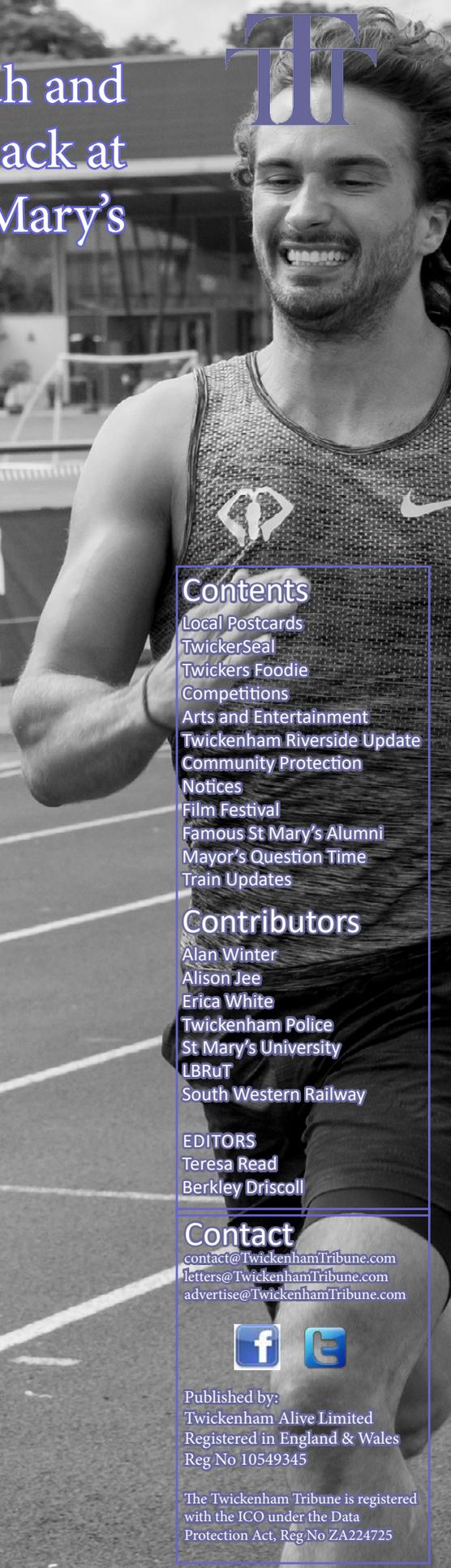


The Twickenham Tribune

Sir Mo Farah and Joe Wicks back at St Mary's



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THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

PART 37 – THE FOUNTAIN PUBLIC HOUSE - TWICKENHAM

By Alan Winter

In last week's column we looked at the last King of Portugal Manoel II, who came to live in Twickenham until his death in 1932. This week's postcard links the Fulwell Park Estate where Manoel lived, with the 1930's houses built on the site by Wates. The aerial postcard shows the junction of Manoel Road with Staines Road to the left along with some of the existing parade of shops where Bruce's Butchers still sells their award winning sausages a couple of doors away from the Crossroad Chemists and the Fulwell sub Post Office.



This part of West Twickenham underwent huge and rapid change in the 1930's with new streets, roads and house building throughout the decade replacing much of the market gardens, farms and estate land that had previously provided significant employment in the borough.

The main building on the postcard is the Fountain pub which opened at No.1 Sixth Cross Road in 1939. On the junction with Staines Road, the pub has gone through several re-vamps since this photo was taken in about 1950.

We can clearly see the two large circular fountains which lent their name to the pub. The gardens were much bigger then of course. Note the old phone number showing the local telephone area of Popesgrove. Three letters and four numbers – those were the days.

Today the Fountain is part of the Beefeater chain and now with a premier inn hotel on what was most of the back garden has really become an eatery that sells beer rather than a pub that sells food. Its proximity to Twickenham Cemetery and the South West Middlesex Crematorium means that along with the Winning Post pub it is a popular choice for hosting wakes following funeral services.

The growth of aviation between the two World Wars saw the continued development of aerial photography and this was seized upon by postcard publishers as an opportunity to show our towns and cities from above. This week's postcard was published by the Aerial Photographic Co. of London who were responsible for many such postcards.

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TwickerSeal

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GibTerrapin lives in a very nice pond, at the Commonwealth Park, just down the way from Queensway Quay Marina where TwickerSeal is staying.

TwickerSeal was astonished to discover that this wonderful 2.5 acre park used to be a car park!

Just shows what can be done with some imagination.



