

The Twickenham Tribune



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Windsor Suspension Bridge, Gibraltar
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Preparing for a No-deal Brexit

Last week the Tribune interviewed Dr Garcia, the Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar; Dr Garcia said that no one wanted Gibraltar to be a victim of Brexit. However, there are increasing concerns about the UK's negotiations with the EU.

Sir Vincent Cable, Twickenham's MP and national leader of the Liberal Democrats, gave this comment "If the dreaded 'no deal' scenario happens I imagine that Gibraltar would be caught up in the chaos like everyone else."

The European Commission has warned governments in the remaining EU states to prepare for disruption of a no-deal exit. This followed the UK government's announcement that it will produce a number of technical notices preparing for this scenario.

All Government Departments are making preparations for the UK's exit from the EU and the following article provides information about the Department of Transport's plans.

Department for Transport: implementing the UK's exit from the EU

The Department for Transport is making a determined effort to ensure the UK transport system is fully prepared for EU Exit, however the challenge ahead is complex and there is a considerable amount to achieve to ensure the best outcome for UK passengers and road users beyond March 2019, says the National Audit Office (NAO).

In a report published this week, the NAO has assessed how the Department is implementing its plans to support a successful exit from the EU across its 18 EU related work streams, spanning aviation, roads, maritime, vehicles, and rail.

The Department has taken on a significant challenge and has a large portfolio of work that it needs to deliver for EU Exit. The NAO recognises that these are not normal times for the Department or for the government as a whole and acknowledges that the Department has already achieved a great deal in its preparations for EU Exit.

The Department needs to have primary and secondary legislation passed by March 2019. In February 2018, the Department introduced a primary legislation bill to provide powers intended to address a range of scenarios, including contingency planning and cover drivers' rights such as enabling a permit scheme and a trailer registration scheme. This was an important milestone for the Department but it still has to process a large volume of secondary legislation, for which the time available is being compressed.

The Department estimates, along with its arm's-length bodies, that it will spend £180 million

on EU exit by March 2022. In 2017-18 the Department spent £3.1 million of the £5.6 million allocated to it by HM Treasury for exit work.

The Department faces continued uncertainty around the outcome of the government's negotiations. The government has advised all departments to continue planning in case negotiations are not agreed and to have fully planned contingencies in place by March 2019. However, in the case of the Department for Transport, the NAO's report has found that these plans are not complete and there is an increasing risk that projects will not be delivered on time¹.

The NAO has recommended that the Department prioritises its plans and rapidly strengthens its capacity to oversee the full range of its activities, including determining whether it has the right people and resources to deliver everything it needs to by March 2019.

Amyas Morse, the head of the NAO, said:

“These are extraordinary times for the civil service and government. The Department has achieved a great deal in its preparations but over the coming months it will, like many other departments, need to scramble to prepare for the UK's EU exit, particularly if we are faced with a no deal scenario.”

A CPZ for Strawberry Hill?

The Council has carried out a consultation on parking in Strawberry Hill

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/strawberry_hill_parking_study

Over 50% of the total households in two areas surveyed were in favour of the proposed CPZ.

However officer recommendations to implement a CPZ have been Called In in by Councillors Bridges-Westcott (Mortlake and Barnes Common) and Humphreys (Whitton) and will be considered at Overview & Scrutiny on 24 July.

Call-in criterion 5: 'The Executive appears to have failed to consult relevant stakeholders or other interested persons before arriving at its decision.'

“whilst we acknowledge that the residents and St James's school have been consulted, it is clear that parents of children at St James's School have not been adequately consulted via the CPZ consultation process. This is clear given the extensive weight of representations received by Councillors by parents of children at St James's School.”

However, it has been noted by the Tribune that local residents are concerned about parking by those collecting children from schools. One example includes illegal parking in Cross Deep caused by collection of school children from the two schools on opposite sides of the road next to Radnor Gardens.

The danger to school children by excessive parking should also be considered.

Having interviewed Dr Garcia, the Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar, for last week's Tribune, TwickerSeal was interested to find out more about Gibraltar's plans for Brexit.

TwickerSeal wandered down to Nelson's Anchorage where HMS Victory was towed to after Nelson's victory at Trafalgar (Despite denials by the Royal Navy the local story is that Nelson's body was brought ashore here where his body was changed from the barrel of brandy to one of alcohol (spirit of wine) for the return journey home).

Also here is the 100 Ton Gun. Manufactured by Sir W C Armstrong in a factory at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, the gun was built in 1870 and taken out of service in 1906. The 17.72 inch Rifled Muzzle loader has a barrel that is more than 32 feet long and can fire a shot that will range up to 8 miles in distance.

TwickerSeal thought that with Brexit looming it might be time to recommission the gun, particularly as it is conveniently pointed in the right direction!!!



