

The Twickenham Tribune

TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT

This week the Cabinet of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames will consider the fate of Twickenham Riverside. The majority of the Cabinet are from the Richmond side of the river. Cabinet Members from the Twickenham side of the Thames are Cllr Chappell, Cllr Marlow and Cllr Samuel.

Cllr Fleming (South Richmond), who is the lead Cabinet Member on the development of Twickenham Riverside, says that out of 630 responses from residents around 300 people support proposal one of the Francis Terry schemes. We are informed that a number of respondents did not select any of the 3 proposals, but indicated "none of the above" in the comments box. This does not seem to be a mandate to go ahead with the Terry scheme. In Full Council last year Cllr Pamela Fleming refused to accept a Change.org petition of the comments and signatures of 3,000 people who wanted a lido complex which would take up around a quarter of the site leaving plenty of space for a town square.

There was no public consultation on the original schemes in the Council's competition for a plan for Twickenham Riverside.

During Cllr Fleming's consultations last year there was much support for the lido plan but this support has been airbrushed out of the consultation feedback.

Since the closure of the original lido on Twickenham Embankment the Twickenham Riverside issue has raged and has been a deciding factor in local council elections.

In 2010 Cllr True and his party took the Council from the Liberal Democrats supporting campaigners against housing on Twickenham Riverside. Now the Conservatives are proposing to build Francis Terry flats on Twickenham Riverside overlooking one of the most beautiful spots of the River Thames.

Cabinet Report for discussion on Thursday 19 January 7pm in the Salon at York House: cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/documents/s65493/Twickenham%20Rediscovered.pdf

This report provides Cabinet with an update on the proposed redevelopment of the Twickenham Riverside (former pool) site and 1, 1A, 1B King Street and 2/4 Water Lane, Twickenham. The report seeks approval to undertake design development and preparation of a Planning Application for the site. The acquisition of the site 1, 1A, 1B King Street and 2/4 Water Lane: £6.5m.

The costs associated with the appointment of consultants to undertake design development and associated technical studies, and the costs of consultation activity to date total £219,606 (as of December 2016).

The budget allocation for the costs from delivering the project up to the submission of a Planning Application is estimated at £480,000.



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Our artist's impression of what the Riverside could look like

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THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

By Alan Winter

PART 5 – WHEN SHEEP ROAMED MARBLE HILL PARK

This week we take a look at one of our most precious of parks – Marble Hill. A day out at Marble Hill is a real treat as this beautiful Palladian villa is set in 66 acres of outstanding riverside park land.

Marble Hill was built in 1729 for the remarkable Henrietta Howard, mistress of King George II when he was Prince of Wales, and friend and confidante of some of the cleverest folk in England. The house and gardens were intended as an Arcadian retreat from crowded 18th-century London. Its grand interiors



have been exquisitely restored and recreated and include a fine collection of early Georgian paintings. There can be few places in England which better recall the atmosphere of fashionable Georgian life.

Our first postcard is dated 1907 and shows the house facing Richmond road. This is actually the back of the house as the front faces the river from which guests arrived by boat from London and beyond. I particularly like the circular grass area as this is where my dad taught me how to ride my first bicycle back in the 1950's.

Postcard number two shows the oak tree (still there) where the cricket pitch is, complete with its flock of sheep in 1908. I haven't found out who owned the sheep but it is possible they came from the dairy of J. Clarke & sons who were at Home Farm off of Park Road, East Twickenham from about 1890.



Finally we have chased away the sheep and by 1925 the

area

in front of the house was given over to recreation. This postcard (3) from the period shows great use of the park, with tennis the order of the day in the years between the two world wars.



There will be a postcard fair in Teddington on February 11th so please put that in your diary. Meanwhile if you have any postcards to dispose of, any questions on this subject, or ideas for future articles, please drop me a line at

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LEADER'S QUESTION TIME IN STRAWBERRY HILL

Council leaders visited Strawberry Hill Golf Club on 11th January to give residents in Strawberry Hill the opportunity to discuss local issues of importance as part of the Council's All In One Survey and the Village Plans.

Councillors taking questions were Cllr Lord True (East Sheen), the Leader of the Council, Cllr Fleming (South Richmond), Cabinet Member for Environment, Business and Community, Cllr Chappell (Twickenham Riverside), Cabinet Member for Community Planning and Voluntary Sector, and Paul Hodgins (Barnes), Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Schools.

