

# The Twickenham Tribune

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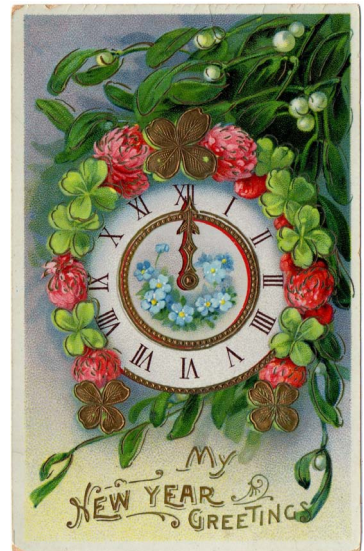
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# THE LOCAL POSTCARD PAGE

## PART 55 - HAPPY NEW YEAR SWIMMING IN THE RIVER FOR SOME!

By Alan Winter

Our first two postcards this week were posted over 100 years ago, a time when most letterboxes in the UK rattled to the sounds of New Year postcards landing on the doormat. New Year's day was a normal working day back then so you can imagine some of the hangovers that many people clocked on with that morning. These days many of us seem to need a couple of days after New Year's Eve to even start thinking about going back to work.



A great hangover cure was a bracing walk to the local sea front or river and a quick dip or swim in the often freezing cold water. Home to a hot drink and a dry off and you were ready for action again.

Talking about swimming as nature intended, our last postcard which was published in the 1960s shows adults and children at a then regular swimming place at Marble Hill towpath in Twickenham. These steps down to the river are still there and can be found by the entrance gate to the park that has



the famous black walnut tree on the right. My mother and her brothers learnt to swim at this place back in the 1930s and I spent many hours both day and night in the 1950s and early 60s fishing with my dad and brother from these same steps. Dad was a keen local angler and a member of the Twickenham piscatorial society. This club met at the Barmy Arms every Sunday morning to weigh in their catch from earlier that morning. They also got to have a pint before the legal 12 noon opening time!

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So, as we say in the press, "A Happy New Year to all my readers" and I hope you will continue to enjoy this column (and the rest of the Twickenham Tribune of course!) in 2018.

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](mailto:alanwinter192@hotmail.com)

# Twickers Foodie

## GREAT WAYS TO USE UP CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS

By Alison Jee

If you're lucky enough still to have a little panettone, pandoro or nougat left over from Christmas, these simple recipes from *The Clink Desserts Cookbook* are perfect for helping you use them up. The panettone one will really hit the spot on a cold January day and the second one will be perfect for a January supper or lunch party. Recently published, this is in fact the third cookbook from this very worthwhile charity - a rehabilitation concept that offers prisoners a genuine opportunity for change. It has garnered huge support and is expanding across Her Majesty's Prison Estate with four restaurants currently in operation in the UK. Prisoners working in the restaurants work a 40-hour week while working towards achieving City & Guilds NVQs in Professional Cookery and Food & Beverage service to aid their employment upon release. In addition to the restaurants, the charity also runs *The Clink Gardens* at HMP Send, (just down the A3, where prisoners also gain qualifications in horticulture) and *Clink Events*, all of which also help in reducing the hospitality skills shortage. The Clink provides those who want and deserve a second chance in life with the opportunity to use their new skills to change for the better.

### PANETTONE PUDDING

(Serves 8)

#### Ingredients

- 50g unsalted butter
- ½ panettone or pandoro, as you prefer, cut into 2cm slices
- 3 egg yolks
- 500ml single cream
- Demerara sugar, to sprinkle on top

#### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 160°C/fan 140°C/325°F/gas 3. Spread the butter evenly over an ovenproof pie dish that is big enough to fit all the panettone into, making sure you push the butter right into the corners. Or use individual dishes, if you prefer. Line with slices of panettone.
2. Whisk the egg yolks and add the cream, mixing well. Pour the egg mixture into the dish or dishes, covering the panettone evenly. Sprinkle the Demerara sugar



on top.

3. Bake for 40 minutes for a large puddings, or 20–25 minutes for smaller puddings. Serve hot or cold, with cream.

## AL'S NOUGAT SEMI-FREDDO

Serves 8

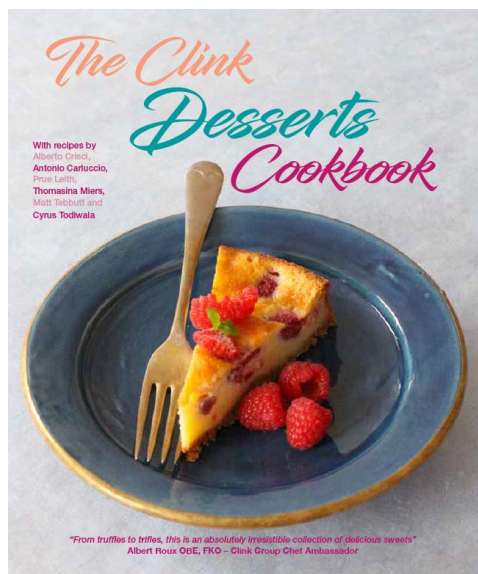
### Ingredients

- 3 eggs, separated
- 2 tbsp caster sugar
- 250g mascarpone
- 100g crunchy nougat, chopped by hand
- chopped candied fruits and
- crushed hazelnuts, to serve



### Method

1. Whisk the egg whites in a bowl until stiff. Put the yolks and sugar in another bowl and beat until fluffy. Add the mascarpone and keep beating. Add the chopped nougat and fold in the beaten egg whites.
2. Line a rectangular mould or loaf tin, about 20 x 10cm, with baking parchment or cling film. Pour the mixture into the mould. Freeze for 2–3 hours.
3. Unmould the semi-freddo on a serving dish and decorate with chopped candied fruits and crushed hazelnuts. Serve immediately.



