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The Dragons Are Coming! To Twickenham

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THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

PART 34 – THE KINGS HEAD - TWICKENHAM

By Alan Winter

Following last week's visit to the Albany, we wander round the corner to King Street. What is essentially Twickenham's High Street boasted 4 or 5 pubs at the beginning of the 20th Century but sadly only the George remains today. The largest of these town centre pubs was the Kings Head which stood proudly on the corner of King Street and Water Lane since 1723 when it was first recorded as a modest ale house named "The Feathers" after the then Prince of Wales who later became George II.

We see that by 1743 a new pub, the Kings Head had opened on this large site at 2, King Street which had stabling and gardens stretching right down to the river. Maps of the time show us how large an area was given over to the frequent coaches that stopped there and large numbers of their occupants were catered for at the pub which was the largest coaching Inn in the town. The pub also doubled as the local Post Office from which letters were carried by mail coach to London every day. In 1928 that side of King Street was demolished for road widening and the original pub went with it, a new pub being built in its place.



Our first postcard image shows the pub back in c.1910 with the second card bringing us up to the 1960's

The new building had none of the features of the original pub and was typical of 30's architecture. The new pub thrived and in the 1960's became popular with the younger generation, so much so that it was re-named "The Birds Nest" and featured a stainless steel dance floor with telephones at every table so that you didn't have to make the effort get up and ask a girl to dance, you just rang her table number – I kid you not! After a few years the pub reverted back to its name "The Kings Head" and finally closed in 1970. It was demolished and the Santander Bank now occupies the site.



Highly topical at the moment as the council is still battling around a variety of ideas concerning what happens next to this site within the riverside redevelopment project. How about building a pub called the Kings Head with gardens going down to the river where a pier will act as a boat stop for the pleasure boats plying their trade between Westminster and Hampton Court? Imagine the extra footfall and tourist money flooding into the town centre to give our ailing shops a chance to make a decent living.

Huge thanks to Ken Lea who has

given me permission to reproduce much of this history from his recent book "Twickenham's Pubs". A fascinating journey through our beer and ale houses, pubs and hotels and the result of much dedicated research. Ken's book is published by the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society and is available from their website at www.botlhs.co.uk for a fiver plus postage.

If you have any postcards to dispose of, any comments on this subject, or ideas for future articles, please drop me a line at alanwinter192@hotmail.com

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THE TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE SITE

AN INDEPENDENT RESPONSE TO RECENT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

By PAUL VELLUET, M.Litt., RIBA, IHBC, CHARTERED ARCHITECT

In responding to the Council's recent public consultation on the future of Twickenham's Riverside Site, St Margaret's resident and architect, Paul Velluet argues that the emerging development project deserves a more sensitive and carefully considered approach than that presently offered in the recently exhibited proposals.

In a detailed submission to the Council*, Paul Velluet he welcomes the Council's carrying-out of further public consultation on emerging proposals for the future development of a key and long-unresolved part of Twickenham's riverside adjacent



to Water Lane and The Embankment. However, he suggests that the latest proposals are still substantially deficient and still require substantial revision before they can form the basis of a sound application for Planning Permission that properly meets the local community's entirely reasonable aspirations and expectations for a site of such outstanding strategic and heritage significance and the relevant, formally adopted national, London-wide and local planning and conservation policies and the Council's supplementary planning guidance.

Paul Velluet, who was Chair of the Richmond Society between 1984 and 1988, argues that it was only by the local community pressing the then Council administration to reject earlier and unsatisfactory proposals for the development of Richmond's Riverside Site and to pursue an alternative, sensitively designed and conservation-based future of the site in the early 1980s, that resulted in the realisation of the present, much valued development. Whilst not perfect in every respect, the finally adopted scheme is infinitely better than the earlier and defective schemes with which the Council was minded to run. He argues that whilst Twickenham's riverside site is very different to that at Richmond, it is equally important in heritage and strategic terms. Whilst holding no particular preference for the adoption of either a traditional or entirely modern architectural approach to the design of the new development on Twickenham's riverside site, he argues that whichever approach is adopted, it is essential that it responds creatively and sensitively to the scale and character of its setting, and provides for the delivery of real benefits for the local community.

To read Paul's full response to the public consultation click [HERE](#) to open PDF

Twickenham Alive Riverside Festival

Saturday 5th August & Sunday 6th August

Twickenham Embankment



Saturday 5th August

Live Music

2-4pm The Stomping Nomads

5-7pm The Alex Dew Band

Stand Up Paddleboarding

Fire Engine & RNLi Boat
Children's Fairground Ride

Sunday 6th August

Live Music

2-4pm The Eel Pie Allstars

60s Day with the Eel Pie Club

Dragon Boat Racing

Police Stall & Police Car
Bungee Jumping

Both Days 10am - 6pm

Water Zorbers and Climbing Wall

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& sweet cakes

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TWICKENHAM ALIVE

TwickerSeal

I know where I am going to be this weekend. Twickenham Riverside of course!!