TwickerTape - News in Brief

Twickenham Has Not Escaped the Spate of Fires

On Tuesday a small fire at the level crossing at Strawberry Hill Station caused disruption to morning travel and on Thursday fire engines and around 25 firefighters were called to a fire at a school in Hampton Road in Twickenham. Around 40 pupils and 15 members of staff left the building before the Brigade arrived. There were no reports of any injuries.

PREMISES APPLICATION FOR STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE

There is a premises application by Strawberry Hill House for their Tercentenary Exhibition starting in October which can be viewed at https://www.richmond.gov.uk/media/15829/new_and_variation_premises_applications.pdf

However, it is surprising that there is yet again no premises licence application for the Strawberry Hill Music and Fun Day which was always specified on a premises licence until 2016. It seems that the event which has advertised in the past as hosting a live music event for over ten thousand people has operated some of its licensable activities on a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) which covers 499 people and **their Premises Licence for the normal events at Strawberry Hill House that appears to only cover events for up to 500 persons.**

The previous premises licences also stipulated stringent noise monitoring and controls, but these protections for local residents appear to have been lost. This apparent relaxation of licensing controls by the council is good news for event organisers who, it now seems, have far more flexibility on putting on large events without all those pesky conditions!

Flytipping in Strawberry Hill

The recycling bins by the Strawberry Hill shops continue to be a regular target for flytipping.



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Challenge to Heathrow

A group of local authorities has formally notified the Secretary of State for Transport that it intends to seek judicial review of the Government's decision to give policy support in the Airports National Policy Statement ("NPS") for a third Heathrow runway.

The councils are challenging the Government on the grounds of air quality, climate change, strategic environmental assessment including failing properly to deal with the noise consequences and surface access impacts.

The local authority group comprises of the London Boroughs of Hillingdon, Wandsworth, Richmond, Windsor and Maidenhead Council, and Hammersmith and Fulham.

Reacting to the news that the Mayor of London, Greenpeace and the local authorities have begun the process to legally challenge plans to expand Heathrow, Paul McGuinness, Chair of the No 3rd Runway Coalition, said:



“London's determination to kill off this environmentally ruinous and highly disruptive scheme is growing, so it's no surprise that the Mayor has joined the cross-party group of councils in their legal action.

“With the confidence of their lawyers high, the courts could be ruling out the third runway, once and for all, long before Heathrow have even had a chance to launch their campaign for a fourth”.



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PART 84. CHARLIE SHORE – LEGENDARY TWICKENHAM WATERMAN

This week's postcard article is a double act between myself and the fine folk at Twickenham Museum www.twickenham-museum.org.uk who have brought together an excellent piece of research culminating in a detailed life story of one of Twickenham's legendary characters. We take a look at the life of Charlie Shore who for almost half a century was a prominent figure on the Embankment as we shall see.



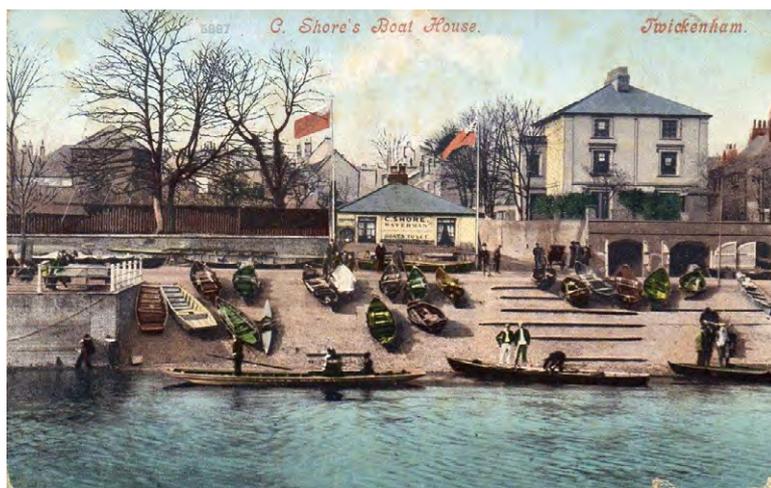
Charlie Shore

Charles William Shore was a Waterman. Born in Twickenham in 1858, he became apprenticed to Edward Hammerton, a local Waterman in 1873, when he was 15 years old. Edward Hammerton died before Charlie completed his apprenticeship, so he was re-assigned to another Master. In 1881, Charlie Shore was living with Edward Hammerton's widow, Ellen aged 76. Also living in the same house was Julia George, a dressmaker aged 23. Both Charlie and Julia were related to Ellen Hammerton. Some years later, Charlie and Julia married. They had 3 children, William Charles (who died aged 6 in 1890), Annie who was born in 1889, and Charlie Jr born in the spring of 1891.

In 1894 Charlie Shore established the Annual Boys and Girls Regatta and Water Carnival, which proved extremely popular. More so, when the annual regatta regularly ended with a firework display. The school band of boys from Fortescue House regularly performed during this Regatta. Prizes at first were clothes, boots, a fishing rod, a tennis racket, and even an attache case. The children were also treated to a feast.