The book contains a wonderful array of sweet treats to satisfy the most discerning pudding connoisseurs. The recipes have been provided by supporters of The Clink charity - from world-famous chefs, charity ambassadors, to advocates as young as seven. All proceeds from the sale of the book go towards expanding The Clink's prisoner rehabilitation scheme. The Clink Desserts Cookbook is available from

[www.theclinkcharity.org/shop/](http://www.theclinkcharity.org/shop/) priced £14.99.

For more information about The Clink Charity, to make a reservation at one of The Clink Restaurants or to find out how you can support the charity visit

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

# Offers and Competitions

Win a lovely prize in the New Year of a pack of Prosciutto di San Daniele and a chunk of Grana Padano.

To enter, just tell us what animal plays a major part in the production of Prosciutto and send your answer to [win@twickenhamtribune.com](mailto:win@twickenhamtribune.com) together with your name and postcode, with **Prosciutto** in the subject.

Closing date is 12 noon Sunday 7 January 2018. The winner will be notified the following week.

## RICHMOND FILM SOCIETY COMPETITION

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

### Competition Question

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



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

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

## Monthly Photography Competition

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



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

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

**Photos of pets or wildlife, or any scenes taken within the local villages, ie Twickenham, St Margaret's, East Twickenham, Strawberry Hill, Teddington, Hampton Wick, Hampton, Hampton Hill and Whitton/Heathfield**

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# Arts and Entertainment

by Erica White



Ever popular EDMUNDIAN PLAYERS are first off into the pants season with SLEEPING BEAUTY, 19-27 January, matinees and evenings at St Edmunds Church Hall, Nelson Road TW2 7BB.  
info: [edmundianplayers.com](http://edmundianplayers.com).

Now returned from their Railway Children journey, RICHMOND SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY venture into Hollywood with the entertaining comedy, BETTE AND JOAN by Anton Burge, showing these grande dames at close quarters in their adjacent dressing rooms. Performances at The Mary Wallace Theatre, Saturday, 20-Saturday, 27 January, at 7.45, Sunday, 21 at 3.00pm, (no perf on Wed 24 Jan).  
info: [rilchmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://rilchmondshakespeare.org.uk).

A VILEW FROM THE BRIDGE by Arthur Miller will be performed at HAMPTON HILL THEATRE from Sundy, 28 January-Saturday, 3 February at 7.45, Sunday at 4.00pm. Book early as this play is on the schools' syllabus so heavy booking is anticipated.  
info: [ttc-boxoffice.org.uk](http://ttc-boxoffice.org.uk).

TEDDINGTON & HAMPTON MUSIC FESTIVAL presents A NEW YEAR ENTERTAINMENT at NORMANSFIELD THEATRE, Langdon Down Centre, TW11 9PS. This concert is in aid of local charities and welcomes talented young performers from the borough, plus Jonathan Cohen, fresh from his Albert Hall Christmas concerts. Friday, 5 January at 7.00pm Tickets £20.  
email: [hilarydodman@hotmail.com](mailto:hilarydodman@hotmail.com).

The following evening, at the same venue, a fundraising concert will be presenting NEW YEAR IN OLD VIENNA, featuring Mozart, Schubert, Sullivan, J. Strausss, Lehar, Stolz, Kreisler, Noel Coward and Ivor Novello. Saturday, 6 January at 7.30pm.  
info: [langdondowncentre.org.uk](http://langdondowncentre.org.uk).

Also on Saturday, 6 January at 7.30pm THE THAMES YOUTH ORCHESTRA present a programme of classical music including Dukas, Ravel, Kodaly and Stravinsky under the baton of Simon Ferris. at THE LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE.

info: [landmarkartscentre.org.uk](http://landmarkartscentre.org.uk).

TWICKFOLK are at the Cabbage Patch, TW1 3SZ from 8.00-11.30 on Sunday, 7 January at 7.45.

info. [www.twickfolk.co.uk](http://www.twickfolk.co.uk).

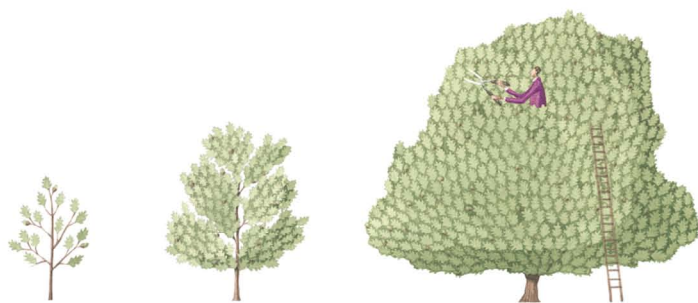
EEL PIE CLUB, also at the Cabbage Patch on Thursday, 11 January, Bluesclub. info. [eel.pieclub.com](http://eel.pieclub.com).

TWICKENHAM JAZZ CLUB resume residence of THE PATCHWORKS BAR at The cabbage Patch on Tuesday, 23 January from 8.-11pm, featuring KELVIN CHRISTIANE ALL-STARS BIG BAND.

info. [twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk](http://twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk).

Please note that the Richmond Film Society has relocated to THE EXCHANGE, opposite Twickenham Rail Station from the Pete Postlethwaite room at St Mary's College. Also there will be more about continuing gallery exhibitions in our next edition.

Best wishes for a very good and enjoyable festive season to all performing, visual and creative artists who display such talent throughout the borough, and to all of you who support them.



