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Gibraltar
Photo by Berkley Driscoll

Gibraltar, the Brexit Negotiations, and the Twickenham Connection

Dr Joseph Garcia, the Deputy Chief Minister of Gibraltar, emphasised in Gibraltar's Budget speech on Monday that the Gibraltar government is determined that it "will leave nothing to chance" in the Brexit negotiations.

Dr Garcia said that Gibraltar did not want to leave the European Union (EU); however as an Overseas Territory of the United Kingdom Gibraltar is affected by the overall UK vote to leave.

The Strait of Gibraltar is an important shipping route from the Mediterranean to the Atlantic. The Strait was secured by Admiral Lord Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805 allowing Britain to reign supreme as a naval power for over a hundred years. The Strait was also of strategic advantage to the Allies during the Second World War.



In the UK we hear in the news about Scotland and Brexit and the Irish border and Brexit but how often do we hear about Gibraltar and Brexit?

As a matter of local interest to Twickenham the first Earl of Strafford, who negotiated the Treaty of Utrecht which ceded Gibraltar to Britain in 1713, lived in Gifford Lodge, opposite Twickenham Green (see Edition 82 of the Twickenham Tribune).

<http://worldinfozone.com/gallery.php?country=Gibraltar>

www.panorama.gi

Gibraltar's daily newspaper

Editor: Joe Garcia, MBE

Gibraltar Chronicle

www.chronicle.gi

Photo by Berkley Driscoll

TwickerSeal is on holiday in Gibraltar.

On Tuesday he joined many other fans to watch the England vs Colombia game and the atmosphere was fantastic.

At the end of the game, with England winning on penalties, a cannon salute was fired in celebration.

Incidentally, a cannon salute was also fired on Sunday when Spain was knocked out by Russia!!!



A Gibraltar Snapshot



Photos by Berkley Driscoll

TwickerTape - News in Brief

St Margarets Fair

The St Margarets Fair returns on Saturday 7th July and is a fantastic day out for the local community, during the height of summer.

Held on Moormead, it is a day jam packed full of fun that will keep you thoroughly entertained. Details at www.stmargaretsfair.org/the-fair-2018

Animal magic at Diamond Jubilee Gardens

'Animal Magic', organised by the Twickenham Riverside Trust, is a free show running on Saturday 7th July at 12.15pm, 1pm, 1.45pm, 2.30pm and 3.15pm.

Those who come along will be able to get their faces painted, visit the activities tent, playground and sandpit, and enjoy a BBQ and refreshments.

Join the Mayor for a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the new Mayoral Year

Everyone across the borough is invited to join a Service of Thanksgiving to mark the beginning of the new Mayoral year.

The service conducted by The Revd. RJ Hopkin Williams will take place at St Mary's Parish Church Twickenham from 11.30am on Sunday 8th July 2018.

It will be attended by the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Ben Khosa, Leader of the Council, Cllr Gareth Roberts, along with Leader of the Opposition, Cllr Paul Hodgins and all other councillors.

Recycle

From the 16th to 20th July, Richmond residents can drop off their old unwanted electronics at the Richmond Council Civic Centre Reception Area and West London Waste will recycle them for you!

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HAMPTON WICK HIGH STREET

I got lucky this week when rummaging through a box of postcards at the monthly Croydon Postcard Fair.

Out jumped the first two cards illustrated of Hampton Wick High Street dated 1902! The cards were made even more interesting by the comment on the reverse where the writer states "This is H. Wick as it was before the trams came!" Closer examination showed that both postcards had been posted in April 1905. Clearly this called for a bit of research on my part.

So in 1902, – 116 years ago, the High Street ran from the foot of Kingston Bridge to the Railway Station (As far as I can tell). The original station was opened by the London and South Western Railway on 1 July 1863: it was reconstructed in 1969. These days the station is usually unstaffed and the journey time to London Waterloo is 30 minutes via Wimbledon or slightly longer via Richmond.



At the other end of the High Street stands the imposing Kingston Road Bridge which carries the A308 into Surrey after it winds its way from Sunbury Cross past Kempton Park, Hampton and Bushey Park to Hampton Wick. The then toll bridge was opened by

the [Duchess of Clarence](#) (the future Queen Adelaide) on 17 July 1828. Following a lengthy campaign which came to a conclusion in 1869, the bridge became free from tolls on 12 March 1870. The narrowness of the road over the bridge became a problem and between 1912 and 1914 the carriageway was increased from 25 feet to 55 feet. A new façade of Portland Stone was designed to replicate the features of the original. The bridge was reopened in October



1914. It was widened again in 2000 to include two bicycle lanes, larger pavements and a bus lane, from 55 feet to 79 feet.

The bridge was given protection as a Grade II* listed structure in 1951.

