

The Twickenham Tribune

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A Quiet Corner, York House, Twickenham
Photo by Berkley Driscoll

Who Runs the Council?

This is an interesting question and made all the more interesting since the staff amalgamation with Wandsworth seems to be an all-encompassing marriage which now puts some Wandsworth officers - serving Richmond and Wandsworth - in the driving seat; perhaps making decisions for us without knowing about where we live.

If you had not realized that officers are now serving Richmond and Wandsworth councils then it is not surprising. I know of no consultation which took place with residents in our Borough about this extremely major decision although I do know of consultation which took place with Wandsworth residents.

We are in a position of no return and one that might make some of us very angry about the apparent fait accompli.

There was a tweet on Twitter recently suggesting that the Francis Terry development might reappear on Twickenham Riverside. At first I thought this amusing but receiving an email later from a Wandsworth officer – a one liner which said an emphatic No to a popular event – I thought more about it.

Although many of the councillors have changed the officers are still there and they were the people who worked on the plans for Twickenham Riverside. So, I am concerned about the possibility of being haunted by that dreadful housing estate on a beautiful stretch of Twickenham Riverside.

Of course, readers would love to hear from elected councillors past and present about this situation. Why did we amalgamate with Wandsworth with no public consultation? The Director of the Environment spoke to the Putney Society but why were our local societies not given the opportunity of hearing about it?

If there was any consultation in our Borough where was it? Would residents in the “Greener Borough” have preferred to merge with Kingston rather than an Inner London council which calls itself the “Brighter Borough”?

And, who runs our Council? How much of what happens in our Borough is decided by officers – in Wandsworth as well as Richmond – and not our elected councillors? This should make interesting reading. I do hope we get some replies; we promise to publish all letters as long as they are suitable for print!





Following the infamous 'Trump Blimp', TwickerSeal was intrigued to see that a successful Crowdfunding campaign

had created a Sadiq Khan 'Bikini Balloon' to be flown over Parliament Square.

Perhaps this is the way forward to register protest? Maybe Twickenham can have its very own balloon to register its protest against the various House of Horror schemes proposed for Twickenham Riverside, to ensure we don't get more of the same?

But who would the balloon feature? Perhaps the TwickerTwitterfolk will have some ideas?



TwickerTape - News in Brief

Terrorism Arrest In Strawberry Hill

On Wednesday there was speculation in Strawberry Hill when the train station was closed, as well as roads leading to Strawberry Hill village. There was a significant police presence and reports of doors being broken down and people not allowed into their homes.

The following day it was announced that a young man had been arrested in South West London on suspicion of terrorism and drug related activities.

At the time of publication police remain on site at Wentworth Court and a police cordon is still in place.

Strawberry Hill is usually thought of as a quiet place but we should remember that a serial killer lived there not that long ago – see Edition 77 of the Tribune in the Archive.

<http://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=StrawberryHillArea>

Walpole Gardens Filming

Starting on Monday 3rd September, Walpole Gardens will see filming for the second series of Hold the Sunset, starring John Cleese and Alison Steadman.

The Annual Veterans Cruise

It's the Annual Veterans cruise of the Dunkirk Little Ships this coming weekend. They will be at Teddington Lock at approximately 14.00 on Saturday 1st of September for a short service at the Operation Dynamo Memorial....

More info at: <http://www.adls.org.uk/t1/content/veterans-cruise-1>

The Great River Race

One of London's iconic events. 8th September 2018

21.6 Miles from London Docklands to Ham; 340 boats from all over the world.

Ends with a festival outside Ham House.

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- Riverside bar, catering, and programme from noon.
- Commentary from 13:00.
- Recovered boats can use secure car park until noon Sunday.
- Crane available for heavy boats. Please note this must be booked in advance (extra charge ~ see Services for more details)
- Spectator boats will disembark at Richmond Landing Stage close to the Finish.
- Convenient showers and changing facilities courtesy of Thames Young Mariners Campsite.
- Fancy Dress at approximately 16:15 followed by Prizegiving ceremony at approximately 16:30

PART 90. THE POSTCARDS OF LEVY SONS & CO

Back in Edwardian times (1901 -1910), Postcards were the main source of global communications. Countless millions of picture postcards were sent around the globe every day. This of course gave profitable work to local photographers, printers and publishers engaged in the production of these cards. One of the most successful of all publishers at this time was the Paris based publisher Levy Sons and Co. The exact history and records of this company are unclear but the quality of photography and printing made their postcards much sought after. They are known as LL's among the postcard collecting fraternity due to the numbering system adopted at the bottom of each postcard.

Photographers were sent from France to Southern England on the ferries to take specific photos of firstly seaside resorts and the Isle of Wight and then inland to produce photographs of villages, towns and London and its suburbs.

Our first picture postcard this week shows Twickenham junction and is captioned London Road but shows the corner with York Street as well. The detail on this postcard is quite amazing. Just look at the shop fronts, the signage, the tram, cyclist and the number of pedestrians and tram



inspectors captured by the photographer. We know that the Kingsway Buildings shown were built in 1906 (see the sign on the wall) and quite frankly I would like to see a Fishing Tackle manufacturer and a Bicycle Outfitter return to the site that we all know of as the Midland Bank (HSBC today of course). So this postcard would have been published after 1906 and before the First World War in July 1914.



The next photo from the East Twickenham side looking over Richmond Bridge clearly shows the Talbot Hotel where the Odeon Cinema now stands and captures Edwardian fashions for clothing perfectly. This postcard has been hand coloured in the studio which was an industry in itself.

There are about 30 LL postcards known from Twickenham, Teddington and the Hamptons and I still need a few for my own collection!

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!

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Arts and Entertainment

By Erica White

For music lovers who have missed events at the CABBAGE PATCH pub, London Road, throughout August, your wait is almost over.



TWICKFOLK return to this popular venue at 7.45 each Sunday, and on 2 September, you are invited to come along and bring a song or two, join in or just listen.

9 September the guest will be LUKE JACKSON: Urban folk singer and guitarist, along with MICHELLE LEWIS.

Info: www.twickfolk.org.uk

TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB returns on Tuesdays, at 8.30pm with the following:

4 September: Regular monthly appearance of KELVIN CHRISTIANE 'ALLSTARS' Big Band.

EEL PIE CLUB at the Patchworks Bar, continues on Thursdays at 8.30pm:

6 September: THE PRETTY THINGS with their final tour and FINAL ACOUSTIC SHOW EVER! featuring PHIL MAY, original guitarist, DICK TAYLOR with support from Sam Brothers.

11 September: ALAN BARNES/FRANK HARRISON/DAVE GREEN/MATT SKELTON.

Info: www.twickenhamjazzclub.org.uk

13 September: SPLIT WHISKERS: Chicago Blues, crossing into rock, Americana and a hint of the Delta! Fronted by GILBY FAT LIM FLETCHER and JOHNNY MAGIC BOY WRIGHT, plus supporting band.