How often do we get to see the Embankment without cars? Well, part of it at least.

This is TwickerFox and me having fun with the Water Zorbers last year. I'll definitely be having a go again this year. Unfortunately my flippers make the climbing wall rather difficult!

Hmmmm, a car free riverside with fun activities for all the family; if only there was some future development on the riverside that could take that into account.



Twickers Foodie

A NEW LIFE GIVEN TO THE ROYAL OAK

By Alison Jee

It's had quite a few different names over the years, and more recently it was Stokes & Moncreiff – a name that I only managed to remember once it had closed! Now The Royal Oak has been given a total facelift and new life has been breathed into it...and it is a much better venue as a result.

The outside seating has been screened off from the noisy road and the interior has been tastefully refurbished, with a few quirky touches such as cut down leather vaulting horses being used as bench seats and two massive copper tanks dispensing Truman's first tank-ready beer. An open kitchen at the back serves food all day. Roast Sunday lunches are popular, we're told, and the Saturday 'Bottomless Brunch' - offering unlimited 'Bloody Good Bloody Marys' or prosecco for an extra £15 a head - could, depending on your drinking capacity and priorities for your Saturday afternoon, could be excellent value!



The staff here are great. Olivia, a local Twickenham girl, was our waitress, and she combined efficiency with charm and conversation in just the right measure. We started with an Aperol Spritz (one of my favourite summer tipples) and a pint of Timothy Taylor Landlord. My husband chose watercress risotto with pea shoots (£7) and I opted for the Hendrick's gin-cured salmon, dill, mustard and toast (£7.80) to start. The risotto was excellent but I'm disappointed to report that the salmon was rather dry, over salty and in tiny pieces. I wasn't aware of gin being involved in the process at all.

Our mains were good; my husband's ale battered cod and chips (£13) came with proper, homemade tartare sauce and mushy peas. I chose the dressed Dorset crab with saffron aoli, (£17.50) but with salad instead of 'fries'. The aoli was again homemade, with visible strands of saffron and perfectly balanced. Saffron can be very overpowering and quite bitter if the chef is heavy handed with it. It was very good indeed, as was the rocket salad. The chefs in the kitchen clearly know what they are doing.

My husband couldn't resist chocolate and hazelnut brownie with vanilla ice cream (£5.50) and I chose ice cream – again homemade – and again very good. Hazelnut, salted caramel and chocolate - a perfect end to a meal.

Apart from the salmon disappointment, our meal was most agreeable. We enjoyed a bottle of delicious Spanish 'biodynamic' Viogner (£22.60) but there are wines from £18.60 a bottle /£4.75 a glass.

There weren't many folk eating in the pub the evening we were there, but it was busy with drinkers and a bonus is that it's dog-friendly, (Crystal Poodle was even brought her own bowl of water to enjoy). I had heard some mixed reports after the well-publicised soft opening. But do remember that it was a 'soft opening' with prices reduced while teething problems are sorted out. There is a quiz night every Wednesday and a private room upstairs for parties. I wish them well and very much hope that this time, someone makes a success of that building.

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To enter, head over to the website www.gauchorestaurants.com and find out how many London branches of Gaucho there are currently.

Then email win@twickenhamtribune.com with your name, postcode and the answer (please put Gaucho in the subject).

Closing date is noon on Friday 11 August and the voucher will be valid throughout August and September 2017.

The prize is as stated and no cash alternative is available. Entry deems permission to name the winner in the paper.

Monthly Photography Competition

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

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

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THREE'S COMPANY AT THE GREAT RIVER RACE

International entry for UK Traditional Boat Championship

Over three hundred crews, including three from Bermuda, will take part in the 30th Great River Race, the 21.6-mile Thames Marathon, on Saturday, September 9, all competing to find the UK Traditional Boat Champions.

The entry includes gigs, skiffs, cutters, naval whalers, Chinese dragon boats, Hawaiian war canoes, shallops, skerries, wherries and many, many more. The Race starts from Millwall Slipway E14, at 12.50 hours and the leading boat is expected to cross the Finish line, below Ham House, Richmond, TW10, at around 16.10.

Some 2,500 competitors will brave the challenging course, from dedicated regular racers to fun rowers and paddlers, ranging from barely-teenage Scouts to national champions. Crews are entered by groups as diverse as rowing clubs, councils, schools, livery companies, pubs, youth clubs, police, fire brigades, the Armed Services, banks and other companies.

Many will be striving to win the Challenge Trophy of The Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames, awarded to the first boat over the line, to figure in one of the 33 other classes or simply to finish and collect a much-prized participation certificate. The Race is run on a 'slowest away first, fastest last' pursuit handicap basis, meaning the last boat away will have to make up over an hour to win.



Most will be raising money for charity and many are sure to add to the spectacle of the Race by competing in fancy dress.

Race Director, Stuart Wolff said today: "From the outset in 1988, the Great River Race seems to have sparked the imagination of participants and public alike to become what it is today - Europe's most colourful and spectacular river event!"

