

PART 80. ROLLING STONES HIT TOWN!



What a night! I make no apology for featuring Tuesday night's amazing performance by the Stones at Twickenham Stadium. This was living history in the making and there are postcards too! The first postcard shows the original line up with Brian Jones and Bill Wyman around 1964 while the next card shows the iconic stones logo that has been used for nearly 50 years. The Stones first played the stadium in 2003 for two nights on their 40 Licks Tour and again in 2006 on the Bigger Bang Tour. This week they returned with their last UK performance on the current No Filter tour. And what a performance.

They may be in their 70's now but those of us lucky enough to be in the stadium were treated to an energy packed performance of 19 of their greatest hits.

Sir Mick was in fine form strutting his stuff across the stage and runways as he did as a 20 year old back in the early 60's. This guy is so fit he looks like he can win marathons without trying. Mick mentioned their early days in the area at the Station Hotel in Richmond and their 5 month Wednesday night residency on Eel Pie Island in 1963. Arthur Chisnall who was managing the Island's acts at that time saw how the Stones were packing them in at Richmond and signed them up

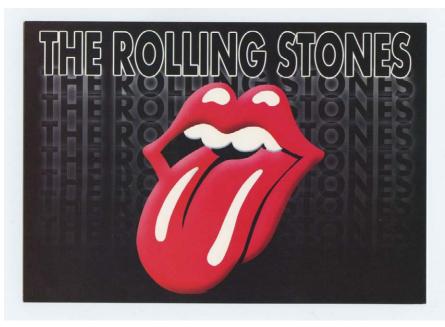


for £45 a week. This period coincided with the release of their first single 'Come On'.

Anyway, back to Tuesday night. Following a James Bay warm up the Stones hit the stage at 8.30 and played a non-stop energy packed set for two hours.

Starting with Street Fighting Man, the band rocked the stadium with It's Only Rock and Roll, Tumbling Dice and Paint It Black before slowing down for a blues number from their last album Blue and Lonesome. This number, Ride Em On Down showed what a fine blues harmonica player Mick Jagger is. James May returned to the stage to join Mick with the vocals on Beast of Burden followed by You Can't Always Get What You Want and Honky Tonk Woman. These numbers showed what a great understanding Ronnie Wood has with Keith Richards as their guitar riffs and notes soared above the base lines laid down by Charlie Watts and Darryl Jones.

As an aside it was hard to believe I first saw Ronnie 49 years ago at the Lyceum playing with Nicky Hopkins, Mick Waller and Rod Stewart in the Jeff Beck Group in 1967. And what a group



they were with their album Truth often voted the best rock album of the 1960's. If you haven't heard this album then get a copy today and listen to Rod Stewart's versions of Old Man River and Morning Dew! Jeff Beck had just left the Yardbirds, handing over lead guitar duties to Jimmy Page for a couple of years before the latter became part of Led Zeppelin.

Back to Twickenham on Tuesday and now Keith took centre stage singing two numbers while Mick had a breather and got ready for the next

show stopper. You Got The Silver and Before They Make Me Run are regular vehicles for Keith to show off his under rated vocals.

And now the Prince of Darkness hit the stage with the whole stadium joining in the 'WOO WOO's as Mick took us through Sympathy For The Devil. I don't remember a stones gig since 1969 when they haven't played this song and it has become one of their many anthems. At the first note the audience is up and rocking.

So now great song followed great song as the clock was ticking towards 10.00. As a matter of record the songs were the Stones disco number Miss You, followed by mega riffs in Midnight Rambler, Start Me Up, Jumping Jack Flash and Brown Sugar. Wow!

The stage lights went down as the band waved goodbye and a number of folk started making their way to the exits. Foolish folk should have known better as in a cloud of smoke the Stones were back with an encore and the haunting intro of Gimme Shelter carried on the night breeze. Using the runway which took Mick, Keith and Ronnie into the audience at the half way line (It is a Rugby Stadium after all), the band finished on a version of Satisfaction with unbelievable energy. Ronnie and Keith exchanged the well known Riffs in different chords while playing lead fillers that worked perfectly. We thought they would play forever as the song's base lines rocked the stadium.

A brief display of pyrotechnics and then they really were gone. True to the Council ruling to stop at 10.30.

As we left the stadium the stage lit up with the message Thanks and See You Soon. I do hope so chaps but please don't leave it another 12 years!

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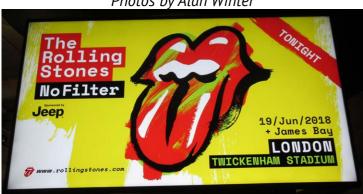
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The Rolling Stones at Twickenham Stadium

Photos by Alan Winter





Alan and Astrid



Ronnie Keith and Mick with bassist Darryl Jones



Mick Jagger strutting his stuff!



Stones Official Merchandise Stall outside the stadium



Mick Jagger on the Runway part of the stage



Keith Richards on the big screen



Taking a bow - Mick, Ronnie, Keith and Charlie

Grand Neighbours: Richmond House

By Teresa Read

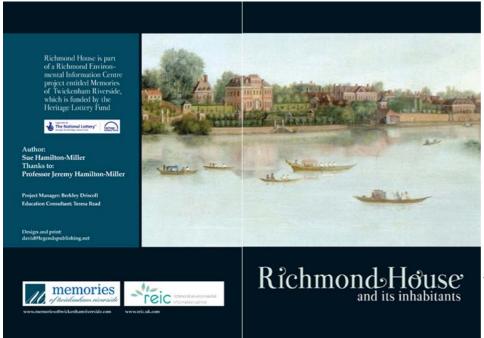
When I became involved in Twickenham Riverside, a long-running saga about the fate of the old pool site, not very much was generally known about the site's history and it was not until I started work on the Memories of Twickenham Riverside Heritage Lottery project that I discovered the grand neighbours who lived within sight of Strawberry Hill.



Richmond House

Strawberry Hill is known as the home of Walpole, Pope and nearer to home, Abraham Prado, but just down the river an even grander house stood from 1662, Richmond House. The home to many of the rich and famous throughout the centuries, the impressive original house with its outstanding art collection was replaced by a more modest building during the early nineteenth century. This amazing history was explored by my good friends Sue and Jeremy Hamilton-Miller, in itself a tale of dedication and an enormous amount of primary research.

The result is a book full of detailed historical information: *Richmond House and its Inhabitants*.



