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Twickenham's Busy Bees
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TwickerTape - News in Brief

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Readers in Richmond upon Thames are being encouraged to try out the library service's e-Book lending service, free of charge, as part of the 2019 Cityread promotions. Set up an Overdrive e-book account via the Libby app during the month of May using the code 'CITYREAD2019' and get free access to the full collection of e-Books for two months. Once your free two months are up you will be asked if you would like to join Richmond Library's e-service for continuing free access. Download the [Libby app](#) from the app store onto your Android or iOS device.

Collaborative effort brings new bridge to Crane Park

Visitors to Little Park at the northern end of Crane Park will benefit from a new pedestrian bridge across the River following a project co-ordinated by Richmond and Hounslow Councils and Friends of the River Crane Environment (FORCE). The bridge has been partially paid for using a Woodland Improvement Grant from the Forestry Commission. The bridge creates a circular walk across the River Crane, linking Crane Park north to Hounslow Heath and Brazil Mill Woods. The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) are working with Richmond Council to improve the Little Park entrance and path.

Unnecessary delays in hospitals for Richmond residents improves

The speed at which hospitalised patients can access social care services in Richmond upon Thames has increased substantially in the last three years.

Recent Social Care Days Delay data released by NHS England show an 89 per cent improvement in the number of days it takes to move patients who are ready to be discharged out of hospital and back into the community (known as transfer of care). It means Richmond upon Thames has gone from being the worst performing London borough in 2016/17 to the 5th best performing London borough for 2018/19.



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It's finally that time ... the decision on the 5 shortlisted architects for the Twickenham Riverside Design Competition has been

made!!!

The five architects pulled from the hat are:

[Allies and Morrison](#), London SE1 0HX

[Haworth Tompkins](#), London NW5 1LB

[Baynes and Mitchell](#), London W1F 8QP

[Hopkins Architects](#), London NW1 6LG

[Cullinan Studio](#), London N1 7RU

These are all highly respected firms and we can only hope that they will do us proud and offer creative and inspiring proposals. We wonder if any local firms submitted applications and, if any did, it's a pity that at least one wasn't given a chance.

The next stage will be launched on Monday 3rd June, with final designs to be submitted by 6th August.

TwickerSeal has heard whispers that someone special might be brought in to make Monday's announcement, but who could it be?



PART 129 – THE CASTLE HOTEL AT HAMPTON COURT BRIDGE

Sometimes I find old postcards of buildings that I can't place. It's hardly surprising as we live in a time where buildings from the early part of the 20th Century are constantly getting demolished or re-named. The Castle Hotel at Hampton Court Bridge is just such a building having originally been an Inn back in the seventeenth century before closing for the last time in 1930.

The original Inn was probably brought into being because of the ferry which, before the first bridge was built, carried people across the river from Hampton Court to a point just beside where the Mole fell into the Thames. Travellers coming up to the palace from the south would require refreshment or a night's lodging before crossing over the river, and likewise in the opposite direction, and so the inn came into existence to cater for the demand.

An old print published in 1754 shows the Inn, then known as the Prince of Wales with a landing stage for the ferry in front of it. No bridge in those days.

The name change to the Castle must have come about soon after this, for it was Thomas Davis, the licensee during much of the latter half of the eighteenth century who appears to have dubbed it "The Castle".



The strategic importance of the Castle was emphasised even further when the railway was opened in 1849, with the station virtually on its doorstep. The development of the British railway network and the consequent decline of mail coaching left many an old roadside inn bereft of travellers; but those, like the Castle, who were so fortunately placed as to reap the full benefit of the age of steam railways, were swept forward on a flood tide of prosperity.



The death knell of the Castle sounded when it was decided to rebuild Hampton Court Bridge on an alignment to bypass Bridge Road, which was much too narrow to cope with the ever increasing volume of traffic, and the site of the old Inn was required for the approach to the bridge. The doors were opened to the public for the last time on 15 March 1930, when a final nostalgic party was held, and upwards of a hundred and seventy people sat down to "an excellent repast"

The new bridge was opened by the Prince of Wales (who became King Edward VIII) on 3 July 1933. This was on the same day as he also

opened Chiswick and Twickenham Bridges, which carry the A316.

The current Hampton Court Bridge is the fourth such bridge crossing the river at this point. The bridge is the most upstream crossing of all of the Thames bridges of Greater London.

You may be interested in a talk that I shall give to the Twickenham Society on Tuesday 11th June. "Wandering around Central Twickenham in 100 years of postcards" will be an anecdotal stroll between York House and Heath Road taking in the riverside and London Road up to the railway station. Supported by picture postcards, published from 1900 onwards. It should bring back a few memories of Twickenham as it was. Venue is the Twickenham Club in Church Street and the talk will begin at 7.30. Admission is £2 to non-members.

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Richmond upon Thames residents: have your say on new council ward boundaries

The Local Government Boundary Commission are asking local people and organisations for their help to draw up new ward boundaries across Richmond upon Thames.

The Commission has also announced that it is minded to recommend that the council should have 54 councillors in the future.

The LGBC are now drawing up a new pattern of wards to accommodate 54 councillors. They need your help to tell where the new boundaries should be drawn.