Back to our 1902 postcards and we see a very neat and tidy thoroughfare with a variety of shops and businesses. Our first postcard shows the Engineering Works of Christian & Phipps to the right of the gas lamp and water trough. These were all over the borough in those days as horses which were the backbone of local passenger travel and transportation of goods had to be kept well-watered. The second postcard shows Silvers tea and dining rooms while in the centre of the photo a shopkeeper is sweeping his frontage.

The writer of our first two postcards was therefore referring to the arrival of the trams in 1903 which meant that apart from the track laying, the High Street had to be significantly widened. In 1906 the first trams crossed Kingston Bridge. Her view of the street as she wrote the postcards in 1905 was now very different from the 1902 view on the postcards. She now lived near a Hampton Wick



High Street which was widened, had lost some shops and had tram lines installed.

Our last postcard shows this very clearly as tram number 189 approaches the Swan pub on its journey towards Teddington.

Trams ran from 1903 on a circular route from Twickenham via Teddington Hampton Wick and Hampton Court. Trolleybuses, like trams, ran on overhead power lines. Most routes were therefore converted from earlier tram routes in the 1930s. Trolleybuses were themselves replaced by buses in the early 1960s.

Just shows how these Edwardian postcards are some of the best pictorial references that you can have to chart the rapid change of how the borough looked as we moved from Victorian times and into the twentieth century.

I am always looking for old postcards, so if you have any that are sitting unwanted in a drawer, in a box in the loft or the garage or under a bed, do contact me on 07875 578398 or alanwinter192@hotmail.com . I would like to see them and I pay cash!

By Erica White



At HHT, the curtain is rises on TTC's last production of the season: THE MATCHGIRLS, book & lyrics by Bill Owen, Music by Tony Russell. "The original girl power musical" runs from Saturday, 7 July-Friday, 13 July at 7.45pm (Sunday, 6.00pm).

Info: teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.

Followed by RSS's end season, fresh air production of A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, in the Fountain Garden, Champions Wharf, TW1 3DU, 19140s update. No seats provided, bring own rugs or chairs, picnic, licensed bar on site. Monday, 16 July-Saturday 21 July at 7.45pm, (Saturday matinee at 3.00pm.)

Info: richmondshakespeare.org.uk.

TTC has its open morning on Saturday, 7 July 10-noon giving all comers an opportunity to tour all the hidden nooks and crannies of this local, purpose-built theatre. tea, coffee, cake and chat.

Info: as above for TTC.

THAMES YOUTH ORCHESTRA under the baton of Simon Ferris, gives a concert of Copland, Bernstein, Korngold and Gershwin at St Matthias Church, Richmond, on Saturday 14 July at 7.30pm. Pay on door. No contact quoted.

At LAC, Richmond Orchestra presents WIZARDSS, WOOKIEES, WAR & WESTERNS: the World of Hollywood, on Sunday, 8 July at 5.00pm.

Info: landmarkartscentre.org.uk.

Also at LAC on Thursday, 12 July at 8.00pm the Landmark's 2 resident choirs join forces for their ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT. Enjoy an evening of traditional folk songs, world music, jazz, pop and much more.

Info: as above.

The Cabbage Patch pub in London Road is the venue to head for the following:

Sunday: TWICKFOLK, Sunday, 8 July, BENJI KIRKPATRICK playing songs of Jimi Hendrix and others.

Info: twickfolk.co.uk.

Tuesday: 10 July: TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB plays host to PETER FRAIZE, American saxophonist, with the Terry Seabrook band, 8-11pm.

Info: twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk.

Thursday: EEL PIE CLUB: BIRDWOOD - dedicated to Art Wood. 9-11pm.

Info: eelpieclub.com.



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CHANGES TO WALK IN CENTRE AT TEDDINGTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Walk-in Centre at Teddington Memorial Hospital has changed to an urgent treatment centre. The new opening hours are 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week. After 8pm please call NHS 111 – you can call NHS 111 at any time to find the right care for you



Bookable appointments will be available alongside walk-ins for adults and children who may need urgent treatment. The service will be run by GPs and nurses, with other healthcare professionals, offering more flexibility, advice and treatment for adults and children with injuries or illnesses that are urgent but not life threatening

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A Midsummer Night's Dream

Richmond Shakespeare Society

The Richmond Shakespeare Society will be celebrating Summer and Shakespeare again for one week from the 16th of this month with their annual open-air production in the Fountain Garden, York House, Twickenham.

Simon Bartlett's exciting new production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" promises to introduce an element of "Steampunk" to the romance, magic and humour of this, one of the Bard's most popular and often performed comedies.

Played in front of the notorious "naked ladies" fountain on a perfect balmy English evening (?) this promises to be one of the highlights of the summer. Whether you know "The Dream", don't know "The Dream" or you think you don't like Shakespeare (we'll convert you), bring the family and a picnic to the Fountain Garden in the week of July 16th and treat yourselves to a glorious evening of tradition, fun and relaxed entertainment.