The Great River Race starts from the Millwall Slipway, opposite the Docklands Sailing Centre, Westferry Road E14 3QS at 12.50 hours on Saturday, September 9, with boats leaving on handicap. A winner is expected at Ham Riverside, below Ham House, Richmond at about 16.10 hours, with approximate intermediate bridge timings as follows: Tower – 13.15; Millennium – 13.20; Westminster – 13.30; Lambeth – 13.35; Battersea – 13.50; Wandsworth – 14.00; Putney – 14.05; Hammersmith – 14.20; Chiswick – 14.50; Kew – 15.05 and Richmond – 15.40

Activities at Ham Riverside, below Ham House, will start at 12.00 with a bar, street food from around the world, live music, commentary and a free family arena featuring games galore, circus tricks training, Punch & Judy and face painting. While at Richmond Riverside, above the Bridge, the entertainment starts from 13.00.

The Great River Race is organised by The Great River Race Limited, a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee and supported by the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames, Fuller's, Areen Design and Gradian.

The Great River Race is pleased to be part of Totally Thames, a month-long celebration of the river across its 42 London miles. For more information head to www.totallythames.org “

To learn more about the Great River Race visit their Stand at the Twickenham Alive Riverside Festival on the Twickenham Embankment this weekend August 5th & 6th. Buy spectator tickets, find out about boat packages (few still available) etc.

Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



Dont forget [Teddington Theatre Club](#) opens its headquarters at [Hampton Hill Theatre](#) on Saturday, 7August, 10am-12noon to offer tours of the theatre, coffee and conversation. All welcome.

One day Visual Arts and Crafts courses for all age groups are available throughout August at [The Landmark Arts Centre](#), Ferry Road, Teddington, TW11 9NN.

Visit: www.landmarkartscentre.org for details.

There is a great deal of activity taking place down on [Twickenham Riverside](#) in the next few weeks. Information is on other pages of this this edition of Twickenham Tribune.

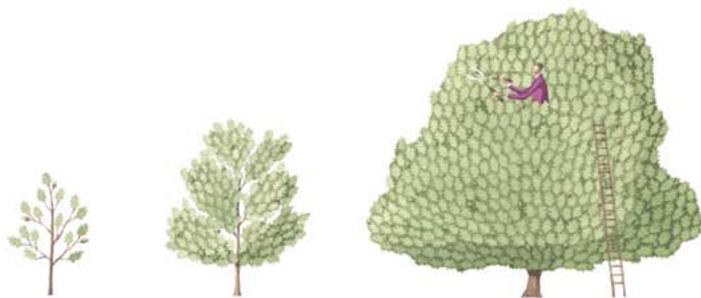
Live Music at the [Barmy Arms](#):

Saturday 5th August 2-4pm [The Stomping Nomads](#) / 5-7pm [The Alex Dew Band](#)

Sunday 6th August 2-4pm [The Eel Pie Allstars](#)

The Stomping Nomads - The Barmy Arms Saturday 5th August

'You may have already heard the Stomping Nomads playing beer festivals, pubs, clubs and community events in and around the local area. Formed seven years ago the band has a reputation for giving a lively performance playing good time music. With rock and roll, blues, country, bluegrass and more than a hint of jazz, you can never be sure what's next, but it's always entertaining. Lead by vocalist Pat Dyos, the band's line up includes Dr John Muhlhaus on banjo, mandolin and electric guitar, Mike Chilvers on bass guitar, Sue Bigmore on rhythm guitar and accordion and Martin Wayne on drums.'

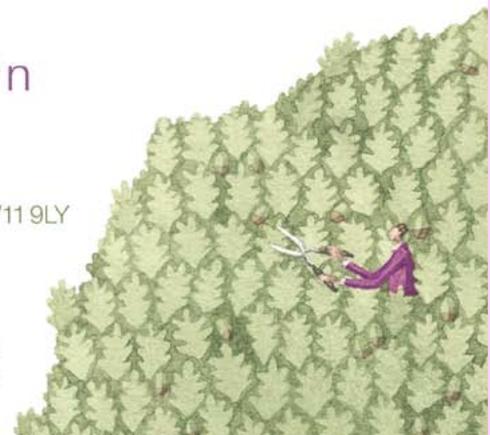


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LOOKING FOR OUR LOST LIDOS

Lidos Alive is researching nine lidos in the London Borough of Richmond – past and present. We only have two left; one each side of the river. On hot days they quickly reach full capacity and people are turned away.



In the past the Twickenham side of the river seems to have had its fair share of lidos. So far, we have only found one in Richmond, now called Pools on the Park and originally Richmond Baths. We are sure there must have been outdoor pools similar to those on the Twickenham side and if so we hope to find them, and if not perhaps we can find the reason why.

If you are familiar with the Richmond side of the river or have contacts in those “villages” perhaps you could send them a copy of this short article.