Twickers Foodie

A Glorious Celebration

By Alison Jee

A private chef; it sounds like the ultimate indulgence, doesn't it? It is something I have dreamt of having, if ever I were to win the lottery (but must start doing the lottery again first!). Now, I have it on good authority that I am a reasonably proficient cook, but there is no way I could have cooked the marvellous meal we enjoyed the other Sunday. Friends invited us to a special grouse lunch at their house, cooked by local Teddington chef Alaphia Bidwell. She has cooked for them before in their home, but she has also cooked at all manner of places, including shooting estates in Scotland, country houses in the rest of the UK and uber-posh homes in Knightsbridge. But luckily for us Twickers folk, she also loves cooking for more ordinary people like us!

Alaphia had suggested cooking up a storm to celebrate the start of the grouse season, and what a meal it was! We started with a tasty smoked mackerel tartare, enjoyed with black truffle flavoured crisps and a glass or two of English sparkling wine. Next was 'Heritage Tomato Three Ways' – a piquant salad, a gazpacho (one of the most 'tomato-ey' bowls of pure deliciousness) and a warm tomato soufflé. All three were great, but the gazpacho, for me, was outstanding. Our host served a Pouilly Fumé that matched beautifully.



So, onto the main event: Alaphia had portioned and filleted the grouse, which was pan-fried and served 'the Scottish way'. It was accompanied by haggis, white pudding, girolle mushrooms, game chips and buttered cabbage. Home made bread sauce, lingonberry sauce and rich gravy added the final touches. Wow! This really was the best grouse I have ever tasted. A fine Rioja was a sterling choice to accompany it.

Cave aged Cheddar, served with Scottish oatcakes and a glass of white port next and then the final masterpiece – bramble jelly, bramble sorbet and ice cream. These were the perfect sweet treat to finish the meal – and a glass of Noble Sauvignon Blanc added just the right amount of sweetness.

Private chef Alaphia's company Quintessential Quisine will cook anywhere locally (and further afield) for intimate dinner parties, buffet suppers and all sorts of other functions. She brings all the food necessary for the meal having done some pre-preparation. You just need to provide the wines, the kitchen, the table and the excuse for not cooking it yourself! And, being the consummate professional, Alaphia even clears up afterwards.

For more information Alaphia Bidwell can be contacted on alaphiabidwell@googlemail.com or 07956 966178

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Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



Now is the time think of enrolling for membership of the many performing arts societies, such as choirs and amateur drama groups. The Richmond Shakespeare Society, Teddington Theatre Club, Old Hamptonians Drama Society, as well as the Musicals groups, such as TOPS and BROS, all have informative websites. These can all be found on Arts Richmond website: info@artsrichmond.org.

Public Libraries have brochures/flyers of activities throughout the borough. Worth looking out for is **KNOW YOUR PLACE** September which lists all events taking place during the forthcoming month. Also worth looking for is the **OPEN HOUSE** Weekend listing of places not visitable except for weekend of 16/17 September.

Right through from 24 August-22 October at **THE STABLES GALLERY, OHG**, Twickenham, TW1 3DY, **THE CONTEMPORARY BRITISH PAINTING PRIZE**, 2017 has pride of place. Open to artist of any age, ability and location, the winner will receive a £2,000 purchase prize for their work which will then be entered for the Priseman Seabrook Collection of 21st Century British Painting.

Also at OHG, running from September through to March an exhibition drawn from Richmond Borough Art Collection, entitled **A COLLECTORS LOT**. The art collection now comprises over 4,400 paintings, prints, drawings, photographs and object d'art spanning the early 18th century to the present day.

Info, www.richmond.gov.uk/arts

THE PUPPET BARGE is a delightful visit, especially with children. Moored along the Thames a few hundred yards along the towpath in front of the Terrace Gardens, the barge is home to puppet wizardry from 23 August-3 September, daily at 2.30. On 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 at 2.30. For programme, including tales from Aesop and Wendy Cope visit www.puppetbarge.com.

RSS production of **KINDERTRANSPORT** by Diane Samuels begins its run on Sunday, 17 September at 3.00pm - 23 September At 7.45 nightly (NB no performance Wed) at the MWT on Twickenham Embankment, TW1 3DU. Tickets £10.

