's when my mum and dad strolled

through Marble Hill Park with my brother and I arriving at the Rising Sun for a pleasant sit-down on a summer's evening. There was a large wooden function room in the garden in the mid 1960's which was the venue for parties and football and rugby club presentation evenings. I believe that Orleans former pupils' Rugby Club used it as a watering hole for a while as one of their players was the son of the then landlord (I think). By the late 1960's I remember many darts matches in the public bar and the Rising Sun had a good team at that point. I played for the St Margarets Hotel in those days.



In 1972 the pub was taken over by Schooner Inns and became one of the earliest pub/eateries.

The pub went through yet another redevelopment stage in the 1990's as it moved from Watney's Brewery to Young's Brewery.

At some point the Rising Sun was awarded Richmond and Twickenham pub of the year and the second image shows the plaque

that was displayed at the time. I haven't been able to find out when this was so any help is welcome.

So time moves on and much of the huge garden has now gone along with the public bar and the dartboard but this proud old pub has finally got its proper name back. Let's raise a pint and drink to that!

If you are a postcard enthusiast please diary Saturday 10th February as there will be a postcard fair in Teddington. More details nearer the time.

If you have any postcards to dispose of, any comments on this subject, or ideas for future articles, please drop me a line at

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Twickers Foodie Putting TW2 on the Map

By Alison Jee

We don't venture as far as Twickenham Green often enough. But I'm jolly glad we strolled down to TW2 Bar & Grill the other evening for a meal, as we discovered one of Twickenham's hidden gems. Double-fronted, it overlooks the Green. It was warm as toast inside - much needed as we were frozen after our walk down. The place has a really nice vibe – it was comfortably busy and the cleverly designed layout means that even if it were quiet, you wouldn't be that aware of it. Some folk were enjoying cocktails and others were eating, and the atmosphere was very welcoming.

Bruno, the charming assistant manager, suggested we have a drink at the bar before heading to our table. I was tempted to try a 'Pink Champagne' cocktail – champagne, citron vodka, pink grapefruit liqueur and grapefruit bitters. It was refreshing, with a perfect degree of sharpness and as I write this I could really murder another one! My husband, realising that we were almost an arm's length from the home of Twickenham Fine Ales, opted for a glass of their Old Hands Session on draught. We chatted to the delightful, multi-tasking Jessica while she made cocktails for a table of guests.



So, on to our meal: Having noticed fried whitebait featuring on daily specials board, my husband was sorted from the outset. And they were absolutely superb: fat fish, dusted in a lightly seasoned coating and served with chilli mayo. I had chosen pulled duck with plum chutney & crostini, a starter from the amazing value 'Best of British' menu (1 course £10.00, 2 for £12.95 or 3 for £15.95 every Tuesday & Wednesday evening, and Friday & Saturday lunchtime noon till 3pm, excluding event days of course). My starter was very tasty, but in my opinion would have made a much better - and delicious - salad, rather

than being quite difficult to negotiate, served in rather fiddly pots on a platter.

For mains we had a fillet steak, which was beautifully cooked and very tender and tasty, plus TW2 steak & ale pudding with green beans and proper gravy. You can probably guess which of us had which of these! 'Proper blokes' food' is how he described it, and it was polished off with great gusto. To accompany we had rocket salad, some chips and, as I can never resist sweet potato fries if they are on a menu, those too (but just for tasting purposes, of course). TW2 offers a number of different sauces to accompany the steaks, and I chose smoked Bearnaise. It was fabulous with the sweet potato fries, but I opted for a little good old English mustard to go with the steak itself. Their meat is locally sourced from Surrey Farms, and cooked in a chargrill oven to give it a deep smoky flavour.



My husband chose apple and rhubarb crumble with custard for dessert and I opted for a lighter finale, Chocolate orange trifle in a jar. The crumble was good and my jar of trifle was a clever 'assemblage' of the individual components but quite unlike any trifle I had tried before. It was pretty, light and slid down a treat!

With a very good range of wines available by the glass, starting at £5.50, one can happily mix and match to pair with the food. (or stick with beer if preferred) House wine starts at £19.50 a bottle.

In summary, TW2 seems to be one Twickenham's best-kept secrets. By all accounts, the roast Sunday lunch at £13.95 per head has a very loyal customer base...we will be back!

Offers and Competitions

Winner of a pair of Ecoffee Cups

Lucky Twickenham Tribune reader

Richard Sadler of TW2

has won a pair of Ecoffee Cups from the stylish William Morris range.



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Places People Play



Arts and Entertainment



by Erica White

Last chance to see BETTE AND JOAN at MWT, on **Saturday, 27 January at 7.45pm**. Starring award winning actors, Jane Marcus and Dorothy Duffy.

Info: www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk.

Still time to book for A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE by Arthur Miller at HHT starting on **Sunday, 28 January at 4.00pm, henceforth eves at 7.45pm**. Heavy demand for tickets.

Info: www.teddingtontheatreclub-boxoffice.org.uk.

One night only opportunity to enjoy the RAISE THE ROOF CONCERT at Holy Trinity Community Church on **Saturday 27 January. at 8.00pm**.

Info: www.holytrinitytwickenham.org/category/upcoming-events/

Comedy at THE EXCHANGE in the shape of TRUMPAGEDDON by comedian Jason Manford. No prizes for guessing who is at the heart of this comedic event.

Friday, 2 February at 8.00pm.

Tuesday, 6 February at THE WINCHESTER ROOM, TURKS HEAD, TWICKENHAM, Katie Kirby, author of HURRAH FOR GIN will talk about her life and travails as a parent.

Info: www.wegothisco.com.

TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB's guest artist on **Tuesday, 30 January at 8.00pm** at The Cabbage Patch, TW! 3SZ is RAY GELATO, legendary saxophonist, and his band.

Info: peterjonesjazz.co.uk.

On Saturday, 27 January POPE'S GROTTTO will be open for the first of 2 winter openings for public view. The second will be **on Saturday**

17 February. Both at 10.00am. A rare chance to see the newly-restored South Chamber in all its glory, the result of the hard work of the POPE'S GROTTA PRESERVATION TRUST.

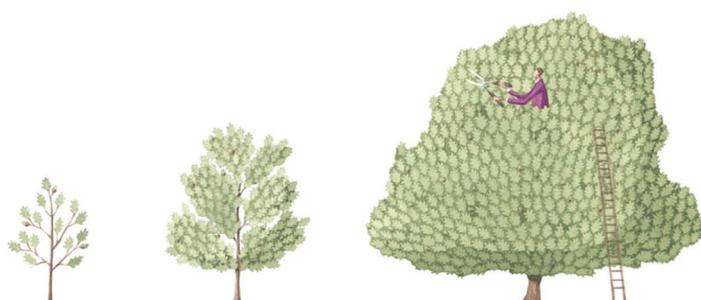
Info: www.ticketsource.co.uk/popsgrotto.

Advance notice: THE POPE'S GROTTA PRESERVATION TRUST will be holding a fascinating fundraising event in the home of no less a personage than DR JOHNSON at his house at 17 Gough Square, EC4 3DE on **Thursday, 15 March.**

TWICKENHAM MUSEUM is open after its brief closure for refurbishment. Open, **Tuesdays & Saturdays, 11.00am-3.00pm, Sundays, 2.00pm-4.00pm.** Twickenham Embankment.

A reminder that HAMPTON HILL THEATRE, home of TTC, will open its doors for its monthly tour of this local amenity, **on Saturday, 3 February, 10.00am-noon.** Everyone welcome, free refreshments.