At the present time young filmmakers involved in the project are preparing to interview some of the people who have come forward with their memories. If you are interested in sharing your memories, either on film or by email, please let us know contact@LidosAlive.com

Read more about the project so far: <http://lidosalive.com/project.html>

Mass Baptism at Twickenham Lido



Film of the week

Lofty Thirst



Filmmaker: Febrianto Pudi Utama
University for the Creative Arts - Farnham

In a dry world, water is key for survival.

The water source is guarded so dearly by one species of desert-dwellers who prevents others to benefit from it. Until one day, their certainty depletes

Running time: 3:00 mins

Aspect Ratio: 16:9

The first Twickenham Alive Film Festival, was launched in 2012, and the awards ceremony took place in 2013. The original theme “Where We Live” has been widened to allow a more varied entry criteria, although films are limited to a maximum of 10 minutes.

Film Festival 2017 is now open for entries

To submit an entry contact: film@twickenhamalive.com or www.twickenhamfilmfestival.com

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Struggles, Political and Poetical

Datong – The Chinese Utopia

by Chan Hing-Yan , libretto by Evans Chan

Hong Kong Arts Festival at Richmond Theatre, 27th and 28th July

Review by Suzanne Frost



Right from the start, a most exotic sound comes from the orchestra pit, when the tuning to middle A is joined by flutes, chimes and Huqin – a variety of Chinese string instruments. Datong, a chamber opera written by composer Chan Hing-Yan and librettist Evans Chan will be, to someone with no previous knowledge like me, most of all a history lesson. It was performed in Richmond as part of the Hong Kong Music Series presented by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. The work was commissioned and produced by Hong Kong Arts Festival

It follows the story of Kang Yuwei, one of China's most important philosophers who, at the turn of the 20th century, campaigned for political reform and human rights and envisaged a utopia of humanism, equality and solidarity, called "Datong". He forms a controversial figure in modern China, because instead of a revolution he favoured constitutional monarchy, believing that China, unlike America, is an old country that needs to incorporate instead of overturn tradition. We learn about Kang through the women in his life, his daughter and granddaughter. Kang Tongbi travelled with her father to America, became the first Asian graduate of Columbia University and met President Roosevelt to campaign for Chinese workmen's rights. Her father, we learn, allowed her to grow up without binding of the feet, a cruel and disabling tradition forced onto girls in China, and she became one of the early feminists. In a time jump to 1969 we see Kang's granddaughter Luo Yifeng sawing off the heels of her western high heel shoes while the revolution is in full swing outside.



At the heart of this opera, I believe, is the struggle of reforming and honouring the traditions of an ancient country and also integrating western influences while staying true to China's identity.

The music is an interesting attempt at harmonising Chinese and western music, playing on themes from traditional Asian music, to the American national anthem, to the Beatles (to signify the time-lapse to 1969, a funny moment) but it is certainly very challenging music and reminds me occasionally of Arribert Reimann. The opera is sung in Mandarin (which I later learnt from a very well informed audience member fits western opera style better than Cantonese, for the way in which the tongue is used), with surtitles, and occasionally in English in the scenes with Roosevelt and an English missionary. The Chinese certainly have a very poetic way of using language, very metaphorical with lots of references to nature, weather, birds, the elements. It is heightened language which fits opera well. I think the subject matters, the political and philosophical struggles, don't lend themselves that easily because they are heavy on the intellectual aspects, whereas opera is traditionally looking for heightened emotion. But there are emotional moments, the prettiest and most poetic probably when father and daughter both read from Confucius' manifesto, an unusual duet between bass and soprano. The evening belongs, in my eyes, to Louise Kwong as Kang Tongbi who has a voice clear as glass and a captivating stage presence

Read more at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/07/29/datong

Photos by Yankov Wong



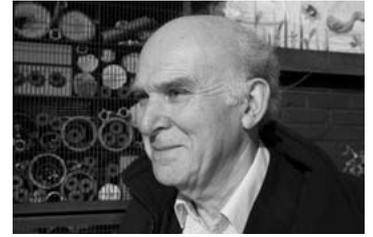
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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

MP Calls for Action on Mental Health Services

Vince Cable MP is seeking urgent meetings with local NHS mental health services after encountering serious problems with lack of local care.



He has recently visited nurses and doctors at the West Mid A&E Department who explained that the severe pressures on staff were greatly aggravated by having to deal with specific types of mental health cases.

“Apparently, this weekend, a man assaulted five nurses and caused mayhem in the hospital. The mental health authorities couldn’t find accommodation for him, so he was eventually sent off in a secure van to Durham” said the Twickenham MP.

“I have encountered similar cases in the community where seriously ill and vulnerable people are causing havoc through antisocial behaviour, but the police are unable to get cooperation in hospitalising them.

“I am pleased that, at long last, Jeremy Hunt has promised to finance more staff and facilities for mental health services but his credibility is not high with NHS workers.”

Two weeks left to apply for funding for new local projects

Residents only have two weeks left to submit their proposals for new community projects as part of a new fund in Richmond upon Thames.