Box Office 8744 0574. www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk

Only a day later TTC present their Studio production of Dylan Thomas's radio masterpiece, **UNDER MILK WOOD** as a dramatised version. This runs from Sunday, 17 September to Saturday, 23 September at 7.45 during week and Sat, but at 6.00pm on Sunday's opening performance. Tickets £10/£14. Box office: www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk or Tel: 0845 838 7529

TTC's first major production of the new season in the Main House will be **TURN OF THE SCREW** This runs from Sunday, 1 October-Saturday, 7 October at 7.45 weekdays, Sunday at 6.00pm. Info: www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

TTC holds its monthly **OPEN MORNING** at its HHT base in Hampton Hill High Street on Saturday,

2 September. All welcome to enjoy a tour of this local amenity and a free cup of coffee and cake. Irresistible! Theatre open from 10.00 - noon.

Film buffs will have a chance to revisit classic film when Richmond Film Society opens its 55th season with Pedro Almodovar's **JULIET** on Tuesday 19 September, at 8 pm at St Mary's University (SMU) **PETE POSTLETHWAITE PICTURE HOUSE** (Room G5). Films shown on alternate Tuesdays. Tickets: 8893 3503. www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk.

Choirs throughout the borough are beginning rehearsals. See websites, www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk; www.thamesideharmony.co.uk (for Women's A capella group); same website for Magna Carta Chorus (Men's four-part harmony).

Don't be shy, often not necessary to be able to read music. Join in and exercise your lungs.

Jazz, Rock and Folk groups are well represented on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at the **CABBAGE PATCH PUB**. For forthcoming programmes: Visit websites: www.twickfolk.co.uk; eelpieclub.com; twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk.

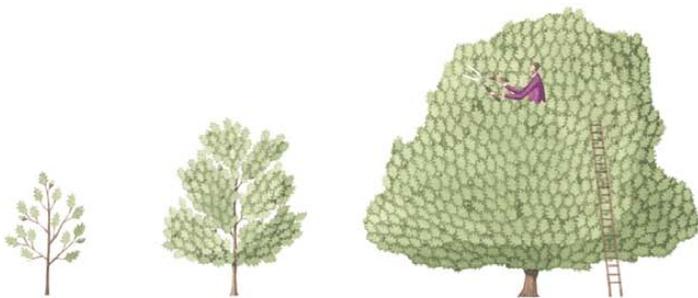
TURNER'S HOUSE has reopened its doors now the magnificent conservation and restoration work has been completed. You are sure of a friendly welcome at Sandycombe Lodge, Sandycombe Road, Twickenham. Opening times: Wednesdays-Sunday, 10.00-1 pm for self-guided visits; 1.00-4.00pm for guided tours. Admission: £6.00 adults, £3 from 5-15 years, under 5s free. Info: visit www.turnershouse.org.

OHG Orleans House Gallery, RSS Richmond Theatre Club, MWT Mary Wallace Theatre
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The Stomping Nomads are back at the Barmy Arms on
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St Mary's University Update

Two of St Mary's Most Famous Alumni Return

Sir Mo Farah and Joe Wicks, The Body Coach, two of St Mary's most famous alumni, returned to train together using the world-class facilities at the University.

They began by warming up on the Sir Mo Farah Athletics Track, before undertaking a sprint race, which ultimately Sir Mo won despite Joe giving him a good race.

Next, the pair moved into the Performance Education Centre, the University's strength and conditioning facility, to test how long Joe could keep up with Sir Mo's running pace. Joe lasted 90 seconds at a pace Sir Mo sustains for 8 miles.

If you want to see what they got up to, head to Joe's youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hjgqiporqk4&t>



Community Protection Notices Used on Twickenham Riverside

Community Protection Notices have been used by the police this week to tackle anti-social behaviour on Twickenham Riverside.

The problem is illustrated by a letter to the Tribune from a local resident:

"I recently wrote an email to our Councillors for Twickenham Riverside, which was responded to by Cllr Susan Chappell.

I was raising my concerns about the behaviour of the seemingly increasing number of "tramps" congregating on the benches outside Santander Bank on King Street, Twickenham.

On a previous occasion a few months ago, I had to call the police to an incident at the back of London Road in the park near the library, where these men were swearing and fighting drunkenly in front of a highly entertained group of schoolchildren just after the schools had closed for the day. The police did attend, but subsequently the congregation moved to its new home as above and the numbers seemed to increase.

No-one appeared to be taking any action to resolve this situation. I was particularly concerned about the image of the town during the time of the Twickenham Festival and events in Church Street in particular, where visitors and locals had to run a gauntlet of drunken individuals. I have since been assured that there is some work being done behind the scenes to address the alcohol and homelessness issues on a one-to-one basis. However, this will take some time to bear fruit."