Cllr Samuel (Hampton North), Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, and a local resident, was in the audience for part of the meeting. Cllr Porter, one of the ward councillors for South Twickenham, (which includes Strawberry Hill) managed to squeeze himself into the back of the packed room, but it was standing room only.

Hot topics were parking and the expansion of St Mary's University with a quick mention at the end about pavement in Spencer Road where work had not been carried out for thirty-four years.

There had previously been a meeting with Mick Potter from Highways, which had been requested by residents to discuss a travel survey. During the meeting residents made it clear to the Cabinet Members that a travel survey should include the whole of Strawberry Hill.



Cllr Buckwell (South Richmond), Cabinet Member for Highways and Streetscene, sent his apologies and Cllr Fleming spoke on his behalf.

With regard to the St Mary's University expansion, residents were assured that there would be consultation with the University to minimise the impact. Councillors said that there would be an SPD (Supplementary Planning Document) for St Mary's and an SPD for Strawberry Hill. A Committee Member of the Strawberry Hill Residents' Association raised concern about separate SPDs.

At some points the meeting became quite heated. When Cllr Fleming mentioned a future consultation she was told quite forcefully "We are having a consultation now".

One resident suggested that St Mary's could build an underground car park for additional cars and there was also a suggestion for car sharing. Another resident raised the issue of people from outside the area leaving their cars parked in roads in Strawberry Hill for months at a time and there was also concern about cars parked dangerously on corners and on double yellow lines. Commuter parking and parking by businesses were mentioned and it was suggested that travel surveys could be carried out for schools.

Cllr Lord True said that he liked to call CPZs (Controlled Parking Zones) "Community Parking"; he went on to say that a decision needed to be made whether this measure would make things better or worse.

Towards the end of the meeting Cllr Lord True was thanked for coming to Strawberry Hill and a question asked about the presence of our ward councillors – the elected representatives of Strawberry Hill. The room was so crowded that it was difficult to see who was present. Cllr Porter, squashed in a corner by the exit, made himself known and Cllr Lord True said "It is a public meeting. Anyone can attend". It was later ascertained that Cllr Head (South Twickenham) was on the Planning Committee during the meeting.

It was expected by a number of residents that the South Twickenham ward councillors for Strawberry Hill would have been included in the meeting, but this does not seem to be the way that things were organised.

TWICKERS FOODIE

The Food Sanctuary in York Street

by Alison Jee

With Chinese New Year on the horizon, (January 28 in case you were wondering, and it is the Year of the Rooster) we popped along to have a chat with Emily Ting, Twickenham's very own authority on Asian food. She runs The Food Sanctuary in York Street (of which more in a future edition). www.foodsanctuary.co.uk



We asked Emily if she could recommend her favourite Dim Sum restaurant in Soho and without hesitation, she said she favours the Imperial China in Lisle Street. And, of course, that it also the name of Teddington's great Dim Sum establishment in Stanley Road, just in case you don't fancy heading up to the big smoke.

Emily sells an eclectic range of Asian foods including a range of fresh and frozen delicacies, all at very reasonable prices. These include 'Ha Kouw' and pork 'Siew Mai' and 'Wan Tan' - plus the special pastry if you are ambitious enough to make your own. She even stocks frozen crispy duck. And, take it from me, the fresh Char Siew Buns are delicious and really easy to steam.

She has put together this selection of delicacies which you could win and have your very own Chinese New Year celebration at home. To find out more, see the competition and offers page below

And of course I wish you 新年快乐

CHINESE NEW YEAR – 28 January 2017, The Year of the Rooster

From our Chinese correspondent, Ann, a teacher in China

Do you know the Twelve Animal Signs in China? Or we can call it the Chinese Zodiac. You might know that many Chinese people strongly believe that the time of a person's birth is the primary factor in determining that person's characteristics. It is essential in China that every person knows which animal sign he is born under and most of Chinese truly believe in the signs.

Legend says Buddha invited all the animals to his kingdom, but only 12 came: rat was the first, then ox, tiger, rabbit, dragon, snake, horse, sheep, monkey, rooster, dog and pig. Buddha named the year after the animals in the order of arrival.

