

Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE

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TickerTape - News in Brief

Kneller Gardens set to become fourth Friendly Park for All

Kneller Gardens in Twickenham is set to become the fourth Friendly Park for All in the borough with a little help from man's best friend. As part of the project, Richmond Council's Parks team are partnering with local volunteer, Jacqui Davidson and her dog Ralph to deliver free, guided monthly walks around Kneller Gardens for people with dementia and their carers. Both Jacqui and Ralph are registered with the charity Pets as Therapy who use trusted volunteers and their behaviourally assessed animals to enhance the health and wellbeing of the community. The project is inspired by the people with dementia who told us in a consultation that they had to give up their dogs when they were diagnosed. The walk will offer an opportunity to people who face barriers to spending time outside to do something that many people take for granted – go for a walk with a dog in a local park. Walks, led by Ralph, will take place from Thursday 18 July 2019, meeting at the pavilion at 10.15am. To register or for more information email parks@richmond.gov.uk

Borough's 19th Green Flag Award flying at Murray Park

Murray Park in Whitton was this week recognised by the Green Flag Award Scheme as one of the very best parks in the country, increasing the number of borough parks with a Green Flag Award to a credible 19.

Ultrafast broadband arrives in Twickenham!

Ten thousands residents and businesses can now order full-fibre, ultrafast broadband in Twickenham. Openreach is investing billions of pounds in full-fibre infrastructure in the UK and work to connect Twickenham up to ultrafast broadband is part of Openreach's Fibre Cities project. Since work started, around 10,000 homes and businesses in the borough have been able to access speeds capable of up to 1Gbps, with others following in the next few months.



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This week TwickerSeal is in his second home, Gibraltar, enjoying the sunshine and the odd pint of San Miguel.

As a treat he decided to take his nephew GibSeal to Sandy Bay to have a go at Paddleboarding.

He couldn't help but notice the looming presence of an oil tanker at anchor off the bay. Further observation showed that this was none other than the *Grace 1*, which some of you may have heard about.

The tanker looked rather forlorn and even the HMS Echo seemed to be keeping her distance.

Then TwickerSeal remembered that there had been plans for a very large boatshed in Orleans Gardens, Twickenham, possibly to do with a royal barge? Could this offer a suitable home for the *Grace 1*? Perhaps our friends at [@GlorianaTheBoat](#) could look into the matter?



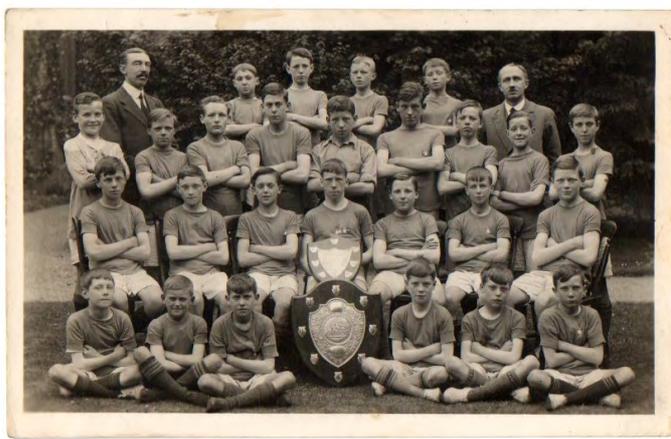
PART 136 – ARCHDEACON CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL MYSTERY

CAN YOU HELP SOLVE A SPORTING MYSTERY?

I have been puzzled by these postcard images from Archdeacon Cambridge School at Twickenham Green for many years. I believe they are all from the 1930's.

The first postcard is clearly a tug of war cup winning team as the cup is shown in a massive coiled rope.

The second card shows 26 boys with a shield but I wonder what is that all about? Is it a form team or a house team – Anyone know?

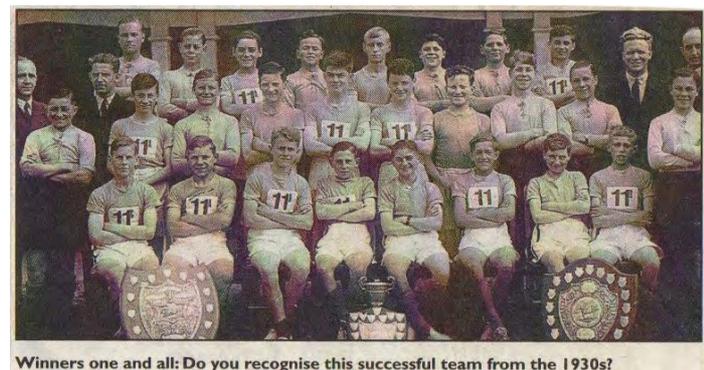


The third card is my real mystery and is quite personal as my dad (long deceased) is second from the left in the back row.

My Father, Henry Winter attended Archdeacon Cambridge School at Twickenham Green in the 1930's. It wasn't until Dad had been long gone that My Mother showed me the photo. She was and is sure that it was taken in the 1930's when the boys in the photograph would have been around 10 or 11 years of age. It is obviously a photo of a sports team and a very successful one at that judging by the shields and trophies.

There appear to be 24 players and they are all wearing a Number 11 on their tops. Closer examination shows that the letters A, B or C appear in small print next to the Number 11's. So what on earth is the sport that they were involved in?

I am hoping someone might recognise the photo or someone in it or even the trophies. It would be great to find an answer after all these years. Answers or guesses to either me or the Tribune please.



Winners one and all: Do you recognise this successful team from the 1930s?

My search for old postcards continues. I am always looking for old postcards and old photograph albums etc. The postcards can be British or Foreign, black and white or coloured and of places or subjects. If you have any that are sitting unwanted in a drawer, in a box in the loft or in the garage or under a bed, please contact me on 07875 578398 or alanwinter192@hotmail.com I would like to see them and I pay cash!

Congratulations Cricket World Cup Winners England.

Friends of Udney Park Playing Fields congratulate the world-beating England Cricket Team and look forward to the resumption of the really beautiful summer game on Udney Park in the not too distant future.

Sadly since Quantum's disastrous purchase of Udney Park Playing Fields in 2015 local adults and kids have been denied cricket on this precious Local Green Space. Their purchase has already destroyed two beautiful cricket pitches and if Quantum/CIC/Park Road Surgery are successful at their up-coming Public Inquiry to smash planning restrictions that specifically protect playing fields, cricket will never be played on Udney Park ever again.

In 2003 after England won the World Rugby Union Cup in Australia local Rugby clubs saw a huge rise in junior membership. Junior Cricket is already booming locally, Teddington CC has doubled junior membership in recent years and the ECB "All Star Cricket" programme is bringing many young boys and girls to the game. The England Men's and Women's amazing recent home World Cup wins are fuelling further growth

We are so angry with Quantum, they bought Udney Park AFTER Imperial's tender process closed with 3 community bids lodged, and Quantum representatives said at their second public consultation that "cricket is a dying sport" to justify building luxury flats and car parks over playing fields. Our "Plan B", now fully assessed as viable by Sport England, of course re-instates cricket.