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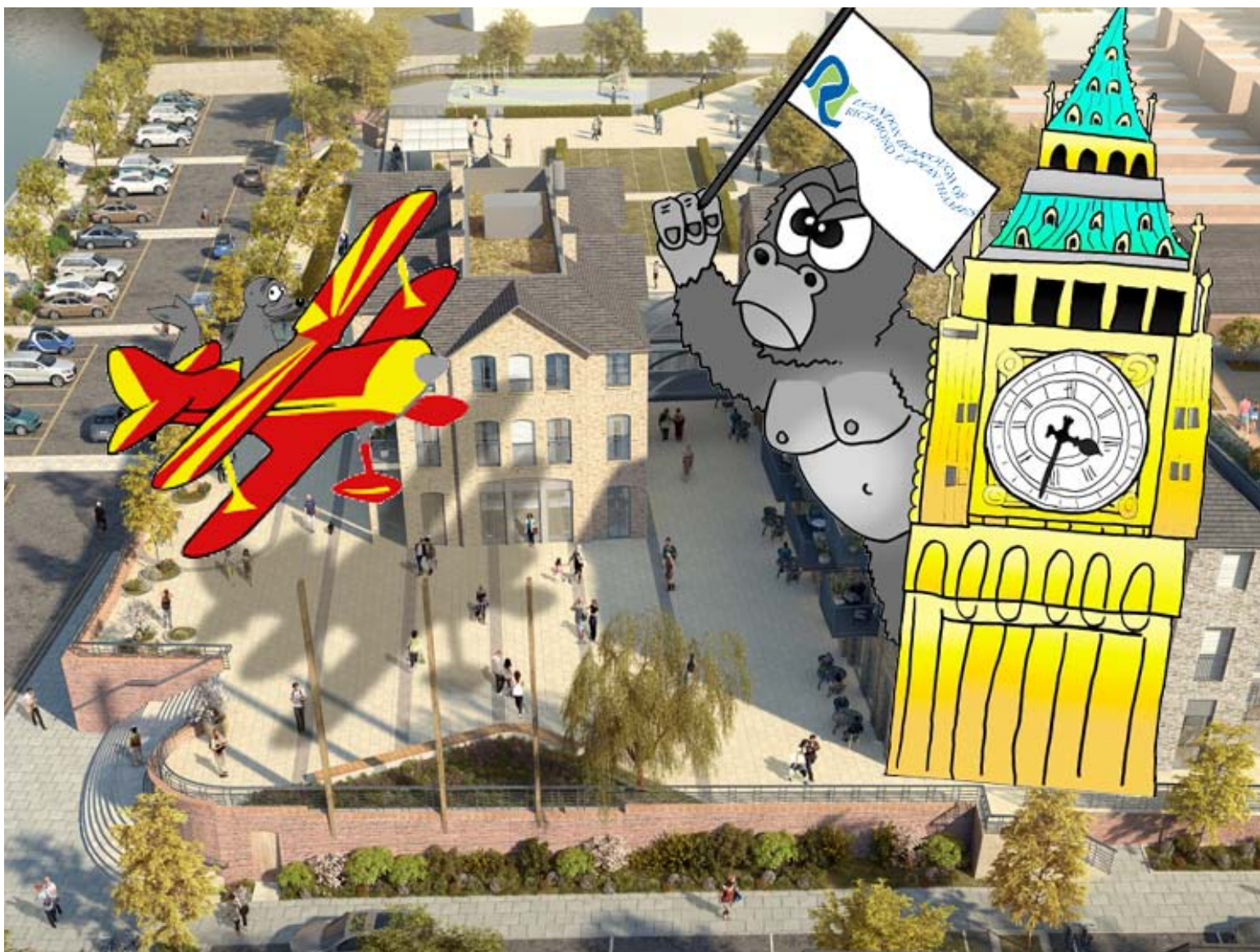
# TwickerSeal

Yesterday saw the end of the official public consultation period for the council's Twickenham Riverside planning application.

At the time of publication the comments scores on the doors are; 103 Objections, 18 Support and 7 General Observations. Most of the general comments appear to be wrongly categorised objections and many of the support comments are of the “design is a bit rubbish, but let's get on with it” variety, so not exactly a resounding endorsement.

It is not a case of “you can't please everyone”, as it is abundantly clear that the vast majority of residents do not support the proposals as they stand and it is the voice of the minority the council chooses to hear.

The clock is ticking and the council should be careful that this is not hubris before a big fall.





# That Was The Year That Was

At the end of the year our thanks go to the stalwarts of the Twickenham Tribune: Alan Winter (local history through postcards), Erica White (arts and entertainment), Alison Jee (Twickers Foodie), Mark Aspen (theatre and music reviews) and St Mary's University. We are also indebted to contributors such as Shona and Bruce Lyons, the Teddington Society, the Teddington Action Group, the Hampton Wick Association and the National Physical Laboratory - not forgetting Julie Hill (bees) and Sammi Macqueen (birds).

The biggest and longest running story is the saga of Twickenham Riverside and Cllr Pamela Fleming's determination to build flats on this historic and sensitive site. At the moment, those of us in Twickenham are suffering from the endless Council consultations and published results which could be said to be, to some extent, 'economical with the truth'. Despite much opposition, the councillor and hugely powerful Cabinet member, would have us believe that the thousands of people against the plans - on Change.org and the planning application - do not exist as she simply will not recognize the opposition. Oh, and don't forget the fake boathouses. And remember the valiant TwickerSeal who has worked tirelessly to help us pick our way through the mire of Council-speak!