Info: www.eelpieclub.com

September 14 at 7.30 at The Exchange, EEL PIE RECORDS present ANA SILVERA and support. Modern Folk and bluegrass tinged tunes including songs from her latest release, Oracles.

Info: exchangetwickenham.org.uk

September 15/16 11.00-5.00pm at The Exchange. SECRET ART SALE: 2 day art exhibition and sale. Opportunity to purchase affordable art from someone famous from anonymously donated paintings and crafts.

Info: as above.,

September 19 at 6.00pm at The Exchange: RESILIENCE; the Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope. Hour-long documentary examines methods of reducing rise and fall of 21 century crimes.

Info.: as above

September 20, 5.30 at The Exchange DIGNITY, MENTAL WELL-BEING &

DISABILITY. Pre-show discussion and drinks in the Conservatory. Screening of film "SUMMER IN THE FOREST".

Info: as above

September 23. 8.00pm at The Exchange. THE BOB DYLAN STORY: the definitive live concert celebration of rock icon.

Info: as above.

September 21, 7.00-8.30pm. EEL PIE MUSEUM QUIZ, opposite York House. Teams will pit their wits to answer devilish questions set by Museum Roadies.

Info: eelpiemuseum@gmail.com.

September 4. 7.30-8.30pm at Hampton Library, RW12 2AB. HAMPTON IN OLD PHOTOS Talk by John Sheaf, local historian.

September 9. 2.30pm. LAC, TW11 9NN. JOSEPH TONG, pianist in the Classics in the Afternoon series.

Info: landmarkartscentre.org.uk

September 11. 7.00-8.00pm at Twickenham Library, TW1 3JT. THE HISTORY OF ALL HALLOWS CHURCH. Talk by Kathryn Elliott.

September 12. 7.00pm. Normansfield Theatre, TW11 9PS. SINGING HANDS Concert celebrating their 15th Anniversary.

Info: langdondowncentre.org.uk

September 18. 7.00-8.00pm at Whitton Library, TW2 7BB. THE HIGH STREET OF WHITTON, Talk by Ed Harris.

September 24. 7.30. Garrick's Temple. LOKI CONCERT No.7.

Info. lokimusic.co.uk

September 25. 7.00-8.00pm at Teddington Library, TW11 8NY. THE HISTORY & MYSTERY OF MAPS. Talk by Tony Painter.

September 25. 7.30pm. St Mary's Parish Hall, TW11 9HF. OPERA TALKS. Helen Astrid begins her series of 3 talks on the birth of opera in Italy.

Info: www.thehelenastridsingingacademy.com

September 29/30 10.00am-5.00pm TEDDINGTON ARTISTS at LAC, TW11 9PS. 18 artists across a wide range of media.

Info: teddingtonartists.co.uk. landmarkartscentre.org.uk.

Finally, the local amdram season opens with:

September 15-22, (no perf Wed, 19) at 7.45, and 3.00pm Sunday 16. The Mary Wallace Theatre, TW1 3DU. RSS present LARKIN WITH WOMEN by Ben Brown.

Info: richmondshakespeare.org.uk.

JEEVES & WOOSTER in PERFECT NONSENSE by David & Robert Goodale, a TTC production at Hampton Hill Theatre from Saturday, 15 September- Friday, 21 September at 7.45 eves, 6.00pm on Sunday.

Info: www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

Making a surprise appearance at Hampton Hill Theatre is DIANA DORS, Her Story through words and Music, starring MANDY WITHERS, supported by the Collection Trio. Friday, 7 and Saturday 8 September at 7.45pm. A Tarts on Tour Production.

JOSEPH TONG returns to the Landmark Arts Centre in the Classics in the Afternoon series on Sunday, 9 September at 2.30. Programme will include, Debussy, Schumann, Sibelius and Grieg.

Info: www.landmarkartscentre.org.uk

OPERA PICCOLINE in association with Kallipetis Opera present Puccini's TOSCA at LAC on Friday 14 September at 7.30pm.

Info: www.landmarkartscentre.org.uk

September 15-21, 7.45 6.00pm Sunday 16. Hampton Hill Theatre, TW12 1NZ. TTC present JEEVES & WOOSTER in PERFECT NONSENSE. Numerous roles for 3 actors.

Info. teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.

Forthcoming at the Normansfield Theatre, where a fundraising lighting appeal to raise £19,000 to upgrade equipment, the following events take place in September:

Wednesday, 12 September: SINGING HANDS POP PARTY.

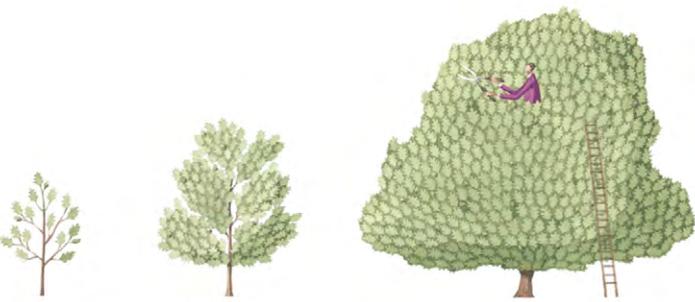
Saturday, 15 September, CARMEN

Saturday, 22 September, L'ELISIR D'AMORE

Info: www.langdowndowncentre.org.uk

Recently refurbished or newly opened places of interest well worth a visit: ORLEANS HOUSE GALLERY; TURNER'S HOUSE and EEL PIE ISLAND MUSEUM. Visit websites.

POPE'S GROTTTO and STRAWBERRY HILL HOUSE will also be welcoming visitors during London Open House Weekend, 22-23 September. Online listings published 21 August 2018



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A Biblical Journey in Modern Times

By Bruce Lyons

Back in time, in the 1900's Travellers to the Holyland often disembarked in Alexandria, stopped a few nights in Cairo before setting off to cross the Sinai – stopping briefly at Mount Moses and St Catherine's Monastery before following the coast of the Red Sea

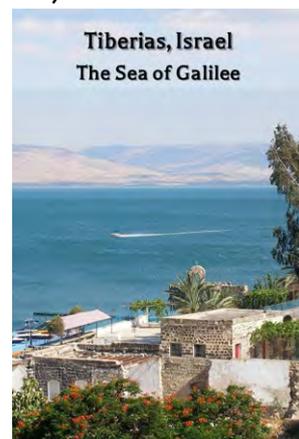
First at Dahab, then a dusty Bedouin Camp – now a busy little resort with some fantastic Diving and then passed the Crusader Castle at Coral Island (Pharaoh's Island) – just South of Eilat (famous for King Solomon's Mines of Solomon and Sheba fame) and then along the shore to Aqaba. Aqaba then as now was the Northern Gateway to Arabia, a busy seaport and then, as the whole area was, part of the Ottoman Empire, in those times the region was crisscrossed with railways, mostly gone now – some blown up by that rascal Lawrence of Arabia. Soon this area, as all of Europe, was to witness the devastation of World War 1, my grandfather must have passed this way with Allenby and the Expeditionary force on the way to relieve Jerusalem