Tom Harrison, an active local member of the Teddington sporting community and also the CEO of the England and Wales Cricket Board made his own submission regarding Local Green Space and the Planning Application from Quantum/CIC/Park Road Surgery:

The London Playing Fields Foundation calculates that London has already lost 40% of its cricket pitches in the last 20 years. There is much policy to protect playing fields and the ECB via Sport England already fights to protect cricket where it is threatened, yet some developers still persist in driving their own plainly self serving commercial agendas by converting green space into building plots. Udney Park is such an example where the interests of committed local community must be heard. Local sporting communities are at the heart of the ongoing plan to build social cohesion, the facilities and spaces which serve our sporting communities should be protected at all costs.

We urge local people to join us to prevent this scandal happening on our Borough. Look at our plans to make Udney Park the community home of nature, cricket as well as rugby and football.

Three cricket pitches per week are currently being destroyed. Over-throwing Quantum will instantly restore two.



Civic Pride Fund grant to help bring Turner works to Twickenham

Works by artist JMW Turner could be set for a return to his old home at Sandycombe Lodge with help from Richmond Council's Civic Pride Fund.

Turner's House Trust has been awarded a £5,000 grant to help with security improvements at the house, so it can exhibit loaned Turner works. It is hoped bringing the works to Twickenham will encourage more visitors to the home.

The Council's Civic Pride Fund is available to individuals or groups who want to organise a project or event to improve their local area and deliver more for their local communities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to organisations and £1,000 for individuals.

The grant comes ahead of the launch of the new £20 note featuring Turner in 2020.

Cllr John Coombs, Richmond Council's spokesperson for Culture said:

"The connection this borough has with JMW Turner is something to be celebrated, it's an iconic part of our artistic heritage. I am therefore delighted the Council has been able to support this project and I look forward to seeing some of his works on display in Turner's House in the very near future."

Ricky Pound, House Director said:

"Turner's House Trust is thrilled to accept this Civic Pride Award from Richmond Council. Thanks to their generous support we will be able to receive loans from major institutions in the future and can now plan exhibitions of J.M.W. Turner's work to be displayed in the house he designed for himself in Twickenham."

Find out more about the Civic Pride Fund
www.richmond.gov.uk/civic_pride_fund



SUP-YOGA & SUP-PILATES CLASSES IN TWICKENHAM

SUP-Yoga & SUP-Pilates classes offer a unique, dynamic and fun way to challenge your fitness on water! The sessions are taken on anchored paddleboards floating on water. The buoyancy of the water adds intensity to every movement and makes a refreshing change from usual mat classes. The classes suit all levels and abilities. EPIC SUP are running SUPyoga and SUP-Pilates classes from Twickenham Rowing Club, this summer.

To book or for enquiries contact: coach@epicsup.org



House Fire in Sandycoombe Lane, Twickenham

A house in St Margarets Twickenham was unfortunately gutted by fire on Monday, 15th July.

The fire happened at a house opposite the Grade-II listed Turner's House in Sandycoombe Road, Twickenham.

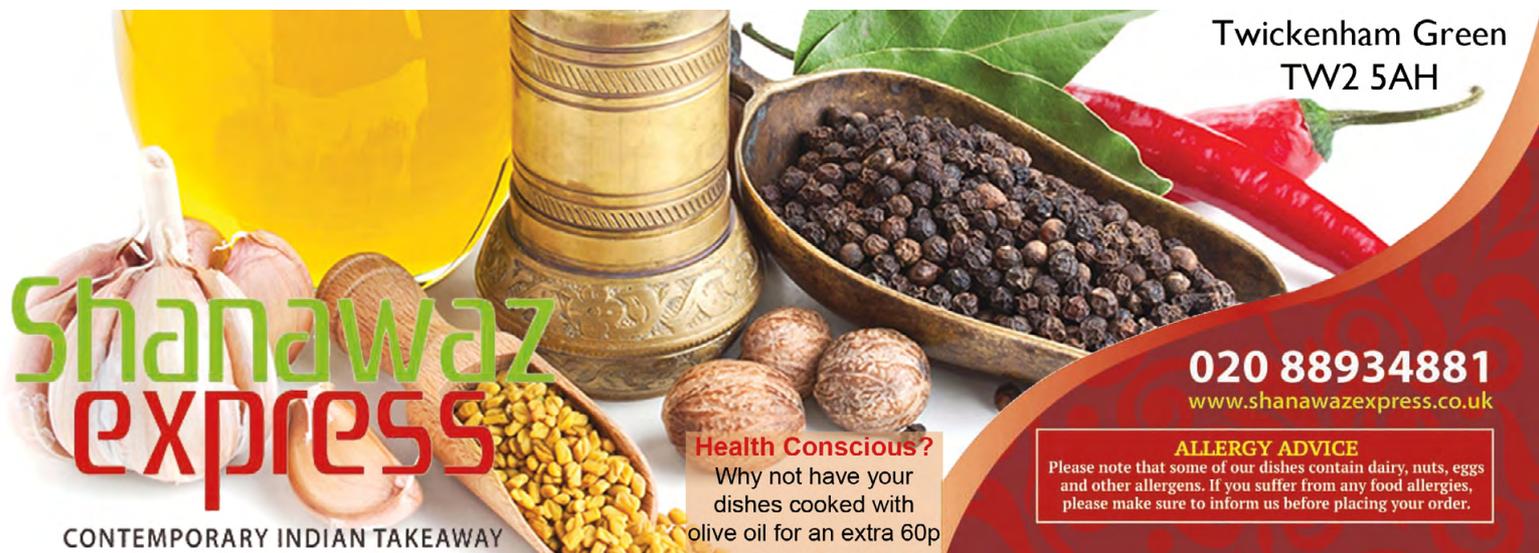
Photo: Ricky Pound
House Director, Turner's House



Partial Eclipse of the Moon

The 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 launch, on Tuesday 16th July coincided with a partial eclipse of the moon. Here are some photos taken by Maurice Parry-Wingfield of the eclipse as seen from Twickenham.





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Saturday, 20 July. 7.45 & 3.00 Sat 20. The Fountain Gardens, TW1 3DU. Richmond Shakespeare Society presents its annual outdoor summer production, MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING by William Shakespeare. No seats provided, so take a folding seat or blanket, and picnic basket. Bar open.

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

*Thursdays, 25 July. 7.30pm. Hampton Hill Theatre. ARTS RICHMOND AGM. All interested in the Arts, Patrons, Members, potential members, and Affiliated Societies – all welcome. A round-up of the dynamic events that Arts Richmond have promoted and sponsored throughout the borough over the past year. Also an opportunity to meet incoming Presidents.

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

Thursday, 25 July. 7.00. NT Live Streaming: THE LEHMAN TRILOGY by Stefano Massini, directed by Sam Mendes. The 2008 financial crash, inside story of major institution's crash.