The story starts with the Birkheads. Edward, the first inhabitant married Eleanor Myddleton. Members of the Birkhead and Middleton families emigrated to America and Henry Middleton was a signatory of the American Declaration of Independence. At the end of our project in June 2013 a certain Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, was very pleased to receive a copy of "Richmond"

House" with information about her links to Twickenham.

Richmond House also has connections to nearby Strawberry Hill House and it is

documented that the descendants of Edward Birkhead, the owner of Richmond House, sold various plots of land to Horace Walpole. Of course, the original property at "Strawberry Hill" known as Chopped-Straw Hall had been bought by the retired coachman of the Earl of Bradford who purchased Richmond House in 1682.

Throughout the centuries the list of illustrious inhabitants continued with lords, ladies, earls and viscounts, until we come to 1923 and Joseph Theophilus Mears, a founder of the Chelsea Football Club, bought the house. Mears also owned a large fleet of passenger launches on the Thames, cinemas and a coach company.

The rest of the story, as we say, is history. Mears bought the Richmond House site for £10,100 and sold it to the Council for £11,350 a year later. Richmond House was demolished in 1927 and the land along King Street sold to a property developer.

A petition by residents resulted in a public bath house and outdoor swimming pool on the site, opened in 1935 in time for George V's Silver Jubilee. After the pool's sudden and unexpected closure in 1980 proposals for developments have come and gone with local elections in 2010 and 2018 hugely affected by this issue. It remains to be seen whether the site of Richmond House will see the return of an outdoor pool or whether relatively mundane housing will be the fate of this land which had such a grand history.

In 2011 Berkley Driscoll and I brought back activities to Twickenham Riverside - overlooked by the Richmond House site. Residents will remember the river races, the fairground attractions and the music festivals. Our lasting legacy is the first Stand Up Paddleboarding club on the Thames and the Heritage Lottery projects recording the history of Twickenham: Memories of Twickenham Riverside, Lidos Alive and further along the river towards Richmond, the Most Famous Ice Rink in the World.



An interesting postmark. A letter of thanks from Buckingham Palace for the book.

TWICKENHAM LAWYER LAUNCHES JUDICIAL REVIEW PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THIRD RUNWAY

Neil Spurrier, a resident of Twickenham and member of the Teddington Action Group, has given notice to the Secretary of State for Transport of his intention to bring an application for judicial review of the National Policy Statement for the third runway at Heathrow.

The grounds stated in the letter are: that the expansion will cause intolerable noise for people in London; lead to further deterioration of the air quality in London in breach of the Regulations and in breach of three court orders against the Government; and if expanded, Heathrow operations will breach the Climate Change greenhouse gas emissions targets laid down by law. The letter also claims that the Secretary of State is biased in favour of Heathrow as evidenced by the reliance of the Secretary of State upon the recommendation of the Airports Commission and the entering into the "Statement of Principles" between Heathrow Airport Limited and the Secretary of State.

In his letter, Neil Spurrier states that the National Policy Statement and the Decision to recommend expansion of Heathrow:

"Is biased, unjustifiably favours the Heathrow North West Runway, was presented to Parliament without disclosure of the full facts and does not contain the recommendations of Parliament through its Transport Committee".

Copies of the letter served under the provisions of the Civil Procedure Rules have been sent to Heathrow Airport, Heathrow Hub and Gatwick Airport as interested parties. View letter HERE

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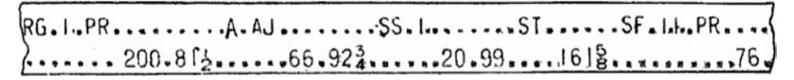
On Tuesday night Twickenham Stadium saw the return of The Rolling Stones in concert.

55,000 fans enjoyed an evening that included many old favourites. Unfortunately the departing crowds were met with a closed Twickenham Station, with no trains running!! No 'Woo Woo' and no Train Satisfaction.

Twitter was aflurry with comments and reports of fans not making it home until past 4am!

We locals were able to enjoy the evening and then walk home; while others were left (Walkin' Thru The) Sleepy City.





TwickerTape - News in Brief

Twickenham Riverside

"I have been notified that planning application <u>17/4213/FUL</u> has been formally withdrawn. Our case in relation to the application has therefore been closed."

"For information: if a new application is submitted by the Council and you maintain an objection to the proposal, you may contact us again to request that the Secretary of State considers calling in the new application for his own determination."

Chris Bazley-Rose, Planning Casework Manager Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

Richmond upon Thames College Students' Exhibition

The Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) annual Art, Design and Media Exhibition is taking place on Wednesday 27 June between 5.30 - 8.30pm, and you are invited.

Teddington Memorial Hospital

From 2 July the Walk-in Centre at Teddington Memorial Hospital is changing to an urgent treatment centre. New hours will be 8am to 8pm - call NHS 111 after that. Bookable appointments and walk-ins will be available for people who need urgent treatment

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By Erica White

Local drama societies present their last productions of the season before their venues go dark over August when vital maintenance work of equipment, cleaning, and restocking of bars is undertaken by willing volunteers. Locally there are still 3 productions to note:

THE COLLECTOR Adaptation by Mark Healy of the novel by John Fowles (The French Lieutenant's Woman). This tense psychological drama will be played out in The Studio, Hampton Hill Theatre, produced by TTC from Sunday, 24 June-Saturday, 30 June at 7.45pm except for Sunday at 6.00pm. Limited seating.

Info: teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.

TTC's final production will be THE MATCHGIRLS by Bill Owen and Tony Russell in the Main Auditorium from Saturday, 7 July-Friday, 13 July at 7.45pm, except Sunday at 6.00pm. September 1888 and angry female factory workers are up in arms.

Info: teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM by W.S. is an ideal choice for open-air performance in front of the marble beauties in York House Gardens presented by RSS, Monday 16-Saturday, 21 July. No seats provided so please bring own rules or chairs and enjoy a picnic before the show. Licensed bar on site.

Info: richmondshakespeare.org.uk.

RICHMOND ORCHESTRA presents a FAMILY CONCERT OF FILM MUSIC, including ET, Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean and The Sorcerer's apprentice.) at LAC, TW119NN on Sunday, 8 July at 5.00pm.

Info: landmarkartscentre.org.uk.

CANTANTI CAMERATI invite singers to COME AND SING! Open Rehearsals on Thursday, 5 July & Thursday, 12 July at 7.30-9.30pm.

Info: cantanticamerati.org.uk.

Parents and children will be thrilled that THE PUPPET BARGE moors once again upstream from Richmond Bridge from mid-July through to mid-

September. An enchanting programme for all ages from 3-93.

