

# The Twickenham Tribune



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# THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

## PART 42 – TWICKENHAM BRIDGE ON THE A316 – Opened in 1933

By Alan Winter

Today, any incident slowing or stopping the traffic on Twickenham bridge causes delay and traffic jams all over West London but just have a look at our first postcard (courtesy of Howard Webb Collection). This photo was taken 84 years ago around 1933/34 and shows the traffic levels of the day. What a pleasure it must have been to drive into the office at Trafalgar Square in those days. Don't even think about it now!

Our second postcard (courtesy of Kenneth Lea collection) shows the bridge from the Middlesex bank c1954. Interesting to read the St Margarets on Thames caption. Twickenham and Hampton were also known as "on Thames". When and why did that die out? Anyone know? Also, if you happen to be or know either of the two lads with their bicycles in the photo do let me know.

Built in 1933 as part of the newly constructed "Chertsey Arterial Road", Twickenham Bridge connects the Old Deer Park district of Richmond (historically Surrey) on the south bank of the river

Thames to St. Margarets (historically Middlesex) on the north bank, both within the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.



The bridge forms part of today's A316 (Chertsey Road), which links Central and West London with the M3 motorway at Sunbury-on-Thames.

The bridge's architect was Maxwell Ayrton and the head engineer was Alfred Dryland. The proposed design of the bridge envisaged four 70 foot towers to be constructed on the riverbanks with retaining walls of 20 feet above road level. The plans were widely opposed and a local petition was organised by the Daily Telegraph

against the design on the grounds that it was inappropriate to the setting in Richmond.

The final design of the bridge was of three reinforced-concrete arches supported on concrete piers with Art Deco embellishments. The bridge incorporates three permanent hinges enabling the structure to adjust to changes in temperature, the first reinforced concrete bridge structure in the UK to use such an innovation. The Bromsgrove Guild was employed in casting and fitting the bronze lamp standards and parapets as well as the railings on the four staircases between road level and the river bank

The bridge was opened on 3 July 1933 by Edward, Prince of Wales. The Prince had a busy day as he also opened Chiswick Bridge and the new Hampton Court Bridge on the same day.

In 1992, the first speed camera in the United Kingdom was launched on Twickenham Bridge. The bridge was declared a Grade II listed structure in 2008, providing protection to preserve its special character from unsympathetic development.

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

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# TwickerSeal

TwickerSeal was very excited to hear that the Twickenham Tribune has been announced as a finalist in a global competition.

He is hoping to be sent to the ceremony in Rome to represent the Tribune and Twickenham.

While there TwickerSeal will be able to see for himself the inspiration for Francis Terry's Twickenham Riverside designs.

TwickerSeal understands that chariot parking is no longer allowed at these wonderful structures, something that will hopefully be applied to Twickenham Riverside too!



# Twickers Foodie - Make More of Mushrooms

By Alison Jee

Following on with our fungi theme from last week, a newly published Mushroom Cookbook by Lorenz Books (hardback £15) by Michael Hyams and Liz O'Keefe, tells us everything we need to know about mushrooms. It explores the range of edible wild and cultivated mushrooms and includes some interesting recipes with lovely photographs. The recipes are grouped together seasonally and include suggestions for meat eaters and vegetarians. Here's a taster recipe from the book.

## Chestnut Mushroom and Oat biscuits

Nutty and sweet, chestnut mushrooms belong with cheese, so why not use this match made in heaven by making chestnut mushrooms into biscuits for cheese? This is a great moist biscuit that could even pass as a sweet biscuit, at a push. Using your hands to shape, the biscuits are easy yet satisfying to make. Enjoy the fruits of your labour with some ripe Stilton or mature Cheddar – no need for butter.

- 150g/5oz chestnut mushrooms
- 60g/21/2oz/5 tbsp butter, plus extra for greasing
- 150g/5oz rolled oats
- 60g/21/4oz/generous cup wholemeal (whole-wheat) flour, plus extra for dusting
- 2.5g/1/2 tsp bicarbonate of soda (baking soda)
- 2.5g/1/2 tsp sugar
- 30ml/2 tbsp crème fraîche
- Pinch sea salt and 5g/1 tsp ground black pepper

Makes 12

Ready in 30 minutes

Preheat the oven to 190.C/375.F/Gas 5 and grease two large baking sheets. In a food processor, blend the mushrooms until very finely chopped. Add the butter and blend for 30 seconds. In a large bowl, combine the oats, flour, bicarbonate of soda and sugar, and season with salt and black pepper.

Mix the mushroom mixture into the dry ingredients, along with the crème fraîche. Dust a clean surface with flour and roll the mixture into 12 small balls. Press down the balls and shape into circular, flat biscuits, using more flour if they become sticky.

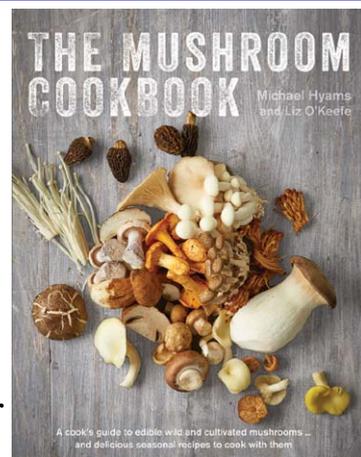
Place spaced out on the prepared baking sheets, then bake for 10–15 minutes, until slightly golden and firm. Allow to cool and serve, or keep in a sealed container for up to a week.



# Offers and Competitions

## Win The Mushroom Cookbook

Thanks to Lorenz Books, one lucky TT reader can win a copy of this new book, hot off the press. It is also available from next week in good bookshops. To enter, just email [win@twickenhamtribune.com](mailto:win@twickenhamtribune.com) with the header Mushroom Cookbook and tell us which country in the world has used mushrooms in medicine for centuries. Don't forget to give us your contact details.



Competition closes noon on Friday 13 October

## Win a Carluccio's Mushroom Gift Pack worth over £25

Those generous people at Carluccio's have compiled a mushroom 'hamper' especially for one lucky Twickenham Tribune reader to win. It includes dried porcini, porcini oil, truffle oil, porcina & truffle risotto, porcini sauce and stock cubes, plus a copy of Antonio's famous Complete Mushroom Book: The Quiet Hunt

*Carluccio's*

To enter, just email [win@twickenhamtribune.com](mailto:win@twickenhamtribune.com) with the subject Carluccio's in the header, give us your full contact details and tell us how much a three course set lunch is at Carluccio's.

Competition closes noon Friday 6 October.

NB. Prize is as stated with no cash alternative. Entry deems permission to name the winner in the paper.

## Monthly Photography Competition

Win an 18 hole round of golf for 4 at Strawberry Hill Golf Club  
With a glass of wine or beer at the bar afterwards

Email your photo to [win@TwickenhamTribune.com](mailto:win@TwickenhamTribune.com)  
(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**

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



# Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



**THE TURN OF THE SCREW**, Henry James' gothic masterpiece, adapted for stage by Rebecca Lenkiewicz, presented by TTC, opens at HHT in the main auditorium from Sunday, 1 October-Saturday, 7 October. Sunday at 6.00pm, rest of week at 7.45 pm. Tickets: £12 members, £16 non-members. Box Office: 0845 838 7529, or online: [ttc-boxoffice.org.uk](http://ttc-boxoffice.org.uk).

