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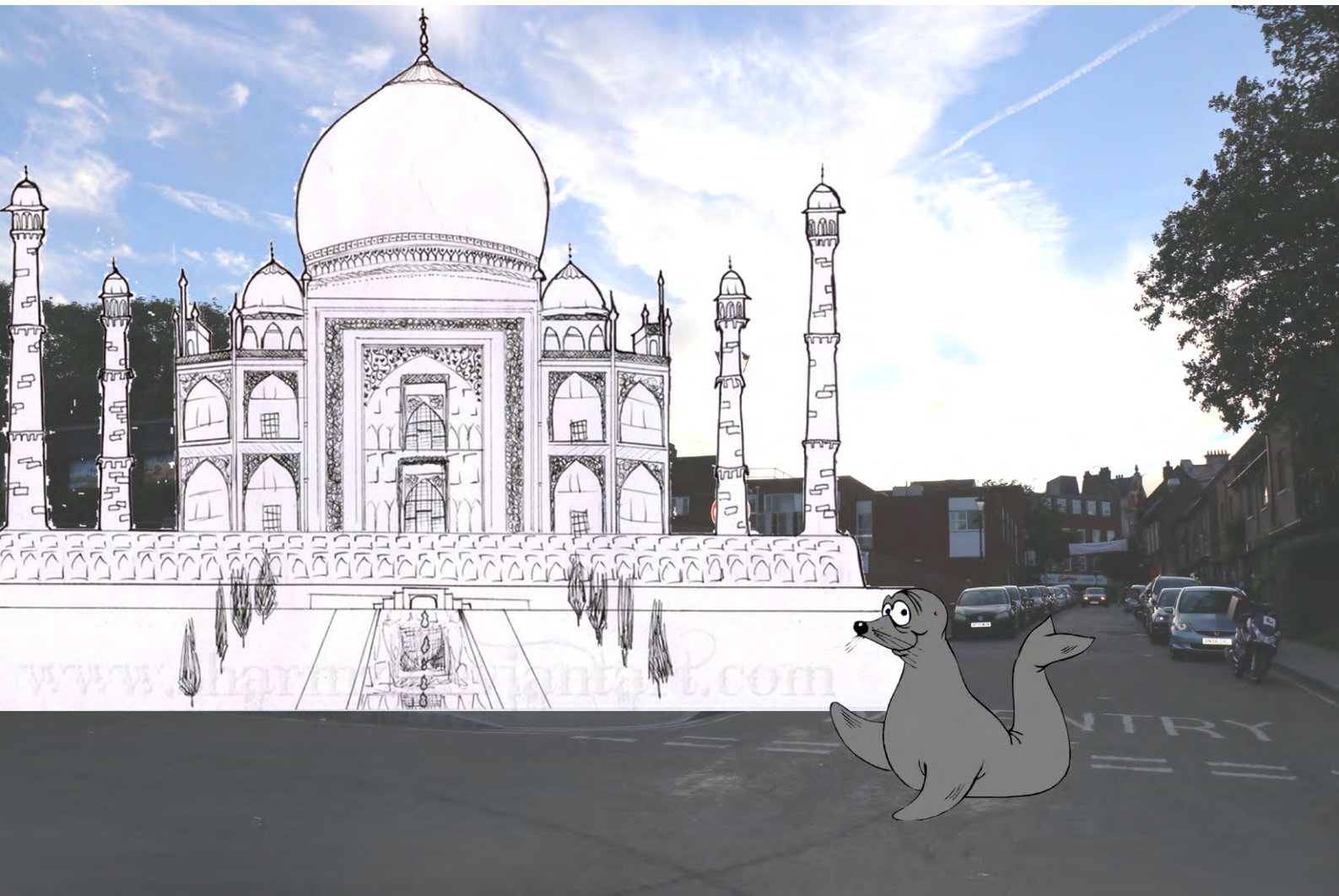


As is his wont, TwickerSeal was surfing the Twittersphere this week and noticed quite a bit of chatter about Twickenham Riverside.

There is much speculation about what the new Autumn consultation will bring and even conjecture regarding Francis Terry's continued involvement.

Apropos of nothing, while waiting on the delayed 08:50 train from Hampton to Waterloo TwickerFox noticed a folder left on the adjacent seat, which he passed on to his chum TwickerSeal. There was a single illustration inside, obviously for some future project, but other than the letters "FT" on the back there were no clues.

If anyone has an idea of what project the sketch relates to, or indeed the author, please let TwickerSeal know.



TwickerTape - News in Brief

Twickenham Green Explosion

A manhole cover on Hampton Road, Twickenham Green was the cause of excitement following a small explosion and billowing smoke.

Apparently, it was an electrical cable fire, which knocked out the electricity supply to nearby properties

See more from @London999 [HERE](#) and a video from @TweetingMitz [HERE](#)

Stoop Development

Harlequins Rugby Union are seeking to redevelop the stadium site and will soon begin consultation.

Details at https://quinsvision.co.uk/?utm_campaign=9585919_OTHINF%20Stadium%20E-mail%20%20version%204&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Harlequin%20FC&dm_t=0%2C0%2C0%2C0%2C0

Hampton Shock

The Mayor of Richmond joined representatives of Hampton Village to officially unveil new defibrillators.