Of course, we have to remember that our council - the London Borough of Richmond (and Twickenham!) - has stealthily "amalgamated" with Inner London's Wandsworth Borough so who knows who has the most say in all things LBRuT. The Twickenham Constituency area seems to have very little say in anything as far as the council is concerned - emails to the Deputy Leader of the Council for Twickenham were recently answered "Cllr Pamela Fleming says". (Remember that Cllr Fleming, like many of the councillors is from the Richmond side of the Thames).

It is doubtful whether the Richmond councillors who want to develop luxury housing on Twickenham Riverside really know its history

## MEMORIES OF TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE

And the strong outdoor swimming history on the Twickenham side of the river which does not seem to be shared with Richmond

## LIDOS ALIVE - THE LIDO LIST

Hence, the obsession with building housing on Twickenham Riverside rather than bringing back its historical sport and leisure pursuits.

Similarly, successive Councils have failed to bring back the ice rink and did little to support the temporary community ice rink, finally imposing a heavy financial burden on the event and then voted not to allow a rink for this festive season - (a Decision against the Officers' Recommendation for Permission but overturned by the Planning Inspectorate - too late for this year's winter festivities).

## ICERINX

However, this year community groups worked together to erect a permanent plaque in Warren Gardens, East Twickenham, to commemorate the original indoor rink as well as a history plaque to the Belgians who came to live and work in the area during the First World War.

Of course, sport is celebrated at St Mary's University, located in Strawberry Hill. Articles contributed to the Tribune tell of a number of famous visitors including Sir Mo Farah, a former student, and members of the royal family: the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

Throughout the year residents' groups have celebrated all their local events such as the St George's Day Parade in Whitton, Chestnut Sunday in Bushy Park, Teddington in Flower and the 800 year Anniversary, the Hampton Wick Big Picnic, the Hampton Carnival, the St Margaret's Fair and numerous events in Church Street and on Twickenham Riverside (including Dragon Boat racing and Stand Up Paddleboarding).

A very significant event was the return of Sir Vincent Cable as Twickenham MP (and also his election as the national leader of the Liberal Democrat party).

Other campaigns recorded in the Tribune include the work of Teddington Action Group and the fight against Heathrow expansion, the Friends work to save the Udney Park playing fields and the campaign for the Radnor Bridge linking Ham, on the Richmond side of the Thames, with Radnor Gardens in Strawberry Hill.

The plight of bees, suffering because of the use of pesticides, has also been a story which has been followed by the Tribune. This is extremely important to the food chain as without bees much pollination would not take place.

Julie Hill, our local beekeeper, has also been making readers aware of the UK Cat Killer who has only recently struck in Twickenham.

In June the Tribune was published in Gibraltar as well as later in the year. The link with Gibraltar is quite strong with Vince Cable, our MP, recently highlighting the importance of the border in connection with Brexit negotiations. Only last week the Tribune reported in Edition 59 Vince's tweet about this.

The Tribune's international connections were highlighted when the Twickenham Tribune was invited to exhibit in Rome as a Finalist in an international digital competition. During this event the Tribune took the opportunity to tell visitors about where we live and we were pleased that they saw it as a very beautiful and interesting place; huge thanks for this go to the many groups of residents who strive to preserve our heritage.

And so, as we are celebrating the end of the old year and the beginning of the new, let us remember all the advantages of living where we do and continue to enhance our future and make sure we share in the best of our heritage.

And, of course, a place where we can make our views known and read about what is happening locally is very important to us all.

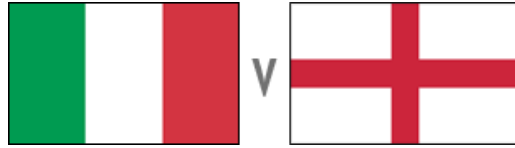
**We wish you the best in the New Year**

# I haven't been everywhere, but it is on my list (Susan Sontag)

By Bruce Lyons of Crusader Travel.

Experiences are at the core of today's travel desires be it "Bungee Jumping" in Oz, Eating "Crispy Crickets" a la Rick Stein in Mexico, floating in the Dead Sea, Cherry Blossom in Japan or watching England v Italy in Rome (all roads lead to Rome!!)

We have a great City Break to Rome including must see excursions plus tickets to the Six Nations rugby match <http://www.crusadertravel.com/offers/city-break-rome-plus-six-nations-rugby-tickets/>



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Never has the "single" market been better served be it by Small Group Tour organisers, expedition travel or a "one off" arrangement. The statistics claim that over 60% of us are single and the Travel Industry has been listening. If you prefer to travel independently the River Cruise is an excellent, and popular option with many boats offering "no single Supplements". River Cruising is now on offer "Worldwide" from the Amazon to the Yangtze; Mekong, Irrawaddy, Ganges as well as the Famous Rivers of Europe; Rhine Rhone, Danube, Seine, Douro, Volga and more.

In the words of Helen Keller "Life is a daring adventure or nothing"

Here's an Easter Experience like none other; Wildlife, Birdwatching and Fishing on Lake Nasser on the Nile and includes the Temples of Abu Simbel, some of the world's most famous monuments. (March 26th thru 2nd April). It is best as a family (4) on a House boat & hotel extension (Aswan) or on a fishing boat 2 or 3 people: <http://www.crusadertravel.com/offers/easter-2018-limited-offer-lake-nasser-experience/>



As Mark Twain famously quoted "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the things you did do"

# Showing the Grown-Ups

## How it's Done

### Annie Jr.



Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

Dramacube Productions at Hampton Hill Theatre until 23rd December

Review by Georgia Renwick

The story of downtrodden little orphan Annie, who is gifted with the opportunity to stay with a self-made millionaire for Christmas and finds the chance of a new, happier life, is a story we all know and love; but seeing these little stars shine in Annie Jr, a Dramacube production, it is a Christmas treat we can all enjoy!