Our first postcard (1905) in colour shows the boathouse at the foot of Water Lane while the second (black & white) postcard only two years later shows that the boat house now has two storeys and the Eel Pie Island Ferry is operated from the slipway in front of Charlie's boathouse.

Charlie Shore had his boat house on the Embankment at the bottom of Water Lane (referred to locally as "down the shore"). He and his family lived in Water Lane itself. On Tuesday 11th April 1911, whilst painting one of his boats he was taken suddenly ill. Dr Yonge was called but Charlie Shore died soon after of a cerebral haemorrhage. He was aged 53.



The Thames Valley Times devoted a long column to his death: "Charlie's fame was not confined to Twickenham; he was known up and down the river for miles". As for his character, he was "a man of large heart, he was ever ready to do a good turn where he could....His love of children was a very real one, and to see him on a summer morning surrounded by scores of boys and



girls anxious to use his boats for practice, was a sight worth beholding. The cause of this desire was the annual Boys' and Girls' Regatta, which Mr and Mrs Shore organised for sixteen years".

The funeral of Charlie Shore took place on Saturday the 15th April 1911 and drew large crowds of adults as well as children. The Regatta's future was in doubt, but was saved by the determination of his widow Julia, and his son Charlie Jnr and others, so that the Regatta

continued as an annual event despite the First World War. It became even more successful in the 1920s with support from local dignitaries. In 1928, however another crisis occurred, when as a result of the Council's decision to widen Water Lane, Charlie Shore Jnr was forced out of business, sold all his boats, and retired from Twickenham. But once again local enthusiasts rallied round and the Regatta went from strength to strength, with cups and medals for schools and individuals. The 1938 Regatta was the last, before the Second World War put paid to the Boys' and Girls' Regatta until 1947. Sadly this last revival proved shortlived: that of 1950 bringing an end to the Regatta first started by Charlie Shore in 1894.

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

Memories of Twickenham Riverside

In 2011 the Richmond Environmental Information Centre started the successful Heritage Lottery Fund Project, Memories of Twickenham Riverside.

Among other topics the project looked at Charlie Shore and his famous Boys' and Girls' Regatta.

In 2011 Twickenham Alive revived the Charlie Shore Regatta, which was held in September 2011; the regatta, run in conjunction with Twickenham Rowing Club, is open to young rowers aged 13 - 16.

You can find out more, including videos filmed at the regatta in 2011 by media students from Richmond upon Thames College. <http://www.twickenhamalive.com/videos.html>

There are also interviews, including with Freda Hammerton daughter of waterman and lighterman Fred Hammerton; the Hammertons are related to Charlie Shore.

http://www.memoriesoftwickenhamriverside.com/charlie_shore.html



With school holidays about to begin and the possibility of a change in the weather, parents will be pleased the THE EXCHANGE, Twickenham is putting a programme of films for young people over the next few weeks at 2.00pm each afternoon.

Tuesday, 24 July: MOANA

Thursday, 26 July: THE LEGO MOVIE

Tuesday, 31 July: CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG

Watch this space for the August programme,

Info: exchangetwickenham.co.uk.

THE PUPPET BARGE arrives at it's mooring up river from Richmond Bridge bringing its wonderful magical world of puppetry in its tiny theatre on the water.

Saturday, July 21-Tuesday, 31 at 2.30 THE TOWN MOUSE AND THE COUNTRY MOUSE i guaranteed to enchant young and old alike.

Info: puppetbarge.com.

Not only can you cool down by taking a dip at HAMPTON SWIMMING POOL but, if you are lucky, you may be able to book for a series of Summer Picnic Concerts. Forthcoming on Saturday, 21 July is CANNED HEAT plus Dr Feelgood.

Info: hamptonpool.co.uk.

TWICKFOLK's next gig on Sunday, 22 July at The Cabbage Patch pub: LOCAL SONGWRITERS showcase their songs and stories.

Info: twickfolk.co.uk.

TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB will be on its summer break until 4 September.

THE EEL PIE CUB bring ATOMIC ROOSTER to the Cabbage Patch on Thursday, 26 July.

OUTSIDE THE BOX PRESENTS Stand Up comedy performer, JOEL DOMMETT, with Maff Brown at Hampton Hill Theatre on Sunday, 22 July at 8.00pm.

Info: outsidetheboxcomedy.co.uk.

Recently formed BLUE FIRE THEATRE CO. presents RED PEPPERS by Noel Coward for two preview performances only prior to performing at the Edinburgh Fringe, on Saturday 28 July at 3.00 & 7.30pm at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham Embankment.

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Richmond Shakespeare Society

The Richmond Shakespeare Society will be celebrating Summer and Shakespeare again for one week from the 16th of this month with their annual open-air production in the Fountain Garden, York House, Twickenham.