Abbreviations: HHT: Hampton Hill Theatre; RSS: Richmond Shakespeare Society; TTC: Teddington Theatre Club.



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LBRUT must postpone the #TwickenhamRiverside planning application until the results of the parking consultation can be included. It would be foolish to rush ahead without having considered an integral element of the riverside site.
@TwickenhamAlive
@twickerati
@RichmondCycling

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Following

Sad news. The Council seem to be doing their best to kill off all #TwickenhamRiverside events that they don't run themselves. This summer holiday event is always very popular.
@twickerati
@TryTwickenham
@twicktownbiz
@TwickenhamAlive
@twickerman

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Following

Interesting?! Have @lbrut changed their policy on petitions or do they cherry-pick which @change petitions they will accept?
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@TwRiversidePark
@vincecable
@RichmondCycling
@Gareth_Roberts_
@cathintwick

Richmond Council @LBRUT
[NEWS] @pamfleming announced at Council last night a consultation will be held b4 the summer on parking in #Twickenham - including the Embankment #watchthisspace ow.ly /2pvL30hYnTF

9:54 AM - 24 Jan 2018

There Be No Dragons on Twickenham Riverside

Sarah Tippett @Sarah_Tippett_

We presented the @Change petition regarding the completion of @Russell_School #Petersham development to @LBRUT full council meeting this evening. Will be given urgent council consideration. @jean_loveland @HPRRTories @susanchappelITW #tw10

5:35 AM - 24 Jan 2018

There has been a lot of dialogue about the council's refusal to accept petitions from Change.Org, the council's announcement of a parking survey & consultation to include Twickenham Embankment (but to take place **after** the planning decision for the riverside development) and new fees for road closures jeopardising the popular Twickenham riverside events, including Dragon Boat Races ...



PARKING ON TWICKENHAM EMBANKMENT

A consultation will be held before the summer reviewing a 20-year-old CPZ in Twickenham, it was announced at a Council meeting last night (23 January 2018). This follows resident feedback regarding parking on the Embankment.

As part of the Council's consultation and engagement on the future of Twickenham Riverside, a large number of residents told the Council that they would like to remove parking from the Embankment.

This part of the Embankment was outside the scope of the proposed development (which is currently going through the Planning process). However, the Council committed to exploring existing parking arrangements in the wider area and has taken the opportunity to review the CPZ (D – Twickenham), which is one of the oldest in the borough.

The review of existing parking arrangements in the zone is looking at how many bays are currently available, this includes resident / business and visitor spaces and considered the scope for creating additional on-street spaces.



The review has identified a number of spaces across the zone that can be added. This means that there is the scope to reduce the impact of vehicles on the Embankment in the future, subject to further work to understand the impact of any changes.

The ambition is to improve access to the riverside whilst respecting the needs of local residents and businesses. This will require careful management and in addition to the creation of any new on-street parking spaces the Council will consider the re-designation of bays in the wider area to improve the flexibility of the CPZ to better meet needs and improved signage.

It is hoped the consultation will be carried out before the summer this year.

Cllr Pamela Fleming, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Business and Community, said:

“Access to the riverside is important. The Embankment forms an important part of the circulatory system in Twickenham and supports the local economy. It is crucial for residents and businesses, and attracts large numbers of visitors, particularly in the summer months.

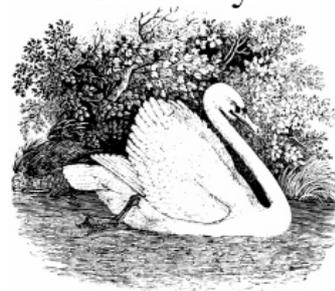
“We have however recognised the desire to remove some parking from the Embankment in order to create more open space towards the River and looked at whether it is possible to create additional parking spaces elsewhere to enable this.

“We believe we can. And, following further work, a consultation on the proposals will be held before the summer.”



Is LBRUT still determined to force through controversial changes to Teddington High Street despite London Cycling Commissioner's apparent concerns over safety?

Teddington
Society



At LBRUT's recent Cycling Liaison Group (CLG) meeting in York House, Cllr Peter Buckwell (Conservative) stated that he was still intent on pushing through controversial changes to Teddington High Street to encourage more cycle usage. This followed a meeting with Will Norman, London's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, where Mr. Norman vetoed the the proposed route because it would not be conducive to designate it as a "Quietway" for cyclists due to concerns over the volume and flow of traffic along the route.

The Teddington Society has long advocated safe cycling in Teddington, and has requested investment in four existing alternative routes for cyclists to different parts of Bushy Park and Teddington as well as wider consultation on the broader

impacts of Cllr Buckwell's scheme on businesses along the High Street. The existing "Family" cycle routes have a long track record of safety. However, the Council has chosen not to invest in appropriate signage to publicise and encourage greater use of these safe and convenient routes.

It is our view that scarce funding would be better invested in providing clear signage for the established safe routes, rather than continuing with the folly of spending public money on a controversial scheme that would pose risks for cyclists and be detrimental to our precious High Street.

Sheena Harold, Chairman
with research by the Teddington
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by Ben Crocker
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until 27th January

Review by Matthew Grierson

The one thing about this *Sleeping Beauty* that isn't charming is the prince – and that's only because he's called Orlando rather than having the more common panto soubriquet. The Edmundian Players' production of the fairy tale, on in Whitton until next weekend, is a sterling, stirring orchestration of cast and crew to warm the heart in these cold days.

From the off, its ambition is apparent. The lively Billy (Ellen Walker), this play's answer to Buttons, leads the palace cleaners in a well-drilled chorus across a bold, impressive and versatile set. He then fills us in on the plot before the mode deftly switches to physical comedy and wordplay for his exchange with King Nobby Norbert (Becky Halden). Next in the overture of characters is our dame, Dave Young as Queen Dorothy, who resembles nothing so much as Steve Pemberton of the *League of Gentlemen* essaying a loose impersonation of our own HM. Queen Dotty then coaxes Kitty on stage – and a big hand, or paw, for Isabel Espi, who is playing the palace pet complete with sling, having sustained a broken elbow. Rounding out the cast of goodies are Beautiful, Thoughtful and Peaceful, the three Fairy Godmothers who arrive in time to bless the infant princess in rhyme ...



But are rudely upstaged by the wicked Carabosse and her talking cat Spindleshanks. As Billy has not invited them to proceedings, the baddies are (super)naturally there to curse Aurora to death-by-spinning-wheel when she reaches maturity. This fabulous pair, played by Amelia Kirk and Clare Blake respectively, offer really good-value villainy. How Kirk manages to keep her elaborate headgear on throughout the play, while still striding commandingly about the place, is a marvel. She and Spindleshanks are also heralded by increasingly arch musical cues, so likewise to be lauded for their work are MD Roger Swift and effects technician Paul Wiz Baker.

Costumes and music sparkle throughout, often literally, in testament to the technical ambition that the play fulfils. Most of the eighteen-strong cast effect several costume changes during the course of the show, and the sets are switched with similar frequency.

It is against the palace garden front-drop that grown-up Aurora and Orlando meet for the first time. Well, I say "grown-up", but Kathryn Bedell and Mary McGrath are taking on big parts for their age, and acquit themselves well, shining especially when it comes to the singing and dancing, with Aurora's dream song solo a singular achievement. The larger musical numbers are equally accomplished, and this is nowhere clearer than at the start of the second act when a cast of somnambulant courtiers and zombies are led through "Thriller" in Carabosse's lair by the bad fairy

Read Matthew Grierson's full review at

www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/01/20/sleeping-beauty

Photo by Edmundo Sostenitore

Architecture Students from Richmond upon Thames College



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On Tuesday 23rd January we took RuTC students to Thames Lido in Reading, where they studied the structure and design of the renovated Victorian lido.