You can submit comments or upload a document by clicking on '[Have your say](#)'. You can also draw your own boundaries and annotate the map by clicking on the same button.

This stage of the consultation closes on 5 August 2019. More info [HERE](#)



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Arts and Entertainment

By Erica White



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*Saturday, 8 June - Saturday, 15 June. 7.45 (except 9 June at 3.00 and no performance Wed. 12) Mary Wallace Theatre, TW1 3DU Richmond Shakespeare Society presents THE LONESOME WEST by Martin McDonagh.

Info: <http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk>

Sunda, 9 - Saturday, 15 June at 7.45 (Sun at 6pm) Studio Theatre, Hampton Hill Theatre. Teddington Theatre Club presents A VISIT FROM MISS PROTHERO and AN ENGLISHMAN ABROAD by Alan Bennett. Booking now open. Only 50 seats each night. Don't leave it too late to book your seat.

Info: <http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk>

Saturday, 22 - Saturday, 29 June. Teddington Theatre Club is proud to present the award-winning Hilary Mantel novels adapted for the stage by Mike Poulton, WOLF HALL and BRING UP THE BODIES. Info: <http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk>

Friday 31 May - Sunday, 1 June at 7.45 Rogue Opera presents DON GIOVANNI by Mozart.

Info: www.bit.ly/DonGHamptonHill

Thursday, 30 - Saturday 8 June. 7.30 at St Edmunds Church Hall, TW2 7BB. Edmundian Players present GOOD NIGHT MISTER TOM by David Wood, based on book by Michelle Magorian.

Info: <http://edmundianplayers.com>

Saturday, 1 June, 8pm. Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington. CHRISTINE COLLISTER & DAVE KELLY.

Info: <http://www.landmarkartscentre.org>

*Saturday, 15 June, 7.30. Landmark Arts Centre, TW11 9NN.

THAMES PHILHARMONIA with DAVID CAMPBELL, renowned clarinettist perform a programme of music of Irish and English traditional folk music, and Italian and French classics.

Info: <http://www.landmarkartscentre.org>

Sunday, 2 June, 7.30. Normansfield Theatre. SUMMER MUSIC'S FIRST CONCERT playing music for string quartets and quintets.

Info: <https://langdondowncentre.org.uk>

Thursday, 6 June, 2-6pm. Richmond & Hillcroft Adult Community College, Parkshot, TW9 2RE. Annual VOLUNTEER FAIR. Visit to discover the wealth of advice, arts, children, culture, environment, health or heritage. Opportunity to volunteer yourself or to benefit from some of the 40 local organizations attending.

Info: www.Richmond.gov.uk or 020 8843 7940

*Monday, 10 June. - 24 August. 9.30-6.00, (Mons-Frids, Sats.-4.00)

Riverside Gallery, TW9 1TP. Richmond Printmakers exhibit TRANSFORMATION. Works of art from plain, unblemished wood, metal, stone, lino or silk.

Info: www.richmond.gov.uk/arts

Jazz, rock, and blues music enthusiasts who head to the bars at The Cabbage Patch Pub in London Road are advised to visit the websites below to check what's on.

Sunday, 9 June, Twickfolk reopens with BILLY KEMP, singer and guitarist with songs and stories from the heart of Nashville.

Info: <http://www.twickfolk.co.uk>

Tuesday, 4 June at 8 pm Twickenham Jazz Club regulars, KELVIN CHRISTIANE ALL STARS BIG BAND.

Info: <http://www.twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk>

*Thursday, 6 June. 9-11. The Patch, 67 London Rd, TW1 3SZ Eel Pie Club welcomes back ROLLIN' STONED TRIBUTE BAND.

Info: <http://www.eelpieclub.com>

Remember to check alternate Thursdays at 8.00pm at The Turk's Head, Winchester Road, St Margaret's, where the Pub Choir invites you to join in or just relax and listen.

Friday evenings from 7.30 at Arthurs on the Green, TW2 Live jazz from THE BUCKINGHAM TRIO. Jazz and Italian grub. What a combo!

Saturdays and Sundays. Fun and games for all the family, at ORLEANS HOUSE GALLERY, Riverside TW1 3DJ.

Info: <https://www.oreanshousegallery.org>

Wednesdays-Sundays, 12noon-4.00 at TURNERS HOUSE Exhibition: MINIATURE LANDS OF MYTH AND MEMORY. Also wander round the garden now in full bloom.

Info: <https://turnershouse.org>

The Twickenham Tribune's Alan Winter

Tuesday 11th June. 7.30. Talk on "A walk around Central Twickenham in 100 years of postcards"

Venue is the Twickenham Club in Church Street

Non-members are welcome.

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The Friends of Udney Park: Public Inquiry Delay

The Public Inquiry to determine the joint Planning Application from Quantum, Teddington Sports Ground CIC and Park Road Surgery was due to start on June 24th. However, events have taken a further twist and the mountain of Policy that Quantum have to climb gets bigger and bigger.



“We would like to apologise for the delay to this service”.