The box office at 07484 927 662 is open for bookings from July 1st.

www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk

16th-21st July 2018

A Richmond Shakespeare Society Open Air Production

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

— by William Shakespeare, Directed by Simon Bartlett —



Shakespeare's most popular and delightful comedy - set largely in a wood outside Athens and culminating in a massed wedding - is the perfect entertainment for our annual summer show.

The play brings together the formality of the military court, the boisterous enthusiasm of "The Rude Mechanicals" and the mysterious charged night-world of the Faerie. Our production will be inspired by 1940s and steampunk.

The Fountain Garden, Champions Wharf The Embankment, Twickenham

Book online: www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk

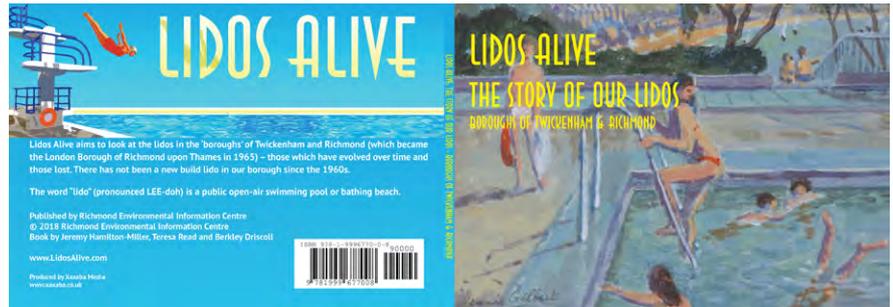
Book via box office: 07484 927662 (10am-7pm)



Lidos Alive - the story of our lidos

Book Available Now

Lidos Alive, the story of our lidos, is one which has probably been replicated in places all over the country where there are bodies of water - and today has gone full circle with the interest in outdoor swimming.



The popularity of bathing has come and gone with even fear during Elizabethan times that it might be harmful to health.

On the Thames, concern over naked bathing in the nineteenth century led to building structures to fence off areas. The “health, comfort and welfare” of the public began to be of concern and baths and wash houses were provided by public bodies.

Of course, the 1920s and 30s were the heyday of the lido movement; Lidos Alive traces the development of lidos in the Borough of Twickenham, later the London Borough of Richmond, from the very first organised public bathing place on the River Crane at Mereway Bathing Place to eleven other lidos, mostly now part of our history.

The book also looks at lidos further afield and a glimpse of what could be built in the future is provided by architecture students from our local college.

Lidos Alive is full of interesting photographs of our lidos and outdoor swimming paintings by artist, Dennis Gilbert.

www.LidosAlive.com

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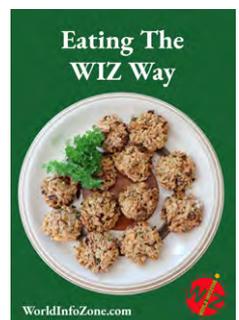
Eating the WIZ Way

With a background of research on food around the world - World InfoZone.com - this book looks at foods which come under the heading of “Healthy Eating”. Easy and economical recipes are provided which have resulted in weight loss and associated health benefits.

The book costs £7.95 plus £1.90 p+p

Contact: Contact@TwickenhamTribune.com

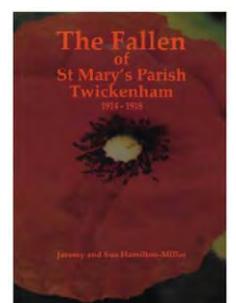
Review: <http://www.worldinfozone.com/>



The Fallen of St Mary's Parish Twickenham 1914-1918

By Sue & Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

The book costs £8 plus £1 p+p and is available from the Local History Society's website at www.botlhs.co.uk



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Some like it hot!

By the Twickenham Guerrillas (Shona “Chief” & Bruce “Gardener’s Boy”)

Well it might have suited Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemon- But not our plants!!!



Many years ago we started our “Street Scene” in Church Street and overtime it has become a signature of the street and compliments our Al Fresco season. A few years back, when we (The chief Guerrilla and her boy) watered the whole street with a 200 metre hose pipe we were fortunate enough to get a film location job and the “donation” largely paid for a Water Butt on wheels (Phew – what a relief) and even though now most of the baskets are watered on contract we still find good use for the Butt with the planters, café canopies ,tubs

,troughs and planters – and in this weather we are watering daily !!!!

Just now its Judging Time in Church Street – we enter all competitions as this spurs us all on to get better results each year! Yesterday it was LBRUT judging the borough Villages competition and last week it was commercial street and frontages, next week it is London in Bloom and with this weather it is a 24/7 job to get anything to bloom let alone stay alive!!!! So, if you’re out & about and see chief guerrilla watering, hers is an Aperol Spritz and mine’s a lager – thank you!! We have encouraged our friends, Sandra & Gilliam from Stone Row Brewer to extend their work in the Flood Lane Car Park, behind Church Street and they have overtime built up a very nice show – take a look if you can find a car space (don’t worry the council doesn’t mind – it is just the plants that object to getting parking tickets for overstaying their time)!!