On Friday 26th January the students received archival research training.



RuTC students sketching at Thames Lido



RuTC students receiving archival research training

Twickenham Men in the Battle of the Somme

Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

The Battle of the Somme was possibly the bloodiest conflict in human history; more than one million combatants perished between July and November 1916. It is therefore not surprising to find that many of the more than 200 men commemorated on the War Memorial of the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, on Twickenham Green, were killed during that particular period of the First World War

I will mention here those 19 whose names are inscribed on the Thiepval Memorial: Frederick Ablett (Riverview Gardens), John Arter (Marsh Farm Road), George Biddlecombe (Second Cross Road), William Brown (Holmesdale Road), Daniel Costley (Norcutt Road), Frank Demer (Lion Road), John Diggins (Sion Avenue), James Hewson (Knowle Road), George Hitchings (The Green), Denys Lewis (Popes Grove), William Oliver (Latham Road), brothers Alfred and Harry Ponting (Talbot Road), Frank Preece (Stanley Road), Ernest Scott (Twickenham Sewage Works), Philip Sinclair (Upper Grotto Road), William Spray (Laurel Road), Harold Vulgar (Radnor Gardens) and Frank Wiffen (Hampton Road). Five of these were killed on the first day of the fighting, together with two from the neighbouring parish of St Mary's, Wilfred "Billie" Nevill and Walter Pink.

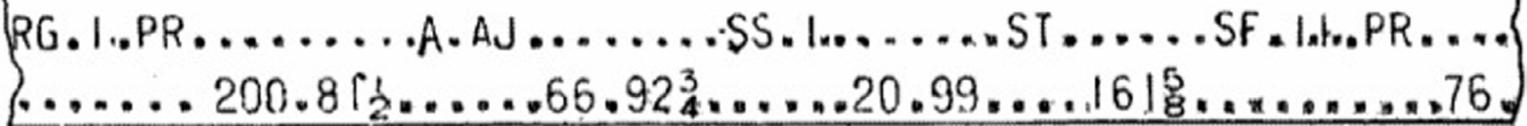


Their names appear on the Memorial alongside more than 72,000 other British and South African troops whose bodies were never found, and so have no known grave. The sheer size of The Thiepval Memorial in Northern France, takes one's breath away at first sight. It was designed by Sir Edward Lutyens, and has been described as "the greatest executed British work of monumental architecture of the 20th Century". The main inscription reads "Here are recorded names of officers and men of the British Armies who fell on the Somme battlefields July 1915 February 1918 but to whom the fortune of war denied the known and honoured burial given to their comrades in death".

Photo by Chris Hartford

On a personal note, the name of a cousin of mine, Lieutenant Henry Miller of The Black Watch, is on this Memorial.

TwickerTape - News in Brief



Richmond Council has welcomed the news that TfL has introduced more environmentally friendly vehicles to a major borough bus route, a move that will go a small way in helping to reduce pollution and improve air quality.

The 267 bus goes from Hammersmith to Fulwell via Twickenham. New hybrid vehicles have been introduced that emit less than half of the carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide emitted by other diesel buses.

It is hoped that later this summer, the 216 bus through Hampton will change to vehicles using new “stop-start” technology. This means that the bus will no longer leave its engine running when stopped at bus stops and traffic lights or near the Hampton level crossing as the engine cuts out when stationary.

Street parties for the Royal Wedding this spring are being encouraged by Richmond Council, which is again covering the costs of all road closures in streets where residents would like to organise celebrations.

The Council met the official costs for street parties during the previous royal wedding and Queen’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Over 100 events were held.

Now, for the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, the Council has agreed to wave the cost of closing roads on the 19th 20th May and the bank holiday weekend of 26th, 27th and 28th May. This includes the cost of the statutory adverts required to make drivers aware. Neighbours and resident groups will only have to find the cost of hiring ‘road closed’ signage. The deadline for applications is the 30th April 2018.

Twickenham Cricket Club’s planned refurbishment of the Pavilion on Twickenham Green has been awarded £20,400 through the first round of the Council’s Village Planning Fund. The Pavilion is used by Twickenham Cricket Club, Thamesians Rugby Club, Friends of Twickenham Green and Together as One, a drop in group for people experiencing social isolation. The funding will go towards refurbishing and redecorating the external parts of the Pavilion and is due start in the spring.

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LBRUT'S STANCE ON CHANGE.ORG PETITIONS

On Tuesday during a meeting at full Council a Change.Org petition was presented by Cllr Sarah Tippett, a Conservative councillor on the Richmond side of the borough. It seems that the Council has already taken action with regard to this petition.

Around a year ago Cllr Pamela Fleming publicly refused to accept a Change.org petition from more than **three thousand** signatories - many with constructive comments - relating to Twickenham Riverside. There is also another Change.org petition concerning Twickenham Riverside but there is also the awareness that the Council refused to accept the first Twickenham Riverside Change.org petition.

It is worrying that the Council has refused the petition containing comments from thousands of residents about Twickenham Riverside but seems to have reacted to the Change.org petition presented by Cllr Tippett, a high profile Conservative councillor, within days of its presentation.

LBRuT needs to be consistent with its acceptance of, and reaction to, Change.org petitions. On-line petitions, especially Change.org are also used by members of the government and some MPs.

Change.org petitions are a way residents can communicate with councils quickly and independently, without any coercion or biased interpretation, and if thousands of people wish to make their views known to Councils in this way the independent comments should be accepted.

Any council administration which refuses to take its head out of the sand and keep up with digital communication will answer to the electorate at local elections where councils cannot put their spin on results.

The Conservatives in LBRuT should heed the voice of around 7,000 residents on the Twickenham side of the river about Twickenham Riverside - recorded on Change.org petitions.

It seems that there will be the usual [Twickenham Riverside] political swing in the election results on 3 May but will it be too late for Twickenham Riverside? If the Conservatives tie up the Twickenham Riverside with contracts before the election their proposed riverside housing estate will be a monument to Conservative folly and possibly send them into a political wilderness for years to come.

[See Letters page](#)

Heathrow Expansion Means Housing Price Horror

If you bought your house more than 2 years ago in the Richmond/Twickenham/Kingston area and felt happy about the continuous rise in value, then brace yourself – or better still, make your voice heard and oppose expansion. While Brexit might have resulted in a slight downward adjustment to housing prices, future expansion at Heathrow is predicted to result in massive devaluing of houses under the flight paths that will be required to accommodate **270,000 more planes per year!**



Estate agents eMoov predict the decision could lead to a 20 per cent drop in house prices in the Heathrow area due to the noise and air pollution and potential buyers will be carefully scrutinising flight paths as part of their evaluation of the house's value. The word blight comes to mind.

And just because you currently aren't disturbed by night flights and/or are able to enjoy a conversation in your garden without shouting or can watch TV with windows open for warm summer air without maximising the volume control, don't feel smug that you won't be affected. Flight paths will change to accommodate the increased number of planes and Performance Based Navigation (PBN) will consolidate the time/space between planes. Delete the word "respite" from your vocabulary.

Heathrow is already highly disruptive with its flight paths over the most densely populated residential region in the UK. Of all people adversely impacted by aviation noise in the entire EU, a staggering 29% live under Heathrow's flight paths. A 3rd runway will mean a 54% increase in flights, and periods of "respite" for residents (when areas are not overflown) will be halved.