With Christmas just around the corner, there is an infectious feel-good atmosphere at HHT as mince pies are munched and hot chocolates sipped on. You maybe have already seen some Christmas pantos this season, traditionally for the children. But tonight, it is time for the children to show the grown-ups how heart-warming Christmas theatre is done.



The script is a cut-down version of the tony-award winning musical, but though it is cut down in length it is not lacking in spirit, in plot, or in challenges. If you have seen Annie playing in the West End this year you will recognise the songs, because everything in this Jr. version is in the 'real' show. The kids do not get off lightly with easier options! And yet each and every child tackles the singing with aplomb. Of course, not every little girl can be Annie, but the production has been well balanced to allow for solo lines and moments to shine. Excellent experience for these young performers in handling nerves in the packed-out theatre, as well as the singing itself. It is singing as a unit however, where each child really gives it some gusto! Hard-Knock Life hit with the force of many knocks, even from the balcony!

The choreography in this production is especially strong under the guide of director Stephen Leslie and assistant director Mathew Bunn. The stage, filled with orphans, neither feels too crowded or too sparse, and everyone gets their moment in the limelight. Their little heads popping out from blankets and a make-shift pile of mattresses in the opening scene is an especially sweet and memorable moment ...

Read more at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/12/22/annie](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/12/22/annie)

*Photograph by Bomi Cooper*

# TIME FOR A CALL-IN?

Is it time to refer the Twickenham Riverside planning application to the Secretary of State?

There are certainly significant architectural issues and huge controversy:

<https://planninghelp.cpre.org.uk/planning-explained/planning-applications/call-ins/how-the-government-decides>

One or more requests for 'call-in' need to be submitted to the National Planning Casework Unit in Birmingham BEFORE the Council considers and determines the application.

If you are thinking of Calling-In a planning application it is necessary to write to the Secretary of State for planning at the Department for Communities and Local Government, requesting a call-in and contact the National Planning Casework Unit (NPCU), responsible for central Government planning casework. Also contact your MP for support.

Details Here: <https://planninghelp.cpre.org.uk/planning-explained/planning-applications/call-ins/how-to-request-a-call-in-or-recovery>

## MP LIAISON WITH TEDDINGTON SOCIETY

By Sheena Harold

Twickenham's MP, Sir Vince Cable, is to meet with the Executive Committee of the Teddington Society as and when local events and concerns arise. The first of these meetings took place at the Lensbury on December 21st where their CEO, Mrs. Lacy Curtis Ward, welcomed him to the Conference Centre. The venue was somewhat appropriate since Sir Vince worked for Shell in the 1990s, and indeed was their Chief Economist in 1995 before becoming MP for Twickenham in 1997. The Lensbury are long time Corporate Members of the Teddington Society and have always been very supportive.

Topics for concern at this initial meeting ranged from the Cycle Quietway planned for the High Street; Udney Park Playing Fields development; provision of Lifts at Teddington Railway Station; University expansion plans; River flooding and Weir development; Turing House School relocation; Teddington Hospital Walk In Centre; and local business development among others.



**Photo shows L-R:** Sally Howland, Treasurer; Dick Hughes, History Convenor; John Demont, Vice President; Geoff Howland, Environment

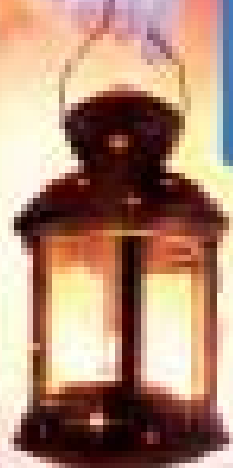
Convenor; Peter Denton, Vice Chairman; Sir Vince Cable M.P., Andy Weston, Riverside Convenor; Sheena Harold, Chairman & Publicist; Nick Picton, Secretary; Jenny Michell, Membership Secretary, Keith Atkinson, Planning Convenor; and Judy Asher, Webmaster.

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# Resting Place of Strawberry Hill Resident WW1 Casualty Discovered after 103 Years

By Sue and Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

On 21 December 2017 it was widely reported in the Press that the wreck of the Australian WW1 Submarine AE1 had been located. On board when the ship sank was a Twickenham man, Sidney Charles Barton. In 1901 he was living with his mother Agnes and step-father John Butler at 7 Grove Road, Twickenham. Five years later, aged almost 21, he signed up for a 12-year spell in the Royal Navy, as a Stoker. By 1913 he had reached the rank of Leading Stoker, and was serving at HMS Dolphin, the Navy's submarine Depot. He was then seconded to the equivalent Depot of the Royal Australian Navy, HMAS Penguin, where training was taking place on the first Australian experimental submarine, given the code name HMAS AE1. This craft and her sister AE2 had been built in England and had sailed to Australia, a trip that was at that time the longest ever made by a submarine.

Only a few days after WW1 had started, AE1 set off on a patrol from which she never returned. The vessel was listed as "lost with all hands" somewhere off Duke of York Island, Papua New Guinea on September 14 1914. Leading Stoker Barton was one of the 35 crew who perished.



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The cause of the sinking has never been explained; there was no enemy action involved, and it has been assumed the craft suffered a "diving accident". Now, the wreckage has finally been located, and photographed, nearly 1000 ft under water. Its precise position is being kept secret to deter illegal salvage operations on what is a war grave.

Sidney Charles Barton is commemorated on the Plymouth Naval Memorial, and on the War Memorial at Holy Trinity Church, on Twickenham Green.