Info: puppetbarge.com.

Art lovers will be delighted with the choice of OPEN ART STUDIOS available to is it across the borough tag weekends from 22 June-1 July. These otherwise private venues open their doors to display sculptures, ceramics, paintings, jewellery and a variety of craft works. Fraction of cost of gallery prices. Brochures available in libraries.

Info: richmondarts.org.uk.

REDRESS SUMMER OPEN STUDIOS also offer a variety of works to view or buy Sunday, 30 June-Sunday 1 July, 11.00-6.00pm.

Info: redleees.orq.uk.

TWICKENHAM FESTIVAL continues to offer much to enjoy until 24 June. A continental market comes to Church Street, Fri/Sat/Sun 22-24 June, Eel Pie Artists' studios are open, Alexander Pope's famous Grotto is open on Saturday, 23 June, Festival Dog Show is irresistible at Diamond Jubilee Gardens on Saturday, 23, 2-4.00pm, while Cream Teas can be enjoyed at Richmond Yacht Club Eel Pie Island.

Sunday is the day for Fairs at Crown Road and at St Catherine's School. You can Sing with Praise at Holy Trinity Church from 4.00-5.30pm and enjoy Twickfolk's evening, A Hatful of Rain at the Cabbage Patch.

TWICKENHAM GREEN FETE will occupy Twickenham Green on Sunday, 1 July from 2.00pm. Crafts, beers, exotic foods, refreshments, bumper raffle, bouncy castle, dancing to local bands playing folk, rock and blues...bands amongst whom will be the ever popular The Midnight River Blues Band.



New Council Leader signals intention to look at alternative Turing House School Sites

The new Leader of Richmond upon Thames Council has written to the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to say that the council is willing to explore alternatives sites as Turing House School looks to move to a permanent site.

The ESFA has recently acquired land next to Hospital Bridge Road for possible redevelopment

from Labour controlled Hounslow Council. However, it is not close to the school's original catchment area and many local people have concerns over the impact of any development on the Metropolitan Open Land.

Cllr Gareth Roberts said, "In our manifesto we said we would prioritise suitable alternative sites for the permanent home of Turing House School. As part of that commitment I have written to ESFA, the body responsible for the overseeing the delivery of the permanent site, and said we would be happy to explore suitable alternatives including the Uxbridge Road site".



Cllr Michael Wilson, Cllr Lesley Pollesche and Cllr John Coombs

The new administration has also committed to providing a public report into the Uxbridge Road land to give residents the information they need to be able to understand the pros and cons of trying to use that land for the school rebuild.

Cllr Michael Wilson, Heathfield ward councillor said, "In 2016 the previous Conservative leader refused to explore the David Lloyd as a possible alternative, which could significantly impact the Council's ability to influence ESFA at this late stage. The Liberal Democrats are not happy with 'Plan A' and it is clear that in spite of the vocal concerns of residents over several years, the Conservative Council had no plan B. We are very supportive of the school but as the Borough marks Clean Air Day we must look to try and protect the limited green space in Whitton and Heathfield".



Eel Pie Island Artists Open Studios Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June

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Email <u>lesley.alabaf@downs-syndrome.org.uk</u> for an application form.

Closing Date for receipt of applications: 9 July 2018

The interviews will take place w/c 16 July 2018

St Katharine Docks to host closing ceremony of Thames paddle board challenge

- The Whale Company to paddle the length of the Thames on recycled plastic bottle SUPs
- Challenge to raise awareness of plastic pollution in our waterways and to deliver a 'Message in a Bottle' to Parliament

Carlos De Sousa and Carolyn Newton from <u>The Whale Company</u> will undertake a 17-day 'Source to Sea' challenge to paddle board the entire length of the River Thames from the navigable source at Lechlade to the sea at Gravesend.

They will paddle over 300km on their SUPs (Stand Up Paddle Boards) made out of recycled plastic bottles to raise awareness of plastic pollution in our waterways.

Along the way, they will collect thoughts and messages from school children in their 'Message in a Bottle' campaign which aims to raise awareness of the issue in Parliament and will see the couple deliver the messages directly to Government.

In 2017, the Whale Company undertook 12 paddle board marathons in 12 European countries, documenting the plastic pollution that they saw and catching the eye of European media.

Participants are invited to join one or more

Participants are invited to join one or more legs of the Source to Sea challenge in a show of solidarity behind the cause.

Carolyn Newton, Founder of The Whale Company, said: "At The Whale Company we aim to inspire people to rebuild connections with nature and cherish the world around us.



"Clearly plastic pollution in our waterways has become such a threat that we are in danger of irreversibly damaging the purity of our rivers and seas and in the process harming every species that reside in the water.

"We are undertaking this challenge to demonstrate that paddle boarding and water sports are a brilliant way for everyone to get out on the water and reconnect with nature, whilst galvanising the support of the entire community to influence decision-makers and push this issue even further up the agenda."

To celebrate the completion of this rare feat and provide a further opportunity to spread the message, a closing ceremony will be held on from 5-7pm on Friday 29 June at St Katharine Docks.

Recycled Plastic Bottle Paddleboards In Twickenham

Carlos De Sousa and Carolyn Newton from The Whale Company stopped off in Twickenham on Thursday to visit the Epic SUP club, based on Eel Pie Island at Twickenham Rowing Club. As part of their mammoth 17-day challenge of paddle boarding the entire length of the River Thames (300 km) on a paddleboard made from recycled plastic bottles they will be delivering their message to Parliament on June 26th. Sir Vince Cable MP joined us at Epic SUP to talk to Carlos and Carolyn about their journey to raise awareness of plastic pollution in our waterways and to deliver a 'Message in a Bottle' to parliament. (See previous story).

Epic SUP's MegaBoard was then taken up to Richmond to take part in **Be Richmond's 'Get On Board - Stop Plastic Polluting Our River' event**













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Photos by Berkley Driscoll

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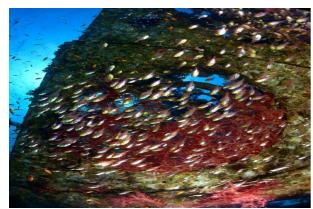
Eilat is back!

By Bruce Lyons

Déjà vu. In 1975 I was asked to join a small group of Tour Operators and create a new Winter Sun Destination. I did and we did create "Eilat in the Red Sea" from the Israeli Government Initiative .Within 3 years our small company was the sole operator on the flight and overtime we added Tel Aviv, Sharm



el Sheik, Luxor, & Cairo. We had tours to all of these destinations and to Jordan too. As the years passed and International politics took a hold on the area the destinations suffered from a tourist perspective, though by now the next two generations of our family were living in Eilat and do till today!!