Because the previous consultation wasn't run properly, Heathrow airport has been forced to run another 10 week consultation (starting 17 January) on the third runway and rerouting the M25. With Greater London already breaching legal pollution limits, a related issue is how an expanded airport unable to meet current air quality guidelines will be able to reduce the pollution generated by vehicles transporting people and cargo to/from the airport.

Each person **CAN** make a difference. The recent win for residents under Gatwick's route 4 is an example of people power forcing the CAA to reverse its "unlawful" decision to change the flight path without proper consultation. Voice your concerns regarding Heathrow. Consultation is 17 January – 28 March 2018.

For the list of consultation sites and dates: www.heathrowconsultation.com/

For more information about expansion at Heathrow and insight regarding, don't hesitate to check out: www.teddingtonactiongroup.com

River Crane Sanctuary



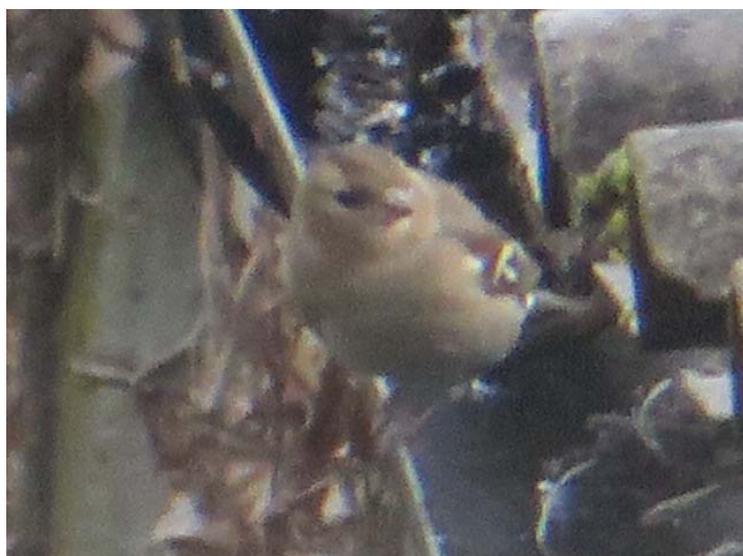
This Week's Photos from the River Crane Sanctuary

<http://view.email.rspb.org.uk>

Photos below show examples of some of the birds RSPB want us to observe and which are a bit more difficult to identify if you are not an expert. We all know our robins and blackbirds but some birds are so quick or rare that we need help from people like Keith Martin at FORCE in case we get it wrong! With the decline in some birds now acknowledged as severe we have to keep the remaining established habitats safe from unnecessary development and encroachment into wild spaces. Please visit River Crane Sanctuary website for more photos and videos of our wonderful wildlife. Enjoy!

Photos:

1. Goldfinches feeding on the ground where it is sometimes better to put seed or leave with natural food sources (especially water for bathing and drinking) as feeders get squirrels, parakeets and larger birds getting most of the feed.
- 2, Dunnock - Like a robin but no red breast.
3. Tree Sparrows - males have chestnut crown whilst male house sparrows have a grey crown.
- 4 and 5 Female and Male Chaffinch - Rare to find the female.



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

Will the Conservative Party listen to the evidence?

Twickenham MP Vince Cable, has challenged the Government to 'listen to the evidence' on Heathrow Airport expansion.

Yesterday, in a special House of Commons debate secured by Vince Cable he highlighted:

- * the damage to air quality from expanding Heathrow as a matter of "human health and mortality"
- * that the Government's commitment to "no more cars on the road" would require a 70-75% shift of those presently driving to the airport on to public transport, and the expansion of public transport necessary would cost £18bn, which neither the Government nor Heathrow has committed to pay.
- * the 90,000 additional people who would be affected by aircraft noise if Heathrow is expanded
- * that Heathrow's proposal to shorten the North West runway rather than moving the M25 would expose a further 20,000 people to aircraft noise
- * the absence of information about proposed flight paths makes it impossible for sensible informed decisions to be made in the light of who will be affected, and where
- * as capacity at even an expanded Heathrow fills up, domestic flights from the airport would reduce in favour of more profitable international flights, reducing connectivity from Heathrow to other British cities from eight at present, to only five.
- * the Government's own figures now show that expansion at Gatwick would now be of significantly greater benefit than at Heathrow

Speaking in the Commons, Vince said: "Emissions are already at levels way beyond recognised standards, regarded as dangerous, risky and illegal. And we are in a context where emissions are rising not falling...[Meanwhile,], the government's own numbers, the revised figures, now suggest that the national economic benefit of airport expansion would be significantly greater at Gatwick than at Heathrow. Does the government accept that conclusion? If so, how is it going to respond? It could be that the government will say "well we don't care, we want a hub airport" but why would they want a hub airport if economic benefits are lower?"

The SNP and Labour Party opposition spokespeople confirmed their continued support for expansion at Heathrow, and the Conservative Minister responding, Jesse Norman, told MPs, "The Government's preference is a new North West runway at Heathrow...this is not a purely economic decision. [However,] I want to emphasise that no final decision – indeed no decision of any kind – has been taken. We are open to contrary arguments and contrary considerations."

Commenting after the debate Vince Cable said:

"The Conservative Party is burying its head in the sand. In the face of all the data showing expansion at Heathrow is unjustified and damaging, the Government ploughs on regardless.

"If its mind is open as the Minister suggests then they must now abandon this folly and listen to the evidence. Heathrow is a far more damaging option than the alternatives: it is more polluting, it is noisier and it is the most expensive."

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Vince Cable MP signs Holocaust Educational Trust Book of Commitment



This week Vince Cable signed the Holocaust Educational Trust's Book of Commitment, in doing so pledging his commitment to Holocaust Memorial Day and honouring those who were murdered during the Holocaust as well as paying tribute to the extraordinary Holocaust survivors who work tirelessly to educate young people today.

Saturday 27th January will mark the anniversary of the liberation of the Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau, the site of the largest mass murder in history.

In the lead up to and on Holocaust Memorial Day, thousands of commemorative events will be arranged by schools, faith groups and community organisations across the country, remembering all the victims of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides. The theme for this year's commemorations is 'The power of words'.

After signing the Book of Commitment, Vince Cable MP commented:

"Holocaust Memorial Day is an important opportunity for people from Twickenham and across the country to reflect on the tragic events of the Holocaust. As the Holocaust moves from living history, to just history, it becomes ever more important that we take the time to remember the victims and also pay tribute to the survivors.

Karen Pollock MBE, Chief Executive of the Holocaust Educational Trust, said:

"The Holocaust did not start in the gas chambers but with hate filled words. Our mission is to educate young people from every background about the Holocaust and its contemporary relevance. We are very grateful to Vince Cable for signing the Book of Commitment, signalling a continued commitment to remembering the victims of the Holocaust as well as challenging antisemitism, prejudice and bigotry in all its forms."

Coming to a street near you – the Community Pavement Fund is back!

Does your road have a pavement in need of minor repairs? Well, now's the time to do something about it with nominations for the Community Pavements Repair Fund now open.

The Council has set aside £500,000 in 2017/18 to fund community nominated improvements after residents told us, through the Annual Residents Survey, that the condition of pavements was one of their top priorities. You can get involved now by nominating a pavement you feel is in need of extra work, nominations will stay open until 31 March 2018.

Each of the fourteen villages across the borough will receive £35,000. Funding is provided on top of £500,000 directed towards highway improvements each year. The scheme looks at 'small fix' repairs which are normally minor improvements. Work may include replacing damaged paving slabs, blacktop infills or eliminating standing water.