Simon Bartlett's exciting new production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" promises to introduce an element of "Steampunk" to the romance, magic and humour of this, one of the Bard's most popular and often performed comedies.

Played in front of the notorious "naked ladies" fountain on a perfect balmy English evening (?) this promises to be one of the highlights of the summer. Whether you know "The Dream", don't know "The Dream" or you think you don't like Shakespeare (we'll convert you), bring the family and a picnic to the Fountain Garden in the week of July 16th and treat yourselves to a glorious evening of tradition, fun and relaxed entertainment.

The box office at 07484 927 662 is open for bookings from July 1st.

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ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY UPDATE

St Mary's Win Sport Workforce Programme Award

The Sports team at St Mary's University Twickenham have won the Workforce Programme of the Year award at the annual British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) Conference.

The annual awards ceremony, which recognises excellence in higher education sport across a range of categories, was hosted at the University of West England. This is the second year in a row that St Mary's has been shortlisted for the award, and the first time it has won.

The Workforce Programme of the Year Award recognises institutions that create new and enhanced student leadership and development programmes or student workforce programmes to support the upskilling and employability of students.

The award is decided from a shortlist of submissions, which demonstrate clear evidence of the impact on student development and deployment over the course of the academic year. St Mary's in its submission detailed its work with SIMMSport, SIMMSactive, Student Sport Clubs and coaching bursary programmes.

Over the past year 299 students at St Mary's have engaged in over 13,000 hours of sports coaching, sports

rehabilitation and committee work, over three thousand hours of which was voluntary work.



Speaking of the award Director of Sport Andrew Reid-Smith said, "We are proud to support our students with opportunities that help them to flourish and fulfil their potential, allowing them to develop their skills and employability through improving the sporting experience for others. This BUCS award recognises St Mary's as a leading university for student leadership and development, and reflects the hard work and dedication of a team of staff and students that make a huge difference through sport."



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River Crane Sanctuary



Even a short walk along the river corridor reveals the abundance of flora and fauna available right on our urban doorstep. When habitats are threatened in so many places it was heartening to see a large group of happy, young people out with their parents or supervising adults enjoying a nature quiz of some sort in this amazing green space last Sunday.

Chris Packham is championing a 'BioBlitz' initiative which highlights the importance of engaging the young if we are to safeguard our precious remaining wildlife and having fun while we learn is a good way to go!

Link to upload your photos on our new group:
<https://www.flickr.com/groups/3057952@N20/>



Yellow Lily



Female Mandarin Ducks



Bee on Wildflower

The River Crane Sanctuary Under Threat

<http://e-voice.org.uk/rcs/>

The Secret of the Grass in Commonwealth Park

Commonwealth Park in Gibraltar is an excellent example of landscaping - in this case on a former car park mentioned by TwickerSeal in last week's edition (88).

The park is a lovely oasis, looking cool and beautiful, even in the hot Gibraltar sun. The central feature is a pool surrounded by a water garden where frogs sing at night.

The combination of vegetation and dark brown hard wood steps and seating area is just right; a glass lift allows access to the garden from a higher level. There is also a stone water feature and a bandstand with a kite style cover.

A shady avenue of trees gives respite from the midday sun but the most surprising feature of this garden is the grass. It is so green and luxuriant that it could almost be very expensive artificial grass but the moisture when you step on it immediately belies this thought.

It seems that the brief produced by the Government of Gibraltar has been fulfilled to excess. The design of the park had to link back to its British roots and has a colonial feel with the following elements included: a large open grass area, a bandstand, a formal water feature and an informal water feature. These elements had to reflect traditional British parks and values as well as creating a Mediterranean atmosphere. The brief also included Mediterranean Oak and other large specimen shade trees. The design of the park needed to be sympathetic to the multifunctional use that was expected of the space, as well as making it an environmentally aware and sustainable park.



*Commonwealth Park, Gibraltar
Photo by Berkley Driscoll*

The Tribune asked the creators of Commonwealth Park about the grass but unfortunately it is not off-the-shelf: "The grass seed/turf that was supplied for the project in Gibraltar was a special mix, put together specifically for that project. The grass is irrigated and maintained by the Gibraltar Government on a regular basis which keeps it looking so marvellous." It seems that the turf came from Yorkshire and was transported to Gibraltar in refrigerated containers; to help the turf establish in such challenging conditions TerraCottem® was incorporated into the substrate to improve water retention and the accessibility of nutrients in the soil.

Such a lot of thought and care went into establishing Commonwealth Park in 2014 and it is certainly showing results which fulfil all expectations – Twickenham take note!

Steam, Steel and Shells – 16

By Helen Baker

Autumn 1915. The Robey steam engine now under renovation at Holly-combe Museum in Hampshire continued with her sisters to power the Belgian-owned Pelabon Munitions Works in East Twickenham.