So, it is with delight, that I can tell you that this coming Winter "Eilat is Back" with two flights Sunday and Wednesday, starting from 28th October. The Sun will again spend its winter in Eilat.

What I like most is the amazing Mountain, Desert and Seascapes and the clear Starlit skies; wonderful snorkelling, the perfect place to learn to dive (the Dubbed Eilat; "The Underwater Classroom of the World". A short drive brings you to the Dead Sea and in another direction you're in the Macktesh, a unique deep

depression of wild desert with extraordinary fauna and flora, below sea level.

With two flights a week you can even have long weekends either to just soak up some sun and recharge the batteries in any of the myriad of classy beachfront hotels, or take a 4nt (2 in Eilat and 2 in Jordan and visit Petra, the ancient Nabatean Capital on the Spice Route.

Once, in the 1970's this area was well known to Brits and the destination grew, but in recent years the Europeans stole our Sun.



I would be delighted to tell you more about my favourite corner of the Middle East, so why not go somewhere different this winter?



You will get a warm welcome – who knows you may even get to meet this year's winner of the Eurovision Song Contest, Netta Barzilai, singing TOY

And here is something you don't know!! (good for a Bar Quiz Night knowledge) Eilat is probably the biggest Migration Junction for Birds, many millions (yes millions) pass thru on their way to and from Africa and the Steppes of Eastern Europe with the changing seasons every year. They must know something about Eilat that we don't!!

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Lidos Alive - the story of our lidos The Book Available Now

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

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

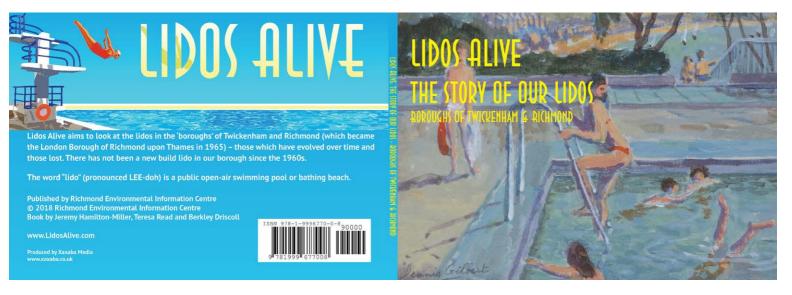
On the Thames, concern over naked bathing in the nineteenth century led to building structures to fence off areas. The "health, comfort and welfare" of the public began to be of concern and baths and wash houses were provided by public bodies.

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

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

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

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From The Friends of Udney Park

Park Road Surgery New Build Proposal on Udney Park Angers many of their own patients

It is well established that the current GPs at Park Road Surgery have been seeking new premises to enable expansion into a modern multi-service practice and that the current property is owned by 2 retired GPs. Recently Quantum offered Park Road Surgery land, presumably at commercial rates for healthcare usage, to build a large new surgery on the protected playing fields of Udney Park.

A concerned local resident, who is also a Director in the NHS and wishes to remain anonymous, said: "One might argue that doctors of all people would respect the mountains of academic medical research linking good health outcomes and physical activity and so encourage playing sport on a local playing field. Park Road Surgery however appears to be ignoring NHS and planning policy and have instead drawn up detailed plans for a new twelve doctor mega-surgery and pharmacy on a protected playing field".

They went on to say: "The surgery's own patient survey was nearly 4:1 in favour of North Lane when patients were asked to compare that location and Udney Park. Clearly the right location for Park Road is west of the railway and not 200m from Teddington's other GP practice on the High Street.

Many are furious that this partnership may help Quantum in their controversial scheme to build on Udney Park. Several people mentioned the activities of Park Road in their objections to the Planning Application. Apparently, Park Road patients have been lobbied by the surgery by email and direct mail to gain further support for the building plans. Many of these patients have commented on the apparent abuse of private personal data to promote the surgery's and Quantum's business case, surely this activity is highly inappropriate?

The plans to build on Udney Park are due to be considered by the Council planning committee at the end of July 2018.

We will report further as the story unfolds.

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Mayor ready to join legal action against third runway at Heathrow

Commenting on London Mayor Sadiq Khan's announcement that City Hall will enjoin legal action against a third runway at Heathrow and the resignation from Government of Greg Hands MP, Paul McGuinness, Chair No 3rd runway Coalition, said:



"Last week it was Hammersmith and Fulham, this week it's the Mayor of London, committing themselves to joining other councils in the legal challenge against a third runway.

The Government would be unwise to underestimate the determination of London's authorities to defeat a third runway in the courts. Just as MPs would be foolish to allow this interminable process to drag on until it's kiboshed there".

"Greg Hands' resignation is principled, and wholly enforced by the government's decision not to allow a free vote, despite its earlier promises and u-turn from its previous position to oppose Heathrow expansion."







Meet Me at the Nightingale by Andrew Sharpe, and

Understudies

by Joanna Gardetta

Theatre in the Pound at The Cockpit Theatre, Marylebone until Monday 17th Dec Review by Poppy Rose Jervis

Theatre in the Pound is an evening of new theatre at The Cockpit, which is described as "provocative theatre and risky new work, new drama, writing, cabaret, physical theatre and all

kinds of everything theatrical"

..... and, yes, it does what it says on the tin! Theatre in the Pound is happening every month throughout the year at The Cockpit Theatre. In itself enticing, posting your pound into a black painted parking cone complete with slotted top to gain entry, is a fair indication of the fun and quirky juxtaposing with the sombre and serious that is to come.



Sylvia, Ja Theatre Company's thought provoking play about Sylvia von Harden, the journalist who was the subject of the Otto Dix's well-known painting, was a wonderful example of the style. (See www.markaspen.wordpress. com/2018/04/22/sylvia). However, there have been a number of other interesting offerings in Theatre in the Pound recently. Here are two contrasting examples.

KatAlyst Productions' London premiere of Andrew Sharpe's self-contained new play, *Meet Me at* The Nightingale, directed by Kat Rodgers is a gentle play with the feel-good factor and a twist at the end.

After an incident on her bike, Kirsty is distraught and she takes refuge in the legendary Nightingale Café, where she meets the charming but befuddled Harry, waiting, seemingly for ever, for his wife to return from a shopping trip. Together, these two unlikely friends uncover a mystery stretching back over eighty years.