Universal Credit

The rollout of Universal Credit is currently affecting the claimant count.

Changes in claimant numbers or constituency rankings **may be a result of the rollout** rather than changes in economic conditions. To understand how Universal Credit is progressing in your constituency, see our analysis [Universal Credit: how is my constituency affected?](#)

Key facts

- The total number of unemployed claimants in Twickenham constituency in December 2017 was 930.
- This represents a rate of 1.5% of the economically active population aged 16-64, the 475th highest of the 650 UK constituencies. (1st = highest claimant rate, 650th = lowest claimant rate.)
- The equivalent UK claimant rate was 2.5%. The UK unemployment rate, which includes people not claiming benefits and is estimated from survey data, was 4.3% between September and November 2017.
- The number of claimants in Twickenham constituency is 80 higher than December 2016 and 10 lower than November 2017.
- There were 115 claimants aged 18-24 in December 2017, 10 lower than December 2016.

Figures are not seasonally adjusted and are rounded to the nearest five.

‘Unemployed claimants’ include people claiming Jobseeker’s Allowance or who are claiming Universal Credit and are required to seek work.

Impact of Universal Credit

Under Universal Credit, a broader span of claimants are required to look for work than under Jobseeker’s Allowance. This has the effect of increasing the number of unemployed claimants. The effect is most visible in areas operating Universal Credit “Full Service” (where rollout of Universal Credit is more advanced). Most jobcentre areas have not yet moved to Full Service but will do so over the next year.

The House of Commons Library will shortly publish a monthly briefing paper [People claiming unemployment benefits by constituency](#), which includes analysis of employment and unemployment nationally.

Vince Cable urges Borough Commander to tackle crimes involving motorbikes in Richmond

Twickenham MP Vince Cable has this week written to Richmond's police Borough Commander (Chief Superintendent Parm Sandhu) urging stronger action against the problem of motorbike thefts and criminal offences involving stolen moped and motorbikes.

Figures revealed by the Mayor of London show that in the first nine months of 2017 Richmond borough was the 10th highest borough in London to be affected by 'moped enabled crime' – crimes involving people using mopeds and motorbikes, such as stealing of handbags from pedestrians, or thefts from street cafes.

The figures and further information on the severity of the problem were highlighted to Vince Cable by a Twickenham constituent who recently visited one of the MP's regular constituency surgeries.

Commenting on the figures Vince Cable said:

"I appreciate that in London the problem of mobile gangs using motorbikes and mopeds is most severe in places such as Camden, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Westminster, but it is disturbing that the figures are still so high in Richmond.

"Richmond generally prides itself on being the safest borough in London, yet when it comes to this specific crime the figures show that Richmond is sadly in 10th place, out of 32 London Boroughs.

"It is incredible that Richmond has higher figures than boroughs such as Hammersmith and Fulham, Lambeth, Lewisham or Newham and far worse figures than outer London Boroughs such as Bromley, Enfield, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Kingston and Sutton,

"For any moped or motorbike rider having your vehicles stolen is a devastating crime. It is even more galling for victims of these thefts to know that criminal gangs have then used their bikes for further thefts and even violent raids.

"It is vital that our local police prioritise tackling this crime and ensure these figures are quickly turned around."

Vince Cable is also hoping to raise the matter in Parliament at the earliest opportunity at Home Office questions.

Twickenham Studios Oscar Nomination

Tim Cavagin, of Twickenham Studios, is a Sound Mixing Oscar nominee for the film *Baby Driver*.

<http://oscar.go.com/nominees/sound-mixing/baby-driver-2>



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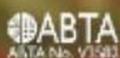
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Plastic Bottles

A cross-party motion at last night's Council Meeting condemned the devastating effects of plastic pollution and outlined the Council's commitment to becoming a leader in reducing the use of plastics.

To combat the problem, Richmond Council will work with residents, businesses, partners, schools, local groups and associations across the borough to cut back on the use of plastic, increase the re-use of plastics and improve arrangements for the disposal and recycling of plastic.

In leading by the example, the Council will be looking at initiatives which will encourage and allow staff to become more responsible in their use of plastics. Some of these initiatives will include switching from disposable plastic bottles to reusable bottles and cups, and we are asking businesses in the borough to do the same.

Finally the Council will be looking at initiatives which will be supporting Government and industry initiatives to reduce plastic waste including support for a bottle deposit scheme.

Richmond Council must do more to tackle long empty properties



New figures have revealed that the London Borough of Richmond has 444 private properties which are officially classified as being empty on a long term basis (empty for more than six months). Incredibly 34 of the properties have been empty for over 5 years and 15 for 10 years or more.

Richmond Council's figures for empty homes are currently worse than neighbouring Wandsworth Council which Richmond Council formally shares many of its services with.

Commenting on the figures for Richmond Council Vince Cable said:

"There are often some good reasons why a private house remains empty for a period of time, certainly weeks and even months in some cases. A widow or widower dying without children, or a person dying with no relatives in this country can create some practical problems for a property being sold on and put to good use.

"However it is hard to find good grounds for houses remaining empty for literally year after year.

"Long term empty properties are not just an insult to people struggling to find a home but they can often become a magnet for anti social behavior. It is in everyone's interests to reduce the number of empty properties that exist.

"Richmond Council, just like other councils, has legal powers to help bring long term empty properties back into use. It is time they started to properly use them."

St Mary's University Update

St Mary's Study Shows Basic Strength Training Can Help Prevent Knee Injuries

A new study from St Mary's University, Twickenham has shown how basic strength training can change the loading of the knee in a way that could prevent injuries such as anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) ruptures.

The research ([Czasche, Cleather, Goodwin and Bull, 2018](#)), published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine, saw 16 untrained women between 18 and 28 years old split equally between intervention and control groups.

Before the test the performance of the participants in a landing task was assessed alongside a measure of their leg strength.

The intervention group trained for eight weeks targeting improvements in leg strength by doing basic strength exercises such as squats, hip thrusts and deadlifts while the control group continued with their usual recreational activities.

All participants were then retested using the same protocol as in the pre-test to see what impact the training had on those in the intervention group and how this compared to the control group.

The tests showed that the strength of the intervention group increased by an average of 35% whereas the control group showed no discernible difference.

The results showed that both groups had a post-test increase in gluteal muscle force during landing and a lateral to medial shift of the tibiofemoral force in both landings, however the magnitude of the increase in both of these were significantly greater in the

intervention group.

Programme Director for Strength and Conditioning at St Mary's Dr Dan Cleather said, "This study provides support for the contention that basic strength training of the posterior lower leg could be important in helping prevent knee injuries."



"This study, undertaken as Maike Czasche's MSc dissertation project, is an exceptional example of the practically relevant work that our students produce each year that can be used immediately by coaches and trainers to inform their practice. Whenever an MSc student is able to publish their work in a peer reviewed scientific journal it is an immense achievement, and I am pleased and proud that Maike has been able to contribute to the field in this way."



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It's much better than chocolate,

By Shona Lyons

Ernest Hemingway once said “Never go on trips with anyone you do not love.” I really like that quote and I hate to say it but I am a firm believer in his mantra. It is always a great experience to travel with people you love. Love brings something really magical to every destination. It colours everything with the warmth & excitement of shared experiences. As Charles Shutz said “In Life, it's Not Where You Go, It's Who You Travel With” so really, with this in mind, the world really is your oyster when it comes to picking a romantic destination.



