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# THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

## PART 56 - THE OLDEST PICTURE POSTCARD OF HAMPTON IN THE WORLD!

By Alan Winter

The first picture postcards produced in 1894 changed the world! No small claim is it? The fact is that most social communication prior to this date was limited to verbal speech and business and legal communication confined to more expensive letters. The introduction of picture postcards provided the populace with the ability to communicate cheaply and swiftly with anyone they chose. Several postal collections and deliveries each day by the Post Office provided the means to arrange meetings, inform families and loved ones of whereabouts and timings, purchase goods and comment on the local and national news and scandals of the day. Countless millions of postcards were delivered around the world each day. Remember that there was no TV or radio and telephones were unavailable to the masses; computers were still unheard of and the first aircraft had not yet lifted off the ground.

Just before Christmas we looked at the earliest known posting dates for picture postcards in our borough. These are determined by the dated circular postmarks used by the Post Office to frank the postage stamps on the reverse of the cards.

Hampton – 2nd April 1898

Twickenham – 10th September 1899

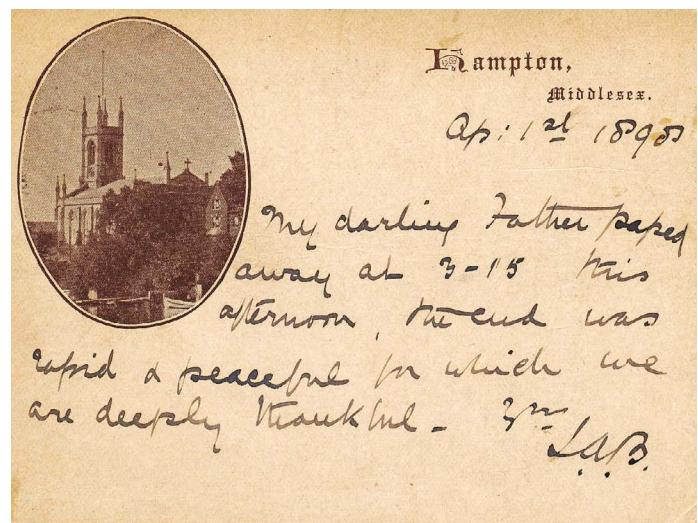
Teddington - 4th December 1899

These dates are held by and published in the Picture Postcard Annual each year. Email: [reflections@postcardcollecting.co.uk](mailto:reflections@postcardcollecting.co.uk) for your 2018 copy at £6.95.

Hampton is the clear winner with a known picture postcard used over a year before cards used in Twickenham and Teddington.

The Hampton postcard which pictures St Mary's Church was posted to Sheen Park, Richmond from a letterbox in Battersea. Note the Victorian halfpenny postage stamp. It is owned by local historian John Sheaf who contacted me to talk about this card. He has kindly given me permission to feature it in this week's column. Not only does John own it but he has also researched it to the point where we know so much about it. Over to John now to provide the fascinating background to this postcard.

"This card is the earliest known, postally used, picture postcard of Hampton. It was written on April 1st 1898 and posted the following day. The message reads "My darling



Father passed away at 3.15 this afternoon, the end was rapid and peaceful for which we are deeply thankful – Yours L.A.B.” In fact, by doing a little research I have been able to identify who sent this card. Looking at the Surrey Comet for 2 April 1898 there is an item on the illness of Mr Bridger, Solicitor of Berkely House in the Upper Sunbury Road. He is described as a governor of the Hampton endowed Schools, an enthusiastic bibliophilist and a connoisseur of art and literary matters as well as a painter of great ability. A check of the Census revealed that he had an unmarried daughter, living at home, by the name of Lucy A. Bridger. Clearly, she was the “L.A.B.” who sent this postcard of St Mary’s Church and the Vicarage.

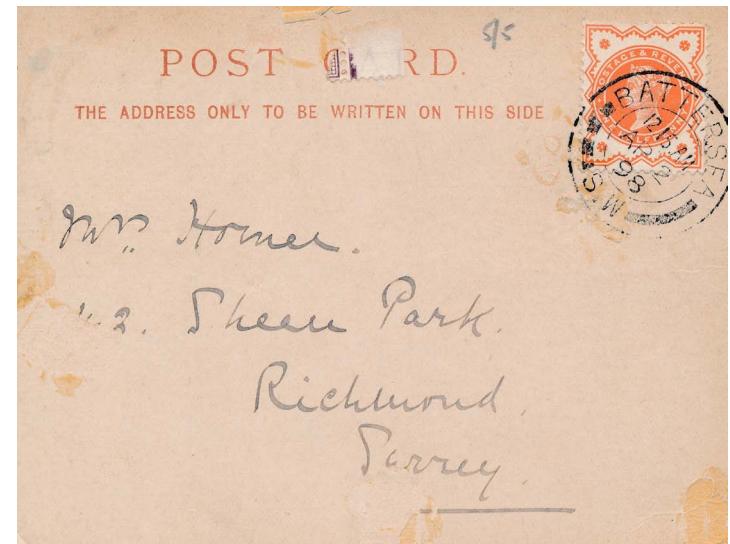
The picture, printed in brown on a cream card, is of St Mary’s Church and Vicarage and a small section of riverside in front. In fact, if you look at the very few early cards of Victorian Hampton you’ll see that the images are all of the riverside and riverside buildings. It would, of course, make sense that such images would be of interest to tourists who came for boating or fishing or just to admire the riverside views. In this particular case I think the card was designed more for residents of Hampton to use rather than visitors and so the words “Hampton Middlesex” are printed on the right almost as part of an address.”

My thanks to John for bringing a very significant piece of local history from 120 years ago back to life!

This doesn’t mean it was the earliest Hampton picture postcard. It is just the earliest posting date that has been found so far. You may have even earlier local postcards tucked away in the loft or in that old biscuit tin in the shed so have a look and let me know!