People wonder why we do it – well there is nothing so calming, therapeutic than being able to sit in your street level shop in the square with the doors open and a lovely view – Problems are solved instantly – and we get loads of complex itineraries to get a solution for and the Plants are so much better than juggernauts to problem solving.



We do a tad of Guerilla work and gave the Eel Pie Museum a spare planter which this year we have managed to match the planting with their Logo, take a look – we are quite pleased with that one and the Hill Brow one above Terrace Gardens in Richmond, which is very exposed and needs a lot of maintenance continues to work well = though watering is tough as we have to motor it up four times a week in Watering cans and Gerycans !! We did do the Boat at the Victoria Pub on Hill Rise but the boat has collapsed so they are hoping for a replacement.



Back in Church Street, we are amazed – and we hope you are – how with a bit of TLC can manage to sustain a good show even in the harshest of conditions. We know it is good for the street and Al Fresco (Thursday/Friday/Saturday, evenings & Sunday – all day) is packed- and surprise – surprise no empty shops thanks to all our dear customers. Creating a strong welcome is our Mantra and we hope the community enjoys our street scene

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Nine Medals for St Mary's Athletes at the British Athletics Championships

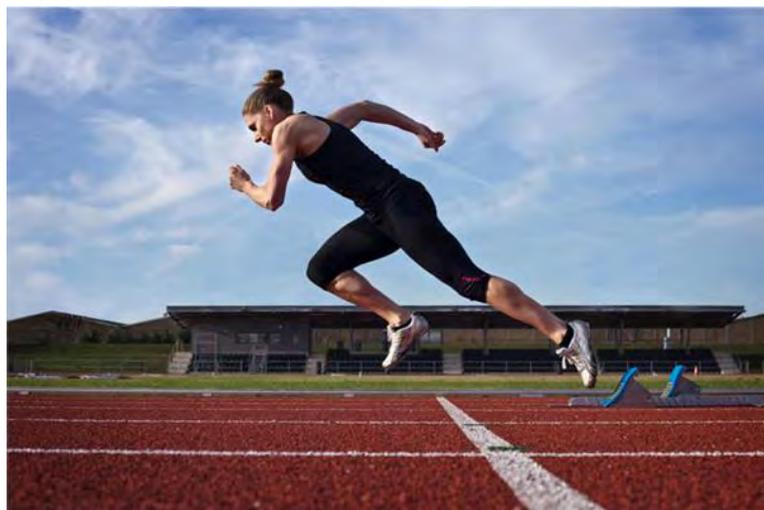
Athletes from the Endurance Performance and Coaching Centre (EPACC) and alumni of St Mary's University, Twickenham saw a successful weekend at the British Athletics Championships, returning with nine medals. Hosted at the Alexandra Stadium, Birmingham, the Championships saw nearly 40 athletes from St Mary's compete, with five qualifying for the GB European Championship team, and a further three in contention ahead of the announcement on 23rd July.

In the Men's 800m, St Mary's athletes claimed three of the top four places, with Elliot Giles winning Gold and Daniel Rowden winning Silver, both automatically qualifying for the European Championships, with London 2012 Olympian Andrew Osagie finishing in fourth. Alumna, EPACC athlete and Rio 2016 Olympian Steph Twell also won Gold in the Women's 5000m, as did fellow Alumna and Rio 2016 Olympian Jade Lally in the Women's Discus.

In the Men's 1500m, EPACC athlete Jake Wightman, who won Bronze in the same event at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games, won Silver to automatically qualify for the European Championships, with alumnus and Rio 2016 Olympian Charlie Grice finishing in fourth.

The Men's 5000m also saw success as EPACC Athlete and Rio 2016 Olympian Andy Vernon won the Silver, with fellow EPACC Athlete Chris Thompson winning the Bronze. Elsewhere, London 2017 semi-finalist and EPACC Athlete Adelle Tracey won Bronze in the Women's 800m, as did Emily Moyes in the Women's 3000m Steeplechase.

St Mary's Director of Sport Andrew Reid-Smith said, "It's a significant achievement to have so many St Mary's athletes competing at the British Champs. It was great to see a number of them making finals and winning medals and notable that some of the younger student athletes are also stepping up to perform well at this level."



Other St Mary's finalists at the championships include;

Men

Ryan Driscoll – 5th 3000m Steeplechase
Canaan Solomon – 6th 800m
Daniel Jarvis – 9th 3000m Steeplechase
Emile Cairss – 19th 5000m
Bradley Goater – 21st 5000m

Women

Emily Hosker-Thornhill – 6th 1500m
Philippa Bowden – 6th 5000m
Sophie Connor – 11th 1500m



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River Crane Sanctuary



Some are loving this hot weather and some are seeking the shade. The birds are enjoying any water feature they can find for a welcome bath and drink whilst the wild honeysuckle is smelling very sweet on the hedgerow and has many bee visitors. We were fortunate to find a peacock butterfly sunbathing on some pebbles and had photographed a larvae/caterpillar earlier in the month so good to see one transformed into this winged beauty. More photos/videos on our website and flickr album and we have started a group for your photos if you wish to contribute to raise awareness of the diversity along this Sanctuary walk!