There are over 200 names of former residents of Strawberry Hill who died as a result of WW1, members of Holy Trinity Parish as it was 100 years ago, on the Church's Memorial. We have researched their history, and hope to report the results shortly.

# Step lively! *Cinderella*



Mark Aspen

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Expressing the art of the theatre critic

OSO Arts Centre, Barnes  
Review by Matthew Grierson

When the programme for a panto thanks someone for ‘the loan of her leg’, you can look forward to a fun evening. Well, you can be sure that someone is legless at least. So it was with *Cinderella*, the OSO’s Christmas offering.



I would ask that you pardon the pun, but that would hardly be in the spirit of this loveable production, which throws wordplay and similar silliness at you with free abandon. (‘We’re fastidious.’ = ‘Yes, I’m fast, you’re hideous!’) When the script is not punning it’s winking, knowingly: the ugly sisters are topically named Theresa and Arlene. (In case you weren’t sure, Richmond Park voted

Remain.) *Cinderella* gets blamed for Brexit by the sisters, along with everything else from Donald Trump to North Korea.

The japery doesn’t all find its mark, and sometimes it’s shoehorned in just a little too awkwardly, leaving the cast to change step abruptly. There is still a sufficient hit rate to keep us occupied, though, and if it’s clear the audience isn’t biting, the cast have the good grace to shrug and move on to the next gag. But heaven forfend we miss a chance to boo the sisters – when the audience’s customary disapprobation does not come up to scratch, Joel Coussins as Theresa returns stropily to the wings, complaining that everyone’s gone to sleep (well, he is also the director).

The show doesn’t run too much over the hour, and has to be pretty fleet to get the whole story in. Such is its pace in fact that, mid - ‘On no it isn’t!’ - ‘Oh yes it is!’ Theresa yells ‘Time for some plot!’ to keep things stepping lively. Even the poor old Baron No-Dough hobbles briskly on and off stage, with Buttons wryly commenting as much.

Like a fat foot in a slim slipper, the show is crammed with business. Apart from the badinage and satire, and, oh yes, the story, there’s everything you’d expect from a panto: a smattering of songs (pinched from the charts and other shows), plenty of audience interaction, pratfalls, custard pies, dancing ... and a false leg.

Read more at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/12/21/cinderella](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2017/12/21/cinderella)



# River Crane Sanctuary

This Week's Photo from the River Crane Sanctuary



The Big Garden Birdwatch is coming and a free pack is available from the



RSPB so please take part especially if you live on the along the River Crane Corridor so we can help protect our wonderful birdlife by recording who lives in a place like this!

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

The River Crane Sanctuary Under Threat

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

## RAISING AWARENESS OF TESTICULAR CANCER

A brand new “Check Yourself” free Testicular Cancer app has been launched by UK charity [www.theoddballsfoundation.com](http://www.theoddballsfoundation.com) With over 16,000 new cases of testicular cancer diagnosed in the UK each year, early detection means 95% of males will make a complete recovery. Encouraging users to check themselves regularly will be a different celebrity each month with Alan Shearer featuring this December and international rugby referee Nigel Owens in January 2018.

The charity also helps to fund a male health programme called “Offload”. Run by the Rugby Football League, it is a twelve week programme designed to educate males on the importance of physical and mental health, with a week dedicated entirely to testicular cancer.

As the most common cancer in males aged 18 to 35, the app has already been welcomed by international rugby teams, premier league football clubs and cricket clubs.

View video [HERE](#)



# Users of the 33 bus route and other bus routes that cross Hammersmith Bridge deserve a far better deal – Vince Cable

Users of the 33 bus route which links many parts of Twickenham to Hammersmith deserve a far better deal says Twickenham's MP Vince Cable. At present bus users are being inconvenienced and let down by a long standing disagreement between Hammersmith Council and TfL as to how to finance the much needed repairs and strengthening of the bridge.

At present six bus routes rely on the Hammersmith Bridge, with the 33 buses running extensively through Twickenham before running through Richmond, East Sheen, Barnes and then onto Hammersmith.

Currently bus users of all these routes are constrained by buses having to queue before being able to cross the bridge. The poor condition of the bridge only allows one single decker bus to cross the bridge at anytime, due to the bridge being in such a fragile condition.

Much needed long term repair and strengthening work of the bridge was first proposed by Hammersmith Council to take place between the Summer of 2015 and 2016. Despite the delays in works starting, clarification of the exact starting date of strengthening work of the bridge has not recently been provided by Hammersmith Council, although just before Christmas the Mayor of London suddenly admitted that final strengthening of the work was not now likely until the end of 2021.

Due to a lack of progress on extensive repair and strengthening work of the bridge sudden closures of the bridge have been necessary to carry out emergency repair work. The bridge had to be completely closed in late October and then closed again for two days between Christmas and the New Year, with the latest closure announced with very little advanced notice.

Commenting on the lack of progress about long term repairs and strengthening work of the bridge Vince Cable said:

“Due to dithering about undertaking proper repairs and strengthening work of this bridge we now have the situation where the bridge completely closes at short notice as was the case only last week. I do wonder how many of these sudden closures due to ‘emergency repairs’ will occur in the year ahead. And even when the bridge is open it can only operate with a 7.5 tonne restriction in place which involves wardens having to be employed to ensure that only one single decker bus can cross the bridge at anytime.

“I accept the current situation creates far more inconvenience for people nearest to the bridge, such as in Barnes and East Sheen, however the bridge also serves the important 33 bus route which is vital to many communities throughout Twickenham.”

“Bus users on both side of the Thames deserve a far better from Hammersmith Council and TfL.