OHADS follow with their production of **DIAL M FOR MURDER** by Frederick Knott at HHT from Wednesday, 10 October-Saturday, 14 October at 7.45. Tickets: £14. Box Office: 07546 207 192: online: [positickets.co.uk](http://positickets.co.uk).

HLOC bring **LITTLE SHOP OF HORROS** to HHT from Wednesday, 18 -Saturday 21 October, at 7.45 pm. Tickets: £16. Box Office: 07957 368 644.

Book now for the popular BROS THEATRE CO's next appearance at HHT in **MADE IN DAGENHAM**, from Tuesday, 31 October-Saturday, 4 November at 7.45pm. Tickets: £16: box office: 0800 689 0751.

Local song and dance artistes strut their stuff at Richmond Theatre on Sunday, 1 October at 2.30 in **MILLER PLAYS THE MUSICALS**. For more information of this one-off event, visit [www.atgtickets.com/shows/miller-plays-the-musicals/richmond-theatre](http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/miller-plays-the-musicals/richmond-theatre)

Local artists show off their skills in Printmaking, Painting, Sculpture, Drawing, Textile Arts and Objets Trouves at the **TEDDINGTON ARTISTS ART FAIR** at Normansfield Theatre, Saturday/Sunday 7-8 October, from 10.00am-6.00pm.

RFS continues to show an **interesting programme of films** on alternate Tuesday nights at Room G5 at St Mary's University, Strawberry Hill at 8.00pm. Information: 8893 3503, or [www.facebook.com/RichmondFilmSociety](http://www.facebook.com/RichmondFilmSociety) ; or [richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](http://richmondfilmsoc.org.uk)

Folk, Jazz and Rock fans get their fill on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at **THE CABBAGE PATCH PUB**, London Road, Twickenham. For forthcoming programmes go to:

**TWICKFOLK:** [twickfolk.co.uk](http://twickfolk.co.uk)

**EEL PIE CLUB:** [eelpieclub.com](http://eelpieclub.com)

**TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB:** [twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk](http://twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk)

**MIDNIGHT RIVER BLUES BAND** next gigs are: at **THE POYNTZ, EAST MOLESEY**, KT8 0DP Friday, 6 October, at 9.00pm.

And on Saturday, 28 October at 8.30 at **THE PRINCE BLUCHER**, Twickenham TW2 5AG. Good grub at venue before gig.

Abbreviations:

**BROS:** BARNES & RICHMOND OPERATIC SOCIETY

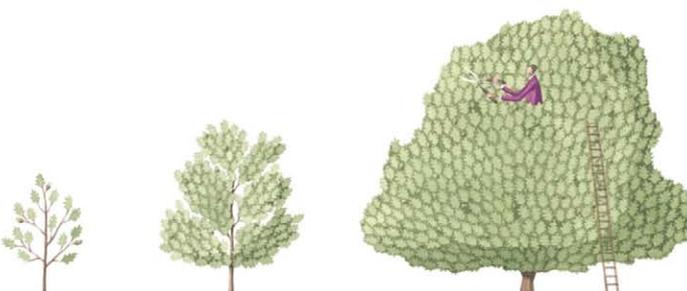
**HHT:** HAMPTON HILL THEATRE

**HLOC:** HOUNSLOW LIGHT OPERA CLUB

**OHADS:** OLD HAMPTONIANS AMDRAM SOCIETY

**RFS:** RICHMOND FILM SOCIETY

**TTC:** TEDDINGTON THEATRE CLUB



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# TwickerPuzzle - 4

## ACROSS

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|--|---|
| 1) Problems for directors                | 43) Cause of some shivers                   |
| 5) At a quick rate, poetically           | 44) Begin an Internet session               |
| 10) Some precipitation                   | 45) 3-D hospital procedure                  |
| 14) Eye layer                            | 46) Pungent condiment                       |
| 15) '70s White House name                | 49) Duck's domain                           |
| 16) Shoppers' bag                        | 50) Stereotypically stubborn animal         |
| 17) Easily achieved goals                | 51) Minnow variety                          |
| 20) Dark                                 | 53) Bygone despot                           |
| 21) Aspen features                       | 55) Some kind of nut                        |
| 22) Whacks                               | 58) Pigeon's perch                          |
| 25) Insult but good                      | 62) Weaponry that's neither large nor small |
| 26) After-hours school gp.               | 65) Black cat, to some                      |
| 29) Common welcomers                     | 66) Chose not to dine out                   |
| 31) Last name for an unbalanced egghead? | 67) ___ vera                                |
| 35) ___ Gabriel                          | 68) British title                           |
| 36) Very angry                           | 69) Year-end tunes                          |
| 38) Buffalo's canal                      | 70) Some evergreens                         |
| 39) It may be needed to be an NFL player |   |

## DOWN

- 1) Streaming service
- 2) Shakespeare's river
- 3) Cry like a baby
- 4) Colonial title in India
- 5) \_\_\_ Arbor
- 6) "Animal Farm" critter
- 7) Line on a graph
- 8) Hits on the head
- 9) Decorate with gold leaf
- 10) Played a banjo, in a way
- 11) It may be proper in a sentence
- 12) Mayberry's self-jailer
- 13) Moist
- 18) Type of energy
- 19) German wife
- 23) "Legal" prefix
- 24) Drag one's feet
- 26) "Don't give me that!" old-style
- 27) Evergreen-forested landscape
- 28) Black \_\_\_ (cattle breed)
- 30) Posture problem
- 32) Donna's intro?
- 33) Stadium features
- 34) Abominable creatures
- 37) Cereal grain killer
- 40) It's designed to get your attention
- 41) Charged particles
- 42) Ultimate object
- 47) Hindu Mr.
- 48) "The \_\_\_ Cometh"
- 52) A Muse
- 54) Pass on in a race, as a baton
- 55) Disaster relief grp.
- 56) Footnote word
- 57) Leaves home?
- 59) Take-out order?
- 60) Shoot up
- 61) Storm centers
- 62) Like hip Brits in the '60s
- 63) "Shop \_\_\_ you drop"
- 64) \_\_\_ and outs

## FAN SETTINGS

By Timothy E. Parker

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# TwickerTape - News in Brief

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Take the National Rugby Survey. What motivates you as an England Rugby fan to continually support the beautiful game in the latest National Rugby Survey. Tell about your experiences before midnight on Wednesday 11 October and to enter a prize draw to win either a pair of tickets to England v Argentina, a pair of tickets to England v Australia or one of four £50 England Rugby Store vouchers. Details at <http://surveys.tell-us-what-you-think.com/s3/NRS-2017?spMailingID=2325873&spUserID=NTc1MzIzODkxMzUS1&spJobID=871221588&spReportId=ODcxMjIxNTg4S0>

## St Margarets

Extension to St Margaret's Riverside Parking Scheme approved. The St Margaret's Riverside community parking scheme will be extended following a consultation with residents earlier this year. The consultation was held following concerns from residents that daytime commuter traffic and non-residential parking has resulted in a lack of available parking spaces for the community.