Anti-social behaviour by those habitually drinking and congregating on Twickenham Riverside was reported in Edition 40 of The Twickenham Tribune on 11 August

A request for further information was made to the police at Twickenham and Cllr Fleming at the Council. The police replied as follows:

In total, eight Community Protection Notice (CPN) first instance Warning Notices have been issued. These impose a number of conditions and prevent certain types of ASB. These include loitering, littering, being Drunk and Disorderly in a public place, obstruction, begging and causing harassment, alarm and distress.

If a person has been issued a total of two CPN warning notices, and continues to breach the imposed conditions, they are then arrestable under sec48 ASB, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014. Once arrested, we may be able to detain the person in custody prior to an appearance at magistrates court.

If the ASB continues, the second and final warning notices will be issued.

Officers from Twickenham Riverside ward have also issued two local off-licences with a list of people who are banned from being sold alcohol. This has been agreed by the staff and is in conjunction with the PUBWATCH scheme.

Cllr Fleming has forwarded the request for information to Cllr Mark Boyle, Cabinet Member for Community Safety. However, Cllr Fleming said "I'm very glad to see the police have taken this action."

Twickenham Riverside Update



At a meeting in the Leader's Office on Monday Mandy Skinner, Assistant Chief Executive of LBRuT, confirmed that the results of the latest consultation on Twickenham Riverside would be released before the end of September. She added that a pre-planning application for the Francis Terry design would take place before the end of the year.

Cllr Hodgins the Leader of the Council, Cllr Fleming the Joint Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment, Business and Community, Cllr Seymour the Cabinet Member for Planning and Strategic Development and Paul Chadwick the Director of Environment & Community Services, were also present.

Bank Holiday recycling and waste collection days one day later

Following the August Bank Holiday on Monday 28 August, Richmond Council will carry out waste and recycling collections (including Garden Waste Collections) for domestic properties one day later than usual.

For example the Monday collections will take place on Tuesday. There will be no change for those businesses receiving commercial waste and recycling collection services.

Normal domestic collection schedules will resume a week later on Monday 4 September. Residents are asked to put recycling or refuse out early on collection day but not to leave it on the streets the day before to avoid bags being ripped and to keep roads clean and tidy.

Waste should be put out in securely tied sacks or in a bin with a lid which assists with preventing animal attacks.

The Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Townmead Road will be open on the Bank Holiday on Monday 28 August and will be operating Sunday hours. The centre will be open from 9.00am to 4.00pm with last admission at 3.45pm.

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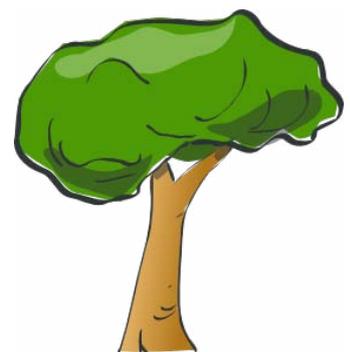
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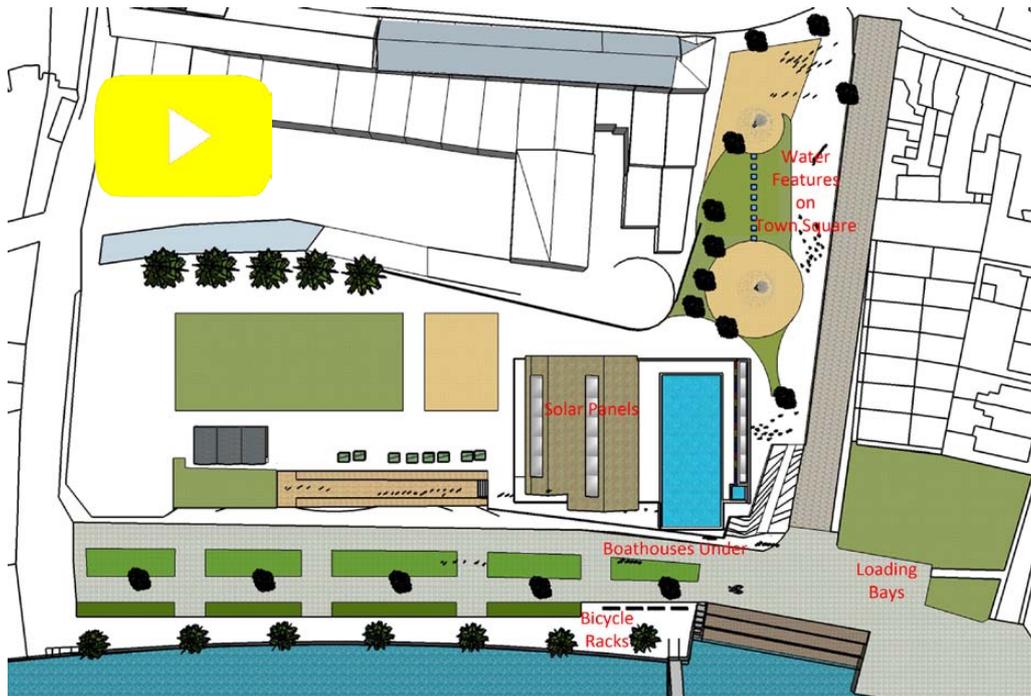
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Support Growing for Lido on Twickenham Riverside