Understudies by White Wall Productions is the one with the girlie giggles. Witten by the comedy sketch writer for Smack the Pony, it is bitter-sweet comedy, which follows the trials and tribulations of Beth and Ali. They are two actresses, both alike in dignity but both desperately trying to make the big time, but forced to inhabit the back-stage storage cupboard that is their dressing room. Alike in dignity perhaps but not much else

Read Poppy Rose Jervis's reviews at www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/06/22/nightingale- understudies

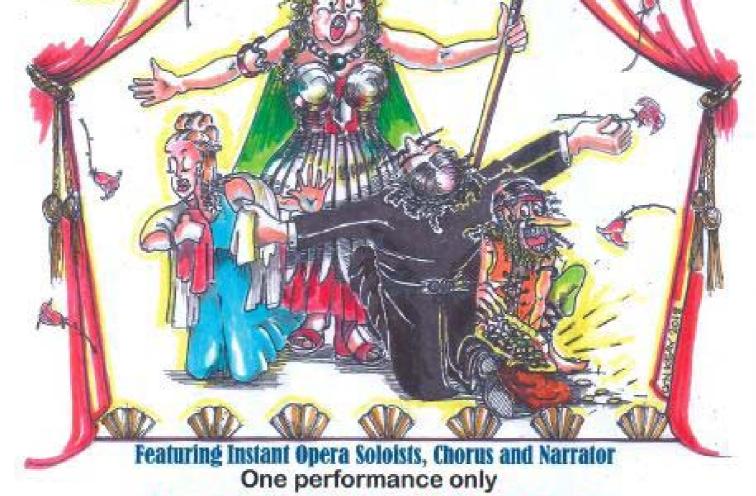
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ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY UPDATE St Mary's Hosts Richmond Borough Sports Day

Almost 600 schoolchildren took part in a borough-wide sports day at St Mary's University, Twickenham earlier this month.

The athletes from 37 schools across the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames took part in a range of events including sprint races, standing long jumps, long distance races, howler throws and team relays using St Mary's world class athletics facilities.

The event, played in hot and sunny weather conditions, was won by St James's Catholic Primary School in Twickenham after picking up the highest number of points and having the best Year 6 team. They will now represent Richmond Borough in next month's London School Games at Crystal Palace, competing against the other top performing schools from the other London Boroughs.

Director of Sport at St Mary's Andrew Reid-Smith spoke to all of the athletes at the end of the sports day and handed out medals and trophies to schools finishing in the top three of their respective categories while the event was supported by 60 Young Leaders from Waldegrave School for Girls, who helped officiate to a high standard.



Andrew said, "St Mary's is delighted to host this event, it's wonderful to see so many local young people enjoying their athletics and performing on the Sir Mo Farah Athletics Track. I'd like to congratulate all the children on their athletic achievements and how they represented their schools."



Vive La French Market! 22, 23 & 24 June in Church Street Twickenham

By Shona Lyons.

Today the French Market returned to Twickenham. To our little Church Street in fact.

Lunch for me today was the freshest of sour dough French bread and the creamiest of Camembert and a few cherry tomatoes and it could not have been nicer.





The market traders came at 6.30am this morning. It is never easy accommodating a market in the street. It takes months to organise The first hurdle is to get it agreed with highways and to try to avoid big road closure fees and agree that almost everything will be done in-house! Then all the stall holders need their street trading applications approved by licensing and then once they are all safely in the street, then there are doorways to avoid, empty spaces to fill, traders and residents to placate.

Everyone really loves it but nothing is perfect and there are always a few ruffled feathers whenever a big market comes because the stalls are not the tiny 2.4 mtr square of an amateur crafts person. These are professionals who make a living from it and tour the UK from their homeland in France and they come with big trucks and huge stalls and it isn't quite the same as a homespun craft market or fete.



It is in fact lots of fun and it's great to see the new season Brittany garlic and Southern France beef tomatoes, the really French Patisserie and breads and the French cheeses. There is also lots of real French street food this year with quite a few stalls, as well as the leather bags and hats, soaps, vintage music and posters.



Tomorrow and Sunday we will also have a great line up of all local music, so that should be lots of fun too. We get asked all the time by some regular ladies for the music program, they love it so much and come early to bag the best seats!

So don't forget to make a visit to the French Market in Church Street part of your weekend schedule.

It is a real treat to have them here for the summer! They don't always come and in fact have not been here for the last 4 years preferring just to come for Christmas.

À bientôt!

Church Street French Market





























River Grane Sanctuary

Who lives in a place like this? Take a look at the photos and the video link and please be aware of the damage that strimmers, mowers and spraying can do to our wildlife as we beautify our gardens. There is so much information around now for organic or natural predator controls to save our plants from destruction and even though the chemical products may be more effective, in some cases, it is worth considering if they are worth the damage they can cause to our garden visitors and ultimately to ourselves in the food chain.

Video of bats feeding: https://www.flickr.com/photos/18554479@N05/42013419985/in/album-72157680139604143/



Blue Damselfly (Green species even more camouflaged)



Blackbird in Hedgerow nesting deep inside



Bee foraging



Rose Chaffer

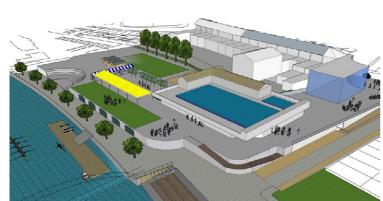
The River Crane Sanctuary Under Threat http://e-voice.org.uk/rcs/

Twickenham Lido

At Twickenham Lido we believe that Twickenham Riverside deserves some imagination when planning for its future. We need something that will act as a magnet and encourage people to come to Twickenham and its riverside, helping the regeneration of our town. We believe that a Lido can help make this happen.

Below are concept sketches providing the riverside with a Lido, car-free embankment, underground car park, public space, market, pontoon and boathouses. This proposal can fit in with others, including any retail/commercial development on King Street. The Lido can even be converted to a temporary seasonal ice rink.