## Teddington

On Monday a curious stag left Bushy Park and was spotted ambling down Clarence Road,, possibly seeking to take advantage of Teddington's FiverFest.

## Twickenham

London Kebabs in London Road is having it's licence reviewed after an Egyptian national was found working there illegally..

## Hampton

A number of travellers have set up in the Sainsbury's car park in Hampton Hill and have parked several caravans,

## Twickenham

Twickenham Station will be closed from Saturday 30th September 2017, reopens on Monday 2nd October 2017

# CRUSADER TRAVEL

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OR

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Includes 3full day excursions  
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From £344 per person

## Dutch Dahlias on Parade

Annual Zundert Flower Parade  
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# THE TWICKENHAM TRIBUNE GOES GLOBAL



**Global Junior  
Challenge**  
Projects to share the future

Fondazione Mondo Digitale, in Italy, organises the Global Junior Challenge (GJC) under the high patronage of the Italian Presidency to promote the innovative use of ICT in the social inclusion area, education for life, training and intercultural cooperation.

The aim is to encourage young generations to learn through their own projects and share in some of the best practice in the use of ICT.

Since the GJC was initiated over eighteen years ago projects from many countries have attended the final event exhibiting their work and sharing experiences.

A short time ago the Twickenham Tribune was invited to participate in the final event in Rome and is thrilled to learn that it is a Finalist in the competition.

The Tribune will take the opportunity, not only to interact with those at the event but, to showcase the Twickenham constituency as well as exhibit some of the Tribune's work. In addition to its local readers the Tribune is read in many parts of the world including Hong Kong, the USA, Canada, Portugal, Spain Gibraltar, Morocco, Italy, Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, Austria, Germany, Netherlands, France, Ireland, etc.

... And as well as local news the Tribune also aims to bring people into contact with the wider world, just as those in a number of countries enjoy the Tribune. World InfoZone, produced by one of the Tribune team, is a useful international resource which tries, where relevant, to bring a global dimension to the online newspaper.



# Keep Up the Offensive, Chaps!

## The Wipers Times

by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman

Trademark Touring and Watermill Theatre at Richmond Theatre until 30th September

Review by Mark Aspen



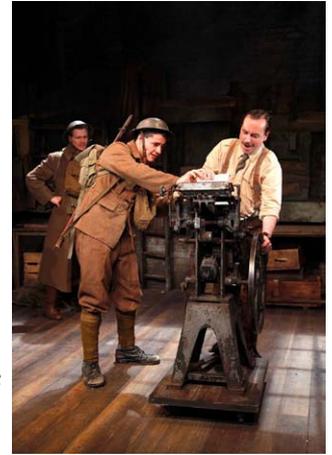
Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

Whiz Bang! Earlier this month, when I was driving back home through Europe, I passed Douaumont, an area which had been in the thick of the longest-fought single battle of the First World War. There, under an impressively tall tower, stands a massive cloister which contains the shattered bones of at least 130,000 human beings, unidentified combatants in the battle. This place spoke for me of the futility of this conflict. The Douaumont Ossuary resembles the hilt of a gigantic sword thrust into the earth.

Therefore I had doubts when asked to review a satirical play about the First World War, *The Wipers Times*. *Wipers* was the Tommies' anglicised pronunciation of the Belgian town of Ypres, notorious as the site of a series of battles throughout the whole of the war, which claimed the lives of millions of men. Four hundred miles from Verdun, I had seen the Menin Gate, poignant memorial to the Battle of Ypres, where hundreds of thousands of Tommies fell.



*The Wipers Times* is however, not so much a satirical play, but a play about satire. A squad of sappers finds an old printing press in a ruined building and decides to produce a paper for the troops. It became a light-hearted medley of parodies, poems, and puns, full of Punch-style cartoons that aimed to lift the spirits of the men in the trenches, not a newspaper with the harsh news of the war. Steadfastly breezy, often subversive, but full of trench humour, it was both read on the frontline and produced on the frontline.

Written by broadcaster Ian Hislop and cartoonist Nick Newman, both established journalists, *The Wipers Times* steers the fine line between trivialising the epic losses of the war and missing the irrepressible stoicism and good humour that provided a vital uplift to those horrifically involved. The writing is full of sensitivity and understanding yet delivers stacks of, let's face it, very funny moments.

Hislop and Newman's characters are all drawn from real people and true events. It is almost verbatim theatre in that much of the dialogue is taken from copies of *The Wipers Times* itself. As the officer in charge of the sappers says "It is having a sense of humour that helps us survive".

The play is parenthesised by Fred Roberts in a job interview after the war. He is unable to get a position as a journalist, in spite of having been the editor of *The Wipers Times*. Previously a mining engineer, Captain Roberts was awarded the Military Cross during the war. In a strong performance, James Dutton plays Roberts as a warm up-beat character with great charisma. The chary and more reflective Lieutenant Jack Pearson is played with great insight by George Kemp. Together, Dutton and Kemp live these characters portraying a grasp of their mutual loyalty under the old-school tie public-school camaraderie. Pearson also won the Military Cross and the Distinguished Service Order.



For a full review visit: [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/09/27/wipers](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/09/27/wipers)

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Places People Play



# Hello from TAG, and we hope you've had a good summer.

While it seems we've been quiet, we can assure you that we're continuing to challenge Heathrow on many fronts. Here's an update on what we have been doing, plus some news which we think will be of interest.



**TEDDINGTON  
ACTION GROUP**

## CAA noise modelling challenged

We have continued to undertake action against Heathrow's operations, most notably putting forward research which suggests that the Civil Aviation Authority's (CAA) measuring of noise is incorrect, highlighting that data on current noise experienced, and which referenced in the Airport Commission's final report is misleading. This has led to a report which is available on the Heathrow website [here](#).

We are still reviewing the report and are considering responding with our thoughts.

## Noise Abatement Departure Procedures questioned

We have also challenged Heathrow on how aircraft depart and the effect this has on noise, suggesting that climb rates of aircraft can be significantly increased much quicker, which would result in a potential decrease in noise in our area. Our research can be found on our website [here](#)

## DfT wrapped over Heathrow expansion consultation



Sir Jeremy Sullivan, who independently oversaw the consultation, said that the DfT had "fallen short of best practice" in relation to leaflets on Heathrow expansion distributed to more than a million households. Around 1.5 million leaflets were printed, but they failed to include the addresses and times of a series of public meetings. Further, the communications team at the Department for Transport has been rapped over their promotional leaflet extolling the virtues of a third runway at Heathrow Airport, which has been branded as a "hard sell." He said that it "fell short" of best practice and criticisms that it was "mere propaganda" on behalf of Heathrow were justified.

## DfT issue a further consultation

The DfT received over 70,000 responses on the Airports NPS consultation, so thank you to all of you who were able to submit one.

The Secretary of State, Chris Grayling has issued a further [Airport expansion consultation](#) as a result go ministers needing more time to evaluate the latest environmental data, (UK Air Quality Plan) and new passenger demand forecasts. We will notify everyone once we know the details of the further consultation.

## Parliamentary Swing?

Finally, as you may have heard, it looks as if more MPs are starting to oppose Heathrow due to concerns over air quality and noise. The Labour party has been vocal in its opposition, citing "It has to pass our tests, and no one here expects that to be likely," in reference to several environmental hurdles listed in Labour's election manifesto.