Robin



Honeysuckle



Peacock butterfly



Peacock larvae

The River Crane Sanctuary Under Threat

<http://e-voice.org.uk/rcs/>

Steam, Steel and Shells – 16

By Helen Baker

Summer 1915 and continuing the story of the initial production process for the shells from The Pelabon Works, East Twickenham, destined for the Belgian Army at the Front.

The virgin steel bars have been sawed to the proper length and hollowed out. Next the embryo shells moved on for “tempering” or hardening in the oil furnaces, “hell-holes” where they were heated for an hour to 850, 875, 925 degrees and then sprayed inside and out with a quenching “telescope”. After that they went into the tin bath to be returned to room temperature.

Now the shells were almost ready to be returned to the machinists, but first the hardness had to be tested by a machine known to the Belgians as “the ball”.



Furnaces at The Pelabon Works, East Twickenham for hardening and annealing of the shells. Royal Military Museum-War Heritage Institute, Brussels



Firearms History, Technology & Development: Thursday December 25th 2014, Pocket Rifles.

This was the Brinell machine, where a hardened steel ball was pressed into the smooth surface of each shell under a pressure of 1,400 atmospheres until it could press in no further. This made an almost imperceptible round indentation which could be measured by a microscope. The stress per unit area could then be calculated from the known pressure and the area of the indentation, producing a hardness coefficient which was independent of the size of the ball and the amount of pressure.

This testing was essential to avoid premature explosions in gun-barrels caused by defects in metal or machining.

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Places People Play



Richmond Regatta

The annual Richmond Regatta was held in glorious sunshine on Saturday June 30th.

Running from Ham Gardens carpark to Buccleuch gardens, the 1250m course is always a popular event for local clubs.

Twickenham fielded 33 entries, comprising of nearly 1/3rd the total entry, with athletes ranging from 16 all the way through to their mid 70's.

The 8's races are always regarded as the blue riband events & Twickenham emerged victorious in 3 of the 4 categories- open women (defeating Kingston), open men (defeating Kingston) & masters F-average age of 60- (defeating Thames).

We also had successes in the smaller boats with our World Class Start squad. These young athletes are selected by Team GB for physical attributes that are proven to be desirable in rowing such as above average height.

- Molly Hopping from St Mary's university added to her impressive medal tally winning the Open Womens 1x.
- Jade Tallin was fresh from her Henley Womens Regatta experience to clean up in the Junior 18 Womens 1x.
- Adam Stephenson from Teddington partnered with a fellow Start Athlete from the Reading centre to dominate in the Junior 18 2x. With an average height of 6'8", these two young men had a significant height advantage over their opposition which they used to excellent effect.

Our club men had an excellent days racing with success in the Open 2x and several finalists throughout the day.

The next event for the club will be Kingston Regatta on July 14th, celebrating it's 151st year.



The victorious Masters F 8+
Photo credit to Twickenham RC

Bow Keith Baldwin, 2 Doru Procopiu, 3 Robert Kerr,
4 Simon Pullen, 5 Paul Wood-Robinson, 6 Michael
Salzman, 7 David Stanley, stroke Doug Davidson, cox
Stefany Wragg



TWICKENHAM
ROWING CLUB

Twickers Foodie – By Alison Jee

SUSHI, THE EASY OPTION FOR A PERFECT DINNER...OH, AND CHOCOLATE

Sushi is a bit like Marmite – you tend to love it or hate it. Well, I love it. So when I discovered that Sushi Shop was opening a branch of its takeaway and home delivery service in Richmond, I had the perfect opportunity to invite one of our Japanese friends and her husband round for dinner and receive their expert opinions.

The Richmond branch is the fifth London branch and the company is well known across Europe. Established by two French entrepreneurs 20 years ago, the company now has over 130 shops globally. Well, to be honest, I'm not at all surprised, as what we had delivered last week was fabulous. Not a cheap home delivery option, mind you, but sushi never is, nor should be - as you want to know you are eating only the very finest fish and other ingredients.

When our delivery arrived I was very impressed with the beautiful packaging. We had chosen the Black Box Classic, a new selection, with 58 pieces for £60. This might seem a lot of sushi, but over the course of the evening, with a good bottle of saki (that had languished in our wine store for some time, waiting for an excuse to be opened), and some Japanese beers, we managed to polish off most of it!



The boxes were stunning – almost too good to throw away afterwards. They arrived beautifully chilled, together with disposable chopsticks (wooden) and rather a lot of tiny plastic bottles of soy sauce and a sweet soy (which none of us particularly liked), plus sachets of wasabi and pickled ginger. Oh, and a stack of smart black paper napkins.

