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On 8th June Sir Vincent Cable was overwhelmingly elected as MP for the constituency of Twickenham with a majority of 9,762 votes.

Vince was MP for Twickenham for 18 years before Dr Tania Mathias was elected two years ago (elected with a majority of around 2,000). In 2010 Vince took 54.4% of the votes.

Vince Cable, a Twickenham resident for around forty years, has recently soared in popularity and said that he would love to come back to the job that he loved.

Vince is definitely a hands-on constituency MP and it does not take long on the campaign trail before you meet those with stories of how he has helped them and made a difference to their lives. Last night Park Lane Stables in Teddington tweeted that the horse Trigger was standing by Vince, the man who had saved his home.

Following his election as the MP for Twickenham Vince Cable has committed to serving each and every Twickenham resident.

Speaking a few hours after the count Vince Cable MP said:



It is great to be back serving the people of Twickenham. It is a privilege to serve a constituency so special as Twickenham.

During the campaign I have been overwhelmed by the great reception I and my team have received in Twickenham.

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I pledge to serve each and every Twickenham resident to the best of my abilities. My number one priority is to be a good constituency MP.

I am keen that the views of all people living in the constituency are heard at Westminster. If there is one message that has come out from the

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General Election result nationally it is that too many young feel they been marginalised and not properly listened to. It is time that changed."

Vince is a well-known figure nationally who served as Secretary for Business, Innovation and Skills. In his acceptance speech on Friday morning Vince put forward his view that a hard Brexit was no longer a viable option. However Vince has made it clear that he intends to devote his time to his constituency.

The turnout to vote was above the national percentage of 68.7. A percentage of 79.5 of Twickenham constituents came out to vote. There were 3,265 residents who registered to vote in May this year making a total of 83,388 eligible to vote in the Twickenham constituency.

On Wednesday Tim Farron joined Vince Cable in Twickenham and they were out and about in Church Street the day before the election.













Photographs by Mike Matthews of Warren Wines



On 8 June Zac Goldsmith was elected as MP for Richmond Park taking the seat from Sarah Olney with a majority of only forty-five votes and after three recounts.

Zac resigned as MP for Richmond Park last year in protest against the proposed expansion of Heathrow Airport. Although defeated by Sarah, Zac continued to lead the campaign against the Heathrow expansion.

Zac is well known in Richmond and before becoming

an MP he crossed the river to Twickenham to take part in a public meeting organised by residents concerned about decision making in the borough.

## THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE PART 26 – KING STREET IN THE 20th CENTURY By Alan Winter

Twickenham is one of the few towns in England that does not actually have a named "High Street". The road with the biggest claim to it must be King Street which is the focal point of the town from a traffic perspective and has to be negotiated to get to our neighbouring towns of Kingston, Richmond, Isleworth, Whitton, Hampton, Teddington and Hanworth. Also home of the major banks and for many years known as Twickenham Junction, King Street has acted as a terminus



and changing station through the years of trams and trolley buses.

Our first postcard predates the first World War and is probably about 1906 or so. It shows the Twickenham Meat Market on the corner of Queens Road. This was number 24 King Street. The main retailer was W. Hodgson and this site is now the home of Cooper and Son our last surviving town centre greengrocer. Next door is a steam bakery selling teas and then the familiar sign of the George Hotel which is still there of course. The London and Provincial bank building dominates the York Street and London Road junction as it does today although it is now the home of Barclays Bank. The tram is a lonely vehicle in the town centre although



the roads contain much evidence of horses passing through. Across the road at number 8 is the original town hall, built in 1877 and demolished in 1929 for road widening.

Our second postcard brings us into the 1950's. The tram lines have gone but the trolley bus overhead wires dominate the skyline. We are now standing outside the Barclays building with our

backs towards Richmond

and looking up the whole of King Street toward the Odeon Cinema. To our right is Woolworths and I'm sure many other of the shops and motor vehicles will bring back memories.

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

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#### THE LATEST COUNCIL TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE CONSULTATION

The council has planned the following consultations on their favoured Francis Terry plans for the development of Twickenham Riverside:

From 12 noon on Tuesday 13 June, the proposals and online survey will be available at: www. richmond.gov.uk/twickenham\_rediscovered

An exhibition will also be held in the Clarendon Hall, York House, Twickenham TW1 3AA on the following dates (hard copies of the consultation will be available):

- Tuesday 13 June from 1pm-7pm
- Sunday 18 June from 11am 3pm
- Monday 19 June from 5pm 8pm
- Thursday 29 June from 5pm -8pm
- Thursday 6 July from 5pm 8pm
- Saturday 8 July from 10am- 5pm



This further consultation is despite the fact that thousands of people do not want the Francis Terry buildings on Twickenham Riverside at all and have signed petitions opposing the plans and/or put forward other options which have not been given proper consideration. When asked in full Council whether she would consider a petition from over 3,000 Cllr Fleming answered with one word "No".

Undeterred by public opinion, the council is ploughing ahead with only a few hundred supporters in favour of the scheme. If this plan goes ahead it may be regretted by Twickenham for many years to come.

The council hopes to take the Francis Terry development to planning before the end of the year, i.e. in advance of the 3rd May 2018 election.

In the past, and more recently, residents have been concerned that council planning applications are bound to succeed – whether or not this is an misapprehension it would be advisable for any planning application for Twickenham Riverside to be held outside LBRuT and with an independent planning committee (preferably not Wandsworth Borough which is "amalgamated" with LBRuT in the "Shared Staffing Agreement").

It should be remembered that there was concern about the procedure of the planning committee hearing for the temporary ice rink on council land for last Christmas and New Year; following a review by the Monitor, who oversees complaints about councillors, the LBRuT Planning Department was told to review the position of "Interested Councillors" taking any part in Planning Committee hearings, and make the necessary amendments to policy.