So our message appears to be getting through.

If you are affected by aircraft noise from Heathrow, please make a complaint by emailing [noise@heathrow.com](mailto:noise@heathrow.com) or calling 0800 344844.

If you know anyone who would like to receive our email, please forward this email and ask them to subscribe either through Facebook, on our website, or simply by sending an email.

# A BLOOMING GOOD SHOW by Bruce Lyons

Pat Schooling, our local hero and chair of Richmond Borough in Bloom must be enjoying pleasant dreams these nights following the success of the seasonal award events of both London in Bloom and our own Richmond in Bloom awards, last Tuesday at York House.

Way back in 1990 Pat started RBIB largely focussed on front residential gardens that could be seen by the passing public and included several other categories including Pubs, always a popular class. The gardeners of Richmond enjoyed the competition and support grew over the years. The awards evenings are always packed!!



Pat was immensely successful with sponsors for Richmond in Bloom the first being Jackson Estate Agents then followed , Squires, EBAY, Serco, RFU, Continental Landscapes, the RTT, Windowflowers, LBRUT to mention but a few. For years RBIB partnered LBRuT on the Street scene in the Borough matching the councils funding to provide a large number of hanging baskets in the boroughs villages. Nowadays this has returned to LBRuT central funding, though others do add their own, like Church Street and also the Twickenham BID.

In time our 'Street Scene' has come to play a major role in driving RBIB forward from pubs to commercial premises, commercial streets and public places. Five years ago Lord True sponsored a high street competition with a £500 prize and escorted the winners to the House of Lords. In 2015 LBRUT created the now hotly contested Best Village Competition which Twickenham won first, followed by Barnes and now in its 3rd year from three entries originally, now there were 8! Congratulations to Kew for winning this year. At the same time in London in Bloom where there were only 4 entries in small London Villages, 3 were from LBRuT Petersham and Ham won GOLD.



We are disappointed that the Twickenham BID (Business Improvement District) has not entered or engaged with Richmond in Bloom, or London in Bloom although the levy gathered from local businesses by the BID pay for a large number of hanging baskets. We would like to encourage the Twickenham BID to enter London in Bloom BID category next year. Perhaps even co-operate with the new Richmond BID. I for one as the chairman of the Church Street Association and the TTBA would be happy to help. I am sure Tribune readers know the Richmond Borough is the greenest of the London Boroughs! The only one with the Thames running through it on both banks and hosts the famous Arcadian Thames. Pat is still the chair of RBIB today, runs a very supportive committee of volunteers representing the main areas of the Richmond Borough. They should all be glowing with pride at the good feel factor that this blooming borough gives people. Moreover, the RBIB is engaged with all the borough schools with an annual Poster Competition and with the very special RBIB School Gardens category as well. Well done to Pat and her merry men (persons). Oh! if anyone knows of some spare cash you can do no better than sponsor a category in the competition. Get in touch with Richmond in Bloom [richmondinbloom@btconnect.com](mailto:richmondinbloom@btconnect.com) (Sponsor the Twickenham Garden Guerrilla's and a Guerrilla Garden Category, as it could definitely do with a little funding! Says Twickenham Guerrilla Gardener number 2)

# Alexander Pope relaunch

On Thursday evening the Alexander Pope welcomed local businesses to a relaunch party to showcase the recent extensive refurbishment.

As well as a offering drinks and a wide selection of food, there were a number of boutique drink suppliers exhibiting their wares.

Becketts showcased their wonderful London Dry Gin and Sloe Gin. Becketts are located just over the water in Kingston-Upon-Thames. The gin uses juniper from Box Hill, Surrey and is infused with mint from Kingston-Upon-Thames.

[www.beckettsgin.co.uk](http://www.beckettsgin.co.uk)

## TwickerPuzzle Solution 4

**FAN SETTINGS** By Timothy E. Parker

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# Teddington 800



Teddington is celebrating 800 years of being a Parish from 1217 when the Abbot of Westminster was asked by the Bishop of London to send a chaplain with maintenance to Tudinton, a small Saxon village belonging to Westminster Abbey. The original idea of Anne McTear and Rev. Joe Moffatt, the Vicar of St Mary with St Alban Church, the Teddington Society was asked to help with the ensuing 6 months of events and community celebrations from June to November.



A major project was to put together the history of the town which has been achieved and the result can be seen on 6 banners presently on show in the Landmark Arts Centre until October 8th as part of the Visions of Teddington exhibition assembled by LAC Manager, Lesley Bossine. The History Timeline design is by local artist and designer Sue Ribbans with content supplied by Paddy Ching, Sheena Harold, Ken Howe and John Sheaf of the Teddington Society's Historical Research Group with extra material supplied by Pieter Morpurgo of the Friends of Bushy & Home Parks. A true community project. The Exhibition is free as is entry to St Mary with St Alban Parish Church opposite the Landmark in Ferry Road, Teddington.



Ken Howe, Anne McTear, Joe Moffatt, Paddy Ching, Pieter Morpurgo, Sue Ribbans & John Sheaf



Lesley Bossine, Sheena Harold, Paddy Ching, John Sheaf, Sue Ribbans, Ken Howe & Pieter Morpurgo

More information at: [www.teddington800.org.uk](http://www.teddington800.org.uk)

# Vince Cable receives assurances over the future of Teddington Minor Injuries Unit

Twickenham MP Vince Cable has been informed that from next April the Teddington Minor Injuries Unit will be expanded and upgraded as part of a wider programme of creating a national network of Urgent Treatment Centres. Vince Cable received this news at a meeting earlier this week with Richmond Clinical Commissioning Group. The meeting had been set up Vince Cable to clarify the position of the Unit after contradictory reports were circulating from different parts of the NHS.

The news lays to rest the fear in the local community that the Unit, based in Teddington Memorial Hospital, was at risk of closing.

Commenting on this welcome news Vince Cable said

“There have been a lot of rumours, for which poor communication by the NHS is partly to blame, that the Minor Injuries Unit would close. In fact, it is to be strengthened as part of a national network of Urgent Treatment Centres designed to deal, as far as possible, with patients in the community rather than in hospitals. The doctors in the Centre will operate through bookings, but any urgent problem can be dealt with, as now, through a walk-in service.

“The Centre will also strengthen the position of Teddington Memorial Hospital, whose future has itself been subject to doubt in the past.”

## Twickenham Rediscovered Scrutiny Panel

Scrutiny Committee, York House

Monday, 11 September 2017 7:00 pm

<https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=680&MIId=4245>

Minutes of the Meeting 17 July

Twickenham Rediscovered

A member expressed concern that the expenditure had increased by £700,000 from January to June.

Full details Here

<https://cabnet.richmond.gov.uk/documents/g4273/Public%20reports%20pack%20Monday%2011-Sep-2017%2019.00%20Scrutiny%20Committee.pdf?T=10>

# Kindertransport

Richmond Shakespeare Society at Mary Wallace Theatre

As a reminder of the reality behind this story of parted families, a regular reader of this the Mark Aspen website ([www.markaspen.wordpress.com](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com)) has sent a photograph of the suitcase that his mother and her younger sister used when, as young children, they travelled with the Kindertransport from Vienna to the Britain, about three months before the Second World War was declared.