So to the food itself:

As Mayuko pointed out, the box looked like a jewellery box and is an excellent centrepiece for an oriental dinner party. The sushi was prettily arranged inside and nicely decorated, with dabs of mayonnaise, or scattering of sesame seeds. She felt the presentation made the Sushi Shop product unique and 'very French'. She was impressed by the quality of the sushi, as well as the reasonable prices. To quote: "I thought that the assortment of sushi was quite good. Conventional ones (tuna, salmon and prawn) were good: fresh fish



with well-cooked rice. I liked some of the fusions too, which were very tasty. I liked the chicken katsu rolls; the crunchy katsu texture complemented the cut carrots and gooey sushi rice well. The salmon tataki spring roll was nice; with a bit of spiciness wrapped by a lighter rice paper (rather than nori). The salmon avocado spring roll was a classy combination, complementing each other well, as expected. Some twists from the conventional ones, like teriyaki salmon (salmon appeared a lot...) were good, and sweetness was subtle, not overpowering.

Interestingly the one Mayuko wasn't sure about was the salmon and Philadelphia maki (salmon again!), but to be honest, the other three of us really liked it!

So we came to the conclusion that Sushi Shop is very clever with its products appealing to the mass market as well as Japanese customers.

There is a special offer available at the moment (see below), as well as a Moscow Box, with contents including a 'Kremlin roll' to coincide with something that seems to be happening in Russia at the moment. There are also selections by Michelin starred chefs including Anne Sophie Pic and some other wonderful looking assortments.

Special offer:

To get £10 off your order (minimum £30) use the code RICH18 before the end of July at the Richmond store. I know we'll be back for more very soon!
mysushishop.co.uk

WORLD CHOCOLATE DAY

They do say "whatever the question, chocolate is the answer" and I tend to agree! Believe it or not this Saturday, July 7, is World Chocolate Day (also known as International Chocolate Day). As you probably know, we have some very fine locally based chocolatiers: Urban Village Chocolates and R Chocolate, both of whom have online shops. Another company that I like is called Chocolate and Love and their prettily wrapped bars are available in places like Waitrose. They have also just launched an online shop, and in case you want to send someone a gift box or just a few bars, you might like to have a code which will give you a 20 per cent discount on any order over £20 during July. Just enter LOVECHOCOLATE20 at the checkout to receive the discount.



There you go, sushi and chocolate, what a great combination!

Winner of monthly photography competition

Joanne Westeng, TW11



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

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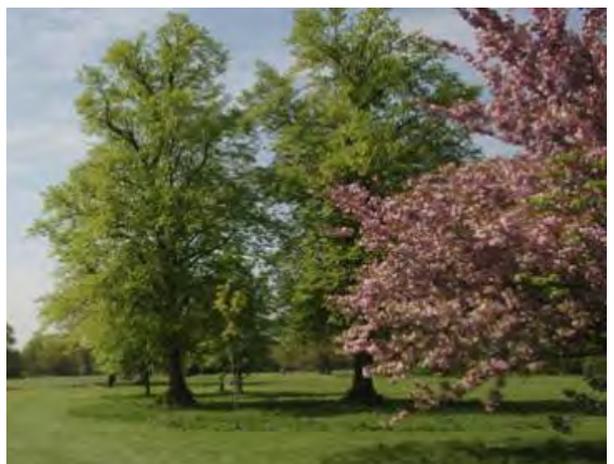
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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

Party

by Tom Basden

Alex Payne, the team behind the [OSO](#)
Pantomime, at OSO Arts Centre, Barnes until
30th June

A review by Celia Bard



Brexit, Trade Wars, Donald Trump. In today's political climate tensions run high. Even before these current issues there has always been intense political debate. Who can blame a group of five young adults with high ideals for wanting to form a new political party, and to change the world? Can they do any worse than any British Parliament of the day, often split down the middle on so many issues! Take comfort, they seem no more to distinguish between the woods from the trees than do present day political parties, wanting to extol democratic values but caught up in endless discussion and debate, going around in circles until a vote is taken and the matter settled.



The setting for this unlikely group of students, assembled under Jared's leadership, is a garden shed transformed into a make-shift conference room but still with the tell-tale signs of assorted DIY, garden equipment and general old tat amongst the flip charts and filing cabinets. The group's intention is to draft a manifesto for their new political party. They want to change the world but have no idea why or more importantly, how. They are not short of issues: China; sex trafficking; cycle lanes; unfair trade coffee practices; what to call the party, 'The Friendly Party', 'Peace in the Middle East Party' or 'Gladios'; and more importantly when

exactly they should take a break and cut into the cake.

The play begins with everyone raising their arms high in a display of democratic agreement about China. Duncan, new to the group and only there because his step-father runs a printer's shop, is confused but eventually raises his arm too, still not knowing what the group is voting for other than whether they were 'for' or 'against' China. It turns out the others are just as clueless and allow themselves to be railroaded over minutiae such as the correct pronunciation of 'abstentions'.