Belgian refugees were beginning to seem part of everyday life. Few of them now needed financial support from the English.

Philanthropic duties for Belgians were passing to Belgians themselves. The 1700 or so Belgian workmen gave in sixpences; managers and directors – particularly Charles Pelabon – gave pounds, sometimes (at today's values) in several hundreds.

Monsieur Pelabon is credited with providing the schools needed by the Belgian children, whose families wanted an undiluted Belgian education.

The first photo shows the Marie-José Primary-Middle School and Kindergarten provided by Charles Pelabon in Richmond in a large Queen Anne house, which stands to this day next to the Bus Station.

Another Marie-José Primary-Middle School in Twickenham (Vicarage Road) took a few privileged pupils, but the majority of Twickenham Belgian children went to a special “Belgian Department” in Orleans Council School in St Margarets (Napoleon Road).



The Marie-José Primary School and Kindergarten in Richmond. Royal Military Museum-War Heritage Institute, Brussels



The Belgian pupils of the Marie-José Primary-Middle School and Kindergarten in Twickenham. © Archdiocese of Mechelen-Brussels



The Pelabon Works Pharmacy and Labour Office. © Guy Pelabon

Pre-NHS medical treatment was patchy for working families who could not fund their own care. In line with his philanthropic principles, Charles Pelabon provided a first-rate clinic for his workers and their dependants. This operated from one of the large red-brick semis in Denton Road, East Twickenham, houses which are still here today just across the road from the old factory site.

The photo is labelled (in French) “The Pharmacy and the Work Office”. We don't know what the Labour Office was, and, if it was the house on the right we don't know why it was apparently fully occupied by Belgian soldiers.

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A TASTE OF GREECE

We love Greece, and having spent many holidays in different Greek islands, I've hunted out smaller, less touristy restaurants and shops, and done loads of research into the various regional delicacies for the places we've visited. A recent trip to Lesbos introduced me to a really delicious starter – Fried Feta with Honey & Sesame Seeds. (Yes, a slimming one!!) But it was so divine and is quite easy to make: Just dip a chunk (or slice) of feta (or better still some Saganaki Kefalotyri) in beaten egg, then seasoned flour, then back into the egg, then into a bowl of sesame seeds. And then shallow fry in olive oil.

Feta and watermelon salad is also one of my favourites; with tomato, mint and cucumber added – it takes me straight back to delicious lunches anchored in various bays on a family flotilla jaunts.

When it comes to feta, I would issue a word of caution: Don't be tempted to buy cheapo feta! The real stuff is so much better and it is definitely worth spending that little bit more. Odysea is one company that produces a fabulous range of 'proper' Greek cheeses that are available in Waitrose and major supermarkets.



The company has also just launched snacking packs of feta and, as with all of Odysea's feta, it has PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) status, and comes from the family-run, third generation Roussas' Dairy. Made with sheep & goat's milk from herds grazing on rich herbs and flora in the mountains, mini snacking feta is in packs of 5 x 30g portions. It's ideal for when you're on the go... to liven up lunch boxes, canapés, a desk salad and picnics.

Here is a delicious summer recipe from Odysea, using its Manouri cheese. (and see below for your chance to win a pack of Odysea goodies)

MANOURI CHEESE SALAD WITH BALSAMIC VINAIGRETTE

A recipe by **Eugenia Makrogianeli**

We used green leaves and tomatoes but this recipe works well with any salad or grilled vegetables

Ingredients

170g Odysea manouri cheese
Cherry tomatoes
1 large lettuce
A handful of baby spinach
Olive oil

For the vinaigrette

100 ml extra virgin olive oil
1 tbsp mustard
1 tbsp fragrant herb honey (thyme if available)
1 tbsp good balsamic vinegar
salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste



1. Put the honey, vinegar and mustard in a small bowl and mix to combine using a fork. Slowly whisk in the olive oil.
2. Chop your lettuce and mix with well-washed baby spinach and cherry tomatoes.
3. Lightly brush the manouri cheese with olive oil. Pan fry in a griddle pan over a medium-high heat for 3-4 minutes each side.

FREE BEER – YES, APPARENTLY IT IS TRUE

In celebration of National Pub Fortnight, some local pubs will be giving away free drinks from this weekend till 5 August. There will be 50,000 drinks up for grabs nationally, that's 568 kegs on a first come, first served basis.

There are plenty of drinks included in the offer, so you can choose your favourite tipple. You can pick from pints of Fosters, John Smiths, Kronenbourg 1664, Strongbow, Strongbow Dark Fruit, Heineken and Amstel and bottles of Old Mout, Bulmers and Heineken 0.0.