## Environmental Groups Community Reception

Last Wednesday Cllr Pamela Fleming hosted a reception bringing together local environmental groups in the borough.

Cllr Fleming said in the invitation that the Council is proud to have one of the greenest boroughs in the country with over 500 hectares of parks, sports grounds, playgrounds and nature conservation sites as well 17 parks recognised by the Green Flag Awards. Cllr Fleming added that all of this would not be possible without the extraordinary help of all the environmental groups.

At the reception in the Winter Gardens at York House Cllr Fleming expressed her thanks once again and said that she was pleased to be able to share a glass or two of wine and canapés with all those who were able to attend.

Cllr Fleming is presently trying to deal with fly-tipping – a national scourge. Those at the reception were asked their thoughts on the issue and were told that the Council is using mobile CCTV units to catch the fly-tippers who will receive a heavy fine and/or further action. *(Below: Fly Tipping at Strawberry Hill this week)*



## Bin It Your Way - chewing gum campaign launches

Today marks the start of a campaign to encourage people to throw their chewing gum away rather than dropping it on the street.

As part of the campaign the Council will be setting up a photo cut out in the Civic Centre. We will also be taking the photo cut out to prominent places around the borough. So you can come on down and show how you bin it your way to support keeping our streets free of gum.

Cllr Pamela Fleming, Cabinet Member for Environment, Business and Community said:

“Dropping chewing gum is not only anti-social but it ruins the beautiful environment we are lucky to enjoy in the Richmond upon Thames.

“People may not know it costs Richmond Council £1.50 to clean up a 30p piece of gum.

“I’m sure everyone would agree that money is much better spent on other services which enable residents to maximise their enjoyment of our outdoor spaces.”

As part of efforts to clean up Richmond’s streets, people who drop gum could be subject to a fine of up to £80.

Over the next few weeks we are encouraging residents to go onto social media and make their pledge that dropping gum is not acceptable. Tag @LBRUT and we will retweet pledges.

# Beauty of borough honoured at awards night

The best community gardeners were honoured at the Richmond Borough in Bloom awards ceremony at York House this week.

Over 130 Merit Award certificates were presented to entrants in the ten residential and business categories covering front gardens, house frontages, community buildings, estates, pubs and shops.

The competitions are run by Richmond Borough in Bloom which also celebrated its third year of the 'Best Village in Bloom' competition. There were eight 'village' entries this year, a notable increase over just two in 2016 and the overall winner's Best Village in Bloom trophy was awarded to Kew.

Cllr Pamela Fleming, Cabinet Member for Environment, Business and Community said:

"It is clear that communities worked incredibly hard to put forward their entries and the overall quality of submissions was very high, as you would expect from a borough renowned for its green spaces.

"The fact that more entries were received this year compared with last year is a great endorsement for the hard work our villages put into their entries and I would like to congratulate everyone who received an award."

Pat Schooling from Richmond in Bloom, added:

"In the 26 years since our gardening competitions were first introduced the interest has grown steadily with more entrants each year and our Merit Awards provide recognition of the efforts keen gardeners in the borough make. We are very proud of the fact that to receive a Richmond in Bloom plaque as a category winner is a much prized achievement."

The Full Winners List is:

- Best Village in Bloom – Kew
- Front Gardens: Jean Burman
- Residential Frontages: Sasha Belavokaya
- Park & Bloom Winner: Dennis & Anne Strudwick
- Estates: Handel Mansions
- Community Building: Michel's Almshouses
- Hotel or Pub Exterior: The Sun Inn, Richmond
- Business Premises: Stone, Rowe Brewer Courtyard
- Commercial Centre: The Square, Twickenham
- Environmental Garden: The Holly Lodge Centre, Richmond Park



# Planning brief to help shape future of Kneller Hall

The future use of the Kneller Hall in Whitton, home to the Royal Military School of Music will form part of a new Supplementary Planning Document, the Council announced today.

Last year, the Ministry of Defence (MoD), who own the site, announced their decision to sell the site as part of a wider estates disposal plan. At the time, the Council expressed concern and disappointment that a site of such key national, cultural and military heritage could be sold off.

Specifically, the Council is concerned about the loss of green, open space. The site consists of a 1709 Jacobean mansion, with large parts designated as Metropolitan Open Land, giving it the same protection as a green belt site. Since the announcement, the Council has given legal protection to over 300 trees on the site. This includes oak, lime and horse chestnut. This protection will ensure that they are protected in any development.

Now, the Council has received funding from the Local Government Association to create a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the site. This would ensure that any future development on the site can as far as possible meet community needs.



Over the next few months the Council will work with the Ministry of Defence to look at the scope of the SPD. It will then carry out consultation and engagement with residents, businesses and local groups to establish what their priorities would be for the site.

Cllr Pamela Fleming, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Business and Community, said:

“We need to do all we can to ensure when Kneller Hall closes that this historic site is used in a way that benefits the local community, this is a once in a lifetime unique opportunity. We need to make sure that the history of the site and open space is protected.

“We will be working with the Ministry of Defence to create a planning document that any future developer of the site would need to have reference to. To create this we will work together with residents to form a strong, well-researched view of the most appropriate way for the site to be used.”

# A “Must See” Scam Alert Video!

Police don't receive enough praise for not becoming inured to tragic situations they encounter on a daily basis. Richmond Metropolitan Police Sargent Les Jackson has been investigating crime and protecting the public for years. Recently, however, he was so touched by incidents of elderly victims losing their life's savings, that he was inspired to make a video to educate people about the latest scams.

You can download the video [Richmond Scams10] from YouTube:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJsPo\\_Yzl7M](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJsPo_Yzl7M)

The video depicts typical situations where people's trust and fears are manipulated to empty their bank accounts and max out their credit cards. The Met Police also offer an excellent booklet on the topic called “The Little Book of BIG Scams”. You can obtain this useful advice by contacting Sgt Les Jackson by email or mobile below.

As an alert example, one of the current scams is where the criminal purports to be a police officer (CID) and convinces the victims that a member of staff at their bank are 'hacking' into their account. They give a fictitious password and convince the victims to go to the bank and withdraw money. The scammer mentions that whilst in the bank making a withdrawal, the bank teller may ask questions that should be ignored and the withdrawal made. The bogus police officer is very convincing. Many, many victims of this scam have lost their life savings.

In addition to creating the video, Sgt Jackson and his colleagues have created a one hour presentation on identifying scams and protecting yourself from becoming a victim. You can take advantage of their expertise by inviting them to address your group. Additionally, Met Police Community Officers will also come to your house and offer tips for making it as safe as possible.

To learn more, please contact Sgt Jackson, Gary Wells or Sean Jaundoo by calling: 07766441927 or 020 8247 5826 or email to: [Les.jackson@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Les.jackson@met.pnn.police.uk)



# NPL re-launches to accelerate low-carbon technology and combat climate change

New approach informed by government priorities, consultancy with industry, and a century of expertise NPL, the UK's National Measurement Institute, will re-launch this month to help the UK get more value from renewables and low-carbon technology and increase our understanding of emissions and pollution. This new approach will see NPL apply the latest advances in measurement to make every stage of energy generation and transport more efficient, safe and affordable, and to improve the quality of data available on climate change and air pollution.