The Village Planning Fund comes from the Community Infrastructure Levy, a tax collected by Richmond upon Thames Council and paid by developers. A portion of the total tax collected will fund local priority projects which address the impact development has on an area. This money might be used for a variety of projects, including; green space improvements, resources and equipment for community use or community centre renovations.

Any local resident, business or community group, living or operating within the borough can bring forward a proposal for the Village Planning Fund. The deadline for applications is the 14 August 2017.

All proposals should be for more than £5,000 and must meet certain criteria. Any groups or individuals who have ideas for projects can find out more information online and see if their project is eligible.

Following the application process, viable applications will be subject to a public ‘vote’ to determine support for the projects.



Have Your Say - River Crane Sanctuary

By Sammi Macqueen / Photos by Iain Macqueen

Friday night, last post, August 2016, a planning notice dropped through our door. Perfect timing with school holidays begun and the Council over stretched financially and understaffed in vital areas.

The sound of building works seemed to be everywhere in Twickenham and nowhere to hide even when we return to our homes with non-stop permitted development as well as major building projects invading our environment. Aircraft noise overhead, traffic jamming our roads and air quality poor.

Thank goodness for our open spaces. The 'green lung' through our dense urbanisation. Our parks and rivers at least give us respite and nature a chance to replenish.

Where was this building going to be situated? On the banks of the River Crane on Metropolitan Open Land – Green Space next to Trafalgar School Playing field in The Meadway.

Trafalgar School was a necessary building for our children and community and the playing field was allowed to take up some of the designated MOL. We have seen how pressure then grows to build more classrooms on sports fields so we have to be prepared for more loss of open space here in the future.



Why is this loss of habitat so important at this spot on the River Crane corridor? Mainly because it is at one of the narrowest parts of the river and therefore vulnerable to pollution and human impact on the connectivity and biodiversity of the region. Major roads transverse the river pathway and this fact with light pollution can be a hindrance to bats, birds and other wildlife migrating along the river to feed and breed. Any additional impact such as buildings/human domestication of wild spaces can be a 'tipping point' to the health of our flora and fauna as many naturalists are now highlighting in the media. Once it is gone it does not come back. The 2016 application ref.16/2815 is on an uninhabited one- acre plot which is a Sanctuary for nature. It is a valuable community asset which we must protect for future generations. We understand that it has been rejected but may be appealed.

Friday night, last post, July 2017 another planning notice arrives. Planning ref.17/2759/Ful. Property developers propose to knock down a block of garages in Churchview Road also adjacent to Trafalgar School Playing field and erect three new houses. We have lost back gardens to development in Churchview Road already along with a new build row of Mews houses and a new vicarage to add to the seventy five flats in the development portfolio. Take a look at google maps to see the in-filling and new developments in this area which all feed onto the busy Staines Road.

Housing is badly needed but will the benefit of these houses outweigh the further loss of habitat in this rare 'wild' space on the river crane corridor? An ancient hedgerow with established nesting birds and fruiting trees flourishes here. Bats, swoop behind the garages in a dark sky to feed. It is a haven for birds, butterflies and nature away from human impact. Take a look at the photos on the River Crane Sanctuary site to see the variety of Flora and Fauna that exists here and feeds into the rest of the public areas along the river corridor for our enjoyment.

If you agree with us that this is worth defending then please join our River Crane Sanctuary supporters by visiting the site and help us keep a watchful eye along the Sanctuary route to maintain this Green Space for our community and for the protection of its Flora and Fauna for future generations.

River Crane Sanctuary website is : www.e-voice.org.uk/rcs/

http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/Planning_CaseNo.aspx?strCASENO=16/2815/OUT

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SUNDAY, 6 AUGUST, 2017

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St Mary's University Update

Record Number of St Mary's Athletes and Alumni Compete at World Athletics Championships



A record 12 Endurance Performance and Coaching Centre (EPACC) athletes and alumni from St Mary's University, Twickenham are set to compete at the London 2017 World Athletics Championships.

The biannual event, which brings together the world's leading athletics talent, will be hosted in the Olympic Stadium in London from 4th to 13th August.

The Championships will see St Mary's most famous alumnus Sir Mo Farah compete in the his last global track championships. Sir Mo will be looking to complete a historic quintuple-double of World and Olympic titles in the 5000m and 10,000m events. St Mary's celebrated his legacy and contribution to athletics earlier in 2017, naming the athletics track he trained on for ten years in his honour. Sir Mo joins ten EPACC athletes and St Mary's alumnus Toby Gold, who won Silver in t33 100m-wheelchair racing at the World Para Athletics Championships in July.