Note: There are 83,388 people in the Twickenham constituency registered to vote and only 300 who replied favourably to the last public consultation on the council's Twickenham Riverside plans - one swallow does not make a summer.

# TwickerSeal

After their manifesto launch last week, TwickerSeal caught up with the Twickenham Party's candidates standing in the Twickenham Riverside Ward in next year's local elections.

TwickerFox, TwickerTerrapin and TwickerSquirrel are all local to Twickenham.



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## Twickers Foodie A Taste of Sicily in the Heart of Twickenham By Alison Jee

The Twickers Foodie visited Palermo last month and boy, was the food good - and such good value! So, full of enthusiasm about all things Italian, (Sicilian in particular), we decided to check out Ballaro, Twickenham's very own corner of Sicily; would it live up to its name?

You'll be pleased to learn that it did... and more!

The restaurant itself is light and airy, but with the white walls hung

with photos of Palermo, it could perhaps feel quite clinical in a cold, dull day. There is a proper pizza oven at the back, though, with an open kitchen area. When we went it was a lovely warm evening, and the windows at the front were fully open. There were even a couple of tables outside.

To put us into the spirit of Palermo, we had a Negroni cocktail and a Moretti beer. Accompanied by delicious olives they were the perfect appetite whetter.

We started with fried calamari e zucca (butternut squash) served with a proper homemade tartar sauce. This certainly demonstrated that the kitchen brigade knows what it is doing. The other starter was involtini (fried aubergine rolls filled with tomato, smoked cheese, Parmesan and basil pesto). These were little parcels of deliciousness, and while I had experienced a degree of food envy for my



husband's starter, I was glad my portion of involtini was generous, but not anything like as large as his plateful. Otherwise, I would have struggled even more with the amazing grilled fish platter that was to follow! Swordfish, red mullet, king prawns and squid were served with a typical Sicilian salad of fennel, olives and orange. My only wish was that they had offered olive oil and vinegar on the table, as would no doubt have been the case in Sicily. Salads not being dressed might be great for people avoiding dressings, but the chance to drizzle these lovely ingredients with some good olive oil

would have been much appreciated. Why didn't I ask for some? Our lovely Romanian waitress (who looked Italian) and the charming Italian manager were very busy at the time, so I concentrated on the superb grilled fish. I struggled to finish it and it was amazing value at just £16.95. My husband had a pizza Ballaro with mozzarella, Italian sausage, mushrooms and Parmesan shavings. It was large, tasty, cooked to perfection and a steal at £10.50.

It was just a double espresso for me, but the offer of a Cannola Siciliano - a crispy roll of pastry filled with chocolate and ricotta cheese - was too much temptation for my husband. It was just like the one he had enjoyed on our last evening in Palermo, and just as tasty.

The range of good Sicilian wines by the glass or bottle is sensibly priced too.

If you have been thinking about a holiday in Sicily, or have recently experienced one and fancy another trip, just head to Ballaro - it's much less hassle than flying over there and gives you a true taste of Sicily, right here in Twickenham.

## WIZ facts about Sicily: www.worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Sicily

# **Offers and Competitions**

# Fiesta Party Store, has offered the following party pack prize:

- 1 x Bull Piñata
- 1 x pack of 16 "Fiesta" Napkins
- 1 x pack of 8 "Fiesta" Paper Plates
- 1 x pack of 8 "Fiesta" Paper Cups

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# Winner of a hamper from NifeisLife is **Karen Burke** of TW1

## 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

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## Arts and Entertainment by Erica White



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SPOTLIGHT MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY bring the ever popular GUYS AND DOLLS to HHT, TW12 1NZ, Wednesday 14-Saturday 17 June. Tickets: £15/£13(Sat. mat only): Box Office 07955 171117, www.spotlightmtc.co.uk for details of times.

TEDDINGTON THEATRE CLUB present a Studio production of BREADCRUMBS by Jennifer Haley, a bitter-sweet tale of a writer, diagnosed with dementia becoming dependant on her carer/companion/friend to complete her autobiography. A theme very much in the news. Performances at HHT, Sunday, 18June-Saturday, 24 June at 7.45pm, 6.00pm Sunday only. Tickets£14 non-members, £10 members. Tel: 0845 838 7529 (10am-8pm), ttc-boxoffice.org.uk.

Following the senior members in METAMORPHOSIS, RSS JUNIOR YOUTH THEATRE take to the stage in a piece devised by themselves: THE DEATH OF MISS GLORIA STARR, Saturday 24-Sunday 25 June at 7.45, 3.00pm Sunday only (NB: No performance Wednesday) Box Office: 8744 0547

COLLIS CHORAL SINGERS present SONGS FOR THE STAGE: From Purcell to Sondheim at St Marks Church, Teddington, TW11 9DE, on Sunday, 18 June at 6.30, conducted by Sebastian Valentine and accompanied on piano by Duncan Appleby. Tickets on door. Info: www.collischoralsingers.org

Sunday, 11 June at 6.00pm head to THE OPERA CABARET at The LAC, Ferry Road, TW11, for an evening of operatic arias performed by superb professionals and be prepared to join in the rousing finale. A Glyndebourne-style supper interval at tables is part of the soiree, so take your picnic and friends. Tickets, £22. Tel: 8977 7558 or landmarkartscentre.org.

THE HAMPTON CHORAL SOCIETY present PETITE MESSE SOLENNELLE by Rossini, with Christine Cunnold (Soprano), Helen Stanley (Alto), Mike Bradley (Tenor) and James Oldfield (Bass) at 7.30pm, at St Mary's University Chapel, Strawberry Hill. Tickets: £15 Tel: 8941 5395, or bidwell.di@gmail.com.