The Spring Festival, also known as the Lunar New Year, is the greatest traditional festival. It is usually a time between late January or early February, which means rest and relaxation between winter and spring after a year's toil, and means celebration as well. Before the Spring Festival, people clean their houses, put red couplets on their gates, and set off firecrackers (according to fairy tale, for driving a demon, named Nian, away). On the eve of the Spring Festival, a get-together banquet is a must, and the most popular food is Jiaozi, which is supposed to bring good fortune. On the first day of the New Year, everybody wears new clothes and greets relatives and friends with bows and congratulations wishing each other the best during the New Year: "Kung hay fat choi"

WIZ Quiz

Fancy testing your knowledge with a quiz on China? Then have a look here:

www.worldinfozone.com/Quiz/China/quiz.php



Competitions and Offers

Win a selection of Chinese food, courtesy of The Food Sanctuary

Emily, from The Food Sanctuary, has put together this selection of delicacies which you could win and have your very own Chinese New Year celebration at home.



Just answer the following question:

At which festival in China do people traditionally eat Moon Cakes? *Chinese New Year or Mid Autumn Festival*

Send your answer to win@TwickenhamTribune.com
(include your name and postcode)

www.foodsanctuary.co.uk

Photography Competition

Win an 18 hole round of golf for 4 at Strawberry Hill Golf Club

Enter our monthly photographic competition.

Email your photo to win@TwickenhamTribune.com
(include your name and postcode)

Entries must be received by Tuesday 31st January 2017.

All 4 players must play the same round.



Photos can be of any subject taken within the local villages, ie Twickenham, St Margaret's & East Twickenham, Strawberry Hill, Teddington, Hampton Wick, Hampton, Hampton Hill and Whitton/Heathfield

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

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Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White

A time of farewells and welcomes:



Photo by Alan Winter

We are sad to say farewell to **ARTHUR'S, THE BISTRO ON THE GREEN** which closed its doors on Sunday, 8 January after a goodbye-party to its many clients and friends who enjoyed such warm hospitality and great cooking at this charming eatery. Proprietors Tony and Adrienne Rowe overcame the many issues the local planning office threw at them and opened their doors on St Valentine's Day 22 years ago. Thus, this somewhat run-down corner of the Green was rejuvenated and became the lively, light-filled and convivial spot that residents and bon viveurs and film goers have enjoyed ever since. Arthur's Bistro was truly a 'one-off' with its hospitable proprietors always in attendance and who went beyond the call of duty, staying open to accommodate customers and even taking dishes out to their neighbours. Now Tony and Adrienne have decided to put away their chef's caps and aprons and enjoy a well-deserved retirement. We all wish them happy and healthy years ahead.

But we welcome the opening, sometime soon, of the doors to the permanent exhibition of **The Eel Pie Island Museum** at 1-3 Richmond Road, Twickenham (the low white building opposite York House, next to the Shell garage). The exhibition, curated by Michele Whitby, started life in the Stables at Orleans House Gallery, given a second life in a 'pop-up' show at the Public Library in 2015 and now finds a permanent home, telling the story of how the island kick-started the careers of such world-renowned names as The Rolling Stones, Rod Stewart, Eric Clapton and The Who. 120 years of boatyard history and the hub of artistic creativity and invention are also celebrated.

For more information visit:

www.eelpiemuseum.co.uk

While on the subject of Eel Pie Island, Michele Whitby and local historian, Dan van der Vat are launching an Oral History of the island on Sunday, 29 January at 2-5pm at Richmond Yacht Club, Eel Pie Island. Contact: Matthew Rosenberg at: mat@digital-works.co.uk or telephone 07940 107023.

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Tuesday 17 January at 7.45 at St Mary's Church, Riverside, Twickenham Richmond Concert Society present [ENSEMBLE 96](#), a Norwegian choir singing Norwegian and other choral works. Tickets £15 (non-members) on door. Membership £45 per annum, details Jill Warner, 8892 1456.