Info: <https://www.thehammondtheatre.co.uk>

Ongoing. Orleans House Gallery: SUMMER EXHIBITION. Other exhibitions also continue.

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

Ongoing. Wednesdays-Sundays, 12 noon-4.00. Turners House. Exhibitions: MINIATURE LANDS OF MYTH AND MEMORY. Don't miss. Wander around the garden now in full bloom.

Info: <https://turnershouse.org>

Ongoing- 24 August. 9.30-6.00, (Mon-Fri, Sat.-4.00)

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

Info: <https://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 Twickfolk, Twickenham Jazz Club and Eel Pie Club websites to check what's on.

*Sunday 21 July, Twickfolk holds a skiffle session. OLD TIME WASTERS: its skiffle Jim but not as we know it
Info: <http://www.twickfolk.co.uk>

*Tuesday, 23 July. Twickenham Jazz Club holds its SUMMER PARTY with Jacqui Hicks and the Alex Hutton Trio. Summer break through August. Next event 3 September.
Info: <http://www.twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk>

Thursday, 25 July 8.30. Eel Pie Club at The Patch presents ZOOT MONEY'S BIG ROLL BAND.

* Sunday, 28 July: 2.00-4.00. Barmy Arms, Twickenham Embankment
TWICKENHAM 60s DAY. 60s dress optional.
Info: <http://www.eelpieclub.com>

*Friday, 19 July 9.00pm Barley Mow, Watersplash Road, Shepperton.
THE MIDNIGHT RIVER BLUES BAND returns to the pub after a successful event in the open air at the Fete on The Green.
Info: office@sandragriffin.com

Children's' events take place throughout the August holiday period at Orleans House Gallery, the Landmark Arts Centre and at the Langdon Down Centre. Please check their websites.



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AWARD FOR TWICKENHAM HAIRDRESSER

Last month, popular local hairdresser Wayne Scofield was awarded a bronze medal by The Companions of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. The order is a key volunteer force for delivering the charitable works of the Order of Malta in Great Britain. Its work focuses on helping the homeless, the hungry, the disabled, the elderly, and the lonely. In London every week they distribute food from a van, run a breakfast club and a soup kitchen, as well as holding regular tea parties for the elderly.

Wayne has regularly spent evenings at a centre in Marylebone providing free haircuts to homeless people in Central London who would otherwise have no means of support and who rely on the voluntary sector for basic services. He provides some 200 haircuts a year.



The medal was presented to Wayne at the Brompton Oratory Church by His Excellency Richard Fitzalan Howard who is president of the British Association and His Excellency Ian Scott who is the Order's Grand Prior of England. Wayne joins an illustrious list of recipients of the medal including USA president Ronald Reagan. The order was established in 1920.

Wayne established his business TG Hair in Staines Road, Twickenham Green 31 years ago. The salon caters for men, women and children and his customer base includes various local celebrities among the many Twickenham residents who visit on a regular basis.

When he puts down his pair of scissors, Wayne often picks up his golf clubs and enjoys playing the sport with friends and customers alike. He is also a supporter of Fulham Football Club which generates much banter with his customers who support other championship teams such as Queens Park Rangers and Brentford.

The photographs at the presentation on 21st June were taken by George Ramsay.



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***Some Cupid kills with arrows,
some with traps ...***

Vital bus route reinstated following Hammersmith Bridge community meeting

Transport for London's decision to reinstate a vital bus route between Hammersmith Bridge and Mortlake has been welcomed by Chair of the Council's Transport and Air Quality Committee, Cllr Alexander Ehmann.

The decision comes following concerns about the changes to the 209 bus route, raised by local residents at a community meeting about Hammersmith Bridge organised by Richmond Council last month.

It will allow people to get public transport right up to the Bridge at which point they can walk or use an upcoming shuttle service over the bridge and connect with services on the Hammersmith side.

The Council will continue to work with Transport for London to address concerns raised by residents around the loss of the 72-route between Barnes and Roehampton during the day.

We are also engaging with TfL around the frequency of route 485 between Barnes and Wandsworth, as well as it operating later at night.

Meanwhile, discussions will take place to help alleviate confusion regarding bus stop locations and information for the 533 and 419 bus.

Cllr Ehmann said:

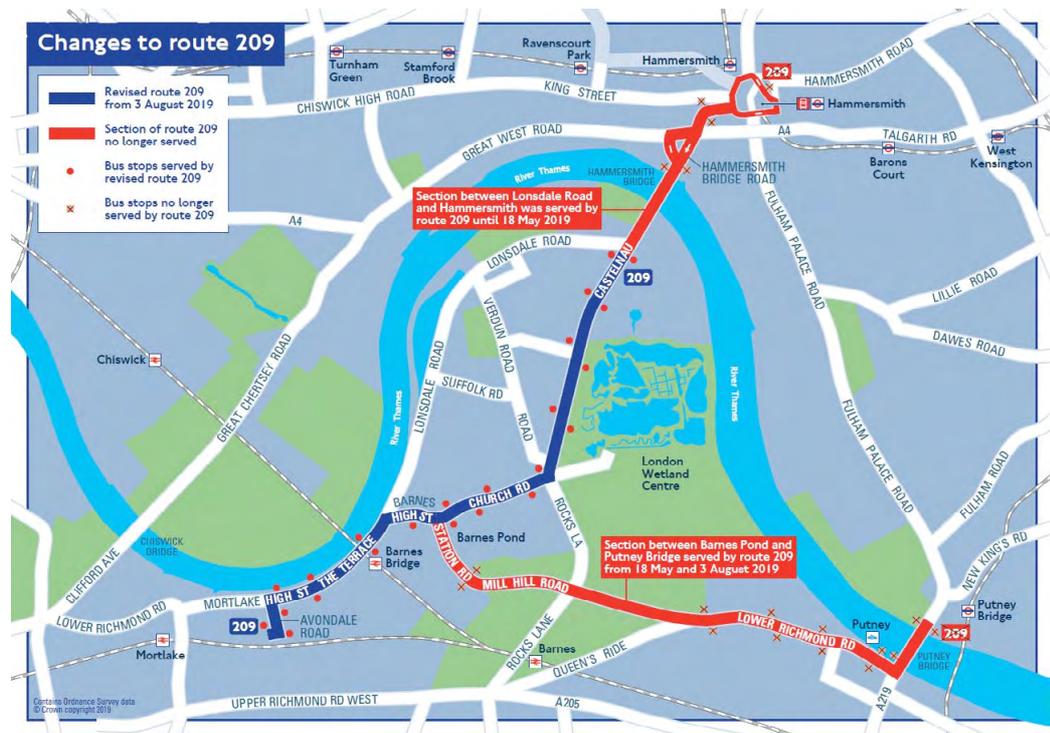
"We are glad to see Transport for London take on board the concerns raised by our residents at the community meeting held in Barnes, and consequently by ourselves in direct discussions.

"The 209 will now be put back to serve residents travelling between Mortlake and Hammersmith Bridge, which will add to the service which will remain between Mortlake and Putney.