ALL HALLOW'S MUSIC FESTIVAL takes place from Friday 23 June at 7.30pm when a concert is presented by two gifted young musicians: Matthew Farthing, BBC Young Musician finalist 2014 plays marimba and vibraphone, and Julie Luck on accordion plays tango, folk, Bach and Scarlatti. Tickets: £12/concessions £6. Tel: 8241 2345, on door. Saturday, 24 June at 7.30pm MOZART, HANDEL, BRITTEN maker up the programme accompanied by the Festival Chorus and Orchestra at same venue. All Hallows Church, 138 Chertsey Road, TW1 1EW. Tickets: £23 for both concerts. Info: allhallowstwick.org.uk.

ALL HALLOWS FESTIVAL concludes on Sunday, 25 June 11.30 am, SUMMER FETE, 12noon noon: PROMENADE CONCERT easy listening chamber music, and 3.00pm AS THE CROW FLIES: local rock bands. Admission free. Venue: see above.

Jazz, Rock, Blues and Soul enthusiasts are directed, as usual, to The Cabbage Patch Pub at 67 London Road, TW1 3SZon Sundays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays for a variety of lively programmes presented by artistes from near and far.

THE MIDNIGHT RIVER BLUES BAND's next local gig is at Strawberry Hill Golf Club, TW2 5SD on Friday, 30 June, playing a mix of Chicago Blues, Rock'n'Roll, rock and blues, and some original material. MRBB comprised of: Anders (Guitar), Malcolm Clements (Drums), Andy Greenwood (Bass), and Howard Roberts fronting the band singing, rhythm guitar and the gob iron (estuary Essex for blues harp!). They will also be performing on Twickenham Green on Sunday, 2 July.

Contact for times, etc.: Tel: 07764 273173. Email: shandy22@ntlworld.com.

Irish Folk singer, CARA DILLON pays her second visit to the LAC, Ferry Road, TW11 supported by her full band and a support act on Saturday, 17 June at 8.00pm. Tickets: £17-£20. 8977 7558 or email: info@landmarkartscentre.org.

Abbreviations: HHT: Hampton Hill Theatre **RSS:** Richmond Shakespeare Society LAC: Landmark Arts Centre



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# **Discomforting Grasp of Holocaust Horrors:** The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by Daniel de Andrade

Northern Ballet at Richmond Theatre, 6th and 7th June Review by Suzanne Louise Frost



#### Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

Let me just start of by saying: I am very fond of David Nixon,

the artistic director of Northern Ballet. When I was six years old, I made my very first steps on a professional stage as a gnome in Cinderella at the Deutsche Oper Berlin and David Nixon was the prince. He was our star male dancer of that decade in Berlin and I love the path his career has taken now, leading one of the



most innovative companies in the UK, and one that has narrative ballet at the core of its philosophy. So I was very interested in seeing The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas. It is my firm believe that with good choreographers and great dancers there is no story that ballet couldn't tell and no subject matter too big for this wordless art. But just because you can - does it mean you should?

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas is a popular novel by Irish author John Boyne, later adapted into a successful Miramax film directed by Mark Herman. It explores the horrors of the Holocaust through a child's

perspective: nine-year-old German boy Bruno, son of a high ranking German commander, forming a friendship with an interned Jewish boy named Shmuel through the fence of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. In the UK, Matthew Bourne has become probably the most popular choreographer by successfully adapting films for the stage (such as Edward Scissorhands and most recently The Red Shoes) and inventing a very cinematic style of staging that makes for great story telling. But why David Nixon thought this film, of everything out there, would make a great ballet is a little bit bewildering. Unfortunately, it is very hard to overcome the whiff of bad taste around dancing Nazis. As a German, as a Berliner, from a city where every street corner bears some kind of memorial to our tremendous collective guilt, where every few steps you can trip over a "Stoplerstein" with the name of a Holocaust victim, seeing the infamous "Arbeit

macht frei" sign from the gate of Auschwitz as a prop is a bit challenging. I am not saying that ballet can't tackle serious subjects. Crystal Pite just had tremendous success with Flight Pattern, a phenomenally moving and harrowing ballet about the current refugee crisis. She does have a much more abstract approach though. I wonder if goose-stepping corps de ballet dancers should maybe best be left to the realm of The Producers -satire.





My mood changed towards the end of Act I, when the two boys finally meet in a very poetic scene through that transparent yet

unbridgeable barbed wire fence, beautifully set off by very reduced, minimal stage design and lighting. The second act is altogether more dramatic with the action moving along at a fast pace: Bruno brings a secret stash of food to his new friend and, in an attempt to overcome the wall separating them, puts on one of the striped "pyjamas" (his naïve perception of the Auschwitz inmates' uniform). The masquerade has fateful consequences...

www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/06/07/the-boy-in-the-striped-pyjamas Photographs by Emma Kauldhar

## Historic Cobbler's Walk "saved"

By Mark Merrington

The Hampton Wick Association and Friends of Bushy and Home Park have led a successful campaign to preserve the historic Cobbler's Walk in Bushy Park.

Cobbler's Walk is so named because of Timothy Bennet's



successful campaign in 1754 for free public access through Bushy Park between Hampton Wick and Hampton. Timothy Bennet was a shoe maker who had his business roughly where the car park of The Swan pub in Hampton Wick is today. He is commemorated by a memorial (pictured) erected in 1900 in Sandy Lane, Hampton Wick, which was restored by the Hampton Wick Association and is maintained by Thames Water which owns the land on which it is sited. The memorial carries the inscription: "In memory of Timothy Bennet shoemaker of Hampton Wick. By whose efforts the adjoining footpath was preserved for the use and enjoyment of the public". As the memorial also records, Timothy Bennet himself famously wrote: "I am unwilling to leave the world worse than I found it".