We are sorry to report that the Public Inquiry in June has been postponed to the Autumn for 2 reasons:

1. Quantum attempted to make substantial changes to the Planning Application 6 weeks before the Public Inquiry, which meant that these changes would avoid Council and public scrutiny.
2. The recent Local Green Space consultation, which the Judge that ruled in favour of the Friends of UPPF directed must be completed before the Public Inquiry, has been delayed due to the volume of replies.

Next steps for the community

In the near future (date TBC) there will be a further 3-week consultation by Richmond Council on these revised ecology submissions made in April 2019, which materially change the Application. We will publicise again when that consultation starts, suffice to say it will be necessary to fully scrutinise such a late submission on important matters relating to ecology, an issue to which Quantum have paid little attention.

The Policy preventing Quantum/CIC/Park Road Surgery Plan's is getting higher by the week (eg):

- the restrictive leasehold business models so prevalent in the retirement property sector and used by Quantum are under government consultation after a damning White Paper.
- the importance of green space and biodiversity to society has greater public Policy focus than ever, the Spring Budget committed to review the economic value to society in these areas.
- building on playing fields is unethical, simply contrast Quantum/CIC/Park Road Surgery intentions with the developer seeking to build 400 flats on

the brown-field Homebase site next to North Sheen station, a development fully aligned with local, regional and National Policy.

Plan B for Beaverbrook

The Friends always believed Beaverbrook's clear wishes in the covenant must be respected, that Udney Park is for "amateur sport". There are multiple sports clubs without permanent homes of their own (Hearts FC, Thamesians RFC, Quins Ams RFC) that continue to express interest in being based at Udney. We are taking advice from Sport England and other relevant funding bodies for social projects. Plan B is funded and sustainable; we are ready to provide a smooth exit when Quantum conclude that building on a Park is impossible.

Why the Friends will never give up

Quantum secured Udney Park with an unconditional offer submitted after the Imperial College disposal tender was closed, an opportunity afforded to no other bidder, despite the presence of the Asset of Community Value application.



Everything Quantum have done in the last 4 years arguably has been (as a senior Councillor said at the time): "camouflage for a grubby land deal". We feel even more strongly that "some things in life are just plain wrong, building on playing fields is one of them", exactly as the National Planning Policy Framework enforces. Quantum have almost no chance of ever building Udney Park, even if this current Application is somehow approved, there will multiple routes to appeal. Even trying to build on a playing field is wasting so much Council and NGO resources to defend clear Policy. We are ready with an alternative community-led future for Udney Park when Quantum decide to move on, however long that takes.

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Statement from Sir Vince Cable MP

Following his announcement last Friday (24th May 2019) that he will be handing over leadership of the Liberal Democrats on the 23rd July, Vince Cable said:

“I have announced that I will be stepping down as Leader of the Liberal Democrats as soon as a new leader is chosen. I am pleased to be able to do so on the back of very successful local election results across England a few weeks ago and our stunning result in the European elections.



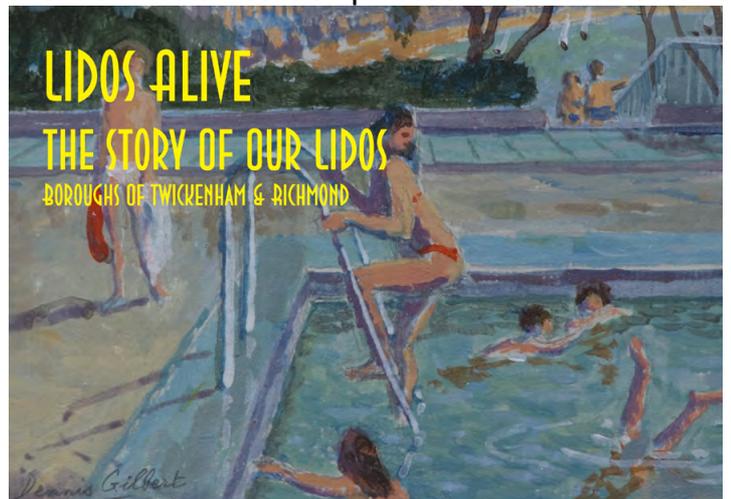
“I gave my word several months ago that I wanted a smooth transition to the next generation leadership and I am sticking to that commitment despite flattering suggestions that I stay on.

“I of course remain as MP for Twickenham. I was elected to serve for the current parliament which could last for three more years. I very much enjoy my constituency role and am honoured to continue it. Twickenham has been my home for more than 40 years and it is a privilege to serve this very special constituency.

“I hope I shall meet as many residents as possible in the next few weeks at the annual fairs and other social events. I of course remain available on a weekly basis at my advice surgeries for those who need to talk to me or need assistance.”

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Lidos Alive – the Story of Our Lidos - is a 63-page A5 book with colour photos and illustrations full of interesting information about the history of outdoor swimming in the Borough and the rise of the lido. Contents include Mereway Bathing Place, pools in Bushy Park, Hampton Pool, Teddington Pool, Hampton Wick, Tagg’s Island, Marble Hill, Twickenham Baths, Pools on the Park and other interesting stories.



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It has a bed, but never sleeps.
It has a mouth but never eats.*

White Egret visits River Crane

Springwatch is highlighting ways to get wildlife into our gardens and inviting us to take part in a 'Citizen Science' project on their BBC website. Please consider taking a look to see what is possible in even the smallest space.