"Hopefully, Transport for London will also consider addressing further concerns raised by residents particularly around the loss of a night bus service as well as a service to Roehampton.

"We are very aware of the disruption to everyday life the closure of the Hammersmith Bridge is having and will continue to engage with Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Transport for London to ensure their decision making about the future of the bridge takes this borough's residents into consideration."

If you were unable to attend the two community meetings held in Barnes you can watch them online by visiting www.richmond.gov.uk/hammersmith_bridge



River Crane Sanctuary



*"To see a World in a Grain of Sand
And Heaven in a Wild Flower,
Hold Infinity in the palm of your hand
And Eternity in an hour." Blake.*

Corn Marigolds - *Glebionis segetum*, much in decline thanks to the way we farm now, like so many other species with "Corn" in their name, but often re-introduced through wildflower seed mixes. Quote from Scott - British Native Wildflowers expert - in our Flickr album along with more wildflowers and visitors.

These beauties above are in the River Crane Wildflower meadows and they offer an amazing habitat along with nettles, thistles and 'weeds' which all have a part to play in encouraging wildlife to breed and survive in our world today. Below are some of the butterflies we have recorded in the Sanctuary and visit our [Ecology page](#) to find links to Butterfly Conservation where you can identify what you see and a link to FORCE who are offering a Butterfly Walk next week on Wednesday so that you can join with others to see for yourself what is here now. Did you see the recent repeat on TV about the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly? We recommend this beautifully presented programme which gives a lot of information on butterflies and habitat. The Buddleia or Butterfly Bush was named after Adam Buddle, posthumously, by Linnaeus to honour him for his work in botany over two centuries ago. It is ironic that Buddleia came from the Caribbean fifteen years after his death and he never got the chance to enjoy it as much as we do in our gardens and wild places



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

My life as a Guerrilla Gardener (Part 2)

By Shona Lyons

Right now we are worked off our little cotton socks. Most evening you can see us in the square with the hose, or on Richmond Hill with our mobile watering system (petrol cans filed with water) or staggering around Twickenham to our plots at the top of Church Street or the Eel Pie Museum with a requisitioned shopping trolley full of water filled petrol canisters and a few watering cans. We might look funny but it does the trick and we have no time to be vain, our plants need us!

This year the planters have done us really proud. We brought all kind of bedding plants in April and chose everything based on colour and texture. We also brought similar plants for Completely Floored and Alan Hesling is very happy with his half mangers. We also had lots of geraniums and bedding pants left over from a tombola we organised for the Twickenham Festival at Richmond May Fair so we have stuffed it all in and have been rewarded with a riot of colour. We hope everyone likes it all and that it gives them the pleasure to see it that it gives us. We do get very good feed-back and think we have turned a bit of concrete into a flowering green and colourful oasis.



School garden is “blooming marvellous” says Deputy Mayor

A Twickenham primary school has taken home the top award at this year’s School Gardening competition.

Chase Bridge Primary School have today been announced as the winner of the competition run by Richmond in Bloom.

At a special ceremony, Deputy Mayor Cllr James Chard, presented the School Project Manager, Mei-Ling Kan, along with three keen pupil gardeners from the school with a commemorative trophy.

The school also received a £100 gardening voucher from Mr Colin Squire, sponsor of the competition, who additionally gave a £75 voucher to runner-up school Meadlands Primary and a £50 voucher to The Harrodian School, which came third.



All three schools, plus Grey Court Secondary School, won Gold certificates from Richmond Borough in Bloom and Silver Gilt certificates went to Trafalgar Junior, Trafalgar Infant School, Hampton Hill Junior, and Archdeacon Cambridge’s C.E. School.

Cllr James Chard, Deputy Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, said:

“Congratulations to Chase Bridge Primary School – their gardening efforts are ‘blooming marvellous’. I am thrilled that so many young people in our local schools are getting involved in gardening. Our borough is famous for its parks and open spaces and I hope that next year even more enter the Richmond in Bloom competition.”

First brick laid for new Ham housing development

The first brick of a new Ham housing development for young adults in need of supported living was laid yesterday morning by Cllr Liz Jaeger, as part of a commencement ceremony.

Richmond Council, PA Housing and Certitude are working together to deliver an innovative and exciting new housing development for young people with learning disabilities and autism. This much needed development will comprise of three one bedroom flats (plus carer's accommodation) in a small two storey block, and a two bedroom bungalow to include a carer's bedroom. The homes, which will be at affordable rents to nominees of the London Borough of Richmond, reflect the Council's commitment to help meet the needs of young, vulnerable adults. Once completed, the scheme will be managed by Certitude London, an organisation which provides care support for similar schemes across the Capital.

There are similar existing schemes in the area which are incredibly successful and have provided much needed housing for young, vulnerable adults.

The site was originally a garage court, and was purchased from the Council by PA Housing after obtaining planning permission. Devcon – who have developed some of the similar schemes in the area – were brought on board as the contractors for the scheme. After some delays due to tree protection requirements, work re-commenced in May 2019, and completion is anticipated for the end of April 2020. The project has received grant funding from the Greater London Authority and the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.



Cllr Liz Jaeger, Lead Member for Housing for Richmond Council, said:

“The redevelopment of these under-used and unsightly garages will allow us, working together with PA Housing, to increase the supply of much-needed accommodation that provides an opportunity for some of our more vulnerable Richmond residents to live independently in a fully support environment. Richmond upon Thames presents many challenges when it comes to delivering affordable housing and it is these smaller spaces that can help deliver more affordable homes for our residents who need them and must stay local.

“The Council has financially supported this development, committing £250,000, along with investment from PA Housing and the GLA.”

Mark Wallis, Care Manager for Certitude, said:

“It's unusual for any borough in London to focus completely on autism. A scheme like this could give people independence and improve the quality of life for them and their families. With PA Housing, Devcon, Certitude London and the London Borough of Richmond Council all working together, I think it's a brilliant example of partnership working within health and social care.

“I believe everyone is really going out on a limb to provide something unique and building a service around people. Change is coming and the organisations here today are leading that change.”



Council proud to support art project through grant

An art project which looks to support people with mental health issues has been awarded a £4,982 grant through Richmond Council's Civic Pride Fund.

Art & Soul, an arts and wellbeing charity that uses creative activity to improve wellbeing in the community, will deliver the programme. They deliver weekly arts and wellbeing programmes for adults with mental wellbeing challenges at a number of venues including Orleans House Gallery.

The grant will go towards their studio programme, annual Art House exhibition, and activities over World Mental Health Day. A series of studio sessions, workshops for high needs groups and outreach sessions for adults, children and families run by registered art therapists will be delivered.

Cllr John Coombs, Richmond Council's spokesperson for Culture said:

"Art & Soul have been an integral part of our community for many years now. They continue to help vulnerable people improve their emotional and mental wellbeing through creative activity and art.

"I am delighted and proud that the Civic Pride Fund has been able to support Art & Soul to deliver this new series of workshops and studio sessions."