Local residents were horrified to discover that Google Maps had, for reasons unknown, renamed a significant part of Cobbler's Walk as "Nightingale Lane". With the help of the Friends of Bushy and Home Park, the Hampton Wick Association mounted a campaign to get Google to correct the error, including handing out leaflets at Chestnut Sunday back in May. At first, it looked as though Google were not going to be moved but, in the last week, the news came through that the campaign had paid off and that the name "Cobbler's Walk" had been reinstated on Google Maps.

The Hampton Wick Association said: "Having regard to the significance of Timothy Bennet, we couldn't stand by and let history be changed in this way. We initially lobbied The Royal Parks to get the mistake rectified but they had

reported it to Google and didn't know what else could be done. It's taken nearly a year of persistent campaigning but we're delighted that Google Maps has finally recognised the error of its ways and corrected its mistake".

# The Twickenham Festival 2017 kicked off today, in Church Street, with the traditional Tug-of-War



For full details of the festival visit: www.twickenhamthetown.org.uk

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# Verse, Varied and Vigorous Poetry at the Adelaide An Inauguration of Performance Poetry

Performance Poetry at The Adelaide, Teddington 4th June Review by Mark Aspen

Here's a bit of prejudice: poets are consumptive young men with huge floppy bow-ties waning in garrets. No, no, no, we mean performance poets. Ah, they are shy lady librarians reciting quietly between the bookshelves ... or are they musical Caribbeans? Oh, no, they are depressed Northern academics ... or was it horny-handed farmers well-grounded with their livestock?

You see, until now it has been hard to tell, for poets in and around Teddington have kept themselves well hidden. Poetry has been one of the few art forms without a wide exposure hereabouts. That has now been redressed with the formation of Performance Poetry, an ad-hoc group formed at the initiative of Anne Warrington, a local RADA actress, and Bob Sheed, who has been running poetry workshops over a number of years. Sunday saw the inaugural meeting of Performance Poetry, in the convivial surroundings of The

Adelaide at Teddington. Poets are, we discovered, from diverse backgrounds and experiences. None, as far as we discovered are librarians, shy or otherwise, or farmers, hornyhanded or otherwise. However, they had a wonderfully interesting and entertaining range of subjects and moods. Some were whimsical and nostalgic, some were romantic



and philosophical, some were descriptive and very many were brilliantly humorous. Heather who is also an artist, put Black on her poetic easel, a study in monochrome, Rembrandt's skilfully nuanced use of the colour, its association with negative concepts, but its real contribution to the palette as a colour of strength and positivity.

Melissa also had well studied poems on tragic, reflective and philosophical subjects. There was a study of the duties of a soldier in a war, "many keys but no deeds"; a piece considering the now dented armour of chivalry; and the absorptive poem, To Sir with Love.

By way of contrast, there was plenty of humour. Graham came back with verses describing how difficult it was to find rhymes for Tintoretto, a task that had exercised him during a visit to Venice. However the master of comic verse was Robin. First he had a dig at political correctness, with a story about a worker at the Civic Centre, who ticked all the boxes with Equal Opportunities legislation by being a deprived, multiple transgender ... green Martian! Taking up the theme of "indecision", Robin then hilariously described a husband and wife in the marital bedroom .....

See full review at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/06/06/adelaide Photographs by Graham



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#### Incoming Tourism to our borough. Is it a dream? By Bruce Lyons @ Crusader Travel

You know, if it is the last thing I do, and it probably will be, I`d like to crack this Incoming-Tourism thing. Overtime we`ve done some pretty crazy and some amazingly adventurous things in the travel business. We were the first travel company to take groups to Galapagos, in the 70`s we were the first to send charters to the Red Sea starting with Eilat (Where the Sun Spends its Winter)

And goodness knows how many years ago long before anyone else, we had a self-catering programme to the states (USA); we even organised the First Fleet Re-enactment Voyage by Tall Ships from Portsmouth to Sydney (1987/8). But "Incoming-Tourism" to the Borough seems to elude me, till now!!

With all the Chinese, Indians and South Americans, to mention but a few, pouring into London why aren't our attractions and shops full to the brim with them? This, the Greenest London Borough with its Pandora's Box of Jewels – Hampton Court Palace, Ham House, Richmond Park and Isabella Plantation, Steam Museum and Syon



House (I borrowed them from Hounslow) The Thames, probably the best know river in the World, the RFU and the Stadium, home to International Rugby Football, The View (what history !) Kew Gardens, a magnet to gardeners from all over – The Poppy Factory, The Kneller Halls School of Music Museum – I could go on and on.

For the last 5 years we`ve exclusively arranged the accommodation for the rowers in the annual Great River Race, now in its 30th year and recognised as The race for Traditional River Craft. We have tackled, with our friends at Richmond Boathouses, Skiff Camping on the Thames, a la J K Jerome`s Three Men in a Boat, though like them we do not always recommend camping all the time and often direct them to Riverside Hostelries (most built a century or two ago) But it doesn't (even though it is a wonderful and inexpensive holiday with great appeal to young families) take the fancy of many. Times change, who would have thought 30 years ago of opening a bike shop? Not many! But now it is all the rage, so I am off again on my Hobby Horse – Incoming Tourism and we are starting with a supporter's weekend for the Great River Race. We reckon we could find up to 150 people interested in this Iconic Race which includes a Spectator Boat ride on the last Dunkirk boat in passenger service the Viscount (built in 1908)



The Great River Race is a classic example of a creative event bringing Tourism to our neighbourhood, some 3000 rowers take part every year, they row from the Isle of Dogs (Greenwich) to Ham and end just by Ham House. Every year apart from the large Dutch contingent, as many as 40 boat loads (one year they had nearly 500 followers come too) there have been entries from Melbourne Australia, Canada, Sardinia and this year even three Cornish Pilot Gigs from Bermuda, a story in itself as these Gigs were originally introduced from Cornwall in which the Pilots were rowed out to incoming ships with the Pilots (Hence the name) to escort them into harbour!! Though most of the crews camp some 200+ stay in hotels and now their supports do too

and all spend money in the borough and see some of the other attractions on offer as well.