Prague perhaps with its heady Bohemian and Gothic architecture might be the great back drop to your romance! The capital of the Czech Republic is one of the most visited destinations in the whole of Europe and you will not be disappointed by your choice. Right at the top of the hill in Prague sits the grand old castle, waiting for you to explore it in all its depth. It is the largest castle complex

in the world, featuring a wide range of palaces and church buildings. Not to be missed and offers stunning views over the city. Take a trip along the Vltava. This famous river is bridged by the wonderful Charles Bridge and there is no better place to see the city than on the water itself. Try the local tippie at U Fleku. This old beer hall has been brewing the stuff for more than 500 years so find a seat and knock back a couple of Flekovskys, the dark lager brewed onsite. The brewery tour offers you even more secrets about the ancient ale. Try to decipher the clock, Old Prague Square. Ticking away since 1490, the Astronomical Clock of Prague is bewildering and enchanting in equal measure. There is no better place to grab a cold drink and study the clock's face with its complicated zodiac figures and the mysteries they hold.

13 February 2 nights at the 4* Archibald at the Charles' Bridge with flights from Gatwick and private return transfers from just £291 per person. This 4* hotel is close to Charles Bridge and Old Town Square.

Medieval Bruges, arguably one of the most romantic and beautiful cities in Europe, perfect for slow strolls along cobbled streets and meandering canals. If you think Bruges is romantic by day, wait until the sun starts to set and take a saunter along



the Gouden-Handrei, the Sint-Annarei and the Groenerei. Free of tourist masses but equally picturesque, these cobbled streets along the canals have a knack for making you feel like you're the only two people in this magnificent medieval world. Another of the most picturesque spots in a town is the Bonifacius Bridge. Nestled in between two other charming Bruges highlights – the regal Gruuthuse palace with its

stunning courtyard and the quaint, noble Arentshof – it has even surpassed the Minnewater Bridge to earn its nickname 'the Bridge of Love'. A built-in bench on the inside makes for the perfect seat to watch the boats and swans float by. When planning a romantic night on the town in Bruges you'll want to check if there's anything playing at 't Zwart Huis. There's nothing like a little blues to tug at the heartstrings, and a live gig at this atmospheric jazz den should melt even the most sceptic of souls. Another great option for smooth concerts is cellar bar Comptoir des Arts.

13 February 2 nights at the 4* Academie Hotel in the city centre is close to the Lake of Love and the nearest station is Station Brugge. With flights from Heathrow this is from £279 per person.



For couples seeking a romantic getaway that's different from the usual trip to Hawaii or the Caribbean, Marrakech offers a hypnotic and magical atmosphere straight out of the Arabian Nights. Its fabulous palaces, lush palm groves, wonderful restaurants, stunning gardens, ancient city walls. You can get lost for hours in the ancient and colourful medina looking at ateliers of carpet,, tile,

lamp makers and end the day at the central square Jemaa el Fna & the whole carnival of storytellers, acrobats, musicians and entertainers who combine to weave a magical spell that charms and seduces visitors.

13 February 2 nights at the 5* Les Jardins de la Koutoubia in a patio pool view room bed and breakfast, including flights from Gatwick and return private transfers, from just £530 per person.

THE ETERNITY OF TRUE BEAUTY - THE SONG OF THE EARTH

by Kenneth MacMillan, music by Gustav Mahler
English National Ballet, The London Coliseum,
in double bill with *La Sylphide* until 20th January

Review by Mark Aspen

As the double bill prelude to the shortcake-tin classical *La Sylphide*, the dynamically angular contemporary ballet, *The Song of the Earth* is not an obvious choice.

Kenneth MacMillan claimed that the ballet that he would most like to be remembered for creating was *The Song of the Earth*. It is therefore a fitting choice for the English National Ballet to revive in tribute to MacMillan on the 25th anniversary of his death in October 1992. It faithfully follows both the score and the sentiment of Gustav Mahler's *Das Lied von der Erde*, which in itself was inspired by poems written by Chinese Tang dynasty poets.

So how are the two ballets mutually relevant? Both involve rivalry, both involve inevitability of emotions, both involve loss of that is impossible to keep. But the main themes revolve around the contrasts between fragility of love, the transience of earthly things and the eternity of true beauty.

Mahler's song symphony (he was wary of numbering the symphony to avoid the curse of the Ninth) is a suite of six songs, each ethereally haunting in style, for alternating voices.



The three central characters are The Man, The Woman and The Messenger of Death. The Man is described by the faux-Asian pentatonic *Von der Jugend* (On Youth), and The Woman in the gentle legato *Von der Schönheit* (On Beauty), amongst the young girls plucking lotus flowers by the riverbank. Then the tragedy of The Man's passing, as he is taken by Der Ewige (the eternal one), The Messenger of Death ... but they return for her, bringing the promise of renewal.

Isaac Hernández danced the The Man with a strength and assurance, portraying one who remains unaware of his own mortality, and which makes his loss so poignant. Erina Takahashi brings a delicate lightness to the role of The Woman, touching in her loneliness at his loss. The masked figure of The Messenger of Death is given a demanding choreography, which was impressively delivered in this performance by Soloist, Ken Sarahashi.

MacMillan's blend of classical ballet and contemporary dance gives *The Song of the Earth* its expressive style. Many of the postures are inimical to classical ballet (eg leading heels) and some give a nod towards yoga, reflecting the oriental leaning of Mahler's sources

Read Mark Aspen's full review at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/01/21

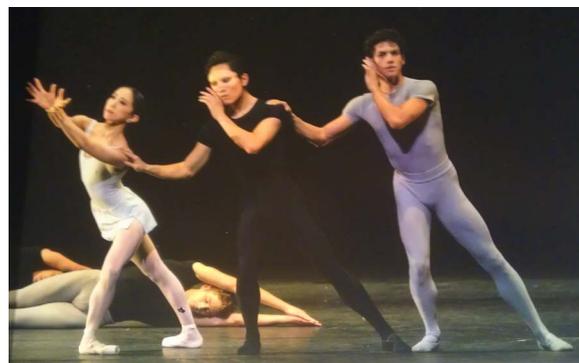
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THE FRAGILITY OF LOVE - LA SYLPHIDE



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by August Bournonville, music by Severin Løvenskiold

English National Ballet, The London Coliseum,

in double bill with Song of the Earth or Le Jeune Homme et la Mort until 20th January

Review by Suzanne Frost

La Sylphide will always have special place in my heart. It is undoubtedly one of the prettiest ballets I ever had the chance to perform in. As there are only six children needed for this show, we were allowed to be backstage already at half hour call. Our ballet mistress played Madge the witch and she would appear in the dark wings in full make up to wish us good luck while magical fairies were warming up on stage. I believe I can pinpoint this as the exact moment I caught the theatre bug. La Sylphide is somewhat singular in the romantic ballet canon as a supernatural gothic fairy tale with an unhappy ending, giving a poignant melancholic element to an otherwise hugely joyful show.



Set in Scotland, the handsome Highlander James is about to marry the wholesome Effie, when a Sylph, a wood fairy, takes a fancy to him, haunts his dreams and lures him to follow her into the forest literally seconds before his wedding. My first thought at curtains up was that way more ballets should play in Scotland! The swinging kilts bring so much colour, movement and atmosphere to the stage. And the Bournonville style fits so well with traditional Scottish dance. Actually it's the Danish school of ballet and though ancient, it has aged wonderfully. The Bournonville style suits small dancers with fast muscle reflexes and usually ballet companies have many members that fit the type. There is a graceful humility about Bournonville, completely contrary to grand Russian ballet gestures.



La Sylphide was famously the first ballet ever to be performed in point shoes by Marie Taglioni in 1832. Just imagine how surreal and otherworldly the effect must have been to that first audience.