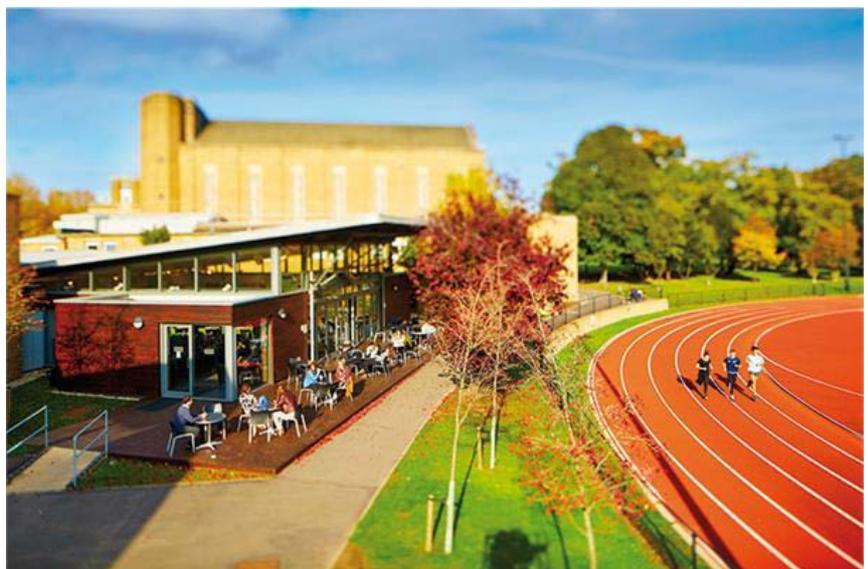
Rio 2016 Olympians Steph Twell, 5000m, Beth Potter, 10,000m, Lennie Waite and Rob Mullet, 3000m Steeplechase, Elliot Giles, 800m, Paul Pollock, Marathon, and Jade Lally, Discus, will all compete. They will be joined by British Champion Adelle Tracy, who will compete in the 800m, British women's runner-up at the London Marathon Charlotte Purdue, who will compete in the Marathon, and British Bronze Medallist Jake Wightman, who will compete in the 1500m.

Speaking ahead of the championships Director of Sport Andrew Reid-Smith said, "It's great to see a record number of St Mary's athletes taking part in the World Championships. These Championships will see athletes performing at the highest level and to have so many of our athletes and alumni taking part, is a great endorsement of the programme's work over several years.

"We have athletes excelling at every level; from university to national and global competitions you will see St Mary's athletes winning medals and representing their country and the University with pride."

St Mary's has a proud history of fostering sporting talent, with 22 athletes and alumni competing at the Rio 2016 Olympics, producing a medal count that would rank the University 25th on the medal table if it were a nation.

Ahead of London 2017 St Mary's also hosted athletes from 13 nations for their pre championship training camp, including being team base for the Japanese Association of Athletics Federations and the Chinese Athletics Association.



Share your memories with the Friendly Parks for All Team as they go for a gentle stroll

Residents in the borough who have fond memories of our parks and open spaces are invited to share their memories at one of our summer 'Friendly Parks' events.

As part of the 'Friendly Parks for All' project, we are working with the Richmond Dementia Action Alliance to look at how we can encourage everyone, including people with dementia, to enjoy local parks.

So far, work has been carried out to transform Barnes Green into a dementia friendly space and Heathfield Recreation Ground is also seeing improvements. This includes new benches, walkways, way markers and art installations.

To celebrate the project, this August, residents are invited to share their memories of the borough's parks and open spaces.

Did you play in parks as a child? What did you like to do – play on the slides and roundabouts or have an adventure?



Not to be Forgotten in the Twickenham Riverside development - A Twickenham Riverside War Memorial

On 19th June 1944 during the Second World War a doodlebug fell on the corner of Water Lane and the Embankment in Twickenham bouncing around 37 feet destroying Gotham Villas and the boathouses. The six people living in the house died in the explosion and by the riverside four others, including Frederick Hammerton, were also killed.



Image shows Gotham Villa

Ride40Minutes and help a street child: Street Invest will be at the Twickenham Alive Riverside Festival this weekend

Local fundraisers who are not able to participate in the borough's charity cycle ride from Fontainebleau to Twickenham Riverside this autumn, can still help raise money by taking part in 'Ride40Minutes.'

This September, to celebrate 40 years of Borough Twinning with Fontainebleau, around 20 cyclists will be on their bikes and riding 263 miles to raise money for street children around the world.

Funds raised by this event will go to local charity StreetInvest. Based in Twickenham they support tens of thousands of children around the world who call the streets their home. And, this year it will also be reaching out to marginalised and excluded young people in the UK. The charity have been contacted by a number of local people who would like to raise money, but are unable to participate in the long ride. Therefore, StreetInvest have launched Ride40Minutes.

They are asking local residents to get on a gym bike (static) and cycle for just 40 minutes. One for each of the years the borough has been twinned with the French town. For each mile they cycle, they are asking participants to raise money.

The man and woman who cover the furthest distance in the allocated time will each receive a mouth-watering dinner for two at Chez Lindsay, Richmond. And their gyms will be awarded a trophy.