Support for Twickenham Lido, on the independent Change.org petition, now stands at [3,344](#). Over the last week over 140 residents have signed the petition and left comments.

The lido petition is only promoted on the Change.org website and no updates have been sent recently. It seems that the threat of the Francis Terry flats on Twickenham Riverside may have prompted a surge in support. <http://twickenhamlido.com/index.html>

*Below is a concept video for the Twickenham Lido
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LOOKING FOR OUR LOST LIDOS

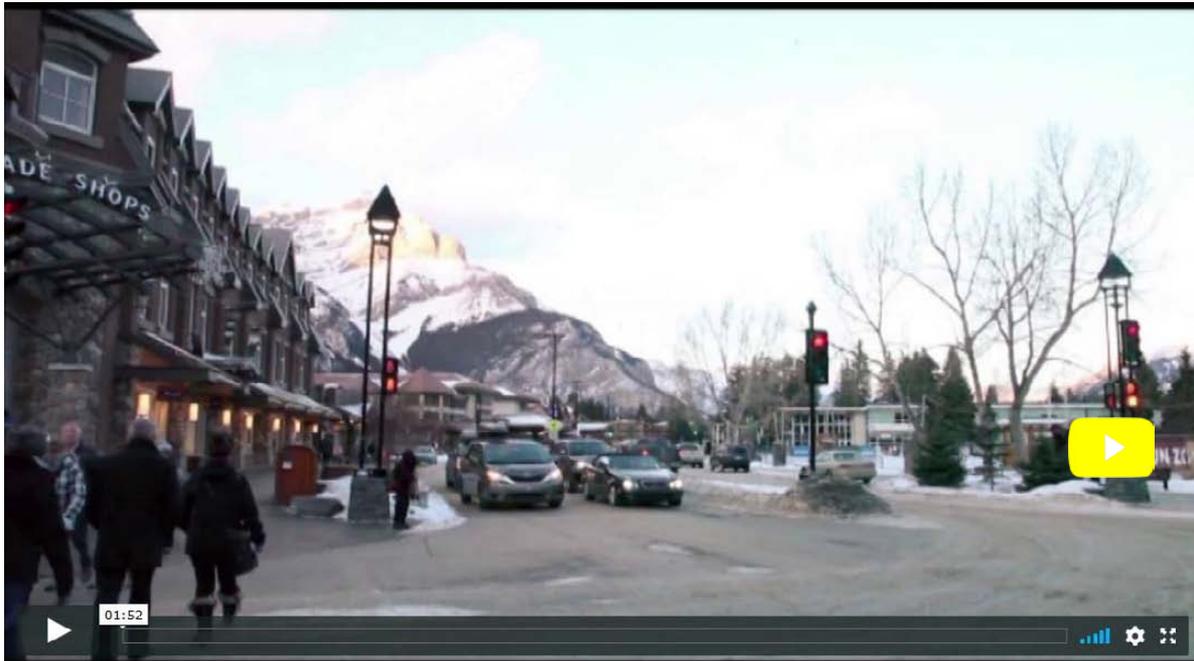
Lidos Alive is researching nine lidos in the London Borough of Richmond – past and present. We only have two left; one each side of the river. On hot days they quickly reach full capacity and people are turned away.

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>



Film of the week *BANFF MEMORIES*



Filmmaker: Rhodri Williams

Running Time 1" 52"

For months I lived in Canada, people always asked "what is your favourite part of Banff?", and I was never sure how to answer. The obvious ones are the skiing ... the air, the walks, the beers ... but honestly? I am not sure what was my favourite part. I never felt more at peace than in the dark.

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

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RICHMOND FILM SOCIETY COMPETITION

Win a pair of tickets for any film of your choice in Richmond Film Society's 55th Season, which opens on 19 September with Pedro Almodóvar's 'Julieta' and runs until 24 April 2018.