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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# Twickers Foodie

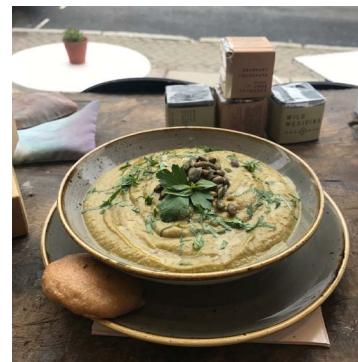
## A Bhuti-ful Start to the Year

By Alison Jee

So, it's now 2018. Christmas - and all that jazz - is now over. If, like me, you have over-indulged during the festive season, you might be looking to sharpen your act in the next month or two. You may even be doing 'Dry January' or perhaps 'Veganuary'? Or maybe you're just trying to eat less and drink less and be healthy?



Well, here's a tip for you. Check out a fab little organic, vegan café on Hill Rise in Richmond, at a place called bhuti. It's been open now for two years and is a members' club with yoga/pilates studios, hi-tec holistic treatments and complementary therapies... and the brilliant little café (that is open to non members). And it's open from 8 in the morning, so if you're really healthy and into an early morning run, you could drop in for breakfast en route home!



Cicely Brown, bhuti's in-house chef, is a nutritional therapist who's passionate about 'stripping nutrition back to the basics and regaining a more instinctive approach to how we eat'. Brunch is served all day (café closes at 6 p.m.) and offers something for all tastes, from porridge or granola to power pancakes, or buckwheat paleo toast with avo, lemon and chilli (or nut butter and banana). And there is homemade soup of the day, served with a buckwheat bite. What I really enjoyed for lunch though, was the bhuti bowl – a delicious concoction of all the nicest yummy healthy things like curried cauliflower, sweet potato wedges, roast vegetables, quinoa, avocado, toasted cashews and lots, lots more. You get to choose one item from each of the five main categories but you can add extras, like hummus, avocado, pomegranate for a small additional cost. It was one of the tastiest salads I've had for a very long time, with a great dressing and it was very filling. Regular is £9 and large is £12.

If you are really into the whole vegan/alternative lifestyle you will be in 'drinks heaven' as the bhuti café serves a range of (in my opinion perhaps rather weird-sounding - but no doubt delicious) lattes and smoothies, but freshly pressed juices and regular coffee (organic of course) are also available. Together with some lovely cakes and desserts.

There's something rather special about the atmosphere at this little oasis of calm and tranquillity tucked away in bustling Richmond. The concept of bhuti is the brainchild of Samantha Trinder, whose family owns The Bingham, so you know the quality will be top-notch.

[www.bhuti.co/bhuticafe](http://www.bhuti.co/bhuticafe)

# Offers and Competitions

## Win a Winter Spa Day at bhuti

bhuti is offering a Twickenham Tribune reader the chance to win a Winter Spa Day, which includes a facial, an exercise class and lunch in the café.

To enter, check out the bhuti website and look at the menu. Then tell us the name of the juice drink that contains the following ingredients: beetroot, carrot, pear, ginger, lime.

Email that name, together with your name & postcode, to [win@twickenhamtribune.com](mailto:win@twickenhamtribune.com) Competition closes at noon on Sunday 14 January and the winner will be notified the following week. The prize is subject to availability.

## Winner of a pack of Prosciutto di San Daniele and a chunk of Grana Padano is Les Gresswell, TW11

## RICHMOND FILM SOCIETY COMPETITION

Win a pair of tickets for any film of your choice in the second half of Richmond Film Society's 55th Season, which runs from 16 January to 24 April 2018



### Competition Question

*Which country has had the most nominations for the Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award without ever winning? (a) Poland or (b) Israel?*

Please send your answers to [win@twickenhamtribune.com](mailto:win@twickenhamtribune.com), giving your name and postcode with RFS in the email subject line.

Correct answers will be drawn to determine the winning entry on 12 January 2018.