Saturday, 28 January at 7.30pm at Normansfield Theatre, the Mayor will be hosting [RICHMOND TALENT SHOWCASE](#), featuring Mimi, Lily, Ronnie & Aquarium Drinker from The Basement Door, and Richmond Youth Brass Band and Sapphire Brass from the Richmond Music Trust. Tickets £12.50/children £6. Call 88917123 or email mayors.office@richmond.gov.uk

Saturday 21-Saturday 28 January, at 7.45 evenings (except Wednesday) and Sunday 22 at 3pm. at Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham Embankment, Richmond Shakespeare Society present [THE WEIR](#) by Conor McPherson, ghostly tales recounted in what may be a haunted pub. Down on the water's edge the murky tide is rising, the wind is howling..... Tickets from: www.positickets.co.uk or call 8744 0547 (10am-7pm)

Sunday 29 January-Saturday 4 February, at 7.45 (except Sunday 29 at 4pm), at Hampton Hill Theatre in the main auditorium, Teddington Theatre Club present [A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE](#) by Tennessee Williams, the classic 20th century American drama remembered by many for searing performances by Vivian Leigh as the southern belle, Blanch Du Bois and Marlon Brando as the brutal Stanley Kowaski. Tickets at £12 (members) £14 (non-members) online visit teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk or call 08457529.

ARE YOU MISSING RICHMOND RINK?

If you are missing Richmond Rink a virtual rink - photos from last season - can be found on Twitter [@RichmondRink](https://twitter.com/RichmondRink)



You will know that senior planning officers recommended Permission for the temporary ice rink in Radnor Gardens this year but councillors on the Planning Committee did not follow this recommendation. None of the councillors on the Planning Committee live in Twickenham and they did not understand that Richmond Rink is a relatively small ice rink, loved by children and people of all ages.



Richmond Rink was brought to Twickenham three years ago by Twickenham Alive, twenty-one years after the ice rink in East Twickenham closed. Successive councils have promised a replacement rink for years and it took a community initiative to bring back ice skating to Twickenham.

Visit the story of the original Richmond Rink, with photographs and videos. icerinx.com

Word On The Street



A job well done

This photo was taken following a utility company's work at the 111 bus stop on Percy Road/Priory road in Hampton. Rumour has it that there was a shortage of yellow paint owing to Brexit fears, but this could not be substantiated.

Photo tweeted by @Lindle_McPindle

Kempton Park Development, Hampton Fears

The Jockey Club has unveiled plans to develop the Kempton Park racecourse, home of the historic King George VI Chase. The Jockey Club hopes to raise at least £100 million from the building of up to 3,000 homes on the site. This has sparked dismay in Hampton about increased congestion and further strain on local resources. When questioned, a spokesman for the Jockey Club (right) declined to comment.



Do you know an exceptional young person?

Diana Award launches 'inagural legacy award' for 20 exceptional young people, marking the 20th anniversary of Princess Diana's death. This Award will be presented to 20 exceptional young people from across the world, aged 9-18 for their selfless commitment to transforming the lives of others across the world at a special Legacy Ceremony in May 2017. These young people will be selected from a poll of nominations by an independent judging panel chaired by Dame Julia Clevedon, Founder of Step Up To Serve.



The deadline for nominations is Friday 17 March 2017.

To nominate visit www.diana-award.org.uk



At the Leader's Question Time in Strawberry Hill, parking was the hot topic

"Uh ... I think there's room for one more"

NEWS FROM TWICKENHAM CINEMA

Our new cinema club is launching in Twickenham on the 8th of February to provide an eclectic mix of classic and cult cinema. The opening film is 1945's 'Mildred Pierce' starring Joan Crawford. It is a true noir classic, a tale of ambition, struggle and mother daughter and is based on the novel by James M Cain whose other books include The Postman Always Rings Twice and Double Indemnity.

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Prior to the film will be a reception in our private bar area to meet founder members and discuss future plans and the chance to curate a club night. Tell us the film you would introduce to other members, why it is special to you. You can expect an eclectic mix of films as the members are the curators. There will also be a social element to screenings with an opportunity to chat before and afterwards. doors open 7.30 February 8th, Patchworks at the Cabbage Patch. £10 to join includes free entry and a glass of Prosecco plus a free guest.

TWICKENHAM ALIVE FILM FESTIVAL 2017

The Twickenham Alive Film Festival is a community-based film festival inviting submissions of short films, up to 10 minutes, based on four categories:

- Films from within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
- Films from the United Kingdom
- Films from outside the United Kingdom
- Films by film students - open theme



The theme for submissions is 'Where You Live' and the films can be on any aspect of the area, way of life, attractions, culture, sport or environment of the entrants' home area.

Entrants in the student category may choose their own theme, which should be explained in the synopsis. Please contact us if you need further clarification.

Films can be of any genre, such as documentary, drama or animation.