The First of June arrives and many welcome the longer days and starry nights. We begin to plan our holidays or perhaps go with the flow and see what unfolds. Living with surprise and change means that keeping our eyes and minds open may lead to amazing moments of discovery. Perhaps we can let go of fear for a bit and relax like this Robin on the ground who enjoyed a sunbathe so close to us and potential predators. He flew off after a drink from the water bowl and preen on the fence.....ahhhh!



At last, a Green Veined Butterfly visited us long enough for a photo call.

The Bumble-Bee was still gathering pollen from Wild Sown, 'Love in a Mist' when it already had excess 'Pollen Sacs' baggage to fly home! A lesson for all of us that Less is More, sometimes, or we end up with heaviness and expense.



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



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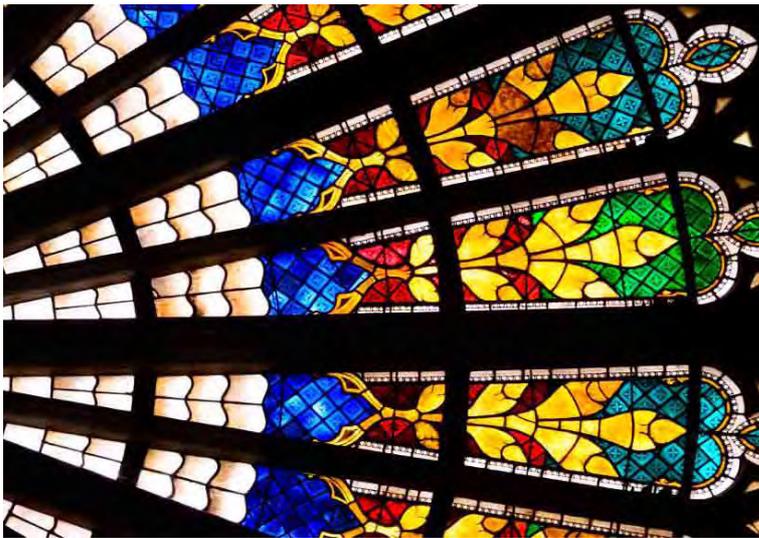
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St Mary's University Update

St Mary's Academic Launches Report at Major Vatican Atheism Conference

The global multi-university Understanding Unbelief programme to advance the scientific understanding of atheism and nonreligion will today, 28th May, present results from its research at the Vatican in Rome.

The multidisciplinary research programme, a collaboration between St Mary's University Twickenham, University of Kent, Coventry University, and Queen's University Belfast, maps the nature and diversity of 'unbelief' across six countries including Brazil, China, Denmark, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the USA. The research is supported by a £2.3 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation, and is led by the University of Kent.



Researchers, including Director of the Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society Prof Stephen Bullivant, asked unbelievers about attitudes to a range of issues. These included supernatural phenomena, including life after death and astrology, whether the 'universe is ultimately meaningless' and what values matter most to them.

The researchers used internationally recognised terms to identify unbelievers - atheists (i.e., people who 'don't believe in

God') and agnostics (i.e., people who 'don't know whether there is a God or not, and don't believe there is a way to find out').

Key findings from the research include:

- Unbelievers exhibit significant diversity both within, and between, different countries
- In all six countries, majorities of unbelievers identify as having 'no religion'
- Relatively few select 'atheist' or 'agnostic' as their preferred (non)religious or secular identity
- Popular assumptions about 'convinced, dogmatic atheists' do not stand up to scrutiny
- Unbelief in God doesn't necessarily entail unbelief in other supernatural phenomena and the majority of unbelievers in all countries surveyed expressed belief in one or more supernatural phenomena
- A common supposition - that of the purposeless unbeliever, lacking anything to ascribe ultimate meaning to the universe - does not bear scrutiny
- Most unbelievers endorse objective moral values, human dignity and attendant rights, and the 'deep value' of nature at similar rates to the general populations in their countries
- Unbelievers and general populations show high agreement concerning the values most important for 'finding meaning in the world and your own life'. 'Family' and 'freedom' ranked highly for all.

The full 'Understanding Unbelief' report is [available here](#).



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The above photograph was taken by Maurice Parry-Wingfield

“... shot of a male mandarin duck with, I think, 10 ducklings huddling up to it. It was taken this morning on the steps at the viewpoint from Hammertons boatyard to Ham House. The female was one step lower.”



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Twickers Foodie – By Alison Jee

WORLD MILK DAY?

OR WORLD GIN DAY NEXT SATURDAY – TAKE YOUR PICK!

Did you know it is **World Milk Day** on June 1? No, neither did I! But I received a press release about this from a nutritionist called Lily Souter that gave me food for thought. Apparently in 2001 the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations selected June 1 as World Milk Day to celebrate the important contributions of the dairy sector to sustainability, economic development, livelihoods and nutrition. Try telling that to your Vegan friends!

The negatives of cow's milk: “Cow's milk isn't harmful or bad for us in any way. It contains a range of vitamins and minerals, which support bone health including calcium, protein, vitamin B12 and the often forgotten, iodine. Despite the vast amount of negative press, cows milk is not full of growth hormones – There has been a ban on injecting cows in the UK for many years.”