Cllr Jean Loveland, Richmond Council's cycling champion, said:

"This is such a simple fundraising idea for those who visit gyms to stay fit and healthy.

"I am delighted to support StreetInvest's vital work with street children around the world.

These are among the most neglected, discriminated against and abused children in our society. Knowing that 40 minutes pedalling will profoundly change lives for the better is reason enough for everyone to visit their gyms today and jump into the saddle."

StreetInvest aims to help the most excluded, street-connected children have access to a trustworthy adult. Knowing they have someone that they can rely on to simply be there and support them for as long as they need, is the first step towards changing their young lives for the better.

Ride40 Minutes is just one way people can help. And best of all, just a little time can make a world of difference to a child in desperate need.

For more information about Ride40 Minutes or a sponsorship form, email info@streetinvest.org



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Waterloo Upgrade



By Bruce Lyons

Monday the 3rd of July 2017

A sort of watershed day for me really as, after more than 60yrs in the travel business I was to discover an entirely different perspective of travel – another community’s view on vacations. At 07.30 I set off from Twickenham by bus and tube to Kensington High Street, the venue; The Roof Garden, somewhere I’d heard about but never been and I looked forward to seeing the Famous Rooftop Flamingos. The



conference was the LGBT conference run by TTG (Travel Trade Gazette) & Travel Pride. Why go? As someone who has specialised for most of my life in Middle East Travel and Israel in particular I was drawn initially by the speakers, amongst whom was the Director of Tourism for the Israel Government Tourist Office (UK) Sharon Bershady. I knew that after Miami, Tel Aviv ranks high in the LGBT communities “where to go” list and I thought that apart from seeing the Flamingos I might also learn a bit and I did!! I have a soft spot for Israel as you will see if you read on.

The speakers were by far, more interesting than the delegates, a mixed bunch of Travel Trade retailers and related suppliers. But the speakers represented some of the most respected and powerful travel organisations, who had tailored some or all of their products to this growing but fastidious market place – that few others seem to care about. Moreover they had addressed their staffing attitudes to the community and were actively engaged in making their product more welcoming in this direction. Royal Caribbean Cruises, Celebrity Cruises, Wyndham Vacations, Hoseasons and Virgin Holidays, all of whom follow the Ethos “Inclusion matters”

And then, fascinating to me, was Tris Reid-Smith, editor of Gay Star News, who gave an insightful talk on “safe” destinations. Fascinating to me as till now SAFE (important as a specialist in the Middle East) meant following the Foreign Office advice- No go places for Brits to avoid, Bombs, Riots and insurgencies and now on the screen in front of us we are looking at a different worldwide map – blacking out a pretty sizeable chunk of Terra Firma (see; www.gaystarnews.com/#gs.fbX6mVs) Here you can find locations where you will not be discriminated against or asked to leave for unsuitable behaviour – where you are made welcome without question. There are more countries than you could think of where the community is unwelcome and it was refreshing to hear that there is a source for clear information. Many speakers recounted alarming stories of unexpected actions they were submitted to and it is a good compliment to the Foreign Office advice, which does not concern itself to this area of inquiry

So, my whole perception of “safe” broadened, even though from time to time this subject had – I admit – surfaced. But I hadn’t really worried about it, and I will now. Of course, the LGBT community doesn’t often openly ask sensitive questions which is why I feel better for having gone (and seen the Flamingo’s too) as now I appreciate the sensitivity of the market and am better equipped.

Back to where I started, going to the conference because I was drawn by the fact that Sharon (from IGTO) was going was also a reminder that a strong country like Israel could be so tolerant, reassuring for me, as after Britain, Israel is next to me in my favourites. Safe as it is for the LGBT community it is also safe for all of us, I know, half my family live there and I am happy to tell you that Eilat in the Desert is a fun winter holiday where we say the “Sun Spends its Winter”.

If you want to know of other safe places around the world LGBT or other – get in touch

Vince Cable urges TfL to ensure 110 bus route serves Whitton High Street

Vince Cable MP has written to Transport for London (TfL) over the unresolved issues surrounding the 110 bus route. A number of local residents over a number of years, including a previous petition of over 1500 signatures, have asked for the 110 bus route to serve Whitton high street. At present local people living in the Woodlawn estate or nearby roads wanting to access their nearest shopping centre must change buses if they want to access the high street.



Vince Cable said, “The heart of Whitton is its high street for people living in the Woodlawn estate, and nearby roads. With a small amount of rejigging the 110 bus would get local people, many of whom are disabled or elderly, to shops with a minimum amount of difficulty. Instead people have to change buses to get to the local shopping centre even though diverting the current route adds a few minutes to the journey”.

Vince Cable is asking for a meeting with Transport for London officers to see if this long standing issue can be resolved.

Vince Cable added, “This is not an issue that is going to go away. I think it would be helpful if TfL could review their position and sit down with myself and local councillors to see if this issue can be resolved for the benefit of residents especially those with mobility issues who find it difficult to access shops and services on Whitton high street”.