Betsy Lewis-Holmes, Trustee, Art & Soul said:

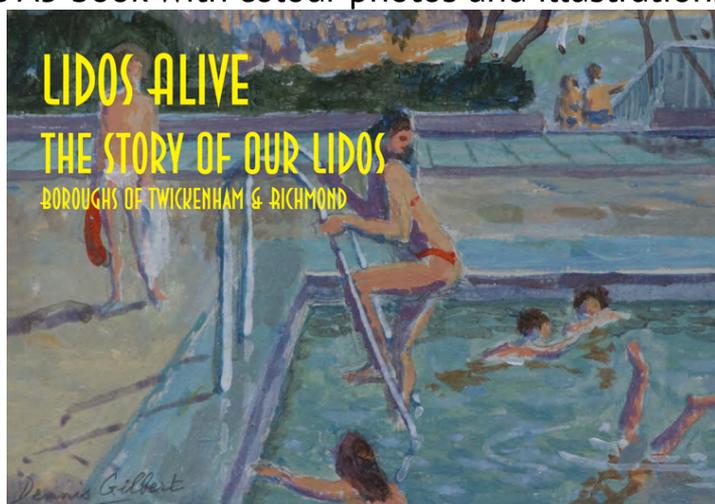
"Art & Soul are thrilled to have received Civic Pride Funding to support our Outward Bound project, this will ensure that more people with mental health challenges in the borough can access Art & Soul's programme and public events including Arthouse and an event planned to coincide with World Mental Health Day."



An Ideal Present for just £6

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.

Books can be purchased at Crusader Travel in Church Street, Twickenham and Premier Wines next to Strawberry Hill Station.



Twickers Foodie – By Alison Jee

A 360 DEGREE TASTE OF THE GOOD LIFE IN SURBITON

Situated beside the river in Surbiton, the recently opened 360 Restaurant claims to be the only international tapas restaurant in Kingston. It has a Kingston postcode, but a Surbiton address... yet it is right beside the Thames Ditton Marina...confused? Well, we were too, but it's worth the trek from the 281 bus route and I can forgive them for confusing us over its actual location!

The chef, Akshay Sabharwal, has most recently worked there when it was Jack's Kitchen, where he received a Kingston Business Excellence Award. His 'culinary pedigree' includes Hilton Hotels as well as casinos, boutique hotels and F1-Silverstone. He's doing a demonstration at next month's Middlesex Food Festival, so we thought we'd check out his food.

The menu has a range of 'International Tapas' but it was the main a la carte menu that attracted us. Starting with a generous Hendrick's and tonic and a pint of Hobgoblin draught we were spoilt for choice, as there were so many interesting options to choose from.



I started with Crispy Duck Salad with warm bok choy, watermelon, and pomegranate. It was delicious and the griddled bok choy was a revelation to me – I will be trying that at home. The salad was Asian inspired, really interesting and nicely balanced. My husband opted for the Parma Ham salad, which was served with crushed potatoes, caramelised grapes and had a truffled balsamic reduction. It was very prettily

arranged and declared excellent.

We moved on to the Blackened Miso Cod with charred stem broccoli and miso mayonnaise – it was a deliciously light and very tasty dish with the cod cooked to perfection. Now, I'd heard that the Black Truffle Risotto was one of Akshay's signature dishes and had been looking forward to having that, but my better half announced that he was having it before I had a chance to lay claim! I did manage to steal a taste or two and it was really very good indeed. It had a salad piled on top, which was a nice touch, but had it been me eating that dish, I would have liked the salad served alongside on a separate dish.



Being very comfortably full, I couldn't manage anything else, but my husband took the suggestion of Alexis, one of the lovely servers looking after us, and had the Pecan and Whiskey Pie with vanilla ice cream. I managed to steal a tiny spoonful to have with my coffee and it lived up to expectation...yum!



There is definitely a talented brigade in the kitchen at 360 Restaurant, and I'll look forward to seeing Akshay demonstrating another of his most spectacular dishes – Smoked Scallops - at the [Middlesex Food Festival](#) on Sunday 4 August at 12.30. The '241' ticket offer runs till July 26. Maybe I'll see you there?

Instagram: @TheSeasonedGastronome

EMERGING BREAKS

By Bruce Lyons

Not actually sure what that means “Emerging Breaks” exactly but that is what I was asked to recommend this week. It was a spontaneous “off the cuff” question and as I asked for more information it became apparent that my enquirer (was she a “secret shopper” ? I don’t know) was looking for a November Break for 4/5 nights and considering “Long Distance” like Brazil or South Africa both of which I feel is a Tad too far as you spend practically a full day either way before you even get to your destination – another destination was Mexico City a bit nearer and more practical but not a city that ladies of a certain age would necessarily be comfortable walking about without a guide/escort, though a great destination for culture and history – could be a daunting experience



The whole conversation prompted a little research into what’s new and at what time of year and so on And I even looked up some short small group escorted groups as well and below is what I found

For me, and I have to admit I am biased in this territory the new Jordan (AQABA) flights by Easy jet this winter promise the best possibilities as they fly Tuesday and Saturdays from Late October thru late March



With these flights as a single centre you can travel for 3 or 4 nights and combine (or take as a single centre) Petra and the Magical Nabatean City the cross roads on the Perfume and Spice Trail and combine with Wadi Rum the Desert Valley made famous by Lawrence of Arabia and Aqaba , Jordan’s only Beach and Port on the Red Sea . However you can also combine a flight to or from Aqaba with a flight to Tel Aviv at very reasonable cost and even on a short break get a



taste for the places referred to above and also Jerusalem and Tel Aviv – and if you are really adventurous you could drive (rather than fly internally) from Eilat in the South of Israel to Tel Aviv and take a dip in the Dead Sea and/ or climb Massada . All of this makes a perfect cocktail for a winter break and you would be surprised, I hope, at the modest price.

Then I took a look at the offer this week from Kirker with some short small group departures that they had just announced for this Autumn

I particularly liked the 6 night Oman, The Pearl of Arabia; 5 nights Byzantine and Ottoman Istanbul and the 5 nights Heritage and History of Malta and Gozo



But on a very different front Flexi Ski announced a new Chalet Ski Programme to Meribel , Courchevel and St Anton . Of course if you went to Meribel you could feel really at home as our new Twickenham Restaurant Tsaretta Spice has sister restaurants there too! That is if you have any spare cash left after a Luxury Ski Chalet break – You can rent them for Xmas/New Year and School break too, bt they are a tad expensive.

For the more adventurous, but not in the winter there are lots of new Eastern Europe and Silk Road destinations coming on line and perhaps you may like to consider that for the late Spring – as these are really emerging destinations and promise a unique experience



And of course we have our very own Rugby special to Marseille for the Rugby finals in May 2020 (see our advert in this issue)

And lastly we should not forget Gibraltar much in the news these last days for impounding the Oil Tanker Grace 1. Gibraltar is perhaps the perfect place for a quick bit of British History, Culture and duty free shopping – I will write more about Gibraltar next week



Dear Sir,

Climate Change Emergency

Having read with interest the piece on the Climate Change Emergency in this week's Tribune (*Edition 140*), I would like to make some clarifications.