## 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 [www.shgc.net](http://www.shgc.net)

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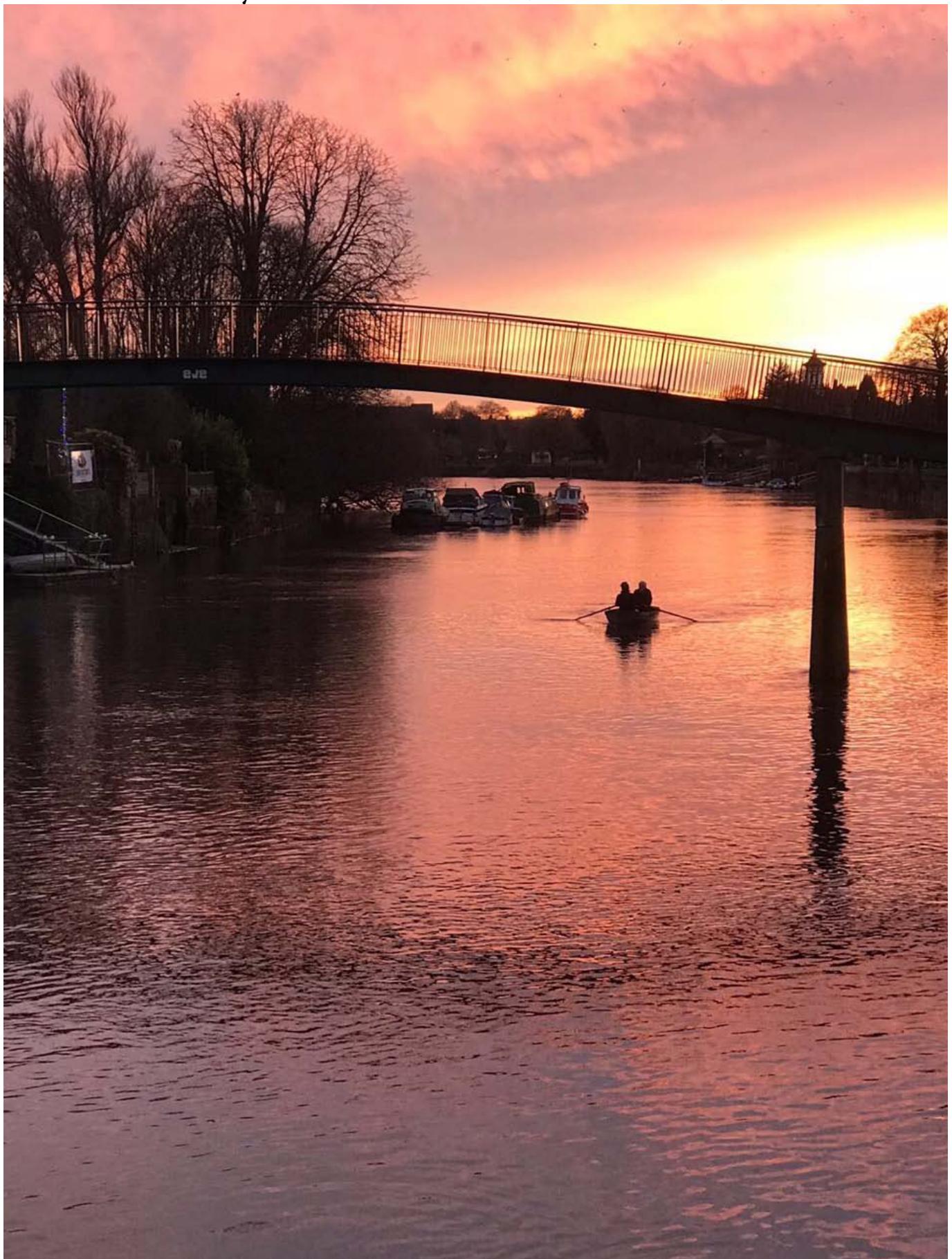
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# Winner of the monthly Strawberry Hill Golf Club photograph competition

Twickenham Riverside, 27th December 2017

By Paul Clifford, TW2 (*Taken with iPhone*)



# Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



Saturday, 20 January-Saturday 27 January, eves, 7.45 pm, Sunday matinee, 3.00pm (no performance, Wednesday) RSS presents BETTE AND JOAN ( Davis & Crawford) by Anton Burge. Tickets, £12-£14. AT MWT. Info: [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk).

Sunday, 28 January-Saturday, 3 February, eves, 7.45, Sunday matinee at 4.00pm, TTC presents at HHT, in the Main Auditorium, A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE, by Arthur Miller, directed by Dane Hardie. Tickets: £12-£14. Info: [www.ttc-boxoffice.org.uk](http://www.ttc-boxoffice.org.uk).

Saturday, 6 January at 7.30pm. in the NORMANSFIELD THEATRE at LDC a concert celebrating the New Year, NEW YEAR IN OLD VIENNA given by Teddington Summer Music. Tickets: £12 & £10. Info: [www.langdondowncentre.org.uk](http://www.langdondowncentre.org.uk).

Saturday, 6 January at 7.30 THAMES YOUTH ORCHESTRA at LAC plays classical music by Dukas, Kodaly, Ravel and Stravinsky. Tickets: £6-£12. Info: [info@landmarkartscentre.org.uk](mailto:info@landmarkartscentre.org.uk).

Tuesday, 10 January at 7.45pm at ST MARGARET'S CHURCH, East Twickenham, the RCS monthly concert will feature renowned mezzo-soprano Christianne Stotijn, accompanied by pianist, Julius Drake singing songs by Brahms, Berg, Dvorak and Respighi.  
Info: [reply@richmondconcerts.co.uk](mailto:reply@richmondconcerts.co.uk).

Sunday, 14 January at 2.30pm at LAC. THE SIMON FERRIS TRIO featuring Mendelssohn and Shostakovich. Tickets: £12.50-£13.50. First 2018 concert in the Classics in the Afternoon series.  
Info: [info@landmarkartscentre.org.uk](mailto:info@landmarkartscentre.org.uk).

Until Sunday, 21 January, 10-5.00pm Tuesdays-Sundays. THE STABLES GALLERY at OHG , exhibition LIQUID TO SOLID: The Mutability of Glass.

Range of decorative, functional and wall-hung pieces. Admission free.  
Info: [www.richmond.gov.uk/arts](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/arts).

## Abbreviations:

HHT - Hampton Hill Theatre; LDC - Langdon Down Centre; MWT- Mary Wallace Theatre; OHG - Orleans House Gallery; RCS - Richmond Concert Society; RSS - Richmond Shakespeare Society; TTC - Teddington Theatre Club.

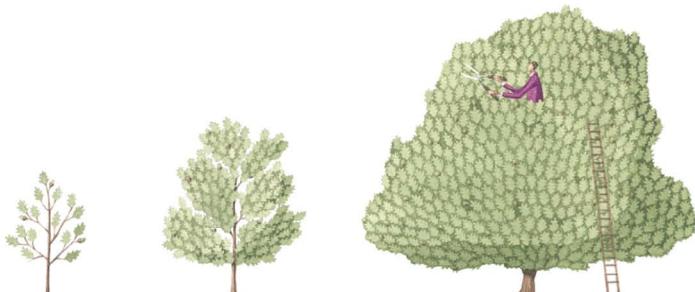
Happy New Year.

## RICHMOND CONCERT SOCIETY

Mezzo –soprano Christianne Stotijn and pianist Julius Drake are giving a recital for Richmond Concert Society at 7.45 on Tuesday 16 January at St Margaret's Church East Twickenham, tickets available at the door.