Today (I mean now this Winter) we can at last fly into Aqaba (read Thursdays Telegraph ... **The new flights which will reopen the Red Sea to British tourists this winter**

The Telegraph. The political turbulence which has afflicted various parts of the Middle East and North Africa in the last decade has seen several celebrated places put to one side as possible holiday destinations – not just on grounds of safety, but by dint of basic common sense. Read the full story; <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/lists/new-flight-routes-autumn-2018-aqaba-eilat/>

Yes, today , we can at last , fly to Aqaba from Gatwick (and fly back from Tel Aviv) and see for yourselves this bustling corner of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, savour the pleasures of the Red Sea ,U.K.s nearest Coral Sea , dally here awhile before setting off for Wadi Rum, stopping off @ The Seven Pillars of Wisdom – named by Lawrence of Arabia – The Wadi is the scene of the battle ousting the Ottoman army from the region and onwards to Petra, (The Nabatean City that straddles the Spice Route and gave protection to the travelling Merchants and their convoys) Petra is now one of new adopted Seven Wonders of the World. Nearby are the Crusader Castles of Kerak and Ajlun (further North near Jerash)– and then if you branch off to the Shores of the Dead Sea you come to Dana National Park rich in local flora and Fauna to say little of the wonders of the adjacent Dead Sea, but before leaving Jordan stop a night in Amman and include an excursion to Jerash, the best preserved Roman City to be found anywhere and now our travellers would have crossed the Jordan by the Allenby Bridge (he of the Expeditionary Force) and make our way to Jerusalem – the heart of the Holyland and on to Tel Aviv and a tour into the Galilee before embarking at Old Jaffa for the return home - in our case to Ben Gurion for our flight home – open the link <http://www.crusadertravel.com/offers/8-night-jordan-discovery-israel-holy-land-tour/>



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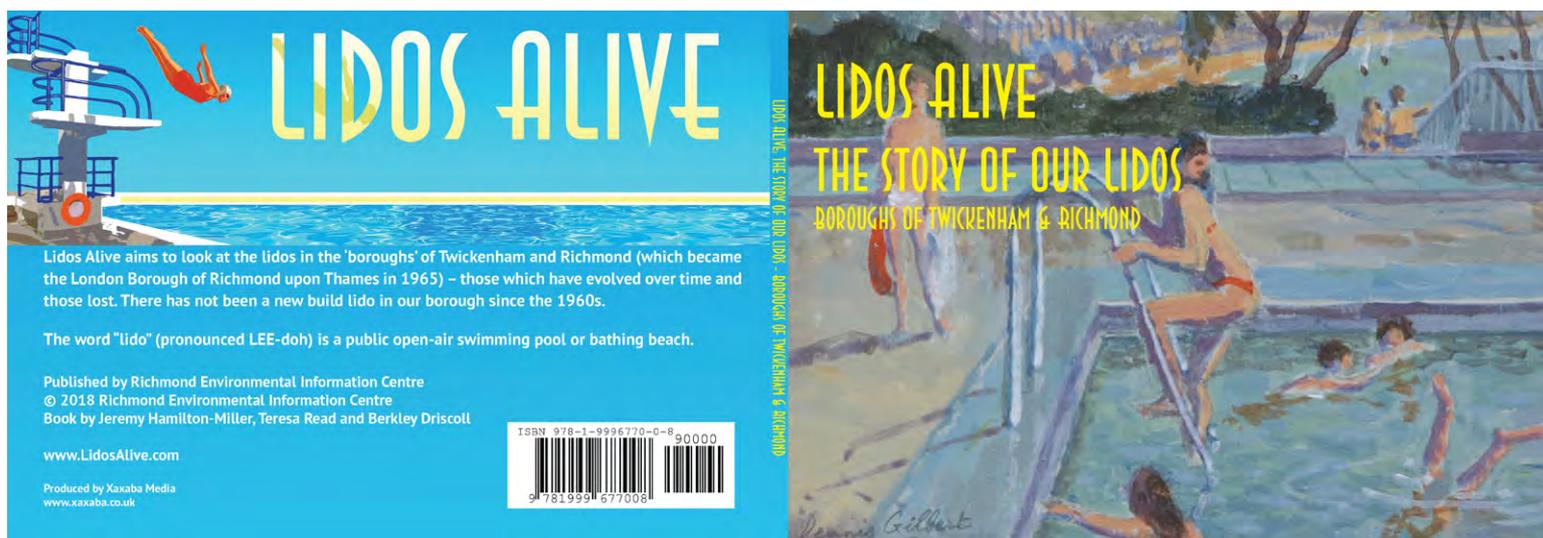
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Mereway Bathing Place

The Richmond Environmental Information Centre and its team will be working together to produce a history board to be placed adjacent to the original site (see Edition 94 of the Tribune).

Work initially started on a draft design for the Mereway Bathing Place Civic Pride history board on 9th August when we finally received the news that a Civic Pride grant had been awarded. The application was submitted in April this year and there has been plenty of time for people to make contributions for inclusion but information can still be accepted.



The Twickenham Tribune has publicised details of Lidos Alive and the REIC's interest in outdoor swimming sites in the Borough since April last year and many organizations have come forward with information which can be seen on the Lidos Alive website. Much of this information has been included in a book which is available at Crusader Travel in Church Street, Twickenham.

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



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River Crane Sanctuary



Are you still suffering from allergies? I read an interesting article in the RHS magazine in spring which gave details about a Plant Allergy Scale devised by horticulturist Tom Ogren: OPALS - which rates plants from 1 (Least likely to cause a reaction) to 10 (Highly likely). The Male Holly rates at 9 whilst the Female Holly is a low 1. Silver Birch is high at 9 and a Whitebeam scores a low 3. For flowers choose a garden pink Dianthus rating 3 rather than an Ox-Eye Daisy at rating 7 to keep the sneezes at bay. The urban environment keeps pollen airborne with the hard landscaping whilst soft landscaping absorbs pollen which means that hayfever can actually be worse in towns (where pollen mixed with other pollutants becomes more allergenic) than in the countryside!

Whilst we await the Appeal Inspector's decision on the Three Storey High development next to the River Crane Corridor by Trafalgar School we can still enjoy a peaceful walk and appreciate the wonderful nature so close to our town. Not to be sneezed at.



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

Local Green Space on Udney Park could yet save the much loved playing fields.