1. The Green Party and Liberal Democrats independently submitted Climate Emergency motions to Council and, as we felt that our motions were complementary, we agreed to second each other's. As Vice Chair of the Environment, Sustainability, Culture & Sport Committee, I seconded Green Leader Cllr Bennett's motion to recognise the Climate Emergency and implement the necessary analyses and targets to tackle it. Cllr Elengorn, the Chair of the Environment Committee, then brought his motion which additionally called for action against the Government's destructive aviation strategy. Cllr Elengorn's motion was seconded by Cllr Frieze of the Green Party. Both motions were unanimously agreed by Council.
2. Unfortunately, the dates for consultation on the Climate Change & Sustainability Strategy given in the article are not accurate. To avoid the consultation period coinciding with the summer holidays, consultation is proposed for September/October 2019 with a view to adopting the Strategy at Full Council in January 2020. Contributions to the consultation from individuals and organisations in the borough are strongly encouraged, and an engagement programme is being drawn up to maximise community understanding and participation.
3. In opposition, the Liberal Democrats persistently pressed the previous administration to apply themselves to updating the Climate Change Strategy, and the motion to Council in September 2018 calling for an overarching Strategy was again a two-party motion, proposed by the Greens and seconded by Cllr Mansfield, the current Vice Chair of the Transport & Air Quality Committee.

Kind regards,

Cllr Julia Neden-Watts
Councillor (Liberal Democrat) for Twickenham Riverside
London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames
Vice Chair: Environment, Sustainability, Culture & Sport Committee

Lunatic 19s

by Tegan McLeod

Gangway at the Finborough Theatre, Earl's Court, until 3rd August

Opening a review with “In the present political climate...” is probably unwise at the moment. Readers likely to roll their eyes and move onto less exhausting things, tennis perhaps. But let's live on the edge!

In the current political climate there is much mileage to be got from the deportation of undocumented immigrants from the US. As a controversial theme around which to weave a drama, immigration in the US raises questions about who belongs where, what qualifies them to belong and who decides. Immigration raids in the US during its opening weekend makes *Lunatic 19's* timely.



This two-hander tells the story of Gracie, an undocumented immigrant, and Alec from immigration enforcement, who has arrived at her hospital bed to deport her forcibly back to Mexico. Gracie has lived, worked and filed her taxes in Kentucky for twenty years, she's recovering from a car crash with significant injuries and wearing a head brace. Nonetheless, she is handcuffed and put into a van, to be driven by Alec out of the country.

Devon Anderson does a lovely job as Alec, a character forced by family circumstances to do a job he despises, but with enough self-respect to do it professionally. Every part of this man's personal struggle is visible, you feel for him and you respect him despite his job.

Gabriela Garcia arguably had the bigger challenge playing the strong, stroppy, no-push-over Gracie. Gracie's wit took time to show itself. Once fully established however, Gracie was a warm, inspiring, spiky presence on stage.



What follows, from the road trip narrative point of view, is fairly predictable. These two characters develop and interact in the way you might expect them to. It is almost *The African Queen* in a Van

Read Eleanor Lewis' review at www.markaspen.com/2019/07/12/lunatic

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NORTHERN FRANCE REVISITED



Doug Goodman tours the new visitor centre of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and visits two WW2 sites

The 80 minute drive on the A26 from Calais to Arras was a delight compared with the heavy traffic on the M25 and M20 between Twickenham and Dover. The crossing with DFDS to Calais was comfortable with priority boarding – first on and first off and club lounge with complimentary drinks and snacks.

I was invited last week to see the brand new visitor centre at Beaurains, South of Arras, by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Opened last month by Princess Anne the centre cost over 1 million pounds and portrays the work carried out in memory of the 1.7 million men and women who died in the two World Wars. The statistics in the entrance are overwhelming: the CWGC operates in 23,000 locations in 150 countries and maintains 1.1 million headstones. Imagine an area the size of nearly 1000 football pitches with 850 gardeners and 160 craftsmen looking after the cemeteries and memorials. Established in 1917 by Sir Fabian Ware the CWGC is maintained by six countries and the care of the memorials to the fallen will continue in perpetuity. Bodies are still being discovered as parts of the former battlefields are built on and the job of identification falls on the recovery teams. Through artefacts such as cap badges and watches, through military records and DNA it is sometimes possible to discover the identity of a soldier and place a name on a headstone. Monuments carry the names of 217,000 military personnel with no known grave and there are 116,000 gravestones without a name. So a huge number of bodies have never been found. Visitors can see the engraving, woodwork, metal working and sign making departments and learn about the recovery and identifying of bodies. The UNESCO accredited database will help you trace relatives. Entrance is free to the Beaurains HQ but it's a little difficult to find without a satnav. The website is www.cwgc.org and the address is Rue Angele Richard, 62217 Beaurains. Near Arras.



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ROCKETS AND GUNS

An overnight stop in St. Omer provided the opportunity to explore the town, sample strong local beer at the Taverne du Duchenot and dine in the main square at Estaminet de Drei Kalders. The regional dish - carbonard – a spicy beef stew was delicious. Northern France has many WW2 sites to visit: some derelict, some preserved and several turned into museums. Near

St. Omer is the Blockhaus at Eperlecques a huge bunker built for the construction of the V weapons fired at London. Military vehicles, guns, a deportation train and English commentaries describe the work carried out at the secret site and how the RAF using the Tall Boy bomb put the building out of action. A V1 rocket on its launch ramp dominates the site. It's closed from November to February. www.leblockhaus.com at 62910 Eperlecques.



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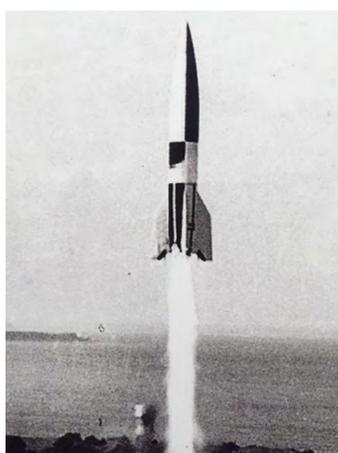


V1 Launch Site

An hour's drive from St. Omer, via Ardres and Guines along empty country roads is the site of the V3 at Mimoyecques. This was a series of tunnels with exits above ground for a huge, rocket boosted gun to fire shells on London. Displays show how this colossal gun was being built before the RAF discovered its existence and used their super-bomb to destroy it. www.mimoyecques.fr near the village of Landrethun-le-Nord. It's closed from mid-October to mid-April due to the 11 species of bats comprising 400-500 individual creatures which spend the winter in the tunnels. With an extra day you could hire an iconic 2CV to tour the area, (www.les-belles-echappees.com), and stop off in Guines at the Tour de L'Horloge to learn about ancient times and the Field of the Cloth of Gold where, in 1520, Henry V met King Francis 1 at a colourful and sumptuous gathering.