“The negatives associated with cow's milk are often confused with an individual's genetics and lifestyle. If you're lactose intolerant, a common digestive problem where the body is simply unable to digest lactose (a type of sugar mainly found in milk), then you will suffer with bloating and IBS like symptoms. As well as this, if you have a cows' milk allergy you can suffer with a wide range of symptoms, including skin reactions, digestive problems and hayfever-like symptoms.”



“Many are concerned about the saturated fat content in milk. If you consume whole fat milk as well as many high fat dairy products you could be consuming more than 20g of saturated fat a day – which could lead to high cholesterol levels and an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. With this being said, if you don’t have a fatty diet, consuming full fat milk can be a great way to reap in the added benefits including fat-soluble nutrients, vitamin D and to some extent Vitamin A.”

The Truth about milk alternatives – Are they beneficial to our diets or just watery versions? “They’re not harmful as long as you’re selecting the right ones. Watch out for added sugar and make sure they have the added vitamins and minerals. Some milks state that they have vitamins & minerals added. Always check the labels, if Calcium, Vitamin B12 and Vitamin D haven’t been added and you’re cutting these out, you could be at risk of developing deficiencies. Iodine is often forgotten about, I have only come across one milk alternative, an oat milk from M&S, that has added iodine.”

That said, the [Rude Health](#) range, (my ‘go-to’ brand if I want to avoid milk) prefers to offer products that act as an alternative to cow’s milk but not a replacement so they aren’t fortified. Your own diet should be adjusted to make sure that you have the vitamins and minerals you need. The company has some interesting information on the website [here](#) There are in nine varieties of milk alternative from Rude Health – as well as the absolutely delicious chocolate hazelnut drink. They are widely available in most supermarkets.

But next Saturday is **World Gin Day!** Quite a few supermarkets are having gin promotions next week, including Lidl, Aldi, Marks & Spencer (which, incidentally has this divine rose scented gin at £25). Delicately-scented spirit is infused with floral botanicals from the Old Curiosity Distillery in Edinburgh. When tonic is added, the rose gin transforms from a pale gold to brighter pink shade. That sounds much more exciting to me!





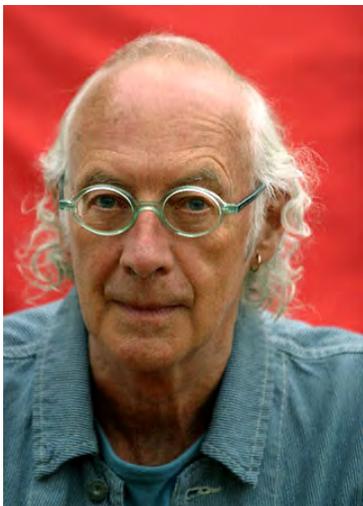
joinedupwriting

by Roger McGough

Arts Richmond Book Picnic at May Fair Marquee, Richmond, 12th May
Review by Greg Freeman

Time was when Roger McGough was regarded as one of the voices of a new poetry generation. As one of the Liverpool Poets, he encouraged thousands to have the confidence to believe that they could write poetry, too.

These days the calm, soothing voice of the presenter of BBC Radio's *Poetry Please* has something of the bedside manner of a trusted, if somewhat older, family doctor. But although McGough may have just eased into his 80s, he certainly doesn't look it. Dressed in a bright blue boilersuit, he delivered an entertaining set based around his latest collection, *joinedupwriting*, at an Arts Richmond event to celebrate a poetry competition that he had judged – on the theme of Time.

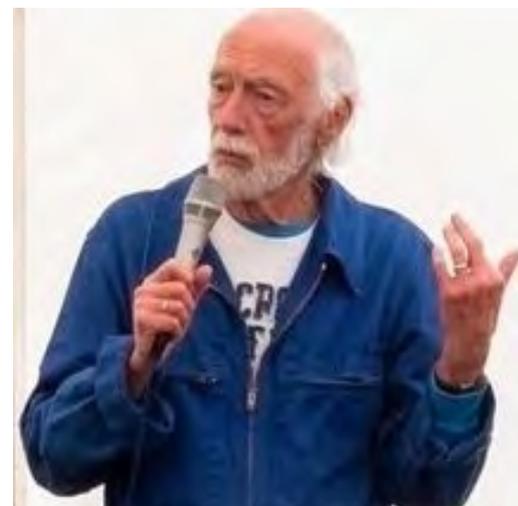


A poem called *The Cure for Ageing* begins: "There is no cure for ageing." Commissioned by Age UK, it had its generally mature audience roaring with laughter. It is, in fact, a fabulously upbeat poem, containing spry advice such as: "Think yourself younger than you really are: / On a crowded bus or tube, offer your seat to a young man / Help a traffic warden across a busy road / Grow cannabis in the commode".

The lunchtime marquee event, part of the bustling May Fair on Richmond Green, had a carnival air at times, with the strains of a carousel hurdy-gurdy almost drowning out the more regular overhead refrain of Heathrow jets coming in to land.