See [www.richmondconcerts.co.uk](http://www.richmondconcerts.co.uk)

Dutch mezzo, Christianne Stotijn, former BBC New Generation Artist, winner of BBC Music Magazine Award for her recording of Tchaikovsky songs is in demand in top opera houses and concert halls round the world. She sings songs by Brahms, Mahler, Dvorak and Respighi and is accompanied by her long-term duo partner, British pianist Julius Drake.



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# TwickerSeal

Twickenham is used to the various rugby crowds and the different games have a certain 'flavour'; the Army v Navy, Rugby Sevens and Varsity Match are very different and we know what to expect.

The Big Game 10, for instance, brings in a well-mannered rugby crowd, who are known to enjoy the refreshments that Twickenham has to offer after the game.

However, the last Big Game 10 on Saturday 30th December nearly sparked an incident of epic proportions. We all know the giant chess set on Church Street in front of Crusader Travel, but after Saturday's game one of the (black) pawns went missing.

An SOS was sent out on Twitter, which was shared far and wide <https://twitter.com/ChurchStTwicker/status/947782629708980224>

A few hours later The White Swan tweeted that they had found the pawn! It appears that a rugby-reveller had taken the pawn for a walk and discarded it in the river. Bruce and Shona Lyons were grateful to be reunited with the errant pawn.



# Biased Consultation?

"In an intervention that threatens to prolong the uncertainty over the future of the airport four Conservative-run councils said that "**a consultation to be lawful, must be approached with an open mind**" - *From The Times, Saturday 30th December 2017*

(one of the four was LBRuT along with its partner, Wandsworth Borough).

Now does this bring to mind a certain Council which has a planning application for luxury flats overlooking a beautiful stretch of the Thames on Twickenham Riverside?

By the time this application goes to the Planning Committee around £2m would have been spent getting it there - **£700k to be spent on RIBA4 detailed drawings**. Which Conservative councillor of the 5 majority sitting on the Planning Committee would dare to pull the plug?

[www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/Planning\\_CaseNo.aspx?strCASENO=17/4213/FUL](http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/Planning_CaseNo.aspx?strCASENO=17/4213/FUL)



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## Council's Planning Application for Twickenham Riverside

The public consultation period finishes on 6th January, but you can still submit your comments until the day before the planning committee meeting.

Make sure that your voice is heard.

View the application [HERE](http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/Planning_CaseNo.aspx?strCASENO=17/4213/FUL)

# Mark Aspen's New Year Quiz



Mark Aspen

[www.markaspen.wordpress.com](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com)

Expressing the art of the theatre critic

In expectation yet more great theatre locally in 2018, we look at theatre in The Twickenham

Tribune area, with twenty questions, all with a local thespian theme.

If you are looking for help, there are clues at Mark Aspen Reviews at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com)

1. 110 years ago Leopold Glasspoole set up a local theatre company, which is still thriving today. What is it now called?
2. In Jonathan Dove's new opera adaptation of a Jane Austen novel, the Crawfords sing of the "follies and grottos of Twickenham". Which novel?
3. On 16th January, it will be ten years since a local theatre was officially opened, having been in use for some while. Which theatre?
4. The Temple to Shakespeare was built in 1756. In whose garden?
5. In October a new theatre was opened opposite Twickenham railway station. What is it called?
6. The present Q2 theatre performs at The Avenue. But the original Q theatre opened to the public on Boxing Day, 1924. Which landmark did it face?
7. The tenor John Templeton (1802-1886) sang in the first English production Don Giovanni and The Magic Flute. Which local theatre now stands near his house?
8. Which opera by Philip Glass had its UK premiere last year in Hampton?
9. Which songwriter was born at 131 Waldegrave Road, Teddington?
10. "With his receding hairline and goatee beard, he is one of those theatre critics who could normally find something good to say about almost any production with a particular penchant for leading actresses". Which local theatre reviewer is the British Theatre Guide describing?
11. Which Grade II\* listed theatre has the largest collection of fully restored Victorian scenery in the world?
12. Which European president had his stage plays premiered at The Orange Tree Theatre in Richmond?
13. In February 1603 a month before her death, William Shakespeare once again brought his company of actors to a local venue to perform for Queen Elizabeth. Where was it?
14. Richmond Theatre was opened in 1898. Who was the architect who designed it?
15. Which famous local artist was baptised in the Actors' Church, St Paul's, Covent Garden?

16. In 1934 Errol Flynn's first major film role in Murder at Monte Carlo was shot where?
17. The Richmond Shakespeare Society has been performing Shakespeare's plays annually in the open air since 1934. In recent years, these have been put on in various locations in York House, Twickenham. What was the previous venue for the open-air performances?
18. What is the official name of the theatre that would you find next to Barnes Pond?
19. Which Twickenham poet mocked special effects in the theatre in these words: "Gods, imps, and monsters, music, rage, and mirth/ A fire, a jig, a battle, and a ball / Till one wide Conflagration swallows all."
20. Who was the theatre and music hall impresario who had a lavish houseboat built on the Thames at Hampton, which included a full sized concert-hall and theatre?

**Answers will be published next week.**

## January 2018 sees Arthur Miller's acclaimed A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

In the main auditorium of Hampton Hill Theatre  
A tragic masterpiece of love, family and betrayal  
Directed by Dane Hardie

Eddie Carbone ekes out an existence working the docks in 1950s Brooklyn, where he lives with his wife Beatrice and her young niece Catherine. Now a teenager, Catherine elicits a longing in Eddie that he does his best to repress. But when two illegal Italian immigrants arrive and one of them falls for Catherine, Eddie's inner turmoil violently explodes and the stage is set for tragedy.