The granting of Local Green Space (LGS) status in a Councils Local Plan gives land the equivalent protection in Planning Policy as Green Belt. LGS is a new “community nominated” designation in Planning law for land that is demonstrably “special”; for example has recreational benefits to people living nearby as well as environmental value. LGS is a Policy designed to empower communities to stop developers building over open green space, which will be needed to protect ecology and playing fields for future generations. The decline of retailing and manufacturing inside the M25 means London doesn't need to build on its precious green space anymore.

The Friends of Udney Park and the Teddington Society applied for LGS status on Udney Park in 2015. The LGS application passed through multiple rounds of public consultation and was adopted into the draft Local Plan by the Council in Dec 2016. However, the Planning Inspector agreed with the heavy lobbying by Quantum that the Council did not have a robust enough process for assessing LGS and at the very end of the Public Exam of the Local Plan removed the LGS status without warning. We understand that the decision to remove the LGS protection from the land without giving the community any opportunity to defend the original LGS Application against the attacks from Quantum has been taken to a Judicial Review by a local resident.

LGS is an important layer additional protection that is worth fighting for though Udney Park still has multiple other protections that mean any Application to build on a playing field should be rejected.

With Thanks from the Friends OF Udney Park.

Planning permission granted to rebuild local retirement scheme

A retirement scheme in Whitton will be rebuilt, following Planning Permission being granted by Richmond Council.

The 100% affordable scheme, that will be delivered by RHP, received a unanimous decision from members, in favour of rebuilding the 1970s Somerville House in Rodney Road. This has accommodation which comprises 30 studio flats for single person occupation and some shared bathroom facilities and which does not meet current standards.

Included in the development will be 24 one-bedroom flats for independent living for people aged over 55 and suitable for couples living together, as well as a range of communal facilities including a large communal garden.

The sleek and contemporary design will give residents a high-quality place to live that meets all the latest housing standards. The scheme will also boast eco-enhancing features such as green roofs and winter gardens. Every home is fully wheelchair accessible and adaptable and meets “lifetime homes” standards.

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Places People Play



Budapest Diaries

by Shona Lyons of Crusader Travel

As part of a family business we don't travel much anymore as we only have a small staff and it is hard to find cover. Moreover, a travel business is a kind where you can't really shut the door and disappear for long, people need to be able to contact you 24/7 if their transfer doesn't turn up or the airline goes on strike or snow disrupts the flight etc.

So, in the last few years, I have organised short bank holiday trips for us to Paris, Venice and just recently to Budapest.

In Venice I discovered a total fascination with my Jewish Heritage and the Venetian Ghetto. I didn't organise a tour then, but I probably should have because after our visit I realised how interesting this area is, holding multiple stories about the previous inhabitants within its walls.



I planned the trip to Budapest last December. It is always good to book early! You only have to pay a deposit and can always take out insurance later on to guard against any illness etc. preventing travel. I got a great deal and paid probably less than a third of the price if I had waited last minute and also got exactly what I wanted regarding the accommodation which just wouldn't have been available close to the date of departure. So, I booked a two-bedroom apartment in the oldest grand hotel of Budapest called the Corinthea. I chose it because it was close to the Jewish Quarter and also very central and it had a large pool, a spa and I could get a 2-bedroom apartment there.

After our trip to Paris which I really loved and so did my parents as it was their first trip together after they had got married, I realised that it's really important to plan the trip really well and book interesting excursions for every day more or less because my parents are no longer too mobile and time is short and we can't be trying to find our way around a city with limited mobility and time! So I booked a city tour and cruise for the first day and the second day a Jewish Heritage Tour. The third day we were leaving so just had a little walk around and lunch at a really lovely al fresco dining area a few steps from the hotel.

The highlight of the trip for me was the Jewish Heritage Tour. Hungary had the largest concentration of Jews per World War 2 in Europe. Did you know that a third of all the prisoners at Auschwitz were Hungarian Jews? In the city during the Nazi Occupation Jews were rounded up in groups and taken to the banks of the Danube. They were bound together in groups of three after being forced to undress and take off their shoes. Probably to make sure they had no concealed knife to undo the ropes that bound them. Then the middle person was shot in the forehead and the group fell into the Danube and drowned. There is a monument of this in the form of a sculpture of many bronze shoes on the bank which is how it must have looked at the time in the morning after the crime.



We started the tour at the Dohany Street Synagogue called the Great Synagogue. Next door is the Jewish Museum which is where Theodore Herzl was born. In the Jewish Museum we saw lots of things and we also saw the papers that the Swedish Embassy through Raoul Wallenberg issued like a Swedish pass, that many of the foreign embassies issued for their Jewish citizens to save them from Nazi deportation to the extermination camps. Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat was an amazing man and saved many thousands of Jews, he used to walk behind the death marches handing out food and clothes. He was arrested by the Russians when they invaded in 1945, I think they didn't think very highly of his actions. He was taken to a labour camp and never seen again. There are quite a few heroes like Wallenberg and Carl Lutz, diplomats of neutral countries, who used their incredible diplomatic skills and courage, putting their lives and occupations at stake to save Jewish Lives. We also saw the graves at the great synagogue and were told that they were mass graves used to bury the Jewish community that had been killed in 1944 and 1945. The ground had actually been reserved to build a swimming pool before World War 2 and the pit had been dug for the pool. There were so many bodies to bury in 1944 and 1945 and the winter was so cold and the ground so hard, that they used this ground as a mass grave. Take a look at the grave stones they all have this date.



We also were taken to a beautiful Orthodox Synagogue. Really incredibly beautiful and lovingly restored after it was ransacked by the Nazis and turned in a stable with the horses tied to the Habima. The Jews in the area managed to save most of the furniture just before it was ransacked, and it now is an absolute jewel. I love this kind of decoration. It was a Muslim country for most of the time the Jews lived in Hungary and you can see this reflected in the style of the paintings and architecture and also the reason why the Jews flourished there for 100s of years pre the war because they were tolerated and allowed to practise their religion in freedom without persecution.

We did also have a city tour and a Danube cruise on day one and in the evening went to the world famous New York Café which is incredibly beautiful café built in the 1920s that was open 24/7 and catered to the journalists, bankers, diplomats etc. and we really enjoyed the hotel and its facilities and the last day we saw the Liszt Museum and had lunch a few steps from the hotel in a street that the bellman told us was the Champs Elysees of Budapest.

So, all in all it was a good trip and I think we all enjoyed it.

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PARATHA HEAVEN AT ESQUIRES (PUTNEY) AND A FOODIE BOOK FESTIVAL

I'm a regular at Twickenham Esquires; I like it as the coffee is good, seating comfy and it's dog friendly, so Crystal Poodle can come along too. I often meet friends there and can be tempted by a smoked salmon bagel or a sausage bap. It feels independent, but is, in fact, part of a massive Canadian company, our Twickers branch being a franchise.