Competition Question

'Who has directed the most Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award-winning films? Is it (a) Ingmar Bergman or (b) Federico Fellini?'

Please email win@twickenhamtribune.com with your answer, name and postcode and with Richmond Film Society in the subject line.

The first half of the fifteen film season comprises the following seven films:

19th September – Julieta (Spain)

Pedro Almodóvar spins three Alice Munro short stories into an expressive reflection on love, tragedy and transformation. After a chance encounter with an old friend of her estranged daughter, Julieta, decides to confront her past and the most important events surrounding her daughter's disappearance.

3rd October – Rams (Iceland)

An acclaimed Icelandic tragicomedy. In a secluded Icelandic valley, two prize winning sheep farming brothers, living side-by-side, haven't spoken in 40 years. When disaster strikes and threaten their livelihoods, they must come together in order to save what's dearest to them - their sheep.

17th October – The Salesman (Iran)

A traumatic event shatters the wellbeing of a middle-class couple and reveals tensions and fissures within their marriage. An absorbing psychological drama from Iranian auteur, Asghar Farhadi, and winner of the 2016 Foreign Language Oscar.

31st October – Chevalier (Greece)

On a fishing trip, six men in a boat decide to play a game to discover which one of them is the "best man", with funny, absurd and troubling consequences. An acute study of what happens when masculinity is allowed to run rampant in a confined space. Winner of the Best Film Award at the 2015 London Film Festival.

14th November – Tangerines (Estonia)

In 1992, Abkhazians are fighting a bloody conflict to break free from Georgia. In a deserted Estonian village, Ivo and Margus have stayed behind to harvest the tangerine crop. Two wounded men from opposite sides are left at Ivo's door and he is forced to take them in. An Oscar nominated and remarkable piece of anti-war cinema.

28th November – Letters from Baghdad (UK)

Voiced by Tilda Swinton, this documentary explores the extraordinary life of English writer, archaeologist, diplomat and spy Gertrude Bell. Openly critical of colonialism, Bell offered a counterpoint to typical British all-male power; and her views on the future of the Middle East were prescient.

12th December – The Other Side of Hope (Finland)

A poker-playing restaurateur meets a Syrian refugee just arrived in Finland. Kaurismäki creates a drama/comedy around Europe's immigration issues in his characteristically lugubrious and deadpan style.

See www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk for details of the full 2017/18 Programme and membership, which is £60 (i.e. £4 per film). Tickets are available on the night for non-members at £6.



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Bushy Bathing Pool (Upper Lodge)

Bushy Lido (Hampton Pool)

Richmond Bridge Lido



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Mayor's Question Time: 110 bus route

Caroline Pidgeon (member of the London Assembly for the Liberal Democrats and Chair of the London Assembly's Transport Committee.)

Residents and ward councillors for Whitton ward in the London Borough of Richmond have long supported the 110 bus route serving Whitton High Street. What assessment has TfL undertaken on the merits of amending this bus route?

Answer : The Mayor

Transport for London (TfL) is aware that some local residents would like route 110 to be diverted via Whitton High Street. However, providing this diversion would mean the loss of the convenient link route 110 provides into Twickenham via Staines Road. This link is currently used by around 1,000 passengers per day, approximately 25 per cent of passengers on this route.

Passengers using route 110 who wish to travel to Whitton High Street can interchange onto route H22 at Hospital Bridge Road for free thanks to the Hopper fare I introduced last year. TfL will continue to look for opportunities to improve bus services, and I would be very happy for an officer to meet with residents, the London Borough of Richmond and others to discuss whether changes could be made.

Public meeting to discuss Mayor's proposals for local police front counters

The local Police have announced a public consultation meeting to discuss the Mayor of London proposals to cut the number of police front counters in London – with two potential closures in Richmond upon Thames.

Last month the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan launched a public consultation on plans to reduce the number of police front counters in London in order to put an additional £10 million – equivalent to the cost of 170 police constables - into frontline policing in London's communities.

Locally, this could result in the closure of the Teddington and Richmond (Sovereign Gate) front counters, which has seen a drop in the amount of public use. However, the main 24 hour desk in Twickenham will be retained. The Police have committed that other customer access points will be identified

The Police have now announced a consultation event for local residents to come and find out more about the proposals and have their say.

The event is on the 18th September from 7-9pm in the Salon (York House).

Teddington Woodcraft Folk Awarded Civic Pride Grant

Even more children and young people will be able to learn about the importance of the environment and sustainable development, thanks to £4.5k funding from Richmond Council – just in time for their 40th anniversary!