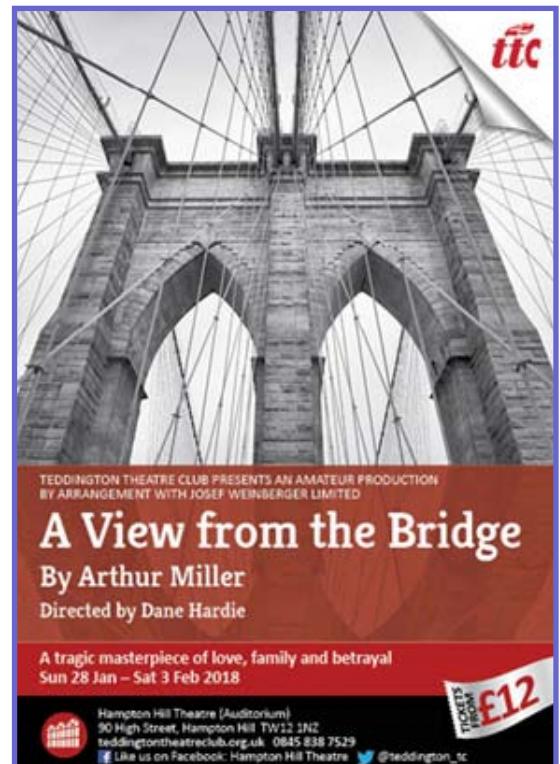
Dates: Sun 28 Jan – Sat 3 Feb 2018

Performance times: Sunday 4pm, Weekdays 7.45pm

Ticket prices: £12.00 & £16.00

Box Office: Telephone: 0845 838 7529 (10am – 8pm)

Online: [ttc-boxoffice.org.uk](http://ttc-boxoffice.org.uk)



Website link <http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk/production/a-view-from-the-bridge>

# River Crane Sanctuary

This Week's Photos from the River Crane Sanctuary



Blackbirds at the Break of Day



We have received our RSPB pack for the Big Garden Bird Watch and it is excellent. Please join us on the 27 to 29 th January 2018 to record our wonderful birdlife along the River Crane Corridor. The blackbird pair have thankfully stayed here after the hedgerow where they roost was cut back severely recently so we hope they will nest again in the Spring.

Take a look at our site for more photos of birds seen along the Sanctuary walk from Kneller Gardens to the Shot Tower. We saw a small mumuration of starlings over Trafalgar School Playing field and since 1979 they have declined by 79 per cent and song thrushes by around 70 per cent; Green Finches have decreased by 66 percent in the last ten years. All three species have been sighted and photographed in the hedgerow/area behind Churchview Garages and MOL Field where developers are seeking to build. Support River Crane Sanctuary in opposing any builds here.



<http://view.email.rspb.org.uk>

The River Crane Sanctuary Under Threat <http://e-voice.org.uk/rcts/>

# TwickerTape - News in Brief

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## Residents advised of utility works at 84 Whitton Road

Residents and users of Whitton Road have been advised of major utility works at the above location, which are scheduled to take place from 8th to 19th January and 22nd to 27th January. The works are required to provide essential services to nine new-build residential properties.

During these dates, temporary traffic signals will be in place to manage traffic flow. To ease inevitable congestion on the approaches to the works, the temporary signals will be manually controlled between 7am and 8pm to allow for the optimal, real-time management of traffic volumes. Please note that the site will be completely clear of traffic management on the weekend interval of 21st / 22nd January.

## Outstanding Ofsted result for Orleans Park School

Orleans Park School in Twickenham should be incredibly proud after being rated as 'outstanding', the highest possible result, in its latest Ofsted inspection.

The report praised the school's 'inspirational teaching and learning environment', 'excellent community ethos' and 'strong culture of safeguarding'. Students' academic performance and progress was also praised.

## Declutter by ditching old and broken electrical goods

Residents are encouraged to kick off 2018 by de-cluttering their old or broken electrical items.

Richmond Council and West London Waste Authority are hosting a recycling collection for old, unused, small electronic equipment from Monday 8th January through to Friday 12th January 2018. Residents can drop off their items at the Civic Centre, York Street, Twickenham from 9am to 5pm each day.

The event provides local residents with the opportunity to de-clutter their homes of broken or unwanted small electrical items such as alarm clocks, toys, kettles, and hair dryers.

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# St Mary's University Update

## St Mary's Head of Student Services Awarded British Empire Medal

Head of Student Services at St Mary's University, Twickenham Sue Whitham has been awarded a British Empire Medal in the New Year's Honours list.

The medal, awarded by the Queen in recognition of meritorious civil services, is being awarded to Sue for services to Higher Education. The award recognises a career at St Mary's which has lasted over 20 years and seen Sue support countless students, helping them and their families in times of difficulty, tragedy and adversity.

Sue said of her award, "I am honoured and humbled to receive this award. My passion for working with students is as strong now as it was when I began my career at St Mary's almost 24 years ago. I have had the privilege to get to know thousands of students, many of whom I have maintained contact with and their families which have developed into lasting friendships. My focus has always been to provide seamless, holistic support to students to ensure they achieve their full potential and success during their time at St Mary's and beyond university.



"Many students I have worked closely with have endured challenging and traumatic life experiences and I have never failed to be inspired by their courage, resolve and determination. I feel extremely proud to witness our graduating students in Westminster Cathedral each year, but I often find myself moved to tears seeing those who have overcome adversity complete their studies."

Speaking of her work at St Mary's, Chair of Governors Bishop Richard Moth said, "St Mary's at its core is an institution that believes the student experience is our highest priority. As a community we are guided by our values of generosity of spirit, excellence, respect and inclusiveness. Sue encompasses all that St Mary's stands for and is thoroughly deserving of this award, I am sure that colleagues across St Mary's will be rushing to congratulate her."

St Mary's Vice Chancellor Prof Francis Campbell added, "Sue has made, and continues to make a major contribution to the lives of students at St Mary's. Every student finds their own path through higher education, with some needing additional support when they find themselves in difficulty whether through financial hardship, illness, bereavement or through their additional educational requirement.