Casting the Sylph is notoriously difficult. It takes such a special kind of dancer: she should be small and cute, overwhelmingly charming but childishly mischievous and most of all, the right ballerina will give the impression to be almost constantly airborne. Jurgita Dronina is a perfect Sylph. Not a sound from her point shoes. Light footed and happy, she has the fluffiest softest jumps whenever she is not suspended in endless balances as if time stood still

Read Suzanne Frost's detailed review at

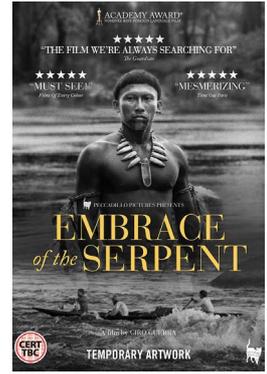
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The second half of Richmond Film Society's Season comprises the following eight films at The Exchange:

30th January - *Embrace of the Serpent* (Colombia) - Directed by *Ciro Guerra*

The story of the relationship between Karamakate, an Amazonian shaman and last survivor of his people, and two scientists who work together over the course of 40 years to search the Amazon for a sacred healing plant. Short-listed for the Foreign Language Oscar.



13th February – *Graduation* (Romania) - Directed by *Cristian Mungiu*

Cristian Mungiu examines the corrupt underbelly of Romanian society through the travails and moral conflicts facing a respected doctor. When his daughter suffers a debilitating assault the day before her critical final examinations, his moral world view is put to the test: just how many strings is he prepared to pull to ensure that she makes the grade ?

27th February – *Men and Chicken* (Denmark) - Directed by *Anders Thomas Jensen*

A Danish comedy of an unusual and dysfunctional family reunion and the revelation of more than just one skeleton in the closet. When two brothers return to their family home after their father's death they meet their estranged siblings, with funny and bizarre consequences.

13th March – *Outside the Law* (France) - Directed by *Rachid Bouchareb*

An Algerian family are scattered across the globe. Messaoud joins the French army; Abdelkader becomes a leader of the Algerian independence movement; Saïd moves to Paris to make his fortune in the shady clubs and boxing halls. Their interconnecting destinies reunite them in Paris.... Award winning Gangster-Drama movie.

27th March – *Marshland* (Spain) - Directed by *Alberto Rodríguez*

Set in the early years of a post-Franco Spain, two detectives with things to hide are assigned to a remote part of Andalusia to investigate the murder of two sisters. Clues are scarce, the locals are unwelcoming and the ghosts of the past are everywhere.

10th April – *Toni Erdmann* (Germany) - Directed by *Maren Ade*

A father, concerned about his career-obsessed and apparently joyless daughter, deploys his dishevelled prankster alter ego, Toni Erdmann, to make mischief, travelling to her workplace and posing as an executive 'life coach'. A startlingly original and uproarious comedy, suffused with pathos and tenderness. Oscar-shortlisted and winner of 73 awards worldwide.

24th April – *A Man Called Ove* (Sweden) - Directed by *Hannes Holm*

Short-listed for the 2017 Foreign Language Oscar, Ove is the archetypal angry old man who spends his days enforcing block association rules and visiting his wife's grave. After reaching a life changing decision, an unlikely friendship develops and life takes a new path. A funny, tragic and heart-warming transformation of an angry, solitary and regimented old man.

<https://www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk/>



A TOWN SQUARE AND RIVERSIDE PARK FOR TWICKENHAM

We OBJECT to the Council's Twickenham Riverside planning application, on behalf of more than 2,400 of our supporters, who signed our petition saying 'We'd like the Council to reconsider its approach to the Riverside site and to reintroduce what the Council promised us nearly two years ago, namely a Town Square and a pedestrianised Riverside Park'.

It also fails to deliver on many the key objectives of the TAAP.

Yesterday we submitted petition details to support our objection of POOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT and FAILURE TO LISTEN TO RESIDENTS MAIN CONCERNS by email of:

*** 1. Our 2,400 petition supporters, and

*** 2. Comments from more than 300 of our supporters.

*** We hope these details will be loaded to the online Objections asap.

We believe the planning application should be REFUSED on the above grounds alone.

Below is our PETITION SUMMARY:

** We'd like cars to be removed from Twickenham Riverside in order to create a beautiful Riverside Park and Town Square (with underground parking).

** Below is a concept design of what can be achieved on Twickenham Riverside. Its main features are an integrated Town Square and Riverside Park with great pedestrian links to King Street, Water Lane and Wharf Lane.

** The car park will be under the town square and will take ALL the cars away from the riverside, as well as providing spaces for the new development. Car entry will be via Water Lane and exit via Wharf Lane (under the buildings), with pedestrian access from the riverside and town square.

** The buildings are indicative of what is possible. We'd like to see a landmark building on the corner of King Street to draw people's attention to the riverside. The other buildings could include a boutique hotel, boathouses, and/or a Lido with a cafe and restaurant. We'd also like to increase the size of the playground.

** It will be an amazing attraction, one that Twickenham desperately needs to complement the unique Arcadian riverside location and views.

** WE'D LIKE THE COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER ITS APPROACH TO THE RIVERSIDE SITE and to reintroduce what it promised us nearly two years ago, namely a Town Square and a pedestrianised Riverside Park.

** Please sign our petition if this is what you'd like to see.





Dear Sirs

Professional Dog Walking

The Professional Dog Walkers of LBRUT were advised in March 2017 that the Council coveted to reduce the number of dogs a Professional could walk from six down to four so without further ado we prepared a Change.org petition which had so many signatures in a short space of time that the Evening Standard contacted one of our team and did a wonderful story in support however we got 1,880 names and it was rejected at the Regulatory Meeting as they said that some of the names were not in this country and ridiculed it, I can assure you only a small minority were out of this country and one of our names lives in Spain but has 3 homes in this very Borough. They treated us like second class citizens Tony Arbour was asleep, (we have photo's), mobiles going off, talking to each other, whilst our supporters were speaking. To this end one of the Speakers then instigated another Petition ensuring that this was done within the guidelines of the Council. We needed 1,000 names in order to have a discussion and ask questions at the Full Council meeting, we managed to get 2,000 names all Residents of LBRUT with their post code and signature which was a total waste of time as they filibustered us (Councillors Fleming, Tippet and Frost) there was no debate and the questions we submitted in time were never answered our secondary questions which you are also allowed to ask were also left unanswered. Jenny Churchill was given one minute to partake in the debate!!

I have been to see Vince Cable he was aware of our Change Petition we also had letters, emails etc but the Council worker just complained about the volume and work load Councillor Fleming took no notice at all.

To say that LBRUT are prejudiced is an understatement. I have voted Tory all my life however having been involved over the last 12 months with LBRUT Councillors I made a tough decision and joined the Liberal Democrats as I have never felt so let down and disrespected by the people whom I actually put in that position, they take absolutely no notice of their residents. All I wanted was open-minded truthful and sincere debate and not something that represented the Mad Hatters Tea Party!!