The Paris Accord means that worldwide there will be a greater emphasis on monitoring and mitigating the effects of climate change. Also, with a ban on the sale of diesel and petrol cars by 2040 announced this year, the UK's energy infrastructure will need to undergo a substantial shift in order to meet demand, and support economic growth.



Remote Emissions Surveys - DIAL



Hydrogen power

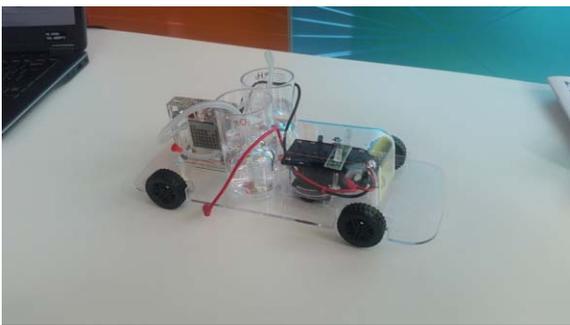
NPL has more than a century of expertise in providing underpinning measurement standards, and skills and technologies based on those standards, to industry. NPL quality assures measurements of air pollution, operates a world-leading capability for detecting greenhouse gas emissions, and is the site of London's first new public access hydrogen refuelling station. Good measurement is crucial to assessing the performance of technologies and processes, to ensure those with the most potential can quickly get to market and be integrated effectively into the grid to provide energy security in the long-term.

NPL is re-launching in direct response to government policy, including the Industrial Strategy, as well as extensive consultancy with the energy industry. NPL is now unveiling a number of new programmes to pave the way to a greener future for the UK:

- **Testing low-cost air quality sensors to increase their utility.** More data is needed to help us monitor, and take effective action to reduce air pollution. Advanced, government-run stations provide highly accurate data, but new low-cost sensors offer more localised readings, with consumers increasingly using them to track their own exposure. These sensors offer a means of adding to the existing network of data points and assessing what difference policies are having on the environment. However, the quality of the data they provide is often low. NPL has established a test facility to assess the accuracy of these low-cost sensors, and identify how they can be best used in collaboration with more accurate sensors, to increase our understanding of air pollution.
- **Paving the way to a hydrogen economy.** With a 2040 ban on all new diesel and petrol cars announced this year, hydrogen is one option for a future transport fuel, and it could also be burnt in boilers to heat homes. NPL is working with industry to understand the barriers to hydrogen uptake as a future energy carrier. Challenges include understanding the combustion properties of hydrogen, being able to detect impurities and being able to store hydrogen, and NPL is committed to working to resolve these issues.

NPL works extensively on fuel cells, electrolyzers and hydrogen purity, helping to improve the viability and performance of such technologies to fuel further commercialisation.

- **Consulting with industry on future battery development.** As intermittent renewables come online, the UK's grid will need to be more responsive to shifts in energy supply. Growth in electrical storage is expected to improve capacity and integration. However, people question whether Lithium-ion batteries can meet future battery needs, particularly for electric vehicles, due to limited range. NPL is conducting research into battery technologies, to increase their lifetime, and develop new techniques for testing the claims and viability of new batteries.
- **New technologies to make nuclear decommissioning safer and quicker.** NPL is working to make the UK's nuclear energy industry safer, through cost-effective decommissioning and support for automation of hazardous activity. For example NPL is assessing the use of graphene for water decontamination and radiation detectors; developing imaging technology to enable robots to conduct hazardous activities and reduce risk for workers; and providing the reference materials and support needed to ensure that measurements of the radioactivity content of waste materials are accurate, consistent and independent, helping industry to reduce the time and money of decommissioning.
- **Providing more confidence in satellite-derived climate data.** Space based sensors offer a unique opportunity to capture global data on climate change over time. However, as we generate more and more data, we also need to ensure that the data collected is trusted and reliable. The European Commission's Copernicus project seeks to provide an open and comprehensive picture of the climate, through its Copernicus Climate Change Service – or C3S. NPL is working with the University of Reading and Telespazio to ensure that the data products that C3S produces are fit for purpose– giving end users confidence to make decisions to address climate change with it.



Working model of hydrogen car



Hydrogen powered torch

Jane Burston, Head of Energy & Environment at NPL said: “Without trustworthy data we can never be confident that the measures we take to minimise climate change are having the desired impact. We need to know that the information we gather on emissions or air quality for example is accurate and that people can use the data to make decisions. We also need to validate the performance of innovative new environmental technologies, to ensure that these new businesses can prove their claims to investors and customers. As the UK's National Measurement Institute, NPL is uniquely equipped to provide this validation and confidence.

Dr Peter Thompson, CEO of NPL, said: “Many people are unaware of the scope, scale or quality of work that NPL delivers, or the part that it has played in some of the biggest discoveries in modern history. The effects of the science, technology and engineering that NPL delivers are felt by everyone, everywhere. After a century as the silent partner to industry, we are proud to re-launch NPL, to ensure it can further accelerate UK industry and deliver extraordinary impact on our economy and quality of life for many years to come.”

Alongside Energy & Environment, NPL is also focusing its activity in three other areas: Advanced Manufacturing, Digital, and Life Sciences & Health.

# Libraries Week 2017

Welcome to Libraries Week: the annual showcase of all the creative, innovative and diverse activities that UK libraries have to offer. Here in Richmond upon Thames Libraries there is plenty going on and you can join in to help celebrate with the libraries in your borough. Our headline event this year is with author Margaret Willes who will be talking about how famous diarists Samuel Pepys and John Evelyn bonded over their love of books. We have other author events, talks and crafting experiences on offer as well. Have a look below and you'll find something for everyone.

# Libraries Week

9-14  
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## [Hampton Court: The Indian Connection - Part 2](#)

### [A talk with Ian Franklin](#)

Many Grace and Favour residents had connections with British India. Hear some of their stories and in particular meet Princess Sophia Duleep Singh, royal suffragette. In 1902, 1911, 1919 and 1937 'colonial' troops from India and nearby countries were based at Hampton Court. See what their camps were like and how they affected the British people they came into contact with. This talk will present Ian's latest findings on the Indian connection at Hampton Court and will be of great interest both to anyone who attended his talk last year on the same theme or as a standalone event.

Ian Franklin has been a State Apartment Warder at Hampton Court Palace for 18 years.

Thursday 5 October 7.30 – 8.30pm Teddington Library

Tickets are £3.00 including refreshments, booking essential. Book online

Celebrating Black History Month and Libraries Week

## [Around the world with Agatha Christie](#)

### [The world's all-time best-selling novelist](#)

Not only was Agatha Christie the world's best-selling novelist, she was also one of the most travelled of authors in an age before foreign travel became commonplace. So join Nick Dobson on this virtual world tour in the footsteps of the 'Queen of Crime'.

Tuesday 10 October 7.30 - 8.30pm Hampton Library

Tickets are £3.00 including refreshments, booking essential. Book online

## [Blackamoors: Africans in Tudor England and the Black Renaissance](#)

### [With author and historian Onyeka Nubia](#)

Africans in Europe's Renaissance as active agents of change: the historian Onyeka, through words and images, helps us to make sense of the African contribution to early modern societies. Onyeka is the writer of Blackamoors and Young Othello and for over twenty-four years has been teaching and researching this history.