My belief is that it only needs a relaxed environment amongst the creative entrepreneurs like the Cyclist tour companies, the walking guides, the attractions themselves and other groups and this borough would find Tourism an exciting enterprise with rich rewards and with Brexit on the horizon Britain will become even more of a magnet with its rich history and culture. Our supporters package is using 7 local suppliers and the GRR overall generates some tens of thousands of £££ to the local economy annually and I believe this is just the tip of the Iceberg......a sleeping giant?????????

Pictures from Ginette of the Merry Pedaller Bike Tours and Ray Little

## LOOKING FOR OUR LOST LIDOS

Lidos Alive is currently researching eight lidos in our borough – past and present.

Seven are on the Twickenham side of the river: two in Bushy Park, the Bushy/Hampton lido, Teddington lido, Mereway Bathing Place, the Richmond Bridge Lido and Twickenham lido.

Twickenham lido on Twickenham Riverside was definitely the jewel in the crown, and documents found show that a lido on Twickenham Riverside was discussed 130 years ago – and is still in the news.

The only lido we have found on the Richmond side of the river is the outside pool at Pools on the Park.



Were there other outdoor swimming pools on the Richmond side? It definitely seems that outdoor swimming was very popular on the Twickenham side.

See the project so far atwww.lidosalive.com

Below is a photograph of Teddington Lido, 1930s



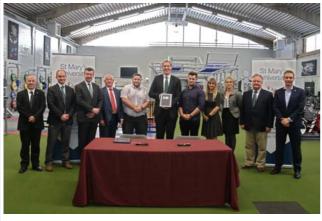


# St Mary's University Update London Irish and St Mary's Announce New Partnership

London Irish and St Mary's University, Twickenham have joined forces in an exciting new long-term partnership.

The partnership, which formalises a long-standing relationship between the two organisations, will see the expertise of the coaching and support staff at London Irish and the results of the university's extensive research projects being shared to enable the development of elite athlete and coaching education. The relationship also includes joint use of both organisations' top class training facilities.

Students at the university currently take part in the Gold Medal Internship Programme at London Irish. The internships see students benefiting from placements in the club's Strength and Conditioning, Analytics and Medical departments, with many progressing to successful long-term careers in sport, including at London Irish itself.



London Irish's Head of Strength and Conditioning Rob Palmer, Senior Strength and Conditioning Coach André Quinn and Academy Strength and Conditioning Coach Nick Gallagher are all graduates from St Mary's University.

"As a club, we are delighted to have agreed an official partnership between London Irish and St Mary's University, an organisation that we have built a strong relationship with over the years," said Bob Casey, Chief Executive, London Irish.

"A number of coaches and support staff at London Irish have graduated from the university and this partnership will

significantly benefit both the club and St Mary's in the long-term."

"It is fantastic to see London Irish back in the Premiership and there are clear opportunities for both London Irish and St Mary's University to develop a strong and fruitful partnership," said Francis Campbell, Vice Chancellor, St Mary's University.

"It is fantastic to see London Irish back in the Premiership and there are clear opportunities for both London Irish and St Mary's University to develop a strong and fruitful partnership," – Francis Campbell Alongside the continuing internship programme, the partnership will also aid the development of:

- Shared coaching development to develop the best possible programmes for elite athletes. London Irish Academy Coaches will also become part of the St Mary's University rugby coaching team to help St Mary's achieve their ambitions to grow and participate at the top of the university league.
- he University will work alongside the club's tailored personal development programmes for London Irish players to enable them to develop as players and work towards a career after rugby. These programmes will also aid the development of the university's offerings to potential students.
- London Irish Academy Plus players will have the opportunity to continue their education through St

Mary's while retaining strong links with the club and gaining the opportunity to develop their skills on the field by playing in the university league.

Established in 1850, St Mary's University was granted full university status in 2014. With a superb reputation for academic excellence, the university has also produced some of the finest British athletes including representatives at the 2012 and 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games such as Mo Farah, Joshua Buatsi, David Weir and Karen Bennett. The university was also a training base for a number of national teams during the 2015 Rugby World Cup.



St Mary's University Twickenham London

# TWICKENHAM ALIVE FILM FESTIVAL 2017 **Film of the week**

India



#### By Jordan McKellar

Follow the journey across southern India and explore the nature of this beautiful place.

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

# Flm Festival 2017 is now open for entries

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

Thanks to Try Twickenham for their sponsorship





# Bee nice to the bumblebee this summer

Residents are reminded to 'bee' nice to bumblebees this summer, following reports that nests are being destroyed around the borough.

In the last 80 years, UK bumblebee populations have crashed. Two species have become nationally extinct and several others have declined dramatically.

Bumblebees are an important and cherished component of our biodiversity. With the warmer weather, Bumblebee populations spike. However, there have been reports in



Richmond upon Thames that some people are poisoning nests near their homes as they are concerned that the insects are dangerous and could cause structural damage to buildings.

Richmond Council is encouraging residents not to attack any nests. Normally bumblebee nests live for around 2-3 months, they do not cause any structural damage and they do not swarm. They are also not aggressive insects and are generally only interested in finding flowers. The only time when they may act defensively is if something disturbs their nest.

Tasha Hunter, Richmond Council's Ecology Policy and Planning Officer, said:



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"We need bumblebees to help maintain our beautiful, flowered borough. "Bumblebees are familiar and much-loved insects that pollinate our crops and wildflowers. Indeed, bees pollinate a third of everything we eat and play a vital role in sustaining the planet's ecosystems.