The Teddington Woodcraft Folk is a local uniform group that provides activities, outings and camps for young people aged 6-16 years old. They help their young members to understand important issues like the environment, world debt and global conflict. They also develop local activities focused on sustainable development.

They have been awarded £4,769 from the Council's Civic Pride Fund to help towards camping equipment so they can engage more young people and families in their outdoor activities and trips.

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 £5k are available to organisations and £1k for individuals.

Borough's connection with Chilean hero

Richmond upon Thames celebrated its connection with Chilean hero Bernardo O'Higgins at a ceremony in Richmond this week. The event marked the anniversary of the birth of one of the key figures in the Chilean independence movement and head of the country's first national government.

Bernardo O'Higgins lived in Richmond for two years whilst he studied at Clarence House in The Vineyard, which used to be a private school. There is a blue plaque on the wall beside the house and a bust of O'Higgins in the square.

The ceremony was led by the Chilean Ambassador, HE Rolando Drago, together with the Military Attaché Colonel Christian Bolivar and the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Lisa Blakemore. The event took place at O'Higgins Square near Richmond Bridge.

wiz <http://worldinfozone.com/facts.php?country=Chile>



Thirty five local projects in the running for community funding

Thirty five local groups and community organisations have applied for funding for local projects through the new Village Planning Fund.

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.

Over the past two months, residents, businesses or community groups, living or operating within the borough have been submitting their proposals on how the funding could be used.

There were suggestions from all Village Planning Fund 'clusters', and proposals for a variety of projects, e.g. green space improvements, community vehicles, community café extensions, disability access for public buildings and a toy resource library.

All proposals are for projects worth more than £5,000 and must meet certain criteria. Over the next few weeks, officers will review all the applications to check that proposals are in line with the fund criteria.

Following this, in early Autumn residents across the borough will be asked to show their support for viable applications. Residents will be given a direct say on which of the projects should move forwards.

New fund to help local, independent businesses is launched

A discretionary rate relief scheme, which aims to provide transitional support to certain businesses impacted recent changes to Business Rates, has been launched by Richmond Council.

Following his budget announcement, the Chancellor allocated £1.2m over four years to Richmond to help local businesses with the impact of the business rate revaluation.

Following engagement with businesses, the Council has designed a local scheme using simple criteria and an easy application process. The Council has identified about 1,100 businesses which it thinks may be eligible for some help. Each of these businesses will be sent an application form.

The Council is also encouraging other businesses to go online and review the criteria and if they think that they may be eligible, to apply now.

Cllr Stephen Speak, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance, said:

“We know that in Richmond just over half of local businesses saw an increase in their revalued business rates.

“This transitional arrangement scheme seeks to help small and medium sized local businesses, who have been impacted by an increase.

“We believe that around 1,100 businesses in the borough should be eligible for some benefit from the Government’s fund. And, to deliver that support to the lifeblood of our communities, we have proactively written to them all.

“If you receive the Council’s letter, we encourage you to complete the application as soon as possible and no later than January 31, 2018.”

Bushy House Open Day - 17 September 2017

On Sunday 17 September 2017, NPL is opening Bushy House to the public as part of the Open House London weekend.

Normally, Bushy House can only be viewed from the beautiful Bushy Park, but this day offers visitors the chance to glimpse inside the house, which dates back to the 1660s.



Photo by Stephen Williams

Bushy House was the residence of William, Duke of Clarence (William IV) and his mistress Dora Jordan from 1797, and was offered to the Royal Society by Queen Victoria in 1900 as a location to establish NPL.

Visitors will have chance to see the rooms and gardens of Bushy House, including historic photos and artefacts, and the descendant of Newton's apple tree.

The opening of Bushy House is part of the Open House London weekend, London's largest annual festival of architecture and design. Open House London seeks to open London's buildings to the public.

Doors will be open from 10 am to 5 pm. Entry is free.

Access to Bushy House is via the Queens Road Gate, TW11 0EB (public parking on Dora Jordan Road and Clapperstile car park) and pedestrian access via Canon Road Gate, Bushy Park.

Please note that there is very limited access for people with disabilities and no dogs are allowed (with the exception of guide and assistance dogs).

www.npl.co.uk/events

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South Western Railway begins operations

Unveiling a new brand and major investment programme for the network

Rail passengers in London and the south of England are now served by a new operator – South Western Railway (SWR). The change in operator will see more than £1.2 billion invested between now and 2024 on new and refurbished trains, station improvement schemes, the simplification of tickets and many more improvements – all of which will make journeys better for customers.