The last poem has the air of a belated confession. *So Many Poems, an Apology* looks back on "being twenty, running all the words together / and thinking, There must be more to it than this." Another 'apology' is for "trying to prove that, if not for everyone, / it is for anyone." No need for apologise for that, Roger. It's why you are still loved by so many.

Read Greg Freeman's full review at
www.markaspen.com/2019/05/29/joinedupwriting
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Say no to smoking this World No Tobacco Day

Today (31 May) is World No Tobacco Day. If you're one of Richmond upon Thames' 14,000 smokers, now is the time to start improving your health by stubbing out smoking for good.

Smoking is the single biggest cause of preventable death, research shows that you are up to four times more likely to quit successfully if you use a local stop smoking service.

Free local support is available in Richmond upon Thames through the council's Stop Smoking Service. Specialist advisors can give you products to use, such as patches and an inhalator, and can offer you regular support and information if you are using e-cigarette to quit smoking or you smoke cigarettes or other tobacco products such as shisha.

300 people have already been helped to quit smoking through our Stop Smoking Service over the last twelve months.

Cllr Piers Allen, Chair of the Adult Social Services, Health and Housing Committee said: "Taking the step to stub out for good and kick your smoking habit will have immediate effects on your overall health. Evidence shows as soon as you give up, your blood pressure is reduced, blood circulation improves, breathing becomes easier, and your skin looks better.

"We have a range of services available to smokers in Richmond who are looking to quit, including the Council's personalised 24 hour Stop Smoking service and a pan-London smoking cessation service. They are there to help you take the first steps to a healthier, smoke-free life and I would encourage you to take advantage of them."

You can access the Council's personalised Stop Smoking Service online, by emailing StopSmokingteam@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or calling the 24hr helpline 0800 011 4558.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

Africa and Europe from a penthouse veranda at the Elliott Hotel, Gibraltar



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

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ARRAS

Doug Goodman visits the French City of Arras



Arras in Northern France, in the region called Hauts-de-France, is one of my favourite cities. It's under 90 minutes' drive from the Channel port of Calais served from Dover by DFDS Seaways. Do stick to the speed limit on the toll motorway A26, known as the 'Autoroute des Anglais', as local traffic police are only too happy to stop cars with GB plates. Arras has a fascinating history, lots of excellent hotels, restaurants, bars and many interesting sites within easy reach. It's the capital of the former province of Artois and centre for WW1 exploration. The city was reconstructed in the early 1920s copying the 17th and 18th century timber buildings destroyed by German artillery.



Grande Place

From the 14th century Arras became famous for its cloth, wool trade and tapestries. The town hall dominates the Grand Place where beautiful Flemish architecture in the buildings is much admired. Below the town hall you can visit the 'Boves', underground passages excavated in the 12th century for storing goods and to provide a refuge in times of invasion. The best way to view the city is to ascend to the top of the 75 metre high town hall belfry – a UNESCO world heritage site. A lift takes you almost to the top of the tower but then a very narrow and steep staircase has to be climbed.



Wellington Tunnels



French Cemetery



Circle of Remembrance

Local food and drink is superb and there's nothing more relaxing than sitting in the Grand Place as the illuminations come on. Page 24, a beer from nearby Lens, taken with an Arras andouille – a spicy pork sausage, makes a great snack. The main square's Saturday market is colourful, offers outdoor food stalls and a vast choice of fruit, vegetables, cheese and bargain clothing. A local cheese called maroilles is so tasty but beware the smell! Don't miss the Musee Des Beaux Arts, which traces the history of Arras through its art and culture and holds regular exhibitions of French and Dutch paintings from the 17th century. It's located behind the town hall.

LEGACY OF WW1

The city was in the 'front-line' from 1914 to 1918: there's the towering Canadian Memorial at Vimy, the British cemetery with 2,652 graves, the headquarters of The Commonwealth War Graves Commission and the amazing Wellington Tunnels. During the Middle Ages chalk quarries were dug out underneath the city. These were greatly enlarged by New Zealand troops in early 1917 in preparation for the great April offensive to push back the German front line. At a depth of about 50 feet miles of tunnels stretched out towards German held territory, where 24,000 concealed soldiers would emerge to take the enemy by surprise. To see where so many troops lived for weeks and their carved names on the rocks is a very moving experience. Notre Dame De Lorette, France's largest military cemetery, is near Arras: it's carefully tended and visited regularly by school parties. The new WW1 museum below the cemetery presents the war's history in objects, photos and film while the Circle of Remembrance lists the names of almost 580,000 soldiers of all nationalities killed in the region. I had hoped to find one or two Goodmans but was astounded to see about 80 listed as killed in action. At Beaurains, from June, you can visit a new centre opened by The Commonwealth War Graves Commission, (www.cwgc.org), to show the work and history of the organization. It looks after 2,500 cemeteries and memorials world-wide and employs over 800 gardeners to keep the sites in beautiful condition. In its workshops I had almost expected to see lines of mason in leather aprons chipping away at blocks of stone with hammers and chisels but of course the engraving is done by computer controlled machines.



New Grave Stones



The Louvre at Lens



Beer 24 Brewed in Lens

LENS

Finally on to Lens with its 142 million Euros Louvre art gallery. Once the industrial city was known for its coal mines, giant slag heaps and drabness. As part of the French government's rejuvenation plan for the region, Lens is now firmly on the tourist circuit and well worth a visit.