So if you're thirsty and think you might be in with a chance of a freebie, head down to the Cabbage Patch, The Bloomsbury, The Rifleman, Shack 86 in Twickers, or one of the pubs in Teddington, Isleworth, Richmond or Kingston **but before you do, you need to register at nationalpubfortnight.com**

Offers and Competitions

WIN A BUNDLE OF GREEK PRODUCTS FROM ODYSSEA

Odysea has teamed up with us here at the Tribune to offer a selection of its yummy Greek products (pictured) to one lucky winner in this week's competition. To enter, just answer this question: What year was Odysea founded? (clue: visit odysea.com)



Included in the prize are classic ingredients and mezes from the Odysea range, and a selection of Odysea's cheeses including their new mini snacking feta, Saganaki Kefalotyri, Manouri Cheese PDO and Odysea Feta.

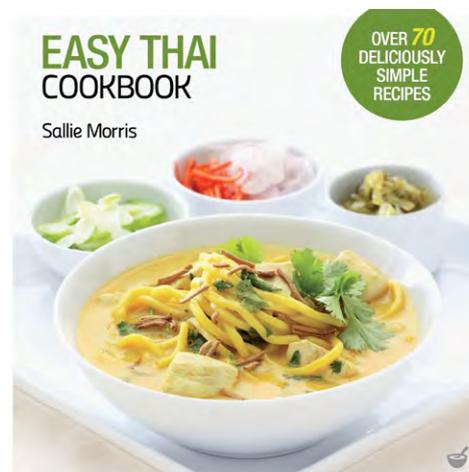
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Win a copy of Easy Thai Cookbook

We have a copy of newly published Easy Thai Cookbook, to be won this week by one lucky reader. To enter, simply tell us which two colours are usually associated with Thai curries.

Send your entry, together with your contact details, to win@twickenhamtribune.com. Closing date is noon on Friday 27 July 2018.

Prize is as stated and no cash alternative is available. Entry deems permission for the winner to be named in the paper.



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Summer Evensong

Music by Mendelssohn, Purcell, Stanford and Alain

St Mary's Extended Parish Choir, St Mary's Church, Hampton, 15th July

Review by Mark Aspen

A Broad Church. Now, there is a term that we often hear applied to the Church of England. However, pop along to St Mary's at Hampton and you will find that in this case it applies to just one parish church.

With its association with Georgian royalty, St Mary's Hampton is arguably the most historic of parish churches in the Area. Nevertheless, within all this tradition, St Mary's late morning service each Sunday is an exuberant modern contemporary service of large and increasing popularity. Last Sunday morning, the 250-strong congregation processed from the church to the River Thames for seven total-immersion baptisms.



The measure of the breath of worship tradition at St Mary's came later in the day, with a traditional Anglican evensong. Choir Director, David Pimm has gained a reputation amongst music lovers for his occasional series of requiems and oratorios at St Mary's. Last Sunday's service was a traditional choral evensong, "the jewel in the crown of Anglican worship".

The *Summer Evensong* was parenthesised by two remarkable organ solos. The introductory organ piece was Felix Mendelssohn's *Sonata IV for Organ*. When playing the Sonatas, Mendelssohn himself demanded a well-pitched organ, with a good standard of touch from the pedalboard and manuals. He would have been very pleased to play at St Mary's, whose organ, built by J.C. Bishop, was a gift from King William IV to commemorate his coronation, and was This superb instrument underwent extensive restoration work last summer.

The final organ solo was Jehan Alain's *Litanies*. The composer was killed in action, aged 29, in June 1940 and posthumously awarded the Croix de Guerre. As a skilled motorcyclist in the French Army, he had been reconnoitring the enemy advance, when he came across a platoon of German soldiers. He engaged them single-handed, and

killed sixteen of the enemy troops before being brought down himself. Composed three years before his death, *Litanies* is probably one of the best-known of Alain's works, but is recognised as being fiendishly difficult to play. The motif itself goes through a remarkable progression, reappearing in overlapping forms. The work's impressively complex conclusion is hugely powerful and finally resolves in a note-crammed cornucopia.



The 1831 Bishop organ, in all its restored glory, was put through its acrobatic paces, with great dexterity of hands and pedals by the outstanding visiting organist, Nat Keiller, an award-winning Royal College of Organists graduate, no stranger to the St Mary's organ. Keiller's virtuosity, a highlight of the *Summer Evensong*, was amazing and quite exhausting even just watching and listening.

What better way, then, to round off the evening by decamping into the evening sunshine of the churchyard for a civilised glass or two of Pimm's and a cream tea with delicious home-made scones and jam.