Blockhaus at Eperlecques



V2 Heads for London



Tunnels at Mimoyecques

TIME FOR SHOPPING

A visit to Northern France is a great opportunity to stock up on beer and wine. Prices for strong beer in those very sensible 25cl bottles are around half the cost of what you pay in the UK. My favourite is Affligem at 5.19 Euros for 6. Wine in an Auchun hypermarket can start at under 2 Euros a bottle and at Majestic in Calais there's a huge choice of wine from around the world at bargain prices.

DFDS has crossings from Dover to Dunkirk and Calais. www.dfdsseaways.co.uk

Gibraltar meetings with Jeremy Hunt and Boris Johnson

The Chief Minister Fabian Picardo and the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia this morning met with the Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt MP and separately with Boris Johnson MP.

It is very significant that there was a meeting yesterday with current UK Prime Minister Theresa May and today with the two candidates contesting an election to succeed her.

This reflects the success of the ongoing policy of the Government to put across the Gibraltar point of view to decision-makers in the UK as quickly and as directly as possible.



The Gibraltar Government has developed a close working relationship with Members of Parliament in the United Kingdom from across the political spectrum and on all sides of the Brexit argument. This sensible and methodical strategy has allowed Gibraltar issues to be properly understood across the board. It has also built a solid base of support for our position now and into the future based on these personal relationships.

The meeting with the Foreign Secretary today centered on a discussion of the “Grace 1” situation and on preparations for our departure from the European Union. In the meeting with Mr Johnson, the Chief Minister was able to put across the challenges posed by our proposed EU departure in October. There was also a discussion of other Gibraltar matters.

The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister wished both candidates all the best for next week. The Government is very pleased that in less than 24 hours it has been able to raise the profile of Gibraltar issues with the Prime Minister Theresa May, with Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt MP and with Boris Johnson MP.

A ROOM WITH A VIEW

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



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

FOOTBALL FOCUS

By Alan Winter



BRENTFORD FC

All quiet on the transfer front at Griffin Park this week but there are still a few premiership clubs considering bids for striker Neal Maupay. Any club coming in with a bid for Neal will have to come up with at least £20 million. There will always be media speculation in the media over proven goal scorers. All we know for sure at this stage is that Neal has been training with the Bees first team squad at Jersey Road training ground this week following their week long training camp in Austria which finished with a 0-0 draw against top Ukrainian side Dynamo Kyiv.

Brentford have made an eye-catching £5.8 million bid for 19 year old Troyes forward Bryan Mbeumo, according to L'Equipe. Schalke and Rennes are also keen on the striker who scored 11 goals last season. The Bees are facing a real battle to keep hold of star-man Neal Maupay this summer, with Aston Villa and Sheffield United now being linked with a move for the striker, who scored 28 goals last term.

Whether Mbeumo will become a replacement for Maupay or not remains to be seen, as Thomas Frank's side look to finish in the top six next season.

Brentford will play their only pre-season home friendly against premier side Bournemouth next Saturday 27th July. Tickets are available now. This is followed by the first championship game of the season against Birmingham City the following Saturday 3rd August.

Last ever season at Griffin Park coming up with a move to their new stadium the following year. The target this season is clearly promotion to the premier league. It's going to be a great season so make sure you get your tickets early!

Come on you Bees!

HAMPTON & RICHMOND BOROUGH

Let's have a look at Hampton's history before the new season starts.

Hampton & Richmond Borough Football Club is based in Station Road, Hampton, in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. They were founded in 1921 and formerly known as Hampton FC until 1999 when they changed their name in an attempt to draw a wider support base from around the borough. They currently compete in the National League South, the sixth tier of English football. Hampton & Richmond Borough remains the only senior-level football club to represent the borough of Richmond upon Thames, but arguably struggles in attendance due to the popularity of rugby union in the borough. The club has a core support base of around 500 to 600 people.



Hampton's early years were spent in the Kingston & District and the South West Middlesex Leagues. Although twice winning the Kingston & District title in the early 1930s the club never managed to capture the South West Middlesex League title during their 26-year stay.

In 1959, Hampton entered the senior football ranks as members of the Surrey Senior League, despite being based in Middlesex. In 1964 they won the championship and stepped up into the Spartan League where they enjoyed seven seasons of unparalleled success. The club captured the Spartan League title four times in 1965, 1966, 1967 and 1970 as well as finishing runners-up in 1968. They never finished outside the top four places during their stay.

In 1971 they were elected to the Second Division of the Athenian League. After narrowly missing promotion in their first season, Hampton finished runners-up to Ruislip Manor in 1973. By this time, though, the Beavers had already been elected to the newly formed Second Division (now First Division) of the Isthmian League.

The club were to remain in Division Two of the Isthmian League until 1990, when they suffered their first relegation. Worse was to follow as the two regionalised Second Divisions were split in 1991 to form a Second and Third set-up. The Beavers found themselves one place below the dividing line and were relegated to the Third Division for the 1991–92 season. Although missing automatic promotion by one place, the club was promoted at the Isthmian AGM to fill a vacancy in the Second Division and so began the recovery.

In the mid-1990s, under long-serving manager Chick Botley, the Beavers began to climb up the leagues again, winning promotion from the second division in 1995–96, and then gaining promotion from the first division in 1997–98 after finishing in 3rd place. Hampton started 1998–99 in the Premier Division – now the top tier of Isthmian League football. In 1999–00, they became the first winners of the George Ruffell Memorial Shield. They remained in the Premier Division until 2002–03, which led to relegation and a return to Division One.

In the summer of 2003, the club invited experienced manager and ex West Ham United and England International Alan Devonshire, who had just left Maidenhead United, to the Beveree. Alan signed as manager and had the task of winning promotion back to the Premier Division, this was achieved on the last day of his first season in charge with a 3–0 win at Leatherhead.

Hampton & Richmond subsequently spent three seasons in the Premier Division, each time coming close to promotion to the Conference South after finishing as runners up in the play-off competition in 2005–06, and narrowly missing out on a play-off place in 2004–05.

On 28 April 2007, Hampton & Richmond Borough were promoted as champions of the league to the Conference South after a 4–2 victory over Slough Town. The crowd of nearly 1,100 witnessed an epic match in which Hampton led 2–1 until a late Slough goal looked to have given the championship to promotion rivals, Bromley. This would have forced Hampton into 2nd place, meaning that they would have had to compete in the playoff competition for promotion. However, 90 seconds later Hampton retook the lead through a goal from Stuart Lake and shortly afterwards a penalty was awarded and scored by Elliott Godfrey, resulting in a 4–2 victory, and automatic promotion for the Beavers. Hampton & Richmond Borough quickly established themselves in the Conference South in the sixth tier of English football. In 2007–08 they finished in 3rd position in the league, reaching the play-off final which was narrowly lost to Eastbourne Borough. The following season they suffered yet more heartbreak in the play-off final, losing 2–3 at their home ground to Hayes & Yeading United, having qualified as runners-up to AFC Wimbledon. A curious fact is that both AFC Wimbledon and Hayes & Yeading United found out they would be going up at Hampton's Beveree ground. The club also reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for only the second time in their history in 2007, losing to League Two side, Dagenham & Redbridge in front of over 2,000 fans.