"We must do all we can to halt their decline and to protect them and their habitats.

"We know that people do get anxious when they find a bumblebee nest. But, rather than seek to destroy it, I ask residents to research the bees first or ask for advice, before they reach for the poison."

See previous articles about bees in edition 27 and edition 30

# Actress Sally Phillips abseils 100m to raise over £18,000 for Twickenham children's charity Me too & Co

Local charity Me too & Co (Richmond upon Thames Mayor's Chosen Charity 2017) put together a team of 20 fearless fundraisers who successfully abseiled 100m down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth on Sunday 4th June 2017 to raise in excess of £18,000.

In addition to Richmond actress Sally Phillips, the abseil team included actress Camilla Brady (Arthur: Legend of the Sword, The Last Kingdom), parents, trustees, teachers and supporters. The event was organised in partnership with Toucan Diversity, a diversity training organisation.

Sally Phillips, actress and playwright, is Patron of Me too & Co; an independent charity providing free support and activities in Richmond upon Thames and surrounding boroughs for children with additional needs and disabilities and their families.

Their target of 20k has nearly been reached with fundraising continuing until 4th July. https://www.justgiving.com/campaigns/charity/metooandco/abseil

Phillips came to Me too & Co with her own family and son Olly, who has Down Syndrome, becoming Patron to help support the crucial and valuable services they offer.

Says Sally Phillips;

"I became Patron of Me too & Co after coming here as a family with my son Olly, who has Down Syndrome. I know first hand that the sense of community and support, as well as the huge range of vital services that are offered all in one place, make Me too & Co a lifeline for many families.

Me too & Co is a really positive place for all of us as a family, not just for Olly. It was a fine medicine for us in a time when I was constantly filling in forms explaining all the things Olly couldn't do. The friendships I have made here are some of the best in my life.

I'm incredibly proud to be Patron.

I think people like to know you've suffered for their donation and I genuinely hated it, please give generously!"



Me too & Co are the only local independent charity providing 360 support to children with disabilities and additional needs and their families, offering a very broad scope of services and activities all in one place.

For many families dealing with disability, even finding an accessible playgroup where they feel comfortable is impossible, let alone accessing vital services like osteopathy, music and art therapy, drama and sibling support.

Me too & Co provides all these services to children, and for their families they provide free legal advice, educational support, counselling, support groups and respite sessions.

Over 700 hundred Richmond and Twickenham families come to Me too & Co.

Me too & Co are raising funds to ensure services can be continued and the venue can be secured.

Chair, Jennifer Peters, says;

"Raising funds to give Me too & Co a stable future, where we can continue to provide the services our families need, is essential for us. We've been supporting disadvantaged children in Richmond and the surrounding boroughs for over 11 years, and we want to keep on doing so.

We're the only independent local charity offering free support and services to children living with disability and their families.

I'm extremely proud of all the Team who abseiled for us showing bravery and commitment to help us continue our important work".



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#### Kindred Spirit Band concert at the Twickenham Green Baptist Church, on Saturday 24th June. Address, 50 - 52 Twickenham Green, TW2 5AB.

The Kindred Spirit Band will be performing in this beautiful church for only £5 entry (payable on the door) which includes food! Doors open at 7pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm

The Kindred Spirit Band sound is special and distinctive, driven by "haunting and bewitching" female vocals, guitar, two classically trained , virtuoso, lead instrument players (on violin and flute / sax), dynamic drums and bass guitar and laced with jigs, reels and duelling improvisations.



The band will be performing a mixture of their own, "perceptive and intriguing", powerful originals and classic tracks from bands like "Fleetwood Mac", "The Corrs" and "Pink Floyd".

Kindred Spirit have been featured at the Cavern Club, Liverpool, Glastonbury Festival, Leatherhead Theatre, The Kenton Theatre (Henley-On-Thames) to name a few.

They are described as:-

"A brilliant example of folk rock at its best", Elliot Grimes, Basingstoke Observer

"Honestly one of the best folk and rock acts in activity in the UK" Carlos Vaz Ferreira, ProgRock & ProgMetal Zine

"ethereal quality you might find in early Moody Blues. It has that dramatic 'Threshold of a Dream...' feel about it... soulful flute and intricate acoustic guitars that embroider the surface. The finest crystal bell clear voice ripples seamlessly through the vision ... dancing with flute

and tortured violin... " Neil Mach Adpontes

Website: www.kindredspiritband.co.uk



#### Team Richmond - Rowing for gold!

Team Richmond were rowing for gold this weekend, managing to snap up six gold medals in a number of the London Youth Games competitions.

Starting off in the Kayak, the Team, made up of 10 young people from schools across the borough, took home gold medals in Kayak Slalom and Kayak Sprint competitions.

In the Rowing singles and quads, Richmond began the finals brilliantly by winning golds in the Single Scull Male and the Male and Mixed Coxed Quads events. The Team also picked up a silver medal in the Coxed Quads Female event.







There were gold medals all round in both the Kayak junior and senior female races and a bronze in the junior male race which combined to crown Richmond champions with a winning margin of 8 seconds.

Team Richmond's success continued right through the day, with the Kayak Sprint team adding even more medals to the collection, resulting in another top of the podium finish. Richmond sat at the top of the pile with a huge 14 point margin after a gold medal in the Lightening Female, Silver in the Cirrus Senior Female and two bronze medals in the Cirrus Junior Female and Lightening Male.

#### Young athletes serve up success in London Youth Games

Fifteen young athletes represented the borough this weekend at a Volley Ball Tournament in the London Youth Games.

The teams, made up of boys and girls aged 11-17 put in an impressive shift – competing against over a dozen teams each. They both made it through to the quarter finals at the event in UEL Sports Dock.