Read Mark Aspen's full review at

www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/17/summer-even

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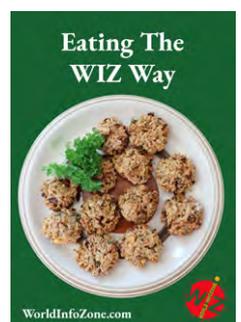
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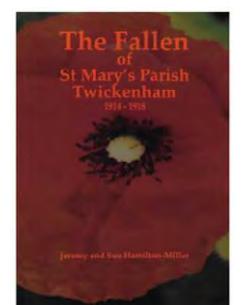


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By Sue & Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

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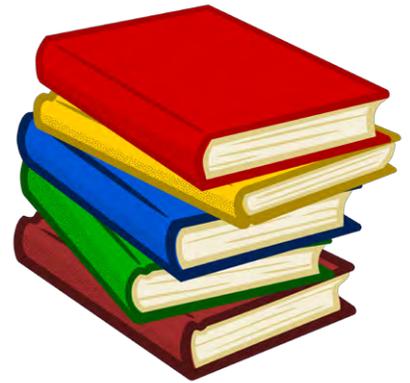
the Local History Society's website at www.botlhs.co.uk



Award winning Libraries team recognised for delivery of Cityread programme

Richmond upon Thames' Libraries team have been recognised for their delivery of the borough's Cityread 2018 programme in May at the first annual Cityread awards.

The team were honoured for delivering a fantastic programme of Cityread festival events, with 11 events taking place throughout the borough during the Festival, including the only public library event with this year's Cityread author, Jessie Burton.



Members of the team were also honoured as 'stars of Cityread' for their efforts in organising, running and promoting the borough's events programme.

Cllr John Coombs, Cabinet Member for Arts, Culture and Sport said:

"It is fantastic to hear that the borough's library team has been recognised for their effort in delivering an outstanding programme of events for Cityread 2018.

"The programme was very popular with many of the events selling out and more than 98 per cent of all tickets being snapped up. So clearly the festival was well received and the team deserve great credit for that."

White Cross at high tide

Photo by Doug Goodman



SUMMER SAFETY WARNING: GAS APPLIANCES NEED REGULAR CHECKS

More sites identified for having unsafe gas appliances identified in the summer than at winter. Gas Safe Register is reminding people to make sure their gas appliances are safety checked on a regular basis come rain or shine.

Nearly 1,300 sites were identified as unsafe by Gas Safe Register's inspections team last summer due to dangerous gas appliances being found, 18% higher than the number of unsafe sites recorded in winter months[1]. Despite these findings, a survey of more than 2,000 UK adults found that one in five (19%) would only consider getting their gas appliances checked if they stopped working.



Unsafe gas appliances can cause gas leaks, fires, explosions and carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and resulted in 201 call outs from the fire and rescue services last year[2]. To keep the nation gas safe this summer, Gas Safe Register is calling for people to get their gas appliances safety checked by a suitably qualified Gas Safe registered engineer if it's been a year or more since they were last looked at.

The cities where the most unsafe gas appliances were found last summer are: London (277), Birmingham (89), Coventry (45), Cardiff (41), Newcastle (38), Manchester (34), Sheffield (34), Norwich (33), Edinburgh (26), Nottingham (24)

Jonathan Samuel, chief executive of Gas Safe Register, said: "The sun may be shining but that doesn't mean that checking your gas appliances can be left until later in the year when you may be cranking up your heating. Our inspections data shows that it doesn't matter what time of year it is, your gas appliance could still put your health and home at risk if it's not been safety checked recently. It's important that gas appliances are checked regularly, we recommend on an annual basis so that you can have peace of mind that they are working safely and efficiently whilst making the most of the Great British summer.

People are five times more likely to worry about the weather being too hot this summer (32%) than carbon monoxide poisoning (6%) with allergies and hay fever (25%) and sunburn (20%) also high up on the nation's list of summer concerns.

To keep you and your family gas safe this summer, follow Gas Safe Register's top tips:

- Know the symptoms of CO poisoning; headaches, nausea, breathlessness, collapse, dizziness and loss of consciousness.
- If you smell gas or think there might be a gas leak, call the free 24-hour national gas emergency number immediately on 0800 111 999.
- Only employ a suitably qualified Gas Safe registered engineer when having gas work carried out in your home.
- Never attempt to work on a gas appliance yourself, always seek the help of a qualified Gas Safe registered engineer who can work on your gas cooker, boiler or fire in a safe way..

Gas Safe Register is the official register for legally qualified engineers. To find or check a Gas Safe registered engineer in your area call 0800 408 5500 or visit www.GasSafeRegister.co.uk. On social media, search @GasSafeRegister and #DontCutCorners.

Have a super summer of exploration and creation at Orleans House Gallery

Families looking to make this a super creative summer are being encouraged to check out Orleans House Gallery's Summer Programme.

Join the team at Orleans House Gallery for workshops inspired by the beauty and nature of the gallery's grounds, where your children will be able to learn and explore whilst creating amazing art - from 3D constructions to painting to textiles.

The programme is open to children aged up to 15 years with half-day, full-day and 3-day workshops available, and a number of family events planned too.

There is also a special opportunity for Dads to get involved with two days dedicated to creative activities for Dads or male carers and their children.