The central theme is 'Where you live', but there are other categories including travel, sport, animation, music and junior.

To make an entry contact film@twickenhamalive.com or visit www.TwickenhamFilmFestival.com

UNESCO World Heritage Site Wins Award from the Twickenham Alive Film Festival

On 15 July 2016 Gorham's Cave Complex, in the UK's Overseas Territory of Gibraltar, became the UK's thirtieth World Heritage site. Gorham's Cave is the last known site of Neanderthal occupation in the world.

worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Gorham

In October 2016 an award was presented to the Gibraltar Museum for their film: Gorham's Cave.

www.twickenhamfilmfestival.com/films16.html

www.yourgibraltartv.com/society/12862-oct-11-gibraltar-museum-wins-twickenham-alive-film-festival-award



Berkley Driscoll presents award to Geraldine Finlayson at the Gibraltar Museum

FLATPACK DEMOCRACY

The party system of local government can be said to do no favours for residents, particularly if one political party has a strong majority. In this situation there is often little hope of elected ward councillors making a real contribution to important decisions which could affect the lives of those they are supposed to represent. Examples of this problem can be seen in councils all over the country.

The current Twickenham Riverside saga is a prime example of this.

There has been consultation with residents about council proposals (albeit late) but when a senior councillor was publically asked to take the wishes of thousands of people into account and emphatically said “No” residents can be forgiven for thinking that there may be something wrong with the system.

People in some parts of the country have already started to deal with this sort of thing by coming together in groups of Independents; those who want to be councillors but not as members of a political party.

Frome in Somerset made the news in 2015 by electing seventeen independent councillors and taking complete control of the council. The word has spread to other areas in Somerset and further afield in towns in Wiltshire and Cheshire. It seems that major issues of local concern, like the Twickenham Riverside saga in the London Borough of Richmond, spark off such thoughts and maybe deeds.

Perhaps council administrations should heed the words attributed to Churchill, “first country, then constituency and then party”.

Further reading: Flatpack Democracy by Peter Macfadyen

Vince Cable becomes patron of the Richmond Citizens Advice Bureau

Sir Vince Cable, former MP for Twickenham, has become the patron of the Richmond Citizens Advice Bureau



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Vince Cable was MP for Twickenham from 1997 to 2015 and served as Secretary of State for Business Innovation and Skills and President of the Board of Trade under the coalition government from 2010 to 2015.

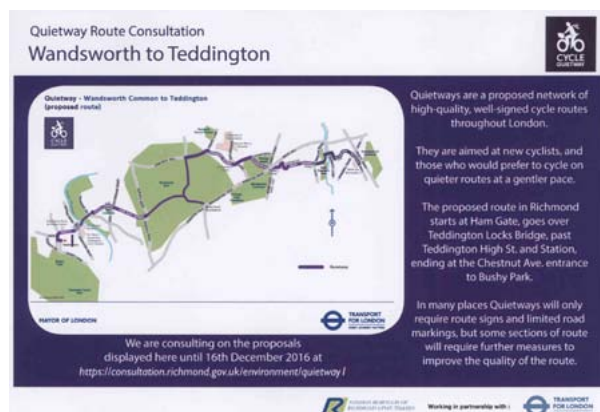
Sir Vince said “I am happy to accept the offer to be the patron of such a vital local charity. In these tough, uncertain times, it’s good to know that local people can rely on their advice.”



THE QUIETWAY

by Brian Holder, The Teddington Society

Brian Holder, Leader of the Teddington Society Roads & Transport Group has told the Tribune that the Society considers the Teddington section of the proposed Quietway completely unnecessary as since before 2002, it has had four very safe “family cycle routes” and a London Cycle Network route in place, all of which link Teddington Lock to Bushy Park, and can be signposted as “mini-Quietways” at minimum cost, thus saving £400,000, and at the same time, preserving the 23 residents’ and shoppers’ High Street parking spaces that would otherwise be lost. The Society’s policy from the outset, is that the Quietway should effectively terminate at the Teddington Lock bottleneck, and divide into two major Quietways, one, upstream along a slightly upgraded towpath to Kingston, the other downstream along a fully upgraded towpath to Richmond, thus providing what will be a popular and totally safe and traffic-free Kingston to Richmond cycle Quietway. This is the much better alternative to the present plans for a much more complicated route on the Middlesex side of the river, the original plans for which will create unnecessary disruption and the inevitable loss of on-road parking spaces in Strawberry Hill and Twickenham. It would also directly link with the proposed Twickenham to Ham pedestrian and cycle bridge, if and when built.