Hotel suggestions in Arras: Grand Place, Mercure and Univers.

In the coming weeks we'll be going to Dunkirk, Boulogne and describing De Gaulle's home town and museum.

Radnor Gardens Cafe Officially Opened



Sunday, 26th May, saw the official opening of the cafe at Radnor Gardens in Strawberry Hill. The cafe, run by Mustard & Cress, was opened by Deputy



Mayor Cllr James Chard who demonstrated his ribbon cutting skills. The Richmond Music Trust was on hand to entertain with jazz music.

TW2 Bar & Grill Closes

This week TW2 Bar & Grill Closed for the last time. after over six years on Twickenham Green. The closure was rather sudden, although the venue had been on the market since late last year. A popular destination for cocktails and steaks we wonder what will replace it. We wish Sandy well with her other ventures.

Another outlet leaving Twickenham is butchers The Meat Room in York Street. This is up for sale as a going concern, so hopefully another butchers will continue at the site. It seems that the current owners have found Twickenham just too far from their other shops.



2018 coastal death figures show that half entered the water unexpectedly

Annual accidental water-related fatality figures¹ released today by the lifesaving charity the RNLI reveal that 20 people lost their lives accidentally around the south east coast and Thames in 2018. Of these, half entered the water without planning to do so.

As the RNLI's national drowning prevention campaign Respect the Water launches for 2019, the RNLI is urging the public to follow this potentially lifesaving advice if they find themselves in trouble after falling into cold water:

- Fight your instinct to swim hard or thrash about – this can lead to breathing in water and drowning
- Instead, relax and FLOAT on your back, until you have regained control of your breathing

Guy Addington, RNLI Community Safety Partner and Margate lifeboat crew member, says: 'No one should have to lose someone they love to drowning. Many of the tragic deaths recorded at the coast and on the Thames can be avoided if people understand the risks and prepare themselves by practising the [Float technique](#).

We've been contacted by people who say they remembered the Float message and technique while in serious trouble in the water, and that following the RNLI's advice helped save their life. But we won't be complacent; we all have a role to play in safety education to help save lives from drowning.'

Guy continues: 'A worrying figure shows that; last year in London and the south east, nine people died in and around the water while out running or walking. Knowing what to do if you fall into cold water can be the difference between life and death.

'The instinctive human reaction when you fall into cold water can cause panic and gasping for breath, increasing the chances of breathing in water. Although it's counter-intuitive, the best immediate course of action is to fight your instinct and float on your back.'

For more advice on how to float visit [RespectTheWater.com](https://www.respectthewater.com) On social media search **#FloatToLive #RespectTheWater**.

For those who are planning to go into the water, the best way to enjoy it safely is to choose a lifeguarded beach and swim between the red and yellow flags – the area most closely monitored by the lifeguards. And if you see someone else in danger in the water at the coast, fight your instinct to go in and try to rescue them yourself, instead call 999 or 112 and ask for the Coastguard.'

The Respect the Water campaign will run throughout the summer with advertising across cinema, outdoor posters, radio, online, and catch-up TV channels.

1 Records from the National Water Safety Forum's Water Incident Database (WAID). RNLI has analysed the data using GIS software to plot and analyse incidents before inclusion in a specific coastal dataset (accident and natural causes only).

** (Based on a 3-year rolling average of the above data from 2016-2018)*



Lifeboats

Quilter Cup: England XV team named to play Barbarians

England XV head coach Jim Mallinder has named his team to play in the Quilter Cup match against the Barbarians on Sunday 2 June at Twickenham Stadium (KO 3:30pm, live on Sky Sports).

Josh Beaumont (Sale Sharks), in his fourth Barbarians fixture, will captain the side with Bath Rugby's Elliott Stooke named alongside him in the second row. Marcus Smith (Harlequins), who has regularly trained with the England senior side in recent seasons, will play at 10 with former England U20 scrum half Alex Mitchell (Northampton Saints) inside him.

Joe Marchant (Harlequins), scorer of 11 Premiership tries for his club this season, is named at centre outside Newcastle Falcons' Johnny Williams at 12. Former England U20 Piers O'Connor will start on the right wing after an impressive first season at Bristol Bears with Josh Bassett, Wasps' top try scorer this season, on the left wing.

Simon Hammersley (Newcastle Falcons), who will join Sale Sharks next season, is named at full back. He has been among the outstanding players in his position during this season's Premiership. Teimana Harrison (Northampton Saints) is the only full England international to start the match and will play at No 8 with Ben Curry (Sale Sharks) and Alex Dombrandt (Harlequins) alongside him in the backrow. Harrison has five caps to his name with his last England Test coming in 2016 against Australia.

Tommy Taylor (Wasps) and Paul Hill (Northampton Saints) are the only other two players in the 23-man squad to have been capped for England and are named as finishers. Ross Harrison (Sale Sharks), Tom Dunn (Bath Rugby) and Ehren Painter (Northampton Saints) will all start in the front row.

Jim Mallinder said: "Preparations have gone really well this week. It's a new group of players and coaches but we have come together and had some really good training days and we are looking forward to the game on Sunday.