“People wishing to travel between Hammersmith and anywhere in the Borough of Richmond should not have to face bus services that are constantly held up and hindered due to the lack of key decisions being made about the future of the Hammersmith Bridge.”

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London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham  
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CABINET MEMBER DECISION  
DECEMBER 2014

**STRENGTHENING/REPAIRS/REINFORCEMENT OF HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE**

Report of the Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Residents Services

Of the Committee for Decision

Key Decision:

Work Affecting: Hammersmith Broadway

Accountable Executive Director: Nigel Palfrey - Executive Director Transport & Technical Services

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AUTHORISED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
The Cabinet Member has signed this report.  
DATE: 16 December 2014.

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report seeks authority to go out to tender for design and build of the strengthening/repair/reinforcement of Hammersmith Bridge. The outcome of the tendering exercise and recommendations will be part of Key Decision Report to Cabinet.

1.2 This report provides a summary of the issues concerning the condition of the bridge and includes a programme of the improvement works necessary to undertake on the bridge to ensure its preservation, including carway and footway deck, painting and decorative lighting and strengthening.

1.3 TfL have requested that the bridge is strengthened to allow double decker buses to use the bridge. To facilitate this work they have agreed to fund a

# TwickerTape - News in Brief

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## OPPOSITION MOUNTS TO LBRUT PLANS FOR TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE

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

Leader's Question Time: Residents will be able to quiz the Leader and Cabinet Members about priorities for their local area and hear about future collaboration opportunities with the Council and other local organisations.

- Teddington and Hampton Wick - Thursday 1 February 2018, Teddington School
- Hampton and Hampton Hill - Tuesday 27 February 2018, The White House

Twickenham Stadium - BIG GAME 10 – Saturday 30th December - KO 1600  
Whitton & Rugby Roads will close from approx 1400 to 1600 and 1730 – 1930  
Full CPZ in operation  
Shuttle Buses to Richmond, Hounslow and Whitton  
No District line to Richmond, all other trains running normally  
For disabled access please use Whitton

Teddington RNLI responded to a pager alert on Boxing Day:

Pager Alert 1552. Person in water Eel Pie Island, Twickenham Both D-Class lifeboats, D-785 Peter Saw & D-743 Olwen and Tom, were launched. Person safe with London Ambulance & crews returned to station and then their Boxing Days!

[https://twitter.com/rnli\\_teddington/status/945707262273839104?s=02](https://twitter.com/rnli_teddington/status/945707262273839104?s=02)

Richmond Council has "launched a set of priorities to create a vibrant, thriving, 21st century business sector, which balances keeping the character of our highstreets and villages whilst promoting the borough as adaptable and tech-savvy" ... apparently

[https://www.richmond.gov.uk/council/news/press\\_office/older\\_news/december\\_2017/creating\\_a\\_vibrant\\_thriving\\_business\\_sector\\_at\\_heart\\_of\\_new\\_priorities](https://www.richmond.gov.uk/council/news/press_office/older_news/december_2017/creating_a_vibrant_thriving_business_sector_at_heart_of_new_priorities)

TwickerSeal was once again spotted at Teddington Lock, on Christmas Day

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CHRIS MURPHY PRACTICE

# Struggling with cost of fuel? We're here to help

Residents struggling to pay their electricity or gas bills are being encouraged to check whether they are eligible for a fuel grant to help them stay warm this winter.

The Council has committed £70,000 to provide grants of up to £85 per household, which eligible residents at risk from living in fuel poverty can access to help with their fuel costs.

You can apply for a fuel grant by downloading an application form from the Council's website, or by picking up a hard copy form from the Civic Centre and libraries across the borough.

The deadline for applications is 30th March 2018. For information and advice to help you stay warm and healthy this winter visit our dedicated Winter Health page.



## Whitton library to undergo refurbishment

Whitton Library is to close from Saturday 13th January 2018 to Monday 2nd April 2018 as it undergoes refurbishment.

The works will include roof repairs, ceiling replacement, the installation of new lighting and a much needed fully accessible entrance door. The interior will be revitalised with new shelving, display units, a study area with computers, comfortable seating and space for activities and events. The children's area will also be given a complete makeover, including a new StoryWall and a cheery woodland theme.

## A Messy Christmas at Strawberry Hill

We spend so much time preparing for Christmas and making our homes look festive, but there are those all over the borough who really do not care about our streets and local environment.

Residents should report fly-tipping to the council; this thoughtlessness means more work and cost to keep our streets clean.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Price from £1035 per person.



# St Mary's University Update

## St Mary's Students Visit Top Law Firm

A group of students from the Law programmes at St Mary's University, Twickenham recently visited the offices of top-tier law firm Charles Russell Speechlys in the City of London for a programme of bespoke employability workshops.

The students were invited by the firm's Graduate Recruitment Manager Hayley Halvatzis, who gave tips on how to apply for training contracts and vacation placement schemes.

They also got to hear from current trainee solicitors and associates from Charles Russell Speechlys and rounded off the evening by networking in the firm's boardroom, which boasts impressive views across London.



This was the second event of the semester that Charles Russell Speechlys had supported for the benefit of St Mary's law students, after both Hayley and Associate Solicitor Krishna Mahajan joined the panel of speakers at the St Mary's Law Forum in October.

Lecturer in Law at St Mary's Lloyd Gash, said, "We were delighted to take Hayley up on this kind invitation to attend such an enjoyable and valuable event. The students benefitted enormously from the speakers' insights into what life is like at a top-tier firm, and were inspired by the stories they heard. We value the relationship that has been built with Charles Russell Speechlys very highly indeed."