There would obviously also be a mini-Quietway link over the lock to Teddington for the small increase in numbers that might arrive from Wandsworth. Only about 5% of cyclists (about 200 per day) passing through and around Teddington arrive over the bridges from the Ham direction, and less than half of them go up the High Street, so it is ludicrous to turn Teddington’s High Street upside down for with no measurable benefits for anyone - including cyclists. There is certainly no need for removing at least 24 residents’ and shoppers’ parking spaces, and even less justification for making any changes to

the road layouts between Elmfield Avenue and Church Road, especially the removal of our ultra-safe staggered zebra crossing which makes crossing so much easier for the young and less mobile elderly, plus of course, families with pushchairs. There is more than ample spare capacity for cyclists over the rail bridge, as over 800,000 passed over the bridge in the 2011 Olympic Test Year, and an astonishing 1.1 million in the 2012 Olympic Year. As far as I am aware, without any accidents - I did ask the QW team for details any cycle accidents but was not given any. About 21,000 vehicles pass over the bridge each day - so can hardly be considered to be a genuine Quietway.



The only changes required are the three High Street bridge improvements that have been requested by the Teddington Society for many years which are:-

1. Extension of the off road eastern cycle path down to Station Road
2. Extension of the off road western cycle path down to Church Road
3. Re-instatement of the Olympic/Tiger/mini-Holland cycle path across Park Road which provided a safe crossing to Broad Street parallel to the present zebra crossing.

There is also the long term objective of making the southern footbridge at Teddington Station fully accessible for cyclists so that the High Street rail bridge can be avoided altogether by everyone who wants to cycle to various parts of Bushy Park and to the Lock. This well past its sell by date bridge has been listed for upgrade funding under the Borough’s mini-Holland bid, which combined with money saved by not going ahead with the full Quietway up the High Street, would allow a much better back roads Quietway scheme to Bushy Park that would serve the very large number of cyclists from the areas which have limited access to public transport.

Readers are reminded that they must submit their objections to the proposed Teddington Quietway scheme by next Monday at the latest. Everyone looking at the official QW Information document on the web should be aware that all mention of the removal of 15 Residents’ Visitors’ and Shoppers’ parking spaces opposite St Marys Church has been omitted - accidentally or otherwise.



St Mary's University, Twickenham Update

Professor Appointed Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford



Professor of Theology and the Sociology of Religion at St Mary's Prof Stephen Bullivant has been awarded a visiting research fellowship at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford.

Blackfriars, founded by the Dominican Order, is one of Oxford University's three Catholic Permanent Private Halls. The appointment is for Oxford's Hilary and Trinity terms, spanning January to July

2017. During this period, Prof Bullivant will advance a number of research projects. These include a statistical survey of the British 'nonreligious' population and an exploration of moral and social attitudes among Catholics in South Africa.

Honours for St Mary's Alumni

Alumni of St Mary's Sir Mo Farah and Moe Sbihi MBE were amongst those included in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

Mo was awarded a Knighthood for his services to athletics following his history double-double of Olympic titles in the 5000m and 10000m at London 2012 and Rio 2016. Following his success at Rio, Mo, who was based at St Mary's until 2011, became the world most successful distance runner having completed nine world championships.



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Moe Sbihi was awarded an MBE for services to rowing after winning a Gold in the Men's Four at Rio 2016. Moe, who graduated in 2010, also won the Bronze at London 2012, three World Championships and two European Championships in the Men's Four and Eight.

St Mary's Academic Leads Travel Writing Course at Indian University

St Mary's academic Dr Carl Thompson travelled to India in December to deliver an intensive course on Travel Writing at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bhubaneswar, in the Odisha Province.



An internationally recognised expert in the Travel genre, he has authored a highly regarded introduction to the form in *Travel Writing*, 2011, published by Routledge, and most recently edited *A Companion to Travel Writing* for the same publisher.

Dr Thompson commented, "Travel writing is a prolific, dynamic and socially important genre. I was delighted to be invited to lecture at IIT, Bhubaneswar, on a medium that is profoundly influential to our perceptions of regions and cultures across the globe."