I heard on the foodie grapevine that the Putney branch had launched a special 'Coffee & Kitchen' menu, and as it is around the corner from a friend I hadn't seen for yonks, decided to check it out. Boy, were we glad that we did! It takes Esquires into another league entirely. The atmosphere is airy, comfy and similar to the Twickers one, but it has an open kitchen at the back. Lovely Canadian Kate, who hails from Ottawa, served us, and she explained that the Putney concept is a pilot.

Unlike our local branch, where the hot snacks are produced in the microwave and griddle (and I must say pretty well, considering those limitations), Putney has a proper kitchen. My friend and I opted to share a Paratha bacon roll (£6.50) from the brunch menu and then Panko Buttermilk Chicken (£11.95) from the afternoon menu. The Paratha bacon roll was truly divine! Beautiful bacon, fresh spinach, coriander and sriracha hollandaise crammed inside a warm paratha; a marriage made in heaven. The Panko Buttermilk chicken is apparently going down a storm too. The chicken was really delicious – succulent and in a tasty crisp coating. But it was rather strangely served on a sweet waffle, which just didn't seem to go with the hot pepper mayo, delicious mirin pickled cucumbers, coriander and strips of carrot served with it. There are loads of other really different, interesting dishes to tempt one – including unusual salads, halloumi fries - served with za'atar, sumac and lime yogurt dip (wish we'd had room to try those!) - plus lots of nice vegetarian/vegan options.



Even the 'Esquires full vegan' cooked breakfast sounds intriguing. And of course, bearing in mind the heritage, you can indulge in Canadian pancakes. We treated ourselves to a glass of prosecco - good value at £4.50 - but they also serve beers, ciders and wines. Like the Twickers branch there are various smoothies and cold pressed juices and of course the same reliably good Esquires signature blend of coffee.

If you are in Putney do check it out for a delicious brunch or lunch. I really hope the Esquires Coffee & Kitchen concept is extended soon, and if so, please can Twickenham be one of the first in the queue? We Twickers folk will really appreciate those Paratha bacon rolls!

COOKBOOK FESTIVAL



12TH-16TH SEPTEMBER 2018

What a great idea (Richmond please take note). The Chiswick Book Festival takes place in September and for the first time, running alongside is a special Cookbook Festival. More information can be found at website cookbookfestival.org but there is a great line-up of chefs including John Torode, Ella Mills (Deliciously Ella), Melissa Helmsley, Jack Monroe with City Harvest, Jo Pratt, Niki Segnit (The Flavour Thesaurus), Katie and Giancarlo Caldesi (pictured) from La Cucina Caldesi, Silla Bjerrum and Mallika Basu. They will be discussing their published work, food and culinary experiences alongside tastings prepared by experienced chefs.



There are also workshops for those who really want to get stuck in – such as sushi, finger food, gyoza, biscuits and ‘How to get published’. Prices are very reasonable, with all proceeds raised going to charity. Tickets are on sale now [HERE](#).

Lynda's birthday celebration at the Alexander Pope

Lynda's delicious birthday cake was made by Cleiton - all the way from Brazil - who is the chef at the Alexander Pope.

Apparently this was the first cake Cleiton had made of this size which is hard to believe.

A South American chocolate based confection infused with brandy drizzled with leite condensado

and sprinkled

with flakes of fresh coconut was so light and moist that it melted in the mouth.



Cleiton certainly has a career ahead of him making cakes for special occasions. Everyone at Lynda's birthday was amazed at the delicious cake which Cleiton served to all Lynda's guests.



Offers and Competitions



RICHMOND FILM SOCIETY COMPETITION

Win a pair of tickets for any film of your choice in the first half of Richmond Film Society's 56th Season, which runs from 18 September to 11 December 2018.

Competition Question:

Who was the last actress to win the 'Academy Award for Best Actress' for her performance in a foreign language film ? (a) Marion Cotillard or (b) Penélope Cruz

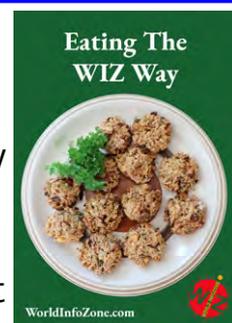
Please send your answers to win@twickenhamtribune.com , placing your answer in the email subject line. Correct answers will be drawn to determine the winning entry after the closing date of 14 September 2018.

Eating the WIZ Way

With a background of research on food around the world - World InfoZone.com - this book looks at foods which come under the heading of "Healthy Eating". Easy and economical recipes are provided which have resulted in weight loss and associated health benefits.

The book costs £6.00 and is available from Crusader Travel, 57/58 Church Street
Contact@TwickenhamTribune.com

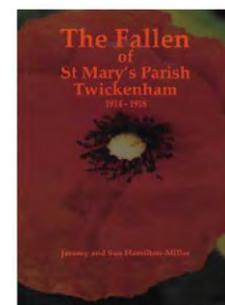
Review: <http://worldinfozone.com/infozone.php?section=Food>



The Fallen of St Mary's Parish Twickenham 1914-1918

By Sue & Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

The book costs £8 plus £1 p+p and is available from the Local History Society's website at www.botlhs.co.uk



Monthly Photography Competition

Win an 18 hole round of golf for 4 at Strawberry Hill Golf Club
With a glass of wine or beer at the bar afterwards

Email your photo to win@TwickenhamTribune.com

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

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

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



Zippo's Circus Returns To Twickenham



The famous Zippo's is renowned as London's Favourite Circus. Zippo's will be back at Twickenham Green TW2 5TU for its annual autumn visit from Thursday 20th to Tuesday 25th September.

Celebrating the 250th anniversary of circus entertainment Zippo's Circus presents a brand new 2018 production titled **Legacy!** Expect a spectacle like no other as extraordinary equestrians, astonishing acrobats, comic clowns and dashing daredevils join together in the ring to pay homage to charismatic cavalryman and impresario Philip Astley, who started the worldwide sensation of circus in London in 1768.

Audiences will see amazing horse acts which have thrilled since Georgian times, now performed by master equestrians The Khadikov Riders. Their astonishing repertoire includes the recreation of a rarely seen and daring equestrian act, 'The Courier of Saint Petersburg'.

For your chance to **win one of five Family Tickets (2 adults & 2 children)** just answer this simple question:

What rarely-seen equestrian act can you see at Zippo's Circus?

Send your answer to: win@TwickenhamTribune.com Don't forget to include your name and email address! Competition closes 14th September 2018.

Zippo's Circus will contact winners by email to arrange their circus tickets. No cash alternative. The organisers' decision is final.



Dear Sir,

Beware... This Council-caused catastrophe could soon happen to you!!

Many groups in Teddington are reeling with the recent council decisions to destroy places they hold dear and are especially incensed because decisions seem to be made without adequate and open public consultation. The immediate and repeated response to protesting a decision is that “adequate” processes have been followed (when in fact they were flawed) and the planning committee and council officer in charge (usually from Wandsworth) have approved. *Fait accompli!!*

Several projects fall into this category. All were begun under a Tory-led Richmond Borough council. What has inflamed local passions since June is the fact that dissatisfied voters ousted the Tory council on the promises of Liberal Democrats to “listen” to people and their encouragement “to consult with us.”