The club recorded its first record attendance at the start of the 2008–09 season when Hampton entertained a full strength West Ham United side that included Dean Ashton, Craig Bellamy and Robert Green. West Ham ran out 4–2 winners in front of a crowd of over 3,000. Since then, several matches, including the Conference South play-off final in May 2009, have been played in front of capacity crowds. The play-off even recorded more than 1,000 people who couldn't get into the stadium for the match.

In May 2011, Devonshire accepted the position of first team manager at Braintree Town, who had just been promoted to the Conference National. In his place, Mark Harper, Devonshire's assistant in the 2010–11 season, was appointed to the position of first team manager for the club's 5th season in the Conference South.

In 2011–12, in progressing to the FA Trophy 3rd round, the club had had its best performance in England's premier non-league cup competition. However, they suffered in the league and were relegated on the final day of the season.

The following season, 2012–13, started off brightly in the Isthmian League Premier Division, as the club were looking for immediate promotion back to the Conference South. However, the good form disappeared and after a 3–0 defeat to bottom team Carshalton Athletic on 1 April, Mark Harper resigned his position as first team manager. The management for the remaining games of the season was handed to first team coach Paul Barry and player Darren Powell. The pair subsequently were appointed in the position permanently.

After a poor start to the 2014–15 season, Barry and Powell resigned on 13 September, following a 3–2 defeat away to VCD Athletic in the FA Cup. Earlier that week, the club had suffered a 6–4 defeat at home to Leiston in the Isthmian League Premier Division

Former Kingstonian manager Alan Dowson was appointed to replace Barry and Powell the following day. After spending the rest of the 2014–15 season working to prevent relegation, ending the season in 15th, Dowson then guided the Beavers to the Isthmian League title in 2015–16.

A strong start to life in the National League South in the 2016–17 season saw Hampton's skilful young players step into the spotlight and in the January 2017 transfer window, leading scorers Jamal Lowe and Nicke Kabamba both signed for League Two club Portsmouth.

The team maintained that strong start, finishing the season in 7th and thus qualified for the end of season playoffs, albeit through the failure of the two clubs immediately above them to achieve correct ground gradings. They met eventual playoff winners in the two-legged semi-final, Ebbsfleet United, and lost 4–2 on aggregate.

After a poor start to the 2017–18 season, Hampton then went on an unbeaten run of 21 games, which took them into the playoff places by Christmas. They ended the season in 4th place and entered the playoffs. After beating Truro City 3–1 and Chelmsford City 1–0, they faced Braintree Town in the promotion final, held at Beveree. After extra time, the match ended 1–1, Braintree Town then winning the penalty shootout 4–3.

This turned out to be Alan Dowson's last game in charge of the team, as he left to take charge of Woking 2 days later.

On 1 June 2018 Hampton announced the former Hendon manager, Gary McCann, as the new manager. An interesting first season for Gary last year when the club reached the 1st round of the FA Cup which they narrowly lost to Oldham Athletic in a televised game. League form was erratic but here we are at the start of the 2019/20 season kicking off in National League South on Saturday August 3rd away at Chelmsford City.

Meanwhile two friendlies to start you off. Today (Saturday 20th July) Beavers are home to Maidenhead United and then next week (Saturday 27th July) they host AFC Wimbledon. Both games kick off at 3.00.

We will be following the fortunes of Hampton and Richmond Borough FC here at the Tribune every week.

England Men Sevens announce squad for Lodz 7s Grand Prix

England have named a youthful 12-player squad to travel to Poland for the Lodz 7s Grand Prix, shown live on the Rugby Europe website this weekend.

Having secured Olympic qualification on behalf of Great Britain in Colomiers, academy manager John Brake will take a team who face Germany, Russia and Georgia in Pool C on day one.

Will Edwards will lead the side while Ben Harris and Jamie Barden also retain their places.

Uncapped Jamie Adamson, Olu Odunlami and Alfie Johnson will make their sevens bows and, along with the rest of the squad, gain vital experience on the European stage.

Brake said: "It will be interesting to see how teams fare following the Olympic qualification weekend.

"We realise the importance and growth of Rugby Europe - there's a huge amount to play for and we're looking forward to seeing how the players adapt.

"It'll be the first time some of these players pull on an England shirt which is exciting for everyone."

England squad for Lodz 7s Grand Prix:

Will Glover [Newcastle University]
Api Bavadra [Bishop Burton College /Akuma Sevens]
Will Hendy
Femi Sofolarin
Jamie Adamson [Durham University/Samurai Sevens]
Will Edwards (C)
Tom Emery
Ben Harris
Calum Waters [Unattached]
Olu Odunlami [Dulwich College]
Jamie Barden
Alfie Johnson



England's Pool C fixtures, all times BST, streamed live on the [Rugby Europe website](#).

- England v Georgia, 11:06, Saturday 20 July
- England v Russia, 13:29, Saturday 20 July
- England v Germany, 16:14, Saturday 20 July

Safety warning on anniversary of largest grass fire in London's history

One act of foolishness can have devastating consequences – that's the serious reminder from firefighters on the first anniversary of London's biggest ever grass fire. More than 200 firefighters spent four days tackling the huge blaze which broke out on July 15 last year and swept across Wanstead Flats.

With the school holidays on their way and sporadic heatwaves predicted throughout the summer, London Fire Brigade is urging people to take care when they are out enjoying the sunshine this year. Firefighters have already attended more than 1,200 grass fires across the capital this year.

London Fire Brigade Assistant Commissioner for Fire Safety, Dan Daly, said: "Last year we had the highest number of grass fires in London's history, with firefighters attending 3,160 across the capital.

"We do not want to see a repeat of that this year and would urge everyone who is out and about enjoying the weather to take care. One act of foolishness, such as dropping a cigarette on tinder dry grass, can have devastating consequences and no one wants that on their conscience. Not only are these fires a risk to people's lives and property, but we also want people to consider our crews who spend hours in the heat tackling these blazes, which are often avoidable."

The scale of the Wanstead Flats fire meant the cause was not determined, but common causes of grass fires include cigarettes, barbecues, glass and broken bottles which can magnify the sun and start fires.

There has already been a large grass fire this year, when around 70 firefighters spent almost a week tackling a blaze in Rainham earlier this month.

Brigade's top tips on grass fires:

Causes

- The most common causes of grass fires are discarded cigarettes, which if thrown from a car window can ignite dry grass verges
- Another common way that these fires start is from glass bottles which can concentrate the sun's rays onto dry grass and shrubbery

Precautions

- Never leave camp fires or barbecues unattended and extinguish them properly after you have finished using them
- Clear away bottles, glasses and any broken glass to avoid them magnifying the sun and starting a fire
- Dispose of smoking materials such as cigarettes safely
- Explain to children the dangers of playing with and lighting fires



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