Hayley Halvatzis said, "It was such a pleasure to welcome the students from St Mary's University to Charles Russell Speechlys. I was impressed with how engaged they all were in the sessions and they had lots of questions for us which I hope we were able to answer. It is great for people at the Firm to be able to share their experiences and I hope that the students found it insightful. We look forward to continuing our relationship with St. Mary's."

The students had a great time, with one commenting, "It was a really interesting, informative and motivating day. I was able to get an inside-look into Charles Russell Speechlys as a firm and the people who are working there. It was amazing hearing the different stories about how and why the speakers made their decisions to become lawyers. I have now an idea what it means to work in a large law firm like this."



**St Mary's**  
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# NEW YEARS EVE

## MASQUERADE BALL

Toast the arrival of 2018 and indulge yourself at The Alexander Pope's Masquerade Ball New Years' Eve Party.

You will be greeted on arrival with a Bellini reception before taking your seats for a sumptuous five course meal, followed by The Paul Rhodes Jazz & Swing band with all your favourite New Years' Eve song. As midnight approaches, enjoy a glass of champagne as you raise a toast to welcome in 2018 and celebrate until 1am! Why not make your evening that extra bit special and book one of our stunning bedrooms so you can relax in bliss after you have seen the New Year in.

SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

FROM 7PM

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## MASQUERADE BALL



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Places People Play





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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



To find your Christmas tree collection day and for more information on your Christmas tree Collections, please visit:  
[www.richmond.gov.uk/collection\\_days](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/collection_days)

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

We will collect your real Christmas trees for recycling on your streets scheduled Garden Waste collection day. Collections will be on a specific day between Monday 8 January 2018 and Friday 19 January 2018.

All trees must be presented on the highway where it is safe to do so, or on the property edge adjacent to the highway.

### We will NOT collect if:

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- The tree is in soil
- The tree is plastic/not real
- The tree is in a pot/stand

### ALTERNATIVELY YOU CAN TAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE TO:

- **Re-use and Recycling Centre, Townmead road**  
(Open throughout the festive period, except for 25–26 December and 1 January)
- **Barn Elms Sports Centre, SW13 0DG** (opposite Barnes Rugby Centre)
- **Squire's Garden Centre car park, Sixth Cross Road, TW2 5PA**
- **Old Deer Car Park, TW9 2RA**
- **Ham Street Car Park, TW10 7RS**

## GARDEN WASTE

Garden Waste collection will recommence on  
**Monday 8 January**



### MISSED COLLECTIONS

If your collection was missed please double check your revised collection day on the front of this leaflet. Please note due to the heavy work load after Christmas the collection crews may be running later than normal.

If you do need to report a missed collection this can be done online

[www.richmond.gov.uk/report\\_a\\_missed\\_collection](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/report_a_missed_collection)

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# BRITS EXPECTED TO WASTE £5 BILLION ON UNWANTED GIFTS THIS CHRISTMAS

- Over half of Brits receive at least one gift they didn't want
- 1 in 10 knowingly give unwanted gifts
- Unwanted gifts are worth £41.70 each on average
- Friends and parents are the worst gift-givers



Research by price comparison site, finder.com has found that £5 billion will be wasted on unwanted Christmas gifts this holiday season.

According to a survey of 2,000 UK adults, people received on average three gifts they didn't like, amounting to £41.70 each. Clothing and accessories were the least liked type of gift (25.03 percent), followed by cosmetics and fragrances (17.63 percent) and household items (11.49 percent). Technology, music and literature ranked among the safest gift options.

Friends are the worst gift-givers, with one in three unwanted gifts given by friends (30.63 percent), followed by parents (13.92 percent) and parents-in-law (11.31 percent). One in 10 Brits also singled out their partner as the worst at choosing gifts with men more likely to deliberately buy an unwanted gift (11.85 percent) than women (7.16 percent).

Almost a quarter of Brits (23.20 percent) opt to keep unwanted gifts, with another quarter regifting them (22.50 percent), and just one in 20 (4.69 percent) choosing to give the unwanted present back.

Finder's research also revealed that over half of women, 54.77 percent, have received an unwanted gift compared to 46.41 percent of men, however men are more likely to give back an unwanted gift with 7.81 percent returning the gift to the gift-giver, compared to 2.24 percent of women. On average, unwanted gifts were more expensive for men costing £45.58 compared to £38.69 for women.

Across the UK Londoners are the most likely to buy an undesired present on purpose with 24.37 percent giving gifts they knew would be disliked, followed by those from the East Midlands (10.29 percent) and the West Midlands (9.87 percent).

Millennials turn out to be the pickiest generation when it comes to receiving gifts. Nearly three-quarters (71.06 percent) of millennials claimed to receive at least one gift they didn't like with the total number of millennials receiving an average of four unwanted gifts each.

As for what people are really looking forward to at Christmas, two in five Brits (43.80 percent) say spending time with family is most exciting, followed by getting time off work (17.22 percent), the festive atmosphere (13.34 percent) and food (9.26 percent), compared to the joy of receiving presents (4.13 percent).

Jon Ostler, CEO of finder UK said: "Christmas is a great time of year but, if you're not careful, can cause strain on your finances, particularly with gifts. Instead of buying gifts for the sake of gift-giving, make your gifts count. The easiest way to do this is find out what your loved ones want or need. Don't be afraid to ask for a wishlist – it could make all the difference. If you're on the receiving end of a bad gift, don't stash it in a cupboard to gather dust. Look into donating it or perhaps re-gifting, so it's not going to waste."

For more information about finder's study, please visit <https://www.finder.com/uk/unwanted-gifts>.

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