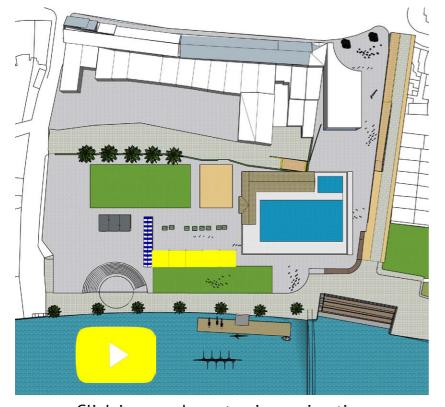
The Lido would be an asset for the community and priced similarly to Hampton Pool



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Twickenham Lido

Twickenham Ice Rink



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Drawings and animation by Berkley Driscoll

Breaking ground ceremony marks beginning of new campus for Richmond upon Thames College

On Friday 15 June, Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) and its construction partner, ISG, marked a significant milestone in the redevelopment of the Twickenham college site with a ground breaking ceremony.

The ceremony celebrated the beginning of construction of the phase 1 building, a major part of RuTC's new £80 million world class state of the art campus.

Over 70 people attended the event which was hosted by Robin Ghurbhurun, Principal and CEO of RuTC, Richard White, Project Director for ISG. Will Whitmore, RuTC construction crafts apprentice, was given the responsibility to officially break ground and mark the start of the building project.

Robin Ghurbhurun, said, "I'm delighted that we have now started the first phase of the new college campus. We're working with regional and national employers and partners on this project and the building will be approx. 15,000 square metres, 5 stories and 20 metres in height". He added, "I would like to thank everyone who has been on this journey with us and for your



commitment and expertise in helping create, what will truly become, a world class post-16 centre of excellence".

ISG Project Director,
Richard White, added,
"ISG is excited to
be involved in the
project which will
be an inspirational
development for many

years to come".

Barbara Gilgallon, Chair of RuTC governing body, said, "The breaking ground

ceremony is symbolic for us in a crucial way. It is the start of a journey that represents a physical manifestation of what we truly believe to be a truly groundbreaking exercise. The new building with provide a state of the art facility responsive to the demand of a new style of teaching and learning suited to the modern world.

Sir Vince Cable, Leader of the Liberal Democrats and MP for Twickenham and strong supporter of further education thanked everybody who had "helped steer a very tricky project through to the breaking ground stage. He acknowledged that in many ways the start of the new building was a great triumph for adversity, with many real challenges to the FE sector, and that he was delighted that Robin Ghurbhurun has been able to steer this project to completion".

Other guests included staff and governors from RuTC, ISG personnel representatives from key organisations and partners that are involved in this major project which will benefit the local and regional community for many years to come.

The phase 1 building is due for completion at the end of 2019 and will provide an exciting and innovative new learning environment within the ground of the current college site. Around 3,000 students, employers, along with public and local community will be able to take advantage of the wide range of fantastic facilities that will be housed within the new building, these include TV studio, theatre, 3D prototyping FabLab, art gallery, 60 cover silver service Chef's Academy with views over Twickenham, business incubation spaces, spa and wellness centre, sports centre and digital golf studio.

Whilst construction of the new building takes place, the college continues as business as usual with minimum disruption to current students who continue to receive excellent teaching and training in the original college buildings.

The redevelopment of the whole 22 acre site is a partnership between Richmond upon Thames College, Haymarket Media Group, Harlequins, Clarendon School, Richmond Council and Achieving for Children.

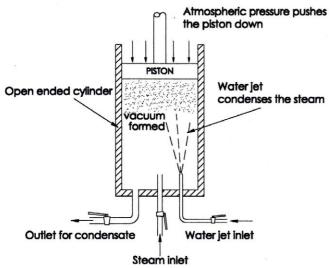


Steam, Steel and Shells – 14

By Helen Baker

The Belgian-owned Pelabon Munitions Works, East Twickenham, was powered by seven magnificent steam engines.

This picture shows how the engines worked. It's so simple really.



Principle of Newcomen's Atmospheric Engine

"The Newcombe Memorial Engine, Dartmouth", British Society for the History of Science,

Steam enters the cylinder and its pressure pushes the piston to the end of the cylinder. The jet-stream of water condenses the steam, which lowers the steam pressure because the steam is now colder. The piston therefore retreats again to the front of the cylinder.

This creates the engine's mechanical power. The moving piston connects to cranks which then convert the linear motion into circular motion.

Condensed steam needs to be drained out of the engine and disposed of. The Pelabon Works won consent from Twickenham Council to discharge into the public sewer and ultimately into the Thames.

This photo of the Pelabon steam engines also shows their common flue, running the whole length of the long boiler-house and carrying the exhaust steam from the engines to the factory chimneys.



The Pelabon Factory Boiler House with flue
© Guy Pelabon



Pelabon Works front view, Collection of Howard Webb

This second photo shows the outside of the factory with a line of tall flues along much of the length of the right-hand building. This was probably the line of the seven steam engines. The factory claimed to consume its own smoke and make no "noxious odours", but subsequent complaints from neighbours suggest this was not entirely true.

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Twickers Foodie - By Mison Jee VIRTUALLY VEGAN

To 've-gan' or not to 've-gan'? That is the question!

After all, so many people today are embracing 'Meat Free Monday' and with supermarkets constantly launching new vegetarian and vegan products and recipes most of us now know quite a few people who embrace veganism. Even well-known French Michelin-starred chef Alexis Gauthier announced at an industry conference I attended last week that 75 per cent of his customers are choosing to eat his vegan dishes at his Soho restaurant and he has just launched a £50 a head, eight-course tasting menu which is completely vegan.

Well, in my constant quest to hunt out great new cook books, I stumbled across a great book by Heather Whinney, contributing food editor at Prima magazine. Virtually Vegan is published this week by Nourish, and it is fab. It is a cookbook for 'the vegan inclined by not vegan committed'. It is perfect for those occasions when you have to cook for a guest or family member who is vegan but the rest of you might fancy some meat or cheese perhaps included. Most of the recipes, while vegan, have a panel at the bottom of the page with an alternative serving suggestion for those non-vegans at the table.

Heather dispels any myths that vegan food is bland, and the recipes are designed to take in time constraints as well as fussy eaters. They use mainly everyday (or easy to find) uncomplicated ingredients.

Here is a lovely recipe from the book:

QUICK-FIX SALAD WITH GINGER & MISO DRESSING

I call this a quick fix because it restores you! It makes you feel virtuous, as it's so full of the good stuff. It's like a detox in a bowl. There is no cooking required – all it needs is a vibrant dressing to pull it all together. It also makes a great lunch on the go, in which case pack the dressing separately and add it when you are ready to eat.