Both teams performed exceptionally well in their groups which saw them advance to the quarter finals. The girls squad won three out of four of their fixtures whilst the boys only lost one game out of three.

The semi-finals proved one step too far as the girls went out with their heads held high after losing 7-25 to overall winners Hounslow.

The boys also couldn't quite squeeze past Wandsworth who also went on to be finalists in the competition.

Both teams finished joint 5th overall, bettering last year's performance by 8 positions.

Cllr Lisa Blakemore, Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, said:

"Yet again a sterling performance from the young athletes of Richmond upon Thames. Our children and young people are so talented at all kinds of sport and it's wonderful to see how high the standard is at Volley Ball here in Richmond. As we move into the summer months and have even more sporting events leading up to the London Youth Games, I'm sure – Richmond's winning mentality will do the borough proud."

# Show support for serving troops and veterans at Richmond Poppy Factory concert

The public can enjoy a musical evening whilst also raising money for veterans who were injured or affected in service, at a special concert on Wednesday 21st June 2017, ahead of Armed Forces Day.

The Poppy Factory, a charity based in Richmond that supports veterans with health conditions and impairments back into work, is putting on the concert that will be hosted by Jazz FM and BBC Radio broadcaster, Jamie Crick. It will also feature traditional military music from The Band of The Prince of Wales's Division. All money from ticket sales will go to the charities vital work.

Speaking ahead of the concert The Poppy Factory Chief Executive Deirdre Mills said:

"Our work to create bespoke and ongoing support for hundreds of disabled veterans looking for employment can be life-changing. Dedicated staff at The Poppy Factory help to restore these veterans financial independence through sustainable and rewarding work.

"We would be delighted if those in the community and beyond could come and join this heart-warming evening to help us raise more funds for our work whilst celebrating Armed Forces Day."

The Band of The Prince of Wales's Division are a brass band that have performed at numerous engagements including St David's Day 2007 in the presence of the HM The Queen, at Clarence House in the presence of the HRH The Prince of Wales, The Queen's Birthday celebrations in Dubai and performing to an audience of over 80,000 at the FA Cup Final at Wembley.

There will be a raffle on the night of the concert, with prizes including Lunch for 4 at Petersham Nurseries, 2 Tour tickets to the RFU museum at Twickenham and a case of craft beers from Real Ale Twickenham.

The concert will be at St John the Divine Church in Richmond from 19:00 to 21:30. Tickets can be purchased from The Poppy Factory website www.poppyfactory.org. Tickets are £15 for adults and children are free. Wine and soft drinks will be served during the interval at no extra costs but donations will be welcome.

Armed Forces Day, officially on Saturday 24th June, is a chance to show your support for the men and women who make up the Armed Forces community: from currently serving troops to Service families, veterans and cadets.





getting you back to work

# Future sports stars compete at 52nd Annual Richmond Primary School Sports day

St James's Primary School in Twickenham was the big winner at the 52nd annual London Borough of Richmond Primary School Sports day at St Mary's University on Wednesday (7 June).

Sprints, relays and standing long jump were some of the events on offer, with nearly 600 year 6 children from schools across the borough taking part. Also competing was Team 1000 made up of students with physical and learning difficulties from various primary schools and our borough special schools.



A lovely sunny day allowed our future sporting stars the opportunity to mix and mingle and show off their sporting skills on St Mary's University professional sports track.

The team from St James's Primary School took out the overall prize for their sporting prowess and will go on to represent the borough in the 2017 London Youth Games.



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# Help shape the future of water and wastewater services in Richmond and Hounslow

6pm to 8.30pm - Thursday 22nd June - Richmond Upon Thames College, Egerton Road, TW2 7SJ

I would like to invite you to a discussion Thames Water is hosting for the communities we serve in Richmond and Hounslow. The event is an opportunity to find out more about what we do in your area, and help us develop our plans for the future.

Members of our local team will be on hand to explain where your water comes from and how they treat the wastewater in your area, as well as setting out our work to support local community and environmental projects.

We would like your feedback on the service you receive now, and your views on what our future investment priorities should be. Please do take this opportunity to help make sure we understand your views - what you tell us will help shape what we deliver between 2020 and 2025.

A limited number of places are available, so if you would like to attend please register online. Refreshments will be provided. www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/JEG3L



#### Letters

Sir,

The widespread display of Lib-Dem posters across the constituency signalled the eventual successful come-back of the elder statesman, Sir Vincent Cable. The local Conservatives certainly appeared coy about their voting intentions. Congratulations to the local Lib-Dem machine.

Twickenham resident. Name & Address Supplied

# Statement from Richmond Council's Head of Community Safety regarding - Terror attack at London Bridge and Borough Market

I'm sure you will have seen on the news the appalling and tragic incident that took place on Saturday night. Our thoughts are with all of those affected, those injured and the families of those people who died whilst enjoying a Saturday night out. We do not yet have full details of the victims.

There was a national minute's silence held today at 11am in remembrance and there is a book of condolence open at Southwark Council headquarters in Tooley Street. It will move to Southwark Cathedral once the police cordon around the site of the Borough Market attack is lifted.

Many people have stood together in the rain to pay their respects and lay flowers. We mourn together, and we come together in solidarity and condemnation of the terrorist attacks.

The police investigation still continues - the third suspect has now been named and further arrests have been made. There will also be police out on patrol in Richmond.

This is a worrying time for people – and we still need your help.

We are asking that you remain vigilant and that if you see anything suspicious, anything at all, or you are concerned about anyone at all, even if you think it is very insignificant, don't hesitate to contact us on the anti-terrorism hotline on 0800 789 321. Your information could be vital.