"We have got real balance in the squad between some experienced Premiership players, some with international caps and a lot of youth that has come through the system and played at England U18 and U20 level, but also have played really well for their clubs.

"This game will be massive for them and you can see their motivation and desire. They all have really deserved the opportunity this weekend."

England XV starters

15 Simon Hammersley (Newcastle Falcons)
14 Piers O'Connor (Bristol Bears)
13 Joe Marchant (Harlequins)
12 Johnny Williams (Newcastle Falcons)
11 Josh Bassett (Wasps)
10 Marcus Smith (Harlequins)
9 Alex Mitchell (Northampton Saints)

Finishers

16 Tommy Taylor (Wasps, 1 cap)
17 Beno Obano (Bath Rugby)
18 Paul Hill (Northampton Saints, 5 caps)
19 Will Spencer (Leicester Tigers)

1 Ross Harrison (Sale Sharks)
2 Tom Dunn (Bath Rugby)
3 Ehren Painter (Northampton Saints)
4 Elliott Stooke (Bath Rugby)
5 Josh Beaumont (Sale Sharks) captain
6 Alex Dombrandt (Harlequins)
7 Ben Curry (Sale Sharks)
8 Teimana Harrison (Northampton Saints, 5 caps)

20 Tom Ellis (Bath Rugby)
21 Ben White (Leicester Tigers)
22 Callum Sheedy (Bristol Bears)
23 Ben Loader (London Irish)



Middleton names England team to face Barbarians

England Women's head coach Simon Middleton has named his Red Roses side to play in a historic first match against Barbarians Women on Sunday 2 June at Twickenham Stadium (KO 1245pm, live on Sky Sports).

With 113 international caps to her name, Sarah Hunter captains the side, having successfully led the team to Grand Slam glory in this season's Six Nations.

She is joined by Kelly Smith of Gloucester-Hartpury Women's RFC, who was the top try scorer in the Tyrrells Premier 15s this season, scoring an impressive 24 tries.

Looking for their first England appearances from the bench is Bristol Bears player Clara Nielson along with Harlequins Ladies prop Chloe Edwards, while 20 year-old Lagi Tuima, who missed the Six Nations through injury, starts as outside centre.

Simon Middleton said: "This is the first time England Women has played the Barbarians and we know it will be a fantastic occasion.

"The Barbarians side is really experienced with 946 caps between the players which will make the game a real challenge. The Red Roses want to play the best possible teams and a Barbarians side with this level of strength and depth will guarantee a testing encounter.

"Our last run out at Twickenham against Scotland in the Six Nations produced an incredibly impressive performance by the team and although we're fielding a very changed side, with several players out due to injury, Sunday's game will be a great opportunity for younger players to step up.

"This match is an important next step in our summer tour preparations and in the longer term as we build up to the Women's Rugby World Cup in 2021."

Starters

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| 15. Sarah McKenna (Saracens Women) | 1. Hannah Botterman (Saracens Women) |
| 14. Lydia Thompson (Worcester Valkyries) | 2. Lark Davies (Worcester Valkyries) |
| 13. Lagi Tuima (Bristol Bears Women) | 3. Sarah Bern (Bristol Bears Women) |
| 12. Amber Reed (Bristol Bears Women) | 4. Zoe Aldcroft (Gloucester-Hartpury Women's) |
| 11. Kelly Smith (Gloucester-Hartpury Women's) | 5. Abbie Scott (Harlequins Ladies) |
| 10. Zoe Harrison (Saracens Women) | 6. Poppy Cleall (Saracens Women) |
| 9. Leanne Riley (Harlequins Ladies) | 7. Jo Brown (Loughborough Lightning) |
| | 8. Sarah Hunter (Captain) (Loughborough Lightning) |

Finishers

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| 16. Clara Nielson (Bristol Bears Women) | 20. Rowena Burnfield (Richmond FC) |
| 17. Ellena Perry (Saracens Women) | 21. Natasha Hunt (Gloucester-Hartpury Women's) |
| 18. Chloe Edwards (Harlequins Ladies) | 22. Tatyana Heard (Gloucester-Hartpury Women's) |
| 19. Rosie Galligan (Saracens Women) | 23. Carys Williams (Loughborough Lightning) |

Richmond Film Society's 57th Season of World Cinema continues at The Exchange, Twickenham

11th June, 8:00PM

The Old Man & The Gun (USA)

Directed by David Lowery

Robert Redford, in his final role, plays Forrest Tucker, a career bank robber who escaped from prison 18 times and whose last robbery was committed at the age of 78. A captivating and beautifully understated crime comedy, whose stellar cast includes Oscar winners, Sissy Spacek and Casey Affleck.

www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Films are screened at 8:00pm at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE.

Members go free. Non-member tickets are £5 (full-time students £3). Tickets can be purchased on the night (cash only) or in advance from The Exchange's Box Office – in person, by telephone on 020 8240 2399 or online

www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/events

Facilities include a very comfortable, tiered 285-seat theatre, lifts, disabled access, a bar and a café. Films are shown at 8.00pm sharp, with no trailers and no ads. On screening nights, the Bar is open from 7.00pm and the auditorium opens at 7.30pm.



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