Serves 2-4 Prep: 20 mins 4 carrots, grated

4 raw beetroot/beet, peeled and grated (discard the first outer bits)

1 raw orange beetroot/beet, peeled and finely sliced

1 fennel bulb, trimmed and very finely sliced

2 eating/dessert apples, cored and very finely sliced

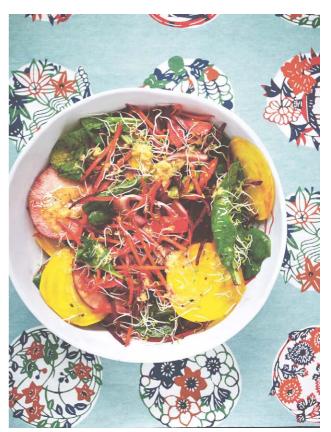
1 large handful of baby spinach leaves

1 large handful of sprouting beans (optional)

1 handful of ready-to-eat pitted dates, finely chopped

1 handful of coriander/cilantro leaves, chopped

1 handful of sunflower seeds, toasted, for topping



For the dressing

6 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 tbsp cider vinegar
1–2 tsp red miso paste
5cm/13/4in piece of fresh root ginger, peeled and grated juice of 1/2 orange
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1 First make the dressing. Mix together the oil and vinegar and season well with salt and pepper. Whisk in the miso, adding a little to start with as it can be quite an overpowering taste, then add the ginger and orange juice and mix well. Adjust the seasoning to taste, adding more miso, orange juice, salt or pepper. Leave to one side.

2 Put all the salad ingredients, except the coriander/cilantro and sunflower seeds, in a large bowl and toss to combine. Drizzle over the dressing, then tumble it all together so everything is coated. Stir in the coriander/cilantro, transfer to serving bowls and sprinkle over the seeds to serve.

For non-vegans...

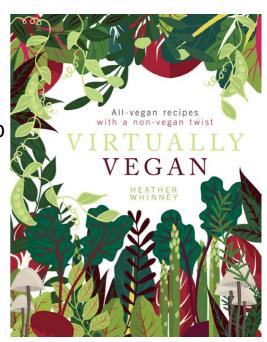
To add a little more protein, toss some shredded poached chicken in with the rest of the salad ingredients.

Offers And Competitions

A Copy of Virtually Vegan to be won!

Those lovely folk at Nourish have offered a copy of Virtually Vegan – hot off the printing press – to the winner of this week's competition.

To enter, send an email to win@twickenhamtribune.com with, Virtually Vegan in the subject header, giving the 'name' of the month that is devoted to vegans.



Send your entry, together with your address and contact details please by closing date of Friday 29th June 2101.

Monthly Photography Competition

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

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Active travel a priority for Richmond Council

A new 'Active Travel' representative group is to be set up by Richmond Council, to help advise and inform local priorities in walking, cycling and street design.

As part of the new Administrations plans to improve air quality in the borough, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Streetscene and Air Quality has announced the creation of an Active Travel Advisory Group to replace the previous Cycling Liaison Group.

This new, consultative group, will be made up of representatives from local organisations and groups that promote and support a wider spectrum of active and sustainable forms of travel. This will include cycling, but also walking and urban realm improvements.

Over the next month, proposals will be developed on the structure and membership of the group. It is hoped that it will be in place early Autumn.



Cllr Alexander Ehmann, the Cabinet Member for Transport, Streetscene and Air Quality, said: "Thursday 21st June is Clean Air Day. Over the course of the week we are announcing some new approaches to transport in the Borough and these will all play their part in improving air quality across the borough.

"Improving air quality is a key priority of this council and so by providing the old Cycle Liaison Group with an enhanced remit and a strengthened set of purpose, we've decided to reach out to organisations that promote all forms of active travel in the hope they will participate in a new "Active Travel Advisory Group" and help us to transform our borough into an example of London-leading walking and cycling provision, with all the air quality benefits that come from those changes.

"This coupled with a new "Active Travel Unit" of Council Officers, which when formed will support Councillors in the advance of cycling and walking projects in the borough. This signals a new focus of supporting healthy, non-polluting and congestion-relieving forms of travel for the benefit of all residents.

"The best part of all of these plans, is that they will all be achieved within existing budgets, meaning tax-payers won't have to pay any more than was already planned for these important changes."



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More ambitious air quality strategy needed, says Council

In the lead up to Clean Air Day, the Council has committed to strengthen its Air Quality Strategy as part of the prioritising the issue in the borough.

Last year the Council consulted on a draft Air Quality Strategy. Resident feedback to was that the plan lacked ambition and specific targets that would make a meaningful change to air quality in the borough.

As part of the new administration's commitment to tackling the issue, the new Cabinet Member for Transport, Streetscene and Air Quality, Cllr Alexander Ehmann, has reviewed the feedback and committed to redrafting the plan, putting forward ambitious, tangible targets for the future.



The strategy will consider areas such as:

- 20 mph speed limit across the whole borough
- Action to address idling (running engines of vehicles while stationary)
- Encouraging electric vehicle 'take-up'
- Piloting actions with some schools, including green walls and school travel plans
- Policies and infrastructure that support active travel (including cycling and walking).
- Consultation over the introduction of a diesel levy on vehicles within the Borough's Controlled Parking Zones"

Cllr Alexander Ehmann, Cabinet Member for Transport, Streetscene and Air Quality said:

"Improving air quality in Richmond upon Thames is a priority and one of the big challenges of our time. We need a thorough, overarching, and all-encompassing plan which all stakeholders can own and get behind and which tackles the problem head on.

"Unlike its predecessor, our new Air Quality Strategy will incorporate ambitious targets that will make a real difference to air quality in the borough."

The draft Air Quality Action Plan was consulted on last year.



Electric charging points get thumbs up from residents - for 'Clean Air Day'

Proposals to install on-street electric charging points have received the initial thumbs up from residents - giving the green light to proceed to Planning.

As air quality continues to deteriorate across the Capital, providing an emission-free solution to

driving is a priority for Richmond Council.

The number of electric vehicles in the borough is increasing rapidly, leading to more and more resident requests for charging points.

Earlier this year the Council and EV (electric vehicle) charging company Bluepoint held a consultation proposing to install a number of EV charge points in Barnes, East Sheen, Kew, Mortlake and North Richmond.



Following a consultation, 76% of those who took part were in favour of installing more free standing kerbside EV charging points.

Planning Applications will now be submitted for the units. As part of this process, residents will have a further opportunity to have their say on proposals.

The Council will also look at further opportunities for charging points to be installed in other locations across the borough.