Wednesday 11 October 7.30 – 8.30pm Twickenham Library

Tickets are £3.00 including refreshments, booking essential. Book online

Celebrating Black History Month and Libraries Week

## [Children's activities](#)

### [Celebrate 30 years of Where's Wally in Richmond's libraries](#)

For Libraries week 2017, we'll be running a Where's Wally drawing competition for 5 – 11 year olds, with 11 fabulous Where's Wally sticker books to give away to the lucky winners. Free Where's Wally sticker sheets and activity posters\* will also be given out to children visiting the libraries too!

\*1 per child whilst stocks last.

Details at: [www.richmond.gov.uk/services/libraries/events\\_in\\_libraries/libraries\\_week](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/services/libraries/events_in_libraries/libraries_week)

# The Gardens of Richmond ... Virginia

By Berkley Driscoll

In my previous career I travelled to the USA monthly to visit our various offices, one of which was in Richmond, Virginia. I would take the train from New York and on arrival in Richmond I always thought how easy it was to forget, because of the close proximity to Washington and the bustle of New York, that the Commonwealth of Virginia was firmly rooted in 'The South'.

Sitting on the James River you can see why it reminded the early settlers of our own Richmond. The history is evident with wonderful antebellum buildings, parks, gardens, statues and of course the many reminders of the civil war.



This was all brought to mind when I popped in to see Bruce at Crusader Travel and saw that he was organising an exclusive programme to visit Richmond, VA during its Historic Garden Week. Known as 'America's Largest Open House' I would heartily recommend this 10 day trip (22 April-1 May) showcasing Virginia's most beautiful gardens, homes and historic landmarks.

Contact Bruce at [bruce@crusadertravel.com](mailto:bruce@crusadertravel.com)

## The Friends of Udney Park Playing Fields (FUPPF)

Update – Richmond Local Plan

The public hearings are about to start. The status of Udney Park Playing Fields as a Local Green Space (LGS) is on the agenda from 9:30 onwards Monday October 9th, hopefully more precise timings to follow. The hearing is at York House, Twickenham, and members of the public are welcome.

Apart from the predictably massive 86-page challenge by Quantum to Richmond Council's decision to grant Udney LGS status there are a number of personal objections.

See [HERE](#) for more details

# St Mary's University Update

## St Mary's Appoints Leading Entrepreneur as Visiting Professor



Professor James Ker-Lindsay Joins St Mary's to Help Lead Development of New Politics Programmes

Leading academic in the field of politics, Prof James Ker-Lindsay, has joined St Mary's University, Twickenham to help lead the development of new politics and policy programmes for September 2018.

Prof Ker-Lindsay holds a BSc(Econ) from the University of London and an MA and PhD in International Conflict Analysis from the University of Kent. Prior to joining St Mary's, he was a senior research fellow at the European Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science. He has also worked at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), the world's oldest independent security and defence studies think tank, and at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

St Mary's has developed undergraduate and postgraduate programmes to help students understand the key issues of today, from Brexit to on-going conflicts in Syria and Ukraine, and prepare students for to be critically reflective and innovative thinkers. They will be high impact, active citizens, managers and future leaders. New undergraduate programmes, open for September 2018 applications, are: BA in Politics and International Relations; BA in Politics and Communications; and BA in Politics, Policy and Public Management.



Head of School for Arts and Humanities, Prof Karen Sanders, commented, "We are delighted to welcome James to our team here at St Mary's. Our new courses will offer students a unique insight into national and international politics, and we look forward to James' teaching and research expertise contributing to an outstanding student experience.

"The development of new politics and also communications programmes builds on our strengths here at St Mary's, and with James' input we are sure they will prove cutting edge, premium, industry ready courses.

"They are great examples the exciting developments at the University and in the School of Arts and Humanities, as we look to provide learning opportunities for young people in a supportive environment that also prepares them to tackle the world of work."

"The development of new politics and also communications programmes builds on our strengths here at St Mary's, and with James' input we are sure they will prove cutting edge, premium, industry ready courses." Prof Karen Sanders  
Designed by leading academics and practitioners, the programmes share an intense focus on employability, with faculty including former and working ambassadors, cabinet ministers and communications professionals as well as outstanding scholars in the fields of Politics.

Prof James Ker-Lindsay added, "There has never been a more important or interesting time to study politics. We are surrounded by huge and pressing political issues, whether it is Britain's vote to leave the European Union, the rise of President Donald Trump in the United States, on-going conflicts, organised crime or mass migration.

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Prof Ker-Lindsay's current research focuses on conflict, peace and security in South East Europe, European Union enlargement, and secession and recognition in international politics. He has an extensive list of publications, including over a dozen authored or edited books and over 70 articles and book chapters.

As well as his academic work, he maintains a strong record of policy engagement. He has served as an advisor to a number of governments and international organisations, including the United Nations and the Council of Europe. He also appears regularly in the media, and has been interviewed by many leading international news organisations, from the BBC and Sky News to The Economist and the Wall Street Journal.

In addition to his post at St Mary's, he remains a senior visiting fellow at the LSE and is a Research Associate at the Centre for International Studies at Oxford University.

# Final autumn weekend closure for Twickenham Station development

Station closed from Saturday 30th September 2017, reopens on Monday 2nd October 2017

With the removal of the Station footbridge, the transformation of Twickenham Station has taken an important step forward.



This weekend, we have our final planned weekend possession of the autumn. This means Twickenham Station will be closed on Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October.

Initially there will be preparation works to protect the railway, so excessively noisy works will not start immediately. The main demolition work will follow this, which will include the use of noisy equipment and machinery such as jackhammers, cutters and excavators.

We would like to thank residents for the ongoing patience during these vital possessions, which are expected to be amongst the most disruptive in

the entire project. In an effort to minimise the impact of these disruptive works, we have compressed the programme into as short a timeframe as possible and we hope to have the majority of heavy demolition works completed.

We apologise in advance for this disruption and we advise you to factor in the elevated noise levels within your plans on these periods.

There are no further planned weekend possessions until December 2017.

## TWICKENHAM STATION UPDATES

**Details of the Waterloo & Vauxhall engineering works**

**September - November can be found at the following link:**

[www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/planned-improvements/waterloo-and-vauxhall-engineering-works](http://www.southwesternrailway.com/plan-my-journey/planned-improvements/waterloo-and-vauxhall-engineering-works)

Information on Twickenham Station upgrade can be found below

[www.twickenhamforward.com/latest-news.html](http://www.twickenhamforward.com/latest-news.html)

Help us raise money to  
build wells like this

trust  
**Jeevika**  
village livelihood in India

Join our sponsored  
Walk in Bushy  
Park to bring  
safe water to  
rural India



**DATE: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017, 2-6pm**

**MEET: 2pm, Pistachios in the Park, Hampton Wick, Bushy Park KT1 4ET**

**WALK: Six miles via waterways in Bushy Park**

**END: 5pm, tea and talk about Jeevika at the Glass House, Barge Walk, KT1 4AB**

**INFO: [www.jeevika.org.uk/walking-for-water-2017](http://www.jeevika.org.uk/walking-for-water-2017) or email [andree@jeevika.org.uk](mailto:andree@jeevika.org.uk)**

# 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](mailto: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 six films:

#### 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.



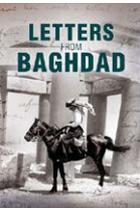
#### 14th November – Tangerines (Estonia)

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](http://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.