The genre of Party is political satire: witty, sarcastic, and outrageously cynical. The actors, under the tight direction of Will Jarvis, rise magnificently to the occasion

Read Celia Bard's full review at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/06/29/party

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Former Imperial College Private Ground - Quantum plans not acceptable to GLA

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Development, Enterprise and Environment

Simon Graham-Smith
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
Civic Centre, 44 York Street
Twickenham TW1 3BZ

Department: Planning
Your reference: 18/0151/FUL
Our reference: GLA/4642/01/AP
Date: 2 July 2018

Dear Mr. Graham-Smith

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended); Greater London Authority Act 1999 & 2007; Town & Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2008.

**Former Imperial College Private Ground, Udney Park Road, Teddington,
London Borough of Richmond upon Thames
Local planning authority reference: 18/0151/FUL**

I refer to the copy of the above planning application, which was received from you on 17 April 2018. On 2 July 2018, the Mayor considered a report on this proposal; reference GLA/4642/01. A copy of the report is attached, in full. This letter comprises the statement that the Mayor is required to provide under Article 4(2) of the Order.

The Mayor considers that the application does not comply with the London Plan and draft London Plan, for the reasons set out in paragraph 45 of the above-mentioned report, which should be addressed before the application is referred back to the Mayor.

If your Council subsequently resolves to make a draft decision on the application, it must consult the Mayor again under Article 5 of the Order and allow him fourteen days to decide whether to allow the draft decision to proceed unchanged, or direct the Council under Article 6 to refuse the application, or issue a direction under Article 7 that he is to act as the local planning authority for the purpose of determining the application. You should therefore send me a copy of any representations made in respect of the application, and a copy of any officer's report, together with a statement of the decision your authority proposes to make, and (if it proposed to grant permission) a statement of any conditions the authority proposes to impose and a draft of any planning obligation it proposes to enter into and details of any proposed planning contribution.

Direct telephone: 020 7983 4000 Email: planningadmin@london.gov.uk

Local Club Supports Loss of Two Cricket Pitches

As the fight for Udney Park reaches the Council Offices for deliberation this month as to whether the speculative developer Quantum can build 107 expensive apartments on Udney Park, the Friends of Udney Park were stunned to see a support message from Teddington Town Cricket Club in Bushy Park supporting Quantum.

The chairman of Teddington Town CC, Ralph Meyer, wrote in his Support submission for the Planning Application that “Udney Park was never available to the public as it was too expensive”, which is simply untrue. Imperial charged local clubs £120 per cricket match, a rate less than most other local cricket clubs. Furthermore, the ECB submission Objecting to the Quantum/CIC Planning Application is further factual evidence that Udney Park was available to rent and was used by many local cricket clubs and schools for decades.

Perhaps more shocking is that the loss of all cricket pitches was justified because “cricket is a dying sport”. The ECB local playing data in their Objection also proves that as inaccurate, local cricket participation is in fact rising, many clubs have junior waiting lists and the phenomenal growth of Bushy Park Girls CC has broadened the appeal of our national summer sport to many more kids.

Teddington Town CC stated in their email to their members urging support for Quantum that “TTCC has no direct interest in the Planning Application”.

TTCC is part of Teddington Town Sports Club, as is Teddington RFC, and TTSC shares a director with the CIC funded by Quantum. TRFC is the primary cheerleader for Quantum and would be the main beneficiary if Quantum succeeds.

If Quantum is successful in their bid to build on Udney Park, Teddington will not enjoy cricket on Udney Park ever again after nearly 100 years. Many locals tell us that its sacrilege to allow cricket to cease on the site. The question must be asked why Teddington Town CC and its management committee support the loss of two cricket pitches which is wholly unacceptable to the ECB and Sport England. One can only despair that such a provocative step would be made by this well-known cricket club.

NB Teddington Town CC not be confused with Teddington Cricket Club.

Friends of Udney Park

Leader tells Prime Minister: “See you in Court” over Heathrow decision

The Leader of the Council slammed the Prime Minister’s broken promises over Heathrow expansion at a meeting last night.

Cllr Gareth Roberts reaffirmed the Council’s opposition to a bigger Heathrow, criticising the multiple promises that have been broken by successive Governments.

At the Council meeting, members agreed a motion that set out the Council’s strengthened opposition. Cllr Roberts, said:

“A very detrimental and damaging decision was taken by Parliament two weeks ago. There isn’t one person in this Council who supports that decision. It is the wrong decision for the borough and the Capital as a whole.

“The Prime Minister has broken her own promises. Just five years ago she made a pledge not to support Heathrow expansion. This follows David Cameron’s ‘No Ifs, No Buts’ commitment made in this borough.