The main franchise highlights are summarised below:

New and refurbished trains

By December 2020 the SWR mainland fleet will undergo a facelift. Ninety new British-built Avenra trains be introduced (750 carriages, in five and 10 car formations), and the rest of the fleet will be refurbished and refreshed. Ultimately this will increase capacity by 52,000 extra seats through the morning and evening peak by 2020. Improved Wi-Fi (up to 5x faster), at-seat charging points, toilet provision on all suburban trains, infotainment systems and better on-board customer information will make passenger journeys better.

More services and faster journeys

The December 2018 timetable will mean customers can expect more services, quicker journeys, and earlier and later trains. With up to 400 additional Sunday trains across the network, passengers can expect more flexibility when planning their journeys.

Improved connectivity

As one of the UK's largest rail networks, SWR will support local communities by providing greater connectivity. SWR is delighted to re-introduce through services between Portsmouth, Southampton, Bournemouth and Weymouth to aid regional connectivity, while journeys to London will be sped up for those wishing to travel to the capital. SWR will also work with the Isle of Wight community on plans for a more sustainable future for the island's railway.

Station investment

More than £90 million will be invested to improve stations, with major refurbishments planned for Southampton Central and Wimbledon. Other planned improvements include: better customer information screens, new seating and waiting areas as well as additional car parking. These are all designed to deliver the customer experience step change that customers deserve.

Value for money ticketing

The SWR network contains a huge number of attractive places to visit and tickets will be on offer to encourage customers to travel by train wherever possible. This will include new promotional fares, an easier to use website and apps to support ticket purchase.

Plans also include flexible tickets for those that do not commute every day and a new ticket for 16-18 year olds to bridge the gap between child and full fare travel while still in education.

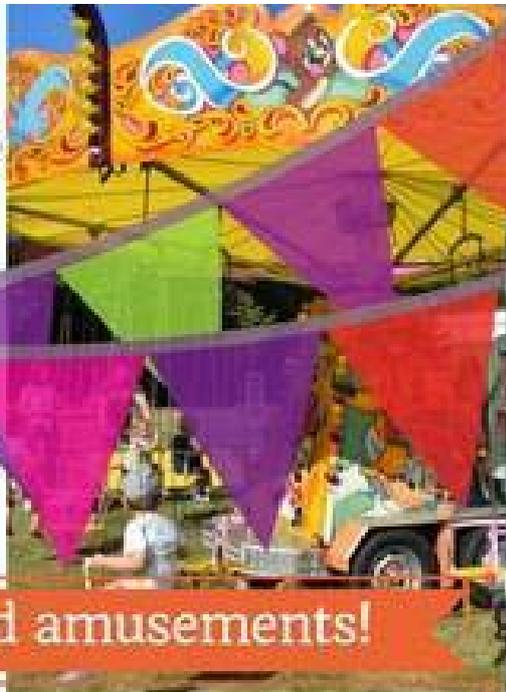
Today, we also unveil the new South Western Railway website (www.southwesternrailway.com), customer app and social media channels (@SW_Help and @SW_Railway). New SWR branding will begin to appear on leaflets and posters at stations and eventually on trains.

Andy Mellors, Managing Director, South Western Railway said:

“We’re looking forward to building on the respected foundations established by the former franchisee’s employees. They’ve done a great job during the Waterloo and South West upgrade programme work, and I know it’s been a challenging few weeks for customers travelling so I’d like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this time. The outcome of this improvement work will deliver the infrastructure needed to support the increased capacity plans we need for the future.”



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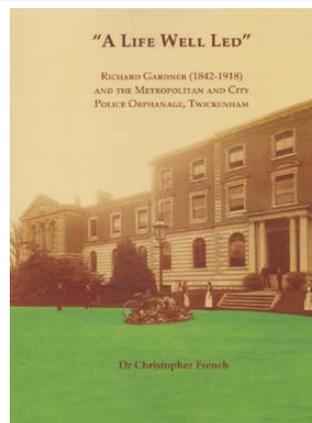
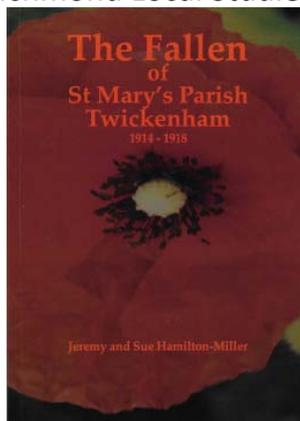
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