# Local businesses urged to not ignore their pink envelopes

Richmond independent businesses are reminded that they can still apply for a reduction on their business rates, as the Council's Pink Envelope campaign continues.

The Council has sent out over 900 pink envelopes containing a simple application form urging them to apply for a share of the funds made available by the Government to help those businesses who suffered an increase in the 2017 business rates revaluation.

If your business received a pink envelope you still have time to submit your form - so do not delay. If you did not receive one, but you think you may be eligible, get in touch as soon as possible.

Business rates are set by national government, not by local councils. The revaluation relief scheme helps protect vulnerable businesses from an increase in their business rates bill as a result of the 2017 revaluation. The amount each business can claim back will vary.

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

“We know that in Richmond, many businesses saw an increase in their business rates as a result of the 2017 revaluation.

“This Revaluation Support scheme seeks to help local businesses, who have been impacted by the increase.

“We believe that around 900 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 in pink envelopes.

“The deadline is approaching – so don't delay. Apply now!”

If you haven't received a pink envelope but think your business might be eligible, or to find out more about the revaluation relief scheme, go to

[www.richmond.gov.uk/discretionary\\_rate\\_relief](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/discretionary_rate_relief)



Dear Tribune

Just a quick note of thanks for the very kind invitation to the launch party at the Alexander Pope last Thursday night (21st).

We had an amazing time and were very impressed with the new look bar and lounge areas, as well as the amazing and very generous food, drink and entertainment laid on for us.

Although I have already emailed them, please do pass on my thanks to the manager and team at the Alexander Pope for their kind hospitality, if you speak to them.

We saw your review of the event in this week's Tribune and couldn't help noticing you caught us on camera in the top right of the photos in the article (we're sat at the table on the right). It's a shame we didn't get the chance to say hello.

I enclose a few of my own photos from the event, should you wish to publish them in the Tribune.

Best wishes,

Richard



(Ed's note: Who's that photobombing the first picture?)

Dear Sir,

## Twickenham Riverside Park, Not Car Park

You may have seen that a campaign has been launched under the heading of Twickenham Riverside Park, Not Car Park and be wondering how this relates to Riverside Action Group (RAG). This letter aims to clarify the situation.

RAG was set up in early 2016 to oppose a Council scheme which many residents considered to be poorly conceived, completely inappropriate to its location, and resulting from a selection process which was highly questionable. A series of meetings resulted in a referendum which made it crystal clear that local residents and the wider Borough have overwhelmingly rejected the Council's scheme and called for the process to be started again with a properly researched brief and business plan to which architects could respond through an approved competition. Over the following months considerable progress was made, an extensive database was established and the first draft of a residents' brief drawn up.

RAG's proposals were largely ignored as the Council pressed ahead with a scheme modified in response to ideas put forward by a small group of Eel Pie Island residents. As the new design showed some movement on the Council's part, RAG decided to continue to lobby for changes rather than challenge the process and the 'concepts' that were being offered. By the end of the first year, five of the people who had set up RAG had left the steering group. Only one founding member remains. RAG has now abandoned the brief and their call for a fresh start with a new architect, and instead appears to believe that the current scheme, tweaked and massaged, could be made to work. It is now arguing for 'compromises' which include the retention (and potential increase) of parking on the riverside.

There are, of course, those who support RAG's approach but the response to the Council's latest consultation exercise demonstrates that many do not. 66% disagreed with the Council's parking proposals, which were endorsed by RAG. This has led several former RAG members, and other concerned local residents, to launch the campaign Park Not Car Park. We have set up a website, and a petition to promote the principles that were originally supported and promised by the Council - links to a riverside park, and town square with parking removed from the riverside to an underground car park (alongside the Embankment). The original proposal was intended to reinvigorate the town centre, attract visitors, and create a lasting legacy for future generations. We feel this can still be achieved, but only if the current process is abandoned before any more public money is spent.

If this reflects your view, please register support and sign our petition using the following link:  
<http://bit.ly/2vTZbSp>

Here you will see more information about our campaign and our core principles for Twickenham Riverside regeneration, plus a concept proposal.

Kind regards,

The Twickenham Riverside Park Team

# Letters - Archive

*From the Surrey Comet June 1863*

Sir,

Permit me to ask, through your paper, one or two questions with reference to bathing in the Thames, off Messenger's Island (Raven's Ait, off Kingston). Are there any stated hours for gentlemen to bathe; if so, what are they? Are gentlemen compelled to wear the usual bathing dress, or are they not? Are they allowed to come out of the water on the Towing Path in a state of nudity, for the edification of ladies who are constantly walking there, or are they not? By these three questions being answered, gentlemen will know at what time they can take a quiet row on the river with ladies without their morality being shocked, and ladies will know how far they may venture to walk down the towing path, without on their return, being subjected by the disgusting annoyance of running headlong against a lot of naked men.

I was, until lately, under the impression that people were not allowed to bathe until dusk, but have discovered that I was labouring under an error, for I take a row every evening, either with my wife, sister or friends, and never do I remember passing Messenger's Ait without seeing some naked men, either on the island, in the water or on the Towing Path. Surely this sort of thing cannot be allowed. Are ladies to be subjected to such disgusting sights every evening, just because men do not see fit to put off their baths for half an hour or so? If so, it speaks but little for the morality of the Kingston people!

I was this evening on the river with my wife, {before 8 o'clock) and there stood on the Towing Path a man without his clothes, and at the side of the river, two more in similar, cool, summer attire. Within ten yards of these three gentlemen were two ladies and a gentleman, walking towards Hampton Court. They evidently did not know that they were in such close proximity with what might have been taken for savages .... and so they walked on, but suddenly the discovery was made; the ladies appeared horror stricken, as well they might; but there was no alternative but to go on, which they did. This is but one case I could mention, and which I have been an eye witness to.

(Signed) ONE WHO LIKES DECENCY

<http://lidosalive.com/>

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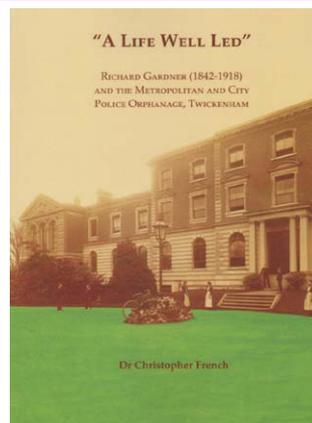
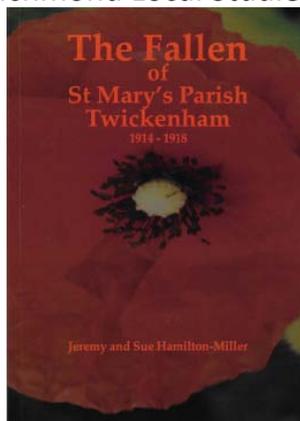


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[www.EpicSUP.org](http://www.EpicSUP.org)

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By Sue & Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

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