Regarding Teddington’s Elleray Hall, a long-established social centre for those over 60 years old, the proposal changed from a goal of upgrading the current building to consolidating it with two other council groups in a building smaller than Elleray Hall itself. Local people and the Teddington Society have vehemently protested such a change in plans, especially because the high value of the location means a developer could snatch up the land bargain and build yet more executive homes, pocketing enormous profits in the process.

If you are feeling a sense of *deja vue* re Udney Park, the join the crowd!!

At 105 Queens Road Teddington there is a bungalow used for social housing and adapted for a disabled family. Sadly, the tenants died some 8 years ago and, disgracefully, the council or its agent, RHP, chose to allow this bungalow to remain empty and deteriorate for 8 years. 18 months ago a social housing semi was proposed and neighbours endorsed the plan. Unfortunately, the protected oak tree in front garden meant parking plans didn’t meet requirements, so the plan was shelved.

In July 2017 the Queens Road site was mentioned as a possible location for an Achieving for Children (AfC) dwelling for vulnerable teenagers, needing special care and attention. However, on 17 November 2017, director of Children’s services reported to the Cabinet that: “The [Twickenham] Mereway site represents the best financial value, as well as being the site likely to deliver the best outcomes for the young people involved.” There was no mention of 105 Queens Road’s fate, despite offers to buy the property with a guarantee to rent it at social housing rates to deserving local people – while the council benefited by selling at the going property rates. Everyone **thought** that was a win-win.

However, on the 15th March 2018, the Joint Deputy Leader for Environment, Business and Community reported to the Cabinet in the “Asset Management Update Report” about strategic objectives for “property assets” but makes no mention of 105 Queens Road or The Mereway. Instead, the main targets cited were the sale of key assets in Teddington for the highest price possible under a HUB project that was developed in secret and soundly rejected by local residents and the Teddington Society. These Teddington assets included the North Lane (east) car park and depot building, Elleray Hall and 4 Waldegrave Road.

Councilor Fleming apologised for the lack of consultation at the Cabinet meeting and promised full consultation in future - as did Council Leader Cllr Paul Hodgins – as has Gareth Roberts, the new council leader. But guess what... It not only didn't happen but Teddington people were told to forget any reconsideration to review the flawed processes, false statements about size of the AfC building planned for Queens Road and the high costs and previous year's overspend of the AfC organization already struggling financially. **So beware. You and your neighborhood might be next!!**

Yours,
A Teddington Resident
(Name and Address Supplied)



Dear Sir,

Letter from Teddington

So only three months after being swept into power by the residents of Richmond borough, have the Liberals already caught the disease that proved fatal to its predecessor – the Tory administration?

The previous council refused to listen to the residents of the borough and tried to railroad through building developments completely out of keeping with their proposed locations, such as Twickenham Riverside, Elleray Hall demolition etc.

And now, Gareth Roberts and his Liberal Democrat elite, who publicly proclaim themselves as the party ‘listening to residents’, seem gung-ho on pushing ahead with a major development in Queens Road, Teddington, despite howls of anguish and disapproval from local Teddingtonians.

The new building, planned to replace a bungalow equipped for a less-able family at 105 Queens Road, is of a monstrous size, with a footprint some 145% larger than its neighbouring properties. In addition - and what should be more concerning to all residents across the borough - the design for the new home flagrantly breaches numerous, well-established council planning policies, regulations and guidelines in terms of;

- a. Its relative bulk, mass and size compared to neighbouring properties
- b. Over-shadowing and over-looking neighbouring properties
- c. Closeness to neighbouring properties (less than a metre on one side)

- d. A total of 19 windows in the side elevations over-looking neighbouring properties
- e. Artificial light and noise pollution from side windows
- f. Loss of privacy and sunlight to neighbouring properties
- g. Windows with no aspect (obscured glass facing brick walls)
- h. Totally inadequate parking

At the Planning Committee, councillors paid 'lip-service' to all verbal and written objections from many residents and allowed planners and architects to answer questions vaguely and obtusely, in order to railroad through the planning approval.

Irony of irony, the 'listening Liberals' have now deployed our self-same objections to prevent the approval of the development of a new overly-large, doctors surgery at Udney Park – and correctly so, if it breaches council policies (Planning Ref; 18/0151/FUL). However, we are told that these reasons have no relevance to the council's proposals for Queens Road.

So it would seem that not only are the Liberals not listening to outraged residents but that there might be one set of planning rules for borough residents and another for the council, where political expediency takes precedent. But surely that cannot be so. That would suggest duplicity and two-facedness in their decision making. Of course, it may be that the Liberals are still finding their feet and are just being led by the nose by a number of their senior officers intent on getting their teeth into a meaty project.

As a group of neighbours attempting to ensure that any new development is in keeping with the rest of the properties along our road, we are also dismayed at the inadequate consultation and the subsequent lack of information provided to us, despite our constant requests to councillors and officers.

So has anything changed?

Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose.

A Teddington Resident
(Name and Address Supplied)

Dear Sir,

"I'm sorry that the residents of Queens Road are unhappy with the decision, taken early this year, to site a modestly sized children's home at this location. The application was subject not only to public consultation but was also assessed by planning officers and at a full meeting of the planning committee and was found to be compliant with the borough's planning policies. An informative was placed on the decision for continuing liaison between AFC and residents throughout the construction of the home and regarding its operation. I have asked officers to bring forward plans relating to this."

Cllr Gareth Roberts
Leader - Liberal Democrats

FOOTBALL FOCUS

By Alan Winter

BRENTFORD FC

Brentford's unbeaten start to the Sky Bet Championship season came to an end as they were beaten by Blackburn Rovers last Saturday. A single goal won the game at Ewood Park as the home side took the points. Kasey Palmer scored the winner early in the second half with Blackburn's only chance of the afternoon and Brentford could find no way back.



The Bees came in to the game unbeaten in their first four league games, but they were unable to extend that in Lancashire. Brentford hit the crossbar twice and dominated possession and territory but did not create as many clear-cut chances as they would have expected.

The game saw Brentford's Marcus Forss making a creditable Sky Bet Championship debut replacing the suspended Neal Maupay.

Brentford: Bentley; Dalsgaard, Konsa, Mepham, Barbet; Mokotjo; Benrahma (sub Canós 64 mins), Yennaris, Sawyers (sub Macleod 79 mins), Watkins; Forss (sub Judge 64 mins)

Subs (not used): Daniels, Jeanvier, Clarke, McEachran

Bookings: Macleod (90 mins) Attendance: 12,094

We also said goodbye to Bees midfielder Ryan Woods last week. Stoke City manager Gary Rowatt launched a bid to sign Ryan Woods, Brentford's highly-rated central midfielder. Woods left Brentford in an initial loan deal which will then become permanent in the January transfer window, with £6.5m understood to be the fee required. Ryan has had two full seasons with the Bees since signing from Shrewsbury Town and has been a major

player in helping the club establish themselves in the Championship.
Farewell Ryan our best wishes go with you.
The Bees will be playing at home to Nottingham Forest today (September 1st) at 3.00. Come on you Bees!