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Leaders Question Time heading to Twickenham

Residents in Twickenham will be able to quiz the Leader and Senior Cabinet Members about their local area in a Question Time event.

In 2013 the Council agreed to move forward with proposals to develop the innovative Village Plans, by including guidance on local planning considerations. The process gives local people and businesses the lead role in developing local planning guidance. In addition it provides a wider opportunity to ensure that the Council is working with the community to address a wide range of local issues.

The Question Time in Twickenham will be in The Member's Club House, The Stoop Rugby Ground, Langhorn Drive, Twickenham on the 18 January from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.



The first hour of the event will consist of pre-submitted questions to ensure a spread of issues are discussed. The second hour will be opened to the floor. Please submit your questions before 8 January 2017.

Starting in February, the Council will hold a series of drop-in sessions and walk-about. Residents will be asked to contribute to refreshing the existing Village Plans for Twickenham as well as think about the character of the area. They will be asked what they would like to see maintained, what they would like to see improved. When complete, the new 'guidance' will be taken into account when making decisions on planning applications.

To RSVP for the Question Time events or to submit a question email: events@richmond.gov.uk

TWICKENHAM

Drop in:

- Saturday 25 February, 10am – 4pm at Emmanuel Centre, (Radnor Road Entrance) Popes Grove, Church of St James.
- Saturday 4 March, 10am – 4pm at All Hallows Church, TW1 1EW
- Monday 13 March, 6pm – 8pm at Orleans Park School, Tw1 3BB
- Saturday 18 March, 10am-4pm at Trafalgar Infant School (Meadway Site), TW2 6PY

Walkabouts:

The Walkabouts covering the Twickenham area will be on 5 March and 19 March 2017

Farewell to Arthur's

Dear Sir,

“Sunday afternoon at Arthurs on the Green saw a packed attendance to say farewell to Tony and Adrienne Rowe after almost 23 years. It was way back on Valentines day in 1994 when the doors first opened at Arthurs Bistro. The site had previously been a ramshackle public convenience on the corner of Twickenham Green for decades but Adrienne and Tony had a vision and didn't they deliver it!

Breakfasts, event and charity dinners including opera and film nights, after school meet ups for mums and children, Christmas bashes for local groups over many years and even wedding and christening functions - they did it all.

The new owners will be operating their business as a small Italian trattoria, the main focus will be on sour dough pizza, aperitivo, Italian wines and craft beer.

As can be anticipated, Tony and Adrienne have all sorts of plans and ideas to take themselves into the next stage of their lives.

So let us raise a metaphorical glass to a couple who stamped their vision, presence, commitment and skills on the Twickenham community. Thank you Tony and Adrienne and we wish you all the very best for the future.”

Alan Winter

Address supplied

Aged Veterans Counselling

Dear Sir,

Now that the festive season has drawn to an end, and while many of your readers will have enjoyed a very happy Christmas with family and friends it is important to remember those who have struggled with loneliness, depression and anxiety over the holidays, and continue to do so.

This time of year can be particularly hard for the elderly with many men and women suffering from depression, which can be the result of bereavement, marital problems or a whole host of other issues, and yet receive very little help from the NHS.

Aged Veterans Counselling, a government backed organisation supported by veterans' charities, offers a free counselling scheme across the UK to anyone born before 1950 who was in the military or completed National Service. Incidentally, most men over the age of 66 did complete national service and will therefore qualify.

Aged Veterans Counselling are able to offer vital support to those in need, providing up to 6 free counselling sessions in the comfort of their own home, provided by accredited professionals, which has proven to have an immensely positive impact on those who participate.

So can I ask your readers to spare a thought for loved ones, friends, neighbours or someone in their care who might qualify and benefit from this free counselling service. They can contact, in confidence, Aged Veterans Counselling on 0300 0120 247 or online at www.agedveteranscounselling.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Josephine Bey

Programme Director

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by Teddington Action Group

Here are one or two things that Heathrow Airport, The Civil Aviation Authority and the Department for Transport would rather you didn't know about noise and toxic air.

Government targets to reduce the numbers of people affected by aircraft noise ignore health-based impacts.

Major studies have concluded that aircraft noise negatively affects:

- Memory function and education
- Long term mental health including depression
- Cardiovascular disease
- High bloodpressure
- Annoyance, sleep disturbance
- Stroke
- Dementia



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There will be meetings scheduled soon so watch this space!