“We haven’t brought a motion that is critical of the Government before. However, as they have broken so many promises on this issue, now isn’t the time to be mealy mouthed.

“We are clear. A bigger Heathrow will lead to more cars. It will lead to more air pollution. An expanded airport will bring more polluting ‘filth’ from the skies, onto our heads and that of our children, damaging our health.

“This motion sends a clear message to Chris Grayling MP – we will oppose and fight this decision. This is not just about Richmond upon Thames. A number of other boroughs and organisations have already said enough is enough. Wandsworth, Hillingdon and more recently Hammersmith and Fulham, the Mayor of London and Green Peace.

“We’re in constant touch with our expert legal team, working alongside other councils and organisations, and expect to have our day in Court.”



Have your say on Turing House proposals

Turing House will be carrying out a consultation this month on their proposals to build a permanent school in Whitton.

The school is currently located in Queen's Road, Teddington however this is not a large enough location to meet school population growth in the long-term. Earlier this year the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) secured a new site behind Hospital Bridge Road in Whitton.

Building the school on that site is subject to planning permission and full community consultation as part of that process. As the school and ESFA prepare their Planning Application they are engaging with residents regarding their proposals.

They will be holding a consultation from 3pm-8pm on Friday 13th July and from 10am-2pm on Saturday 14th July at Whitton Methodist Church, Percy Road, TW2 6JL.

In the interim, the Council has agreed to lease the Clarendon School site in Hanworth Road for Turing's short-term use until planning permission for a permanent site has been secured and the site is built and ready for occupation. The Year 7 intake this September will be accommodated at the Clarendon site, whilst older year-groups will be at Queens Road.

Cllr Penny Frost, Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Schools, said:

“We know this has been a long process and has generated great community interest so it is important the whole community has a chance to view the draft plans for the new site and give feedback on those plans.

“If you are wanting to have your say on the proposals for Turing House I encourage you to attend one of these events.”

Council debates Turing House petition

The Cabinet Member for Schools acknowledged the arguments from petitioners last night, that Hospital Bridge Road is not the ideal site for Turing House School.

At a full Council meeting, members debated a petition criticising proposals to create a permanent site for Turing House school in Heathfield.

Responding to the signatories, Cllr Penny Frost, said:

“I would like to thank all those people who have signed this petition. Indeed, the petition does raise a number of detailed points relating to the potential impact of Turing House School on Heathfield residents. Points on public transport, traffic congestion, parking, pollution and health and safety are all cited, together with the potential effect of the admissions policy on nearby schools and the loss of Metropolitan Open Land.

“The ESFA* has however gone ahead to conclude negotiations with Hounslow Council to lease the Hospital Bridge site, and this has now moved to its pre-planning consultation stage.

“We have continued to put pressure on ESFA to alter their decision, and we have written formally to ask them again to consider the alternative site.



“Meanwhile, we also have to consider the many hundreds of children, their parents, teachers and governors who all need the security of knowing that a permanent site for their school has been secured.

“Many potential drawbacks to the Hospital Bridge site have been carefully addressed in the notes accompanying the petition. And whilst I give my personal commitment to continue to look at an alternative, we need to ensure that whatever happens, all these drawbacks to the current proposal are well considered as part of the Planning process.”

Cllr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, added:

“We are listening to residents and we are listening to the school. However, we are in the unfortunate situation now where it might be too late.

“We will continue to put pressure on the ESFA to look at alternative options. We will continue to ensure that the ESFA consult and engage with residents in Heathfield.

“We are reviewing and checking the previous negative advice about the prospects for permission at the Uxbridge Road site through external planning experts.

“We will keep looking for the right site. If the school is built at Hospital Bridge Road, it won't be due to the lack of trying.”

Turing House and the ESFA are holding consultation events regarding their proposals from 3 to 8pm on Friday 13 July and from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 14 July at Whitton Methodist Church, Percy Road, TW2 6JL.

**Education, Skills, Funding Agency.*

Council won't take from the disadvantaged to balance the books

Richmond Council's new Finance chief announced on Tuesday night that he would be reversing the previous Council policy that has seen the most hard-pressed residents contributing a minimum of 15% towards their Council Tax.

At a full Council meeting, the Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr Robin Brown, committed to axing the scheme, ensuring that some residents in the lowest income households would be exempt.



A consultation will be carried out on the proposal later in the year, with a view to returning to the original scheme in 2019/20.

Cllr Brown, said:

“I know that since this policy was introduced a number of residents across the borough have faced genuine hardship as a result. Quite simply, it isn't fair.

“It is true that our finances are strained. It is true that the Government have slashed our funding. It is true that we will have to make some difficult decisions over the next few years. We will continue to look after the Council's finances in a very careful manner, but I make a promise to everyone in Richmond upon Thames that we will not balance the Council's books at the expense of the poorest residents in the borough.

“We will ensure Fairer Finances for all. We will invest your Council Tax in good local services, whilst protecting the most disadvantaged in our community.”



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