Yours faithfully
Amanda Scott-Johnson

Twickenham Riverside Park Petition On Change.Org

Below are some comments from the TRP petition. See all comments [HERE](#)

View the petition [HERE](#)

Name	City	Comment
Twick Riverside Park Trust	Twickenham	This is what residents have been asking for for many years.
Richard Brown	Twickenham	The riverside should be for enjoying, not for parking.
Shirley Freeth	Newhaven	This would enable more people to enjoy this beautiful area.
Daniel Emmanuel	Doncaster	We residents must support, 3
emily saunders	Twickenham	Agreed - no carpark on our riverside. Within the entire riverside development there is no reason where the cars cannot
Linda Kerr	Chilton	We need to keep the riverside beautiful. A carpark is an eyesore. (People could cycle instead!)
Katherine Conlon	Teddington	I'm signing because this is so much better than the Council plan.
Brigitte Pickersgill	Twickenham	Twickenham deserves it and a lido would also attract families to this beautiful riverfront. NO SURFACE CARPARK
Paul Kershaw	Twickenham	Your plans are an opportunity wasted. So much more can be done and this is just one example
Brian Spencer	Twickenham	This is a far more pleasant and attractive development than all other proposals. It will add great value to Twickenham.
Alexandra Fulcher	Isleworth	I've grown up in Twickenham and there needs to be more green spaces.
Peter clarke	Twickenham	I feel it is important to preserve the beauty around our historical river
Gary Robinson@me.co	Twickenham	This is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Remove all car parking from the riverside to make it a genuine destination.
Sarah mackenzie	Twickenham	This is a once only opportunity to realise Twickenhams amazing potential, and leaving a car park on the most beautiful stretch of riverside is frankly crazy
JUstine elliot	Twickenham	Park not carl park
June Eyles	Potters Bar	I spend a lot of time in Twickenham as my family live there. The proposed plan would be a welcome addition. Removing the cars would not only enhance the ambience of the area but would also help to protect vehicles during high tide when I've noticed they become partially submerged !!
Denise Metliss	Weybridge	I totally agree
francoise bencke	Twickenham	It would make our town more attractive and keep the feel of Twickenham instead of an enormous building which is not in keep with its surroundings.
Molly Waiting	Fulham	Twickenham residents deserve a riverfront that reflects our use!
Alison McCormick	Twickenham	This is the right thing to do to improve Twickenham.
Steve O'Pray	Twickenham	It would be a missed opportunity. Twickenham needs a proper town centre riverfront.
phil langton	Twickenham	I feel very strongly that we need to preserve the beautiful areas along our precious riverside.
Vincent Boembatz	Teddington	We don't need more ugly parking lots. We need more places for people to walk, cycle and relax and move away from using cars.
William Henry	Hampton	This has been overdue for decades. It's time to develop this are for the benefit of residents.
Kevin Francis	Twickenham	A viable solution for this area is needed that would give good access to the river from the high street.
Jeni Evans	Twickenham	This beautifulri reside location should be used creatively, for all to enjoy!
Don Rowlands	Twickenham	Twickenham needs a new social hub, and this is it.
Cameron Kelly	Twickenham	This gives the people a beating heart of Twickenham to be proud of. Let's make the most of our biggest asset the Waterfront and keep it free, open and safe.
katharine Hewitt	Halberton	We would like the Council to reconsider its approach to the Riverside site and to reintroduce what it promised us nearly two years ago, namely a Town Square and a pedestrianised Riverside Park.
Billy Mayfair	Twickenham	They worked in ancient Greece with the Agora, Rome with the Forum. Time for Twickenham to have a Town Square, with underground carpark for a vehicle free view!
John Milner	Twickenham	Fantastic.This does exactly what it says on the tin.A joined up town square and riverside park, with cars hidden from view.With a feature building and cafés/restaurants this will be a massive attraction for Twickenham town (watch out Richmond!).
Twick Riverside Park Trust	Twickenham	We assume you're referring to the council's 'opportunity wasted' plans, not ours.
Emma Hogan	Twickenham	Brilliant!
Helen delanghe	Twickenham	It's a good plan.
David Prentice	TWICKENHAM	A far better plan and finally an approach that makes the river front accessible and an attractive feature of Twickenham to be used and enjoyed rather than have it masked by a carpark!!!! No stretch of the river from Weybridge to Westminster makes such poor use of their river frontage as we do currently.
Georgina Windsor	Twickenham	I think this is such a wasted chance to create something really special for generations to come. Why would want to spend time next to a car park full of NOX and PM10?
Emma Randle-Caprez	Twickenham	We need a scenic riverside and something to enhance the vitality of the area - no cars!
Susan Palmer	Twickenham	Look at how fabulous the river frontage is in Richmond. Let's not waste this opportunity to have a fabulous riverside in Twickenham.
Jess Makins	Bristol	The riverside should become an open, inclusive space that makes the most of the natural beautiful position it has.
Niall Boyle	Hampton	Sounds logical to hide the cars. I'm all for a Lido, as big a one as possible. Could be a focal point for music events, similar to Hampton Open air pool.
Hope Caton	Teddington	It's a good plan
allan storer	Twickenham	I agree we desperately need space here in Twickenham. Let's not lose this opportunity to keep the riverside for the community. Space to breath and think is invaluable. Once lost never to be retrieved. The riverside belongs to the community not a precious few. It is criminal to deprive/rob this facility from the said community.
Karen Glen	Preston	It is such a stunning part of the river. So far it's potential public benefits have not been maximised, it's just been argued over.
Fiona Sutherland	Twickenham	Our river is beautiful and twickenham deserves good public spaces
Helen Major	Twickenham	I'm signing because this design is the right way to go, and it's important the council, who represent the residents, make reasonable and informed choices that reflect the resident's requirements. Do what's right.

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Name	Location	Date	Comment
Karen Murrell	Twickenham, UK	2017-09-19	Our beautiful riverside deserves to be enjoyed by people not by cars
Jane Mills	Twickenham, UK	2017-09-22	This looks fantastic. Hey, why don't you team up with the Twickenham Riverside Park people? Then we could have a Lido, a Riverside Park and a Town Square. Now that would really transform Twickenham Riverside.
Rugga Bugga	Twickenham, England, UK	2017-09-27	This would be fantastic for Twickenham
John Mannion	Kingston upon Thames, England, UK	2017-10-14	I would use it regularly I love swimming and the outdoors
Margaret McGowan	Richmond, England, UK	2017-10-15	Twickenham needs more leisure facilities and an outdoor pool would be top of my list.
Cheryl Macleod	Isleworth, UK	2017-10-15	Lido - wonderful idea we can all use
Janice Brown	Twickenham, England, UK	2017-10-16	The lido in Twickenham was a wonderful place, and I know that any local residents that remember it will agree with me. It was the social centre of Twickenham. You met friends, took the kids and relaxed. Closing the pool took the heart out of Twickenham. Our skating rink was taken away against our wishes, with a promise to replace it. The pool was closed with a promise to renovate it. Time for the council to put these wrongs right. Give us our pool back.
Karen Hall	Bexleyheath, England, UK	2017-10-16	Local communities need local amenities xx
Chris Sturgess	London, England, UK	2017-10-23	I think this would be a very positive step for Twickenham's riverside
Julie Brassett	Hampton Hill, England, UK	2017-10-24	I think Twickenham needs something for the kids, it's gone down hill so much recently with good shops going it's basically coffee shops and charity shops, also the drunks that hang outside Superdrug or down by the river, Twickenham needs something for the community and I think the lido would be perfect
Sophie Larcombe	Twickenham, England, UK	2017-10-24	Because the one in Bristol is great and would be an enormous benefit to the Twickenham area.
nicola spencer	Teddington, England, UK	2017-10-24	It's a great idea and will help local businesses and get people fit.
Terry Buckle	Kingston upon Thames, England, UK	2017-10-24	It would be wonderful to reinstate Twickenham lido. A great part of the riverside which is under used.
Adam Richardson	UK	2017-10-24	It's a wasted area which can be used wisely to provide facilities for everyone

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