"Sue, and the team she leads, regularly go beyond the call of duty to ensure that no student who needs help is left behind. I am delighted that Sue has received this national recognition of the vital work she does and the lives she has transformed."



St Mary's  
University  
Twickenham  
London

# Vince cable urges local residents to Take Five to Stop Fraud

Vince Cable MP is joining the call for residents to Take Five to Stop Fraud.

Take Five Week - running from Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January - has been created to help empower people to protect themselves against financial fraud.

This includes phone-based scams, email and text message scams as well as online fraud.

Financial Fraud Action UK figures indicate there were over 1.8 million incidents of financial fraud last year, impacting people right across the country – including in Twickenham.

To address this Take Five Week brings together banks and building societies, the police, the Government and MPs, as well as public and third sector organisations to give advice to the public.

Vince Cable MP said:

“Criminals are now very sophisticated, so it is more important than ever that people are aware of the advice from Take Five on how to protect themselves from becoming a victim.

“Fraudsters will do all they can to appear like the real deal, so always be on your guard for any calls, texts or emails out of the blue asking for your details. During Take Five Week we want to get the message across that it’s vital to stop and think before you give away any information.

“I will be supporting Take Five Week by helping spread the word on all my social media platforms.

Take Five urges customers to help stay safe from fraud by following simple advice:

- A genuine bank or organisation will never contact you out of the blue to ask for your PIN, full password or to move money to another account. Only give out your personal or financial details to use a service that you have given your consent to, that you trust and that you are expecting to be contacted by.
- Don’t be tricked into giving a fraudster access to your personal or financial details. Never automatically click on a link in an unexpected email or text.
- Always question uninvited approaches in case it’s a scam. Instead, contact the company directly using a known email or phone number.

For more information and advice visit  
[www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk](http://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)





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## Rome City Break + 6 Nations Rugby 3 nights 2nd Feb

**Day One :** Fly 15.15 from Gatwick to arrive at Rome Fiumcino at 18.45. Private transfer to the 4\* centrally located Hotel Nazionale for a double room on a bed and breakfast basis.

Situated in the very heart of Rome's historic centre, this elegant hotel is located in an 18th century building on the beautiful Piazza Montecitorio, next to the Italian parliament. Many of the most famous sights such as the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, Fontana di Trevi or the Coliseum are within a short stroll. The next metro station is at Piazza Spagna, offering easy access to all parts of the city.

### **Day two 9am Classical Rome Tour**

Travel by both coach and on foot on this Classical Rome tour where you will see some of the major classical sites of this beautiful city without taking up your entire day.

**Day Three** Watch England vs Italy in the 6 Nations Championship.

**Day Four 10am Colosseum Tour including Roman Forum & Palatine Hill.** Experience the most important sites of Ancient Rome, skipping the long lines on this half-day tour which covers the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill – so you spend less time queuing and more time exploring!

Return Private taxi transfer to the airport for your flight departing Rome Fiumcino to Gatwick at 16.00 and arriving back into Gatwick at 17.35

Price from £1035 per person.



# Twickenham Station work planned during forthcoming weekend closures

Station will be closed on Sunday 14, Saturday 20, and Sunday 21 January 2018

Solum's work at Twickenham Station continues to press ahead. Over the Christmas period, we safely installed the first of two tower cranes.

The second crane will arrive on Sunday 14 January, when the station is closed for wider engineering works. As with the previous tower crane, the station car park will be closed so we can receive the crane without disruption to London Road.

We are also working on the following weekend, 20 - 21 January 2018, when the station is set to be closed. Over this weekend we will be undertaking excavation work around the platforms, continuing the piling works and undertaking other work that is particularly challenging to do when the station is in use.



You will undoubtedly be pleased to know that there are no more planned weekend closures as part of our work until Easter 2018. A detailed update on our schedule will be circulated nearer the time.

Our contractor, Osborne, will keep residents informed about any overnight works needed to ensure the new station and public plaza are delivered on time.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise for any inconvenience caused.

If you need assistance planning a journey over these weekends, please visit [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk).



For more information about planned railway engineering works, please see South Western Railway's [planned improvements page](#).