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH

Torquay United were soundly beaten by Hampton & Richmond Borough on their first trip to Torquay's Plainmoor ground in Devon.

The visitors took the lead midway through the first half as Torquay proved unable to deal with a corner kick. One kick from the Borough right was scrambled away, but the second evaded Brett Williams at the near post before going in off Samir Nabi.

Torquay were booed off the pitch at the break and can have had no complaints about the reception after a woeful first half performance. They created hardly a chance and looked second best all over the pitch. But it was Hampton who scored again in the second half, Chris Dickson heading in from a corner.

Hampton and Richmond Borough will be playing away at Dulwich Hamlet today (September 1st) in a league match kicking off at 3.00. Come on you Beavers!



HRBFC

England Rugby and British Airways Partnership

England Rugby and British Airways today announced a ground-breaking new partnership which will see British Airways become the inaugural principal partner to Twickenham Stadium, as well as a principal partner and official airline partner to England Rugby.

The new multi-year deal will see British Airways and England Rugby work closely together on the digital experience at Twickenham Stadium, including developing and launching a new stadium app and e-ticketing in the future. It also sees the new top floor facility of the redeveloped East Stand named as the British Airways Rose Garden, which will be a modern, relaxed environment featuring live music and a mix of open-cooking stations. As the principal stadium partner, British Airways will also benefit from exclusive stadium branding including the roof of Twickenham, visible from incoming British Airways flights into Heathrow Terminal 5.

RFU Chief Executive, Steve Brown, commented on the launch today: “We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with British Airways and are extremely excited about working together. Twickenham Stadium is the home of rugby and we’re so pleased to have an iconic British brand as our first ever principal partner of the stadium. We are proud to be working with British Airways, a brand that has such a strong heritage that is aligned with our core values.”



RFU Chief Commercial Officer, Simon Massie-Taylor, commented on the innovative nature of the partnership: “We are delighted to be working with British Airways and offering some new, engaging opportunities to rugby fans. Collaboratively, we will be launching a new live digital content offering on match days, ‘British Airways Match-day Live’, which will deliver fans at home some of the Twickenham experience. Our plans for the Twickenham app and digital ticketing are also very exciting.”

Alex Cruz, Chairman and CEO of British Airways, said: “We’re getting behind England Rugby and looking forward to supporting the men’s and women’s squads, by delivering them ready to win on their travels all over the world. Twickenham Stadium also sits on the flight path in to Heathrow, so our partnership with the home of England Rugby will be visible to British Airways customers from the skies.”

British Airways will also be flying the England men’s and women’s teams around the world, including to Rugby World Cup 2019 in Japan and Women’s Rugby World Cup in 2021. The partnership will also bring exclusive memorable experiences to our fans and British Airways’ customers, including the chance to join the England men’s team on a summer test tour.



England Women's Sevens to Play in Kazan, Russia

England Women's Sevens head coach James Bailey has named his 12-player squad for the final round of the 2018 Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series in Kazan, Russia on 1-2 September.

The tournament, which will be live streamed on RugbyEurope.tv, is the second of two competitions that make up the European series and forms part of the 2017/18 season, with England having finished fourth in the opening leg in Marcoussis, France in June.

England Women's Sevens' new recruits Lizzie Adam, Abi Burton, Ellie Kildunne, Celia Quansah, Emma Hardy, Helena Rowland and Emma Uren are all named in the 12-player squad.

Adam and Quansah, alongside teammates Shauna Bennett and Sophie Tandy, formed part of the squad that travelled to Marcoussis earlier in the summer, losing to Ireland in the bronze medal final. Joining them is Garnet Mackinder who made her England Women's Sevens debut alongside Tandy in the final leg of the 2017 HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series in Clermont-Ferrand.

Bailey said: "Our priority for this season is Olympic qualification so we want to ensure that our squad is in the best place possible for the first World Series tournament in Colorado in October.

"Kazan provides us with a great opportunity to develop our younger group of players as we prepare them for playing on the world stage as well as continuing to build depth within our squad. "The standard of the European competition is incredibly high so this weekend will be a really big challenge but will play a pivotal role as we look ahead to next season."

England have been drawn in Pool C and will face Italy, Poland and Ireland on day one of the tournament.

RED ROSES 2018 QUILTER INTERNATIONALS CONFIRMED

The Red Roses will play three tests in the 2018 Quilter Internationals, including a first game for the side at Castle Park, Doncaster.

England Women will play USA, Canada and Ireland in the three-test November series at three different venues across the country.

The Red Roses open their campaign against USA Women at Allianz Park on Friday 9 November, kick off 7.45pm, live on Sky Sports Action.

They then travel north to take on Canada at Castle Park on Sunday 18 November, kick off 2pm, live on Sky Sports and EnglandRugby.com. The final test takes place at Twickenham Stadium following the conclusion of England v Australia when the Red Roses take on 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup hosts Ireland, kick off 5.40pm, and live on Sky Sports Action and Sky Sports Mix.

England Women Head Coach Simon Middleton said: "With no summer tour this year, the Quilter Internationals cannot come soon enough. The squad are raring to go and we couldn't wish for a better start than against the USA.



Men's Sevens named for 2018/19

Head of England Sevens Simon Amor has named his 20-man squad for the 2018/19 season which will include the HSBC World Rugby Sevens Series and the Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series.

This season carries added significance in that it is the qualifying season for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and as with Rio 2016, England is the nominated nation to qualify Team GB for Tokyo 2020.

The 2018/19 England Men's Sevens squad is split into senior, academy and university players. The experienced senior set-up features five Olympic silver medallists from Rio 2016 in Dan Bibby, Phil Burgess, Tom Mitchell, Ollie Lindsay-Hague and all-time leading try scorer Dan Norton.

Additionally, these five players all contributed to England's bronze medal success at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games alongside Richard de Carpentier, Alex Davis, Mike Ellery, Harry Glover and Ethan Waddleton who are all named in the squad for the forthcoming season.

England ended their 2017/18 campaign with a second place finish at the Rugby World Cup Sevens where all of the aforementioned players - with the exception of Dan Bibby and Ethan Waddleton who were unavailable due to injury - represented their country alongside Will Muir to take home a silver medal and will remain with England for 2018/19.

Will Edwards will this season form part of the core senior group of players as he progresses from the England Sevens academy and Tom Bowen will remain an integral member of the senior set-up after overcoming injuries last season that meant he was unavailable for the Commonwealth Games and World Cup.