We also know that some people in Richmond upon Thames feel worried and that others may seek to use these terrible circumstances to divide communities. Police and council staff from the Community Safety Service will be contacting community and faith organisations to see how people are feeling over the next few days.

Hate crime will not be tolerated and all incidents will be treated seriously if you have experienced hate crime please report it as soon as possible.

- In an emergency dial 999 or call 101 to report it to the police
- You can report via the Council website www.richmond.gov.uk/home/services/community\_safety/crime\_and\_public\_nuisance/anti-social\_behaviour/report\_anti\_social\_behaviour
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  - Online www.stophateuk.org/tell
  - You can find more information about Stop Hate UK here: www.stophateuk.org
- Further information can also be found on the Metropolitan Police website and Richmond Council website
- You can find further information about on-going support here.

Further information can also be found on the Metropolitan Police website and Richmond Council website as well as the Richmond Police or Richmond Council Twitter feeds.

Robyn Thomas, Head of Community Safety Richmond Council

# Teddington in Flower2.00pm - 6.00pmSunday 11th June 2017Organised by The Teddington Society

Entrance: £1 per person per garden (children free with accompanying adult)



**Refreshments and Cards** 

# Bushy House Gardens, NPL (access via Queen's Road Gate) for sale

As part of their contribution to the celebration of Teddington Parish's 800th Anniversary, the National Physical Laboratory are opening the historic gardens of Bushy House to visitors of Teddington in Flower. You will have the opportunity to admire a 652 year old Sweet Chestnut planted in the reign of Edward III, enjoy the sweeping lawns with uninterrupted views out to Bushy Park, as well as take tea in the beautiful Orangery along with a rare view of Newton's famous Apple Tree (at least one grown from a graft supplied by Kew Gardens in 1952!) Please note that there will be no access to the house, toilets or parking, apart from drop off for disabled visitors.

#### 52 Somerset Road: Kitty & Geoffrey Wass

#### Kitty's paintings will be on show inside the house

This is a secret garden behind a high wall. The plants in this garden are allowed to go free! There are weeds and self-seeded things, a lovely hand-made greenhouse, a pond where the fish hope to escape the local heron, and wild flowers are very much encouraged.

#### 12 Avenue Gardens: Belinda & David Rozalla

Created in 2001, with a major re-vamp in 2011, this small secluded garden is divided into three 'rooms'. A large paved area looks on to the raised bog garden and pond. Twin beds are filled with a variety of shrubs and under-planting, with an emphasis on leaf colour and shape. The third 'room' has a large shed and the compost bins.

#### 28 Victoria Road (Access via Clarence Road): Sybil & Fred Peters

Hidden behind an intriguing wooden gate in Clarence Road, this courtyard garden is packed full of interest with raised beds and a lovely rose covered pergola.

#### Alma Cottage, Albert Road: Dick & Gilly Hughes

#### Floral cards for sale

A walled garden, first laid out in 1854 by the owner, a gardener from Chiswick. Some of the original layout has been retained, currently planted with fruit trees, grapevines and shrubs. There is an air raid shelter, a pirate's castle for supervised 4-7 year olds and a pond. Weather permitting some local maps will be on display.

#### 40 Udney Park Road : Shirley Meaker

50 years ago this 1/3 acre garden was just a field with 2 pear trees. Over the years it has been

divided into a number of charming 'rooms', with a Japanese-style pond and two wells which have cut water bills considerably.

#### Collis School Nature Trail (Access via Cromwell Road Alleyway)

This secret garden is a real treasure. Among its many features are a pond with decking area, a woodland area with foxgloves, red campion, wild garlic, a variety of mature trees and living willow arbour.

#### Appleby, 46 Cromwell Road: Sarah & Steve Whiting

#### Plants & cut flowers for sale

This large walled garden, hidden 50 yards off the road behind 44 Cromwell Road, has been lovingly restored from the derelict site the owners took on 8 years ago. The garden is divided into distinct compartments over two levels. The top garden is formal in style around a large pond with mature herbaceous borders and patio area. A tree lined path leads you through willow archways into a yew hedged garden with further herbaceous and annual planting. Beside this are raised beds with fruit, vegetables and a cut flower patch full of cottage garden favourites. A further pond with a fountain attracts wildlife with visiting birds and resident frogs, toads and newts.

#### 34 Kingston Lane: Jan & David Pollock

#### Floral cards for sale

Redesigned in 2013, by local landscape designer, John Wood, this lovely terraced garden is now home to 50 species of plants over three levels. Come and see how the design has matured along with the addition of new planting.

#### Peg Woffington's Cottage, 167 The High Street: Tony & Betty Mansell

#### Refreshments

Last opened in 2006 when the tea rooms were still open, this small patio garden, with trees and shrubs predominating, is delightful. It is a little overgrown in parts, but shady and restful with tables and chairs arranged around a fountain, so come and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit.

#### St. Mary with St. Alban Church, Ferry Road Refreshments, Flower Festival & Bell Ringing

Enjoy the 'Visions of Teddington' Flower Festival marking 800 years of Teddington being a parish inside this lovely old church and wander around the old-fashioned churchyard where cream teas will be served. Bell Ringing at 3.30pm for 45 minutes and local historian, Paddy Ching, will be talking about the memorials in the church at 5pm.



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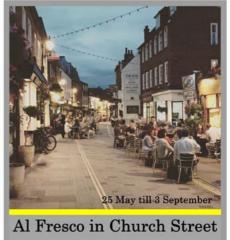
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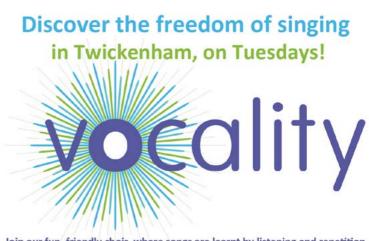
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