Local residents also raised similar issues during the recent pre-planning community forum discussions with the new college site by the A316. A new service could link up the college site with the Dene Estate, Counties Estate and then up into Whitton.



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In light of recent acid attacks, St John Ambulance has issued advice on the first aid to use in these situations.

Chemical Burns



1. Make sure that the area around the casualty is safe. Wear gloves to prevent you coming into contact with the chemical. If the chemical is in powder form, it can be brushed off of the skin.



2. Flood the burn with water for at least 20 minutes to disperse the chemical and stop the burning. Ensure that the water does not collect underneath the casualty.



3. Gently remove any contaminated clothing while flooding the injury.



4. Arrange to send the casualty to hospital. Monitor vital signs, such as breathing, pulse and level of response.

CAUTION Never attempt to neutralise acid or alkali burns unless you are trained to do so. Do not delay starting treatment by searching for an antidote.

Chemical Burn to the Eye



1. Make sure that the area around the casualty is safe. Wear gloves to prevent you coming into contact with the chemical.



2. Hold the casualty's affected eye under gently running cold water for at least ten minutes. Irrigate the eyelid thoroughly both inside and out.



3. Make sure that contaminated water does not splash the uninjured eye.



4. Ask the casualty to hold a clean, non-fluffy pad over the injured eye.



5. Arrange to send the casualty to hospital. Monitor vital signs, such as breathing, pulse and level of response.

CAUTION Do not allow the casualty to touch the injured eye. Do not forcibly remove a contact lens.

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The Women's Rugby World Cup



The Women's Rugby World Cup begins in Dublin on Wednesday, 9 August when the Red Roses start the defence of their title against Spain.

England's women head into the competition as the number one ranked side in the world and on the back of a nine-match winning streak. Only once, in 1998, have they not been involved in the final and they will be expected to go deep into the tournament. The Red Roses are ready to do all they can to win back the trophy they lifted in 2014.

The squad of 28 players to represent England in the 2017 Women's Rugby World Cup has been confirmed ahead of the global tournament which kicks off in Dublin on Wednesday 9 August.

Rachael Burford (Harlequins), Rochelle Clark (Worcester Valkyries), Tamara Taylor (Darlington Mowden Park Sharks) and Danielle Waterman (Bristol) all head to their fourth-consecutive World Cup, having appeared in every tournament since 2006.

Sarah Hunter (Bristol), who led the team to their first Six Nations Grand Slam since 2012 earlier this season, will lead the side with Emily Scarratt (Lichfield) named as vice captain.

England, the current world champions, are drawn in Pool B alongside Spain, Italy as well as United States and kick off their campaign against Spain at the UCD Bowl on Wednesday 9 August at 2pm. All England games will be broadcast live on ITV.

Head coach Simon Middleton has named a squad of significant experience, sharing a total of 1,207 caps.

Of the 28 names, 15 were part of the Red Roses' 2014 World Cup-winning squad and six players, Natasha Hunt (Lichfield), Katy Mclean (Darlington Mowden Park Sharks), Emily Scarratt (Lichfield), Emily Scott (Saracens), Danielle Waterman (Bristol) and Amy Wilson Hardy (Bristol), represented Team GB sevens at last year's Rio Olympic Games.



Following a successful three-Test tour in New Zealand, where the Red Roses overcame Australia, Canada and the Black Ferns, the side go into the competition ranked number one team in the world.

Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping appears to be a growing problem in the borough in general, but at recycling locations in particular. We visited two nearby sites and both had unauthorised rubbish dumped by the recycling bins.



Above: Popes Avenue, Strawberry Hill. Frozen shrimp packaging, probably from a restaurant

Left: Holly Road, Twickenham. Abandoned Molson Coors beer barrels.

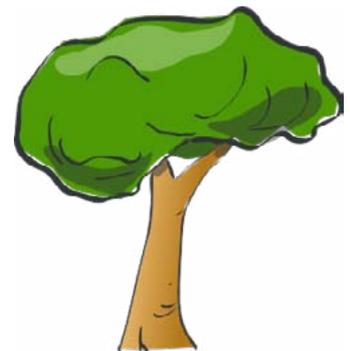
Radnor Gardens

It is good to see that this week the cable ties have finally been removed from the railings along Cross Deep. Many have been in place since May. The railings have been used to advertise various events, such as the circus, but when posters and banners are removed the cable ties are left in place. It is not known if the banners/posters were authorised in the first place, but one would assume so.



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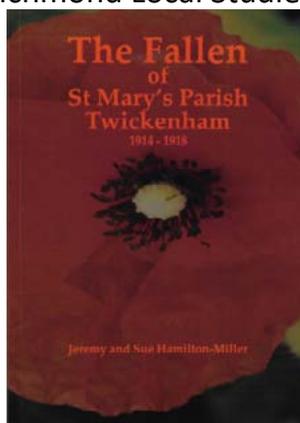
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THE FALLEN OF ST MARY'S PARISH TWICKENHAM 1914-1918

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