Cllr Alexander Ehmann, Richmond Council Cabinet Member for Transport, Streetscene and Air Quality, said:

"Our aim is to improve air quality and help shift our residents' preferred mode of transport to environmentally-friendly options.

"We know that we need to play our part by removing barriers to choosing cleaner travel. That's why we want people buying an electric vehicle to be able to charge it, and those wanting to hire a car to be able to choose electric.

"These publicly available charging points would form part of a wider charging network of around 330 across the borough, this includes charging at lamp-posts, so EV or hybrid owners would have plenty of options for charging their vehicles.

There are currently 25 'lamp post' charging points around the borough and 17 additional points in public car parks. An additional 10 are being installed in July.

Clean Air Day is a national day on the 21st June 2018. For more information, go to: www. cleanairday.org.uk

For more information about the consultation, go to: https://haveyoursay.citizenspace.com/richmondecs/electric-vehicle-18/

Councils welcome Mayor's decision to join them in opposing Heathrow

The cross-party campaign fighting airport expansion at Heathrow has this morning (Thursday) welcomed an announcement by the Mayor of London that he will join a legal challenge to the Government's plans if MPs "vote Heathrow" in the House of Commons on Monday night.

The Leaders of Richmond, Wandsworth, Hillingdon and Windsor & Maidenhead councils have already signaled they will be exploring the possibilities of a judicial review of the Government's

intention to build a third runway at Heathrow if the plans are approved.

Other councils in London and the south east are also expected to join the battle – which will centre on both the environmental damage and harm to public health if the new runway is approved.



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The four councils have long argued that Heathrow is the wrong place for airport expansion in the south-east. The boroughs argue that existing noise levels and already poor air quality standards render a third runway "undeliverable and inconceivable".

Wandsworth's Leader Ravi Govindia, said:

"We welcome the Mayor's support for our campaign. Londoners should not be asked to suffer the extra noise and pollution from the many thousands of additional flights and vehicle movements that a third runway would bring. Heathrow is already the busiest airport in Europe and brings in more flights over built-up areas than any other European airport. There is no way to sugar this pill. The case for Heathrow expansion is unravelling before our eyes."

Cllr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, said:

"We have always said the evidence doesn't lie. Heathrow already churns out unlawful levels of air pollution, offers woefully inadequate public transport connectivity and has Europe's worst noise footprint - and that's with just two runways. Expansion will make all these issues worse. Cllr Simon Dudley, Leader of the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, said:

"While we await a Commons vote on the third runway we hope the concerns we have aired over and again about the impact these proposals would have on the health and quality of life of our residents do not go unheard."

Hillingdon Leader, Cllr Ray Puddifoot added:

"Throughout the whole consultation process, the Government has failed to address the concerns not only of the impacted communities but also the advice from the Transport Select Committee. Now is the time for councils and groups to come together to stop this in the only way left to us - the courts. We are delighted the Mayor is joining and urge other boroughs to do the same."

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Teddington Roller Sluice

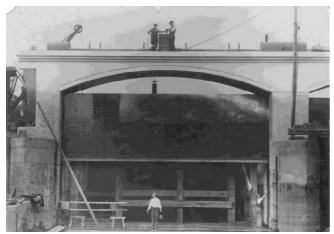
We are carrying out essential maintenance to the roller sluices at Teddington weir. You may see our contractors on site from July 2018 to winter 2018/19.



History of the Roller Sluice

The two roller sluices at Teddington were built in the 1930's as part of a scheme by the Thames Conservancy.

The roller sluices form part of the Teddington weir complex which helps to manage the flows and levels in the River Thames, ensuring navigable depth is maintained and to minimise the risk of flooding.



Construction of the Roller Sluice 1931 © Environment Agency

The work

We will be replacing the drive systems that raise and lower the roller sluice gates. This includes the mechanical and electrical components. Whilst this work is being undertaken we will also be repainting the structure and removing the temporary lifting mechanism equipment and framework which was installed after a failure of the original drive system.

The work will start in July and be completed by winter 2018/19, depending on weather and river flows.

To enable us to do the work we will install a structure in the immediate area around the weir called a cofferdam. Water will be pumped out of the cofferdam in order to create a safe dry working space below the water line.

There may be a low level of intermittent noise as the work will involve grit blasting the structure in preparation for being re-painted. We anticipate that this will be no louder than the natural background noise generated by the weir.

We expect the grit blasting activities to take between one and two weeks to complete for each weir gate.

The works area will be enclosed to ensure that there is no environmental pollution.

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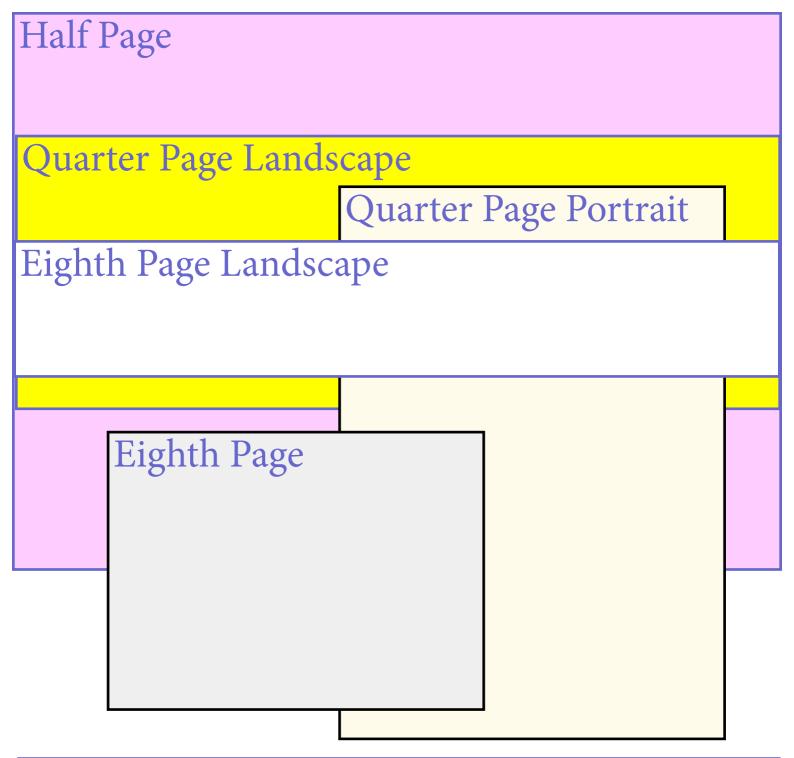
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