Check out the programme below or visited Orleans House Gallery's [website!](#)

Date	Time	Event	Age group	Cost
Sunday 14 July, Saturday 11 August	10am- noon	Dad Day!	0 – 10 years	£6 first child, £3 siblings over 6months
Friday 20 July, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August	10.30am- 12.30pm	SeeSaw	Under 5s	£6 first child, £3 siblings over six months
Monday 30 July	2pm-4pm	Snail Shelters	4 – 7 years	£14
Tuesday 31 July	10am- 3pm	The Garden of Artful Delights	6 – 10 years	£32
Thursday 2 August	10am- 3pm	Colour Battle!	11 – 15 years	£32
Sunday 5 August	2pm – 3.30pm	Sunday Afternoon Art	Ages 4+	£4 first child, £1.50 siblings
Tuesday 7 – Thursday 9 August	10am- 3pm	Living in the Woods!	6 – 10 years	£90 for three days
Tuesday 14 – Wednesday 15 August	10am- 3pm	Arts Award: Discover Textiles	6 – 10 years	£60 for two days
Sunday 19 August	12.30pm – 4pm	Sunday Funday	4+ years	Adult £9, Child £7.50, Family (2 Adults, 2 Children) £30

L E T T E R S

The Editor
The Twickenham Tribune

Anyone with a sense of decency could not fail to be appalled and outraged by the utterly callous attitude of the cyclist who fractured the skull of little nine-years old Eloise in Mortlake last week and just rode off. We pray for a rapid recovery of this little one.

Cycle riding on pavements and footpaths is now endemic in this Borough, and is probably its most dangerous road safety issue, but it is totally ignored by both the police and the local council. God forbid that we should have a fatality in Richmond upon Thames, as occurred to a toddler in the West Midlands last year when a cyclist failed to stop after running over her, before any action is taken.

I live on a busy main road, but the road is not the safety worry. The real hazard is emerging from my house onto the pavement without being hit by an adult cyclist thundering along the footway. My late mother-in-law, frail and elderly, was knocked over by one such cyclist a few years ago, and there have been several near-misses with my granddaughter, who is slightly younger than Eloise. If you should say anything to these reckless cyclists, you will be met with a torrent of abuse and often physical threats.

Apart from the danger, pavement cycling is still an offence, but I have seen cyclists riding around policemen on the pavement with total impunity. Moreover, the local council encourages this behaviour by designating "mixed use" footpaths, which only allows the abusive cyclist to feel an entitlement to ride anywhere.

There are safe and considerate cyclists, but they are few and far between. When you see a cyclist stop at a red traffic light nowadays, it is quite an occasion. Venture into Whitton at your peril for here the cyclists do high "wheelies", and play chicken in front of moving cars.

I am not anti-cyclist. I have ridden a bike all my life and believe it to be a great form of exercise. The bicycle is pollution free which is a valuable bonus. However, surely the time has come for all adult cycles to be registered and licenced, so that there is at least a chance of the authorities being able to identify inconsiderate cyclists and to prosecute them with the same vigour that they do motorists who break the law or behave dangerously.

Maybe there is an opportunity for the new Richmond Council to make its mark by pioneering local registering of cycles. Much too involved, they will say, but how much better a number plate on a bicycle than a name plate on a toddler's coffin.

Yours sincerely

Keith Wait
Twickenham

Dear Sir

I read with interest your article in the very excellent Twickenham Tribune about the latest round of accolades won by the Turner's House development.

You may be interested to read the exchange of e-mails below which I received from the Turner's House Trust in response to my enquiry regarding accessibility - or lack of it - to the property.

It strikes me that in this day and age - especially when large sums of money have been donated by the public, the Heritage Lottery Fund and other august bodies - that any developments of this kind should take into account the requirements for better accessibility.

How such a development can go on to win these accolades from the Royal Institute of British Architects and now the Civic Voice Design Awards baffles me.

Yours
Colin Wise

-----Original Message-----

*From: Colin Wise
Sent: 15 May 2018 14:35
To: info@turnershouse.org
Subject: Accessibility*

Can you please advise whether the house is suitable for an aged aunt who is confined to a wheelchair?

*Many thanks
Colin Wise*

-----Original Message-----

*From: info@turnershouse.org <info@turnershouse.org>
Sent: 15 May 2018 14:50
To: 'Colin Wise'
Subject: RE: Accessibility*

Dear Colin,

Thank you for your email. The sitting room and the garden are accessible with a standard manual wheelchair and we have an accessible toilet and a disabled parking space. The small parlour and dining room are located on the ground floor, however we have found the doorways are too narrow for some wheelchairs. The bedroom and kitchen are unfortunately located up and down a flight of stairs respectively, so will be inaccessible to your aunt. We do have an iPad with a virtual tour of the house that all visitors are welcome to use.

I hope that helps - do let me know if you have any more questions.

Best wishes,

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