"With a number of experienced players remaining with the team and some great young talent joining the programme we're excited about the season ahead," said head of England Sevens Simon Amor.

"The way that the World Cup squad performed in San Francisco in July gives us a huge amount of confidence and enthusiasm as we build towards our first World Series tournament in Dubai and begin our preparation for Olympic qualification.

"Every team is going to be aiming for a top spot on this season's World Series and with quality of sevens increasing year-on-year it's going to be a challenge that we will relish. We are very clear on what we need to do to achieve this and a huge part of that comes down to consistently demonstrating the right attitude and effort across the entire squad."

James Rodwell and Charlie Hayter will take on the role of player coaches for the 2018/19 season. England's most capped player Rodwell, and Hayter who has been with England since 2014 will work with head coaches Simon Amor and James Bailey across both the men's and women's programmes with Rodwell focusing on aials, kick offs and line outs and Hayter on

contact and scrums. Former England Sevens player John Brake will re-join the England Sevens programme as academy manager and coach for both the men and women.

Charlton Kerr and Ryan Olowofela who both have experience of playing on the world stage will form an integral part of the England Sevens academy set-up for next season. They will be joined by Jamie Barden, Ben Harris, Will Muir and Femi Sofolarin who were first integrated into the England Sevens academy in the 2018 Rugby Europe Sevens Grand Prix Series where England are currently ranked second.

Harry Glover will remain a part-time member of the England squad while continuing his studies at Newcastle University. The 22 year-old who was named Rugby World Cup Sevens' Breakthrough Player of the Tournament will train with the men's squad when he is not studying and will compete in selected tournaments throughout the season.

On the academy and university players, Amor added: "The depth of talent in this group is exceptional and we're really looking forward to getting the new players on board and seeing what they can each bring to the squad. Harry, Charlton, Ryan, Will Edwards and Will Muir all performed exceptionally well last season and we're excited to see how their progression continues as they push on for selection on more World Series events this year."

Elsewhere, Ruaridh McConnonchie has left the England Sevens set-up for Bath Rugby. McConnochie joined England in the 2015/16 season and played at a number of World Series tournaments as well as representing Team GB at Rio 2016 and England at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and Rugby World Cup Sevens.

On McConnochie, Amor commented: "We wish Ruaridh huge success at Bath. He's an outstanding player and achieved so much with the England Sevens. Ruaridh is a great example of the sevens pathway with how he progressed through university to go on and not just play but medal in the Olympics, Commonwealth Games and World Cup before joining a Premiership side."



Women's Sevens named for 2018/19

England Rugby has awarded 17 women's sevens contracts for the upcoming 2018/19 season.

The women's squad will move from its present base at Bisham Abbey to join the men's set-up at The Lensbury in Teddington from 1 September. This will provide both the men's and women's squads the opportunity to share facilities and best practice.

Nine of those named for this season featured in England's bronze medal-winning Commonwealth Games squad earlier this year, eight of whom then went on to represent England in the Rugby World Cup Sevens alongside Holly Aitchison, who had been unavailable for Commonwealth selection due to injury.

Emily Scarratt, Heather Fisher, Natasha Hunt, Abbie Brown and Claire Allan bring a wealth of experience to the squad, having also represented Team GB in the Rio 2016 Olympic Games. They are joined by fellow Commonwealth bronze medallists Megan Jones, who travelled to Rio as a non-playing reserve, Alex Matthews, Deborah Fleming and Jess Breach.

There are seven new names included in the squad. Among these is 18-year-old Ellie Kildunne, who makes the transition from 15s, having scored nine tries in eight appearances for the Red Roses last season.

Lizzie Adam and Celia Quanash made their England debuts in the first leg of the 2018 Rugby Europe Women's Sevens Grand Prix Series in Marcoussis, France earlier in the summer and are among the new recruits.

Emma Uren, who captained England Women U20 earlier this year in the side's first victory over France, Abi Burton, Emma Hardy and Helena Rowland have all progressed through the performance pathway to the squad having represented England in age grade teams.

England Women Sevens head coach James Bailey said: "There's a real excitement about the squad and confidence in this talented group of players. What we have looked at is bringing together a group who will allow us to play a unique style of sevens. While we have a number of experienced names, we have some talented athletes who started their sporting careers outside of rugby.

"There are a huge number of positive opportunities that await us this season, especially as we move to the Lensbury where we will be able to share best practice between ourselves and the men's team, building on the existing links and creating a closer alliance between the two squads."

With the HSBC World Rugby Women's Sevens Series increased to six rounds this season, the Series will start with a new first leg in Colorado on 20-21 October. Qualification for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games takes place this season and as with Rio 2016, England is the nominated nation to qualify Team GB for Tokyo 2020.

Bailey added: "This season is going to be a huge but incredible challenge and is undoubtedly going to be the most competitive season yet in the women's game. Our priority is Olympic qualification, and while there's still a lot of work to be done, we know what's required and we're fully embracing it."

Reflecting on England's ninth place finish in the Rugby World Cup Sevens, where England won the Challenge trophy, he said: "We knew what we had to do going into the World Cup and failed to deliver. There were a number of challenges last season which we will look to address. We had a number of injuries which made it difficult to keep the squad consistent. We will be working hard to try to mitigate this as well as build on the many positives we took away from the year."

Elsewhere, Vicky Fleetwood, Olivia Jones, Katie Mason, Sarah McKenna, Chantelle Miell, Emily Scott, Kelly Smith, Lydia Thompson, Amy Wilson Hardy and Millie Wood have left England Women's Sevens with Bailey adding: "We'd like to thank those who have left the programme for their contribution to the programme and wish them the very best for the future."

Five of the 17 players will continue their studies alongside rugby commitments. Ellie Kildunne (St Mary's University, Twickenham), Lizzie Adam (Loughborough University), Emma Hardy (Loughborough University), Helena Rowland (Loughborough University) and Emma Uren (St Mary's University, Twickenham) will all study part-time as well as taking up squad contracts.



Project raising awareness about drug use gets Council support

A drugs education project, which aims to raise awareness of the dangers of drugs, has been granted £5,000 funding by the Council.

The 'I love you Mum' drugs awareness, theatre-in-education project is run by the Daniel Spargo-Mabbs Foundation. They will undertake eight schools' performances across the borough as well as an accessible community performance for parents, carers and families. Performances will also be followed by a Q&A with the drug information team.

As part of the programme, schools will also be provided with education resources, workshops for parents and carers and training and support for sixth-form students to become Youth Ambassadors.

Cllr Michael Wilson, Cabinet Member for Equality, Communities and the Voluntary Sector said:

“Informing young people about the risks associated with harmful drug and alcohol use is an important part of empowering them with the skills and information to make the best choices to lead a healthy and happy life”.

“This programme will offer young people and their families in the borough an informative and entertaining programme of workshops and performances and I am delighted we have been able to support it.”



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