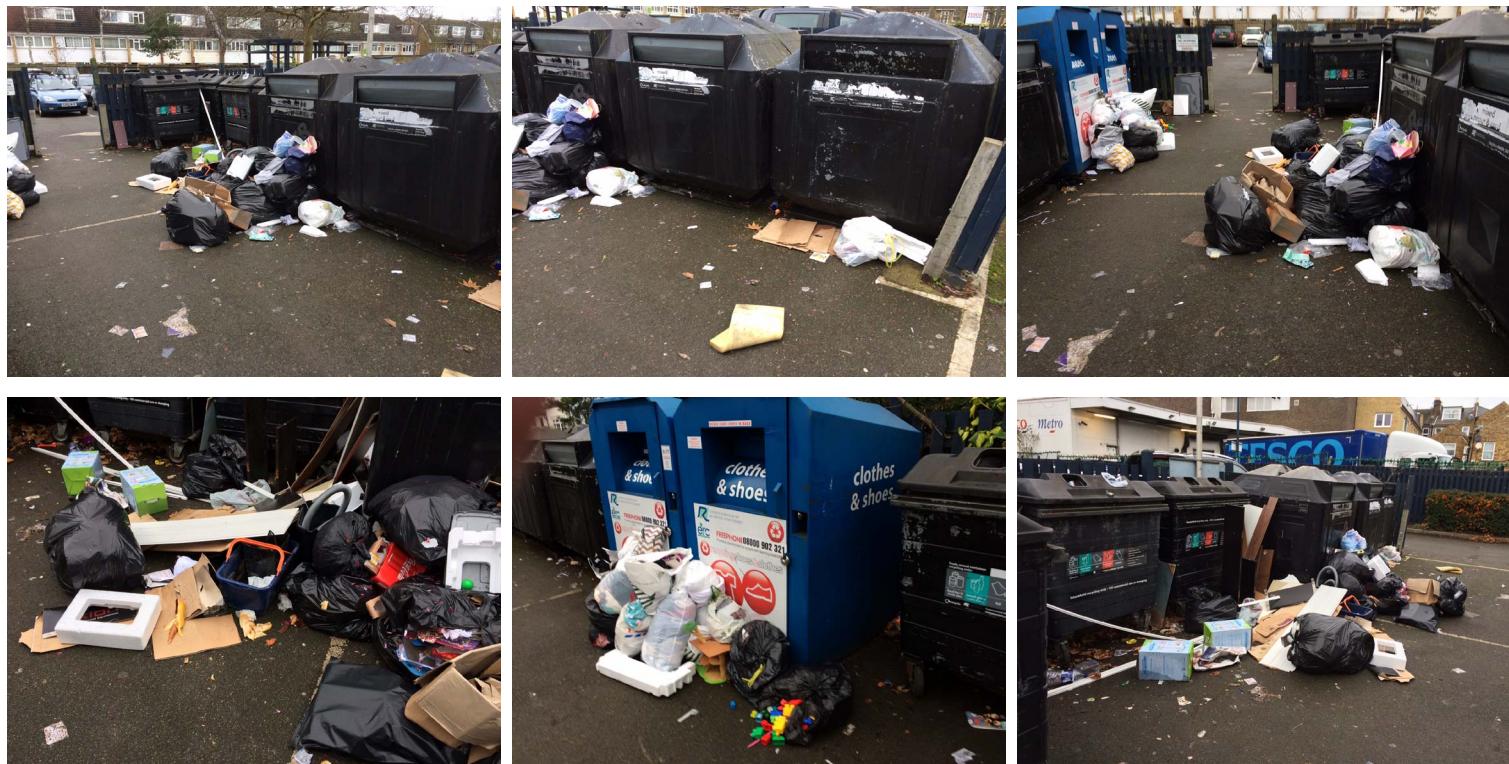
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You can keep up to date with the progress made on site, and read Osborne's latest updates on our dedicated project website: [twickenhamforward.com/latest-news](http://twickenhamforward.com/latest-news)

# Fly-Tipping Across the Borough

Further to our photos of the recycling area near Strawberry Hill Station we have been sent the following from the Teddington Society. (Photos by Brian Holder)



## Christmas Tree Collections

From the 8th to the 19th January, Richmond Council will begin collecting the trees for free on residents' scheduled collection days. Trees will then be shredded and turned into compost, which will be used to feed plants in gardens, green spaces and flowerpots across the borough.

Residents are reminded that trees won't be collected if they're still decorated, not real, in soil or in a pot or stand.

Alternatively you can take your Christmas tree to:

- Re-use and Recycling Centre, Townmead Road (Pedestrian access is restricted)
- Barn Elms Sports Centre, SW13 0DG
- Squire's Garden Centre car park, Sixth Cross Road, TW2 5PA
- Old Deer Car Park, TW9 2RA
- Ham Street Car Park, TW10 7RS



# Forget that old acquaintance this New Year – quit smoking now!

Smokers looking to kick cigarettes to the kerb and give up their deadly habits this New Year are urged to take advantage of the services available to help them.

Richmond Council is committed to helping people quit smoking and improve their health. We provide a free Stop Smoking service to people who wish to quit, including confidential face-to-face advice and support from specialist advisers, as well as free stop smoking materials and medication such as Nicotine Replacement Therapy.



Richmond's smokers can also call a new telephone support service to get expert advice on how they can quit for good. The pan-London service offers smokers, who are unable to commit to the four to eight-week, face-to-face council programme with a telephone service.

When Richmond smokers call the free number to access the stop smoking information they will be offered a series of individual regular phone calls from a specialist adviser.

Cllr Mark Boyle, Cabinet member for Public Health said:

"The New Year is the perfect time to start afresh by saying goodbye to unwanted habits. Quitting smoking is the best way to improve your overall health and the positive effects start immediately. You start to feel better as soon as you give up smoking, as your blood pressure is reduced, blood circulation improves, breathing becomes easier, and your skin looks better.

"Smokers looking to get healthy and quit in 2018 will be offered a range of services to help them including specialist advice and support, and medication. So if you want to start the year by saying goodbye to old habits, get in touch with the Council's stop smoking service."

Visit [https://www.richmond.gov.uk/stop\\_smoking](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/stop_smoking) to access the Council's personalised Stop Smoking Service or email [stopsmoking@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:stopsmoking@richmond.gov.uk), or call 0800 011 4558.

To access the new pan-London service you can ring the helpline on 0300 132 1044 between 9.00am to 8.00pm Mon-Fri and 11.00am to 4.00pm Sat-Sun and speak to a trained adviser.



# STRAWBERRY HILL GOLF CLUB

# ADULT ACADEMY TASTER SESSIONS NOW BOOKING

Contact our Professional Peter Buchan

**07795 973926**



## Strawberry Hill Golf Club

Wellesley Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham TW2 5SD

**Tel: Club Manager 020 8894 0165**

**Email: [secretary@shgc.net](mailto:secretary@shgc.net)**

**To find out more visit: [www.shgc.net](http://www.shgc.net)**



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# New Year? Become a happier, healthier you with Dry January

Kick off the new year by becoming a happier, healthier you and go alcohol free this month.

See your mood become more stable, your skin become clearer, lose weight and get a better night's sleep by going dry in January. By taking part in the 'Dry January' campaign, which is run by Public Health England and supported by Richmond Council, 2018 could be the year of health for you.



When your friends and family ask why you're not drinking - you can bring them into the challenge as well. By signing up to the challenge, you can easily get some fundraising going and raise money for good causes through your abstinence.

For those needing some 'inspiration' before they give up the booze, residents are reminded that they can check the online free drinks checker. The Richmond DrinkChecker website aims to raise awareness of alcohol, health and safer drinking. Residents can use the site to help set goals to drink less, see how much they can save in cash and calories by reducing their drinking and find information about local support services.

Cllr Mark Boyle, Cabinet member for Public Health said:

"Going alcohol free has significant health benefits – you sleep better, your skin improves and it helps you lose weight. You've got nothing to lose so why not get involved?"

“You’re more likely to stick with it and feel the benefits if you sign-up, so take the challenge, banish the booze and feel like a new you!”

For more information or to sign up visit:

[www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/dry-january](http://www.alcoholconcern.org.uk/dry-january)





# LIDOS ALIVE

## WE NEED YOUR MEMORIES

Did you swim in any of the borough's Lidos?

We want to record your memories (pre 1986) of the  
Lidos in Richmond upon Thames

If you have memories, photos or memorabilia  
Please contact us at the email below

Teddington Lido

Twickenham Lido

Richmond Baths (Pools on the Park)

Mereway Bathing Place

Bushy Bathing Place (Children's Nook)

Bushy Bathing Pool (Upper Lodge)

Bushy Lido (Hampton Pool)

Richmond Bridge Lido



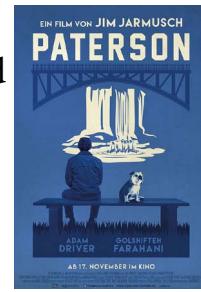
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# The second half of Richmond Film Society's Season comprises the following eight films at The Exchange:

## 16th January 2018 – Paterson (USA) - Directed by Jim Jarmusch

Paterson is a bus driver-cum-poet named after the New Jersey town in which he lives and works. Thinking while he drives, he writes snatches of verse on his lunch break, taking inspiration from his passengers' conversations, before going home to his wife Laura.



## 30th January -Embrace of the Serpent (Colombia) - Directed by Ciro Guerra

The story of the relationship between Karamakate, an Amazonian shaman and last survivor of his people, and two scientists who work together over the course of 40 years to search the Amazon for a sacred healing plant. Short-listed for the Foreign Language Oscar.

## 13th February – Graduation (Romania) - Directed by Cristian Mungiu

Cristian Mungiu examines the corrupt underbelly of Romanian society through the travails and moral conflicts facing a respected doctor. When his daughter suffers a debilitating assault the day before her critical final examinations, his moral world view is put to the test: just how many strings is he prepared to pull to ensure that she makes the grade ?

## 27th February – Men and Chicken (Denmark) - Directed by Anders Thomas Jensen

A Danish comedy of an unusual and dysfunctional family reunion and the revelation of more than just one skeleton in the closet. When two brothers return to their family home after their father's death they meet their estranged siblings, with funny and bizarre consequences.

## 13th March – Outside the Law (France) - Directed by Rachid Bouchareb

An Algerian family are scattered across the globe. Messaoud joins the French army; Abdelkader becomes a leader of the Algerian independence movement; Saïd moves to Paris to make his fortune in the shady clubs and boxing halls. Their interconnecting destinies reunite them in Paris.... Award winning Gangster-Drama movie.

## 27th March – Marshland (Spain) - Directed by Alberto Rodríguez

Set in the early years of a post-Franco Spain, two detectives with things to hide are assigned to a remote part of Andalusia to investigate the murder of two sisters. Clues are scarce, the locals are unwelcoming and the ghosts of the past are everywhere.

## 10th April – Toni Erdmann (Germany) - Directed by Maren Ade

A father, concerned about his career-obsessed and apparently joyless daughter, deploys his dishevelled prankster alter ego, Toni Erdmann, to make mischief, travelling to her workplace and posing as an executive 'life coach'. A startlingly original and uproarious comedy, suffused with pathos and tenderness. Oscar-shortlisted and winner of 73 awards worldwide.

## 24th April – A Man Called Ove (Sweden) - Directed by Hannes Holm

Short-listed for the 2017 Foreign Language Oscar, Ove is the archetypal angry old man who spends his days enforcing block association rules and visiting his wife's grave. After reaching a life changing decision, an unlikely friendship develops and life takes a new path. A funny, tragic and heart-warming transformation of an angry, solitary and regimented old man.

## There's Still Time to OBJECT to the Council's Carbuncle

We hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas and New Year holidays.

We took a welcome break from campaigning, but are back refreshed, and energised to stop the Council's awful planning application.

Despite a couple of the Council's comment-by-dates being reached, there is still time to submit your objections to the planning application 17/4213/FUL. Comments will be considered until the day before the planning committee meeting. We don't know when this will be, but we don't expect it to be too soon, as a result of the large number of objections received already (some of which are very technical).

For information about how to object please see our last petition update at  
<http://bit.ly/2vTZbSp>

It's easy to do, and there are lots of other objections (143 to date) to inspire you, including one we submitted recently on the diminutive 'town' square that's too small for a farmers' market, ice rink or anything other than a table-tennis table or two!

Here's an image to remind you of the options for Twickenham Riverside – the Council's Carbuncle or a Car-Free Riverside Park (possibly with a lido).

Best wishes from  
The Twickenham Riverside Park Team



# Letters

Dear Sir,

## Deer Cull

Do those who object to the culling of deer realise that it is essential to manage the herds or the characteristics of the parks would change. There are no predators to naturally limit herd size and there is nowhere increasing numbers due to birth can go. This would mean there would be insufficient food available and the herds would become malnourished and die.

The herds also maintain the character of the park with the browse line of the trees being part of the attractive open nature of the parks and the prevention of scrub growth as new trees grow to convert the park to a completed wooded area.

Perhaps those who object to the management would like to suggest how the increasing size of herds could be controlled. Maybe they prefer no deer, an overgrown park or a heavy charge to enter so they could be maintained by a huge number of park staff.

Nicholas Osorio

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Eighth Page

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