Should you need emergency assistance you can find the defibrillators at The White House, Hampton Social Club and the Hampton Ferry building

Reducing Food Waste in Twickenham

Go along to ETNA Community Centre and Pay as You Feel for delicious food that otherwise would go to waste. Or donate to the project crowdfund at

<https://swlen.org.uk/campaigns/reduce-food-waste-in-twickenham/>

More details at <https://e-voice.org.uk/trjft/>

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SNOW STORMS IN TEDDINGTON!

As we move into August after two of the hottest months on record it seems an appropriate time to cool everything down and remember that the weather does other stuff as well.

A look through my collection of Teddington postcards finds three real photographic cards that were taken on much colder days than we have seen in the last few weeks. The first postcard is captioned “Winter on the Thames at Teddington Weir” and was posted 108 years ago in 1910. A very atmospheric photograph I’m sure you’ll agree.



The second postcard is captioned Kingston Lane in winter. We know from the initials on the front of the card that this postcard was both photographed and published by Richard Young and Co. of Teddington. This business was based in Teddington High Street I believe and was active during the first 30 years or so of the twentieth century. Postcards by this company are highly





sought after by local postcard collectors who recognise that they are excellent views taken around the borough between 80 and 110 years ago. We never walked around with cameras on our phones in those days and so postcards

are quite often the only record we have of what was there and how people lived all those years ago.

Our final Teddington postcard this week shows the Parish Church of St Mary's after a heavy snowfall. We haven't seen snow like that round here for a good few years now. Maybe just as well as it would cause commuter chaos.

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

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Arts and Entertainment

By Erica White



THE EXCHANGE in London Road, at Twickenham Railway Bridge continues its well-chosen season of films for younger viewers at 2.00pm. with the following.

Tuesday, 7 August, **INSIDE OUT.**

Thursday, 9 August, **MOANA.**

Thursday, 16 August, **MARY POPPINS.**

Info: exchangetwickenham.org.uk.

ORLEANS HOUSE GALLERY also has a programme of events with young visitors and their families in mind:

Sunday, 5 August, **SUNDAY AFTERNOON ART!** Children and Families.

Tuesday 7-Thursday 9 August: **SUMMER HOLIDAY CAMP:** Living in the Woods for 6-10 year olds.

Friday, 10 August, **SEE SAW:** for children and families.

Sunday, 11 August, **DAD DAY.**

Info: orleanshousegallery.org.uk.

THE PUPPET BARGE, Richmond Riverside, upstream of Richmond Bridge, continues with **THE TOWN MOUSE** and **THE COUNTRY MOUSE** until Monday, 6 August at 2.30pm.

The programme continues with **RED RIDING HOOD** from Sunday 12 August at 2.30pm. Friday 10 August will be a Relaxed Performance.

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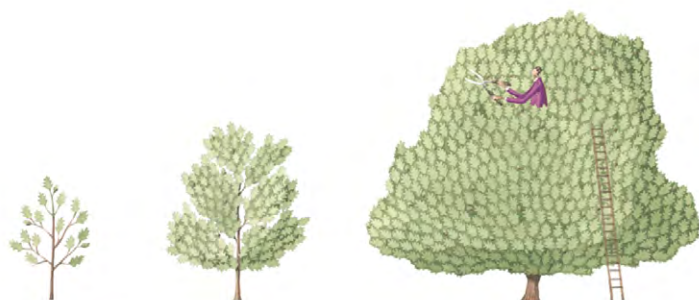
GILBERT O'SULLIVAN IN CONCERT - JUST GILBERT. An extra Summer Season Event at LAC. The only concert O'Sullivan is giving in London area to coincide with release of his new album.

Info: lacartscentre.org.uk.

Bookings are now being made at Richmond Shakespeare Club, for **LARKIN WITH WOMEN** (September) and at Teddington Theatre Club for **JEEVES AND WOOSTER** (September). Further details later.

Info: richmondshakespearetheatre.org.uk.

teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk.



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ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY UPDATE

St Mary's Students Amongst the Most Satisfied in the UK

Data released from the 2018 National Student Survey (NSS) has seen overall student satisfaction at St Mary's University, Twickenham rise to 88%, the highest rated amongst institutions with university-status in London.



St Mary's University climbed 56 places for overall satisfaction in the annual survey; a 3% point year-on-year increase.

60% of St Mary's courses had an overall satisfaction rate of more than 90% and Criminology & Sociology, Media Arts and Tourism Management achieved 100% overall satisfaction.

The University also achieved 88% for teaching satisfaction. There were also high scores for academic support (84%), learning opportunities (87%) and learning resources (86%).



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St Mary's Alumnus Wins First Professional Boxing Title

Professional Boxer and Alumnus of St Mary's University, Twickenham Joshua Buatsi has won his first boxing title since graduating last year. Joshua, who competes in the Light-Heavyweight classification, won the WBA International Title in one round, defeating Latvian Andrejs Pokumeiko. The fight also marked Joshua's seventh consecutive victory, maintaining his perfect professional record. Joshua turned professional after completing his studies in Business Management and Sport Science at St Mary's. Whilst he studied at St Mary's, Joshua was a Sports Scholar competing in amateur boxing. During his amateur career Joshua won a



Bronze Medal at the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, one of seven [St Mary's medalists at Rio 2016](#), and a Bronze Medal at the 2015 European Championships.

Speaking of his career success, Director of Sport Andrew Reid-Smith said, "Joshua produced yet another performance that was full of class, power and self-belief. His dedication and skill are there for all to see and he's already made himself one of the best prospects around. It's going to be incredibly exciting watching Joshua progress, we wish him every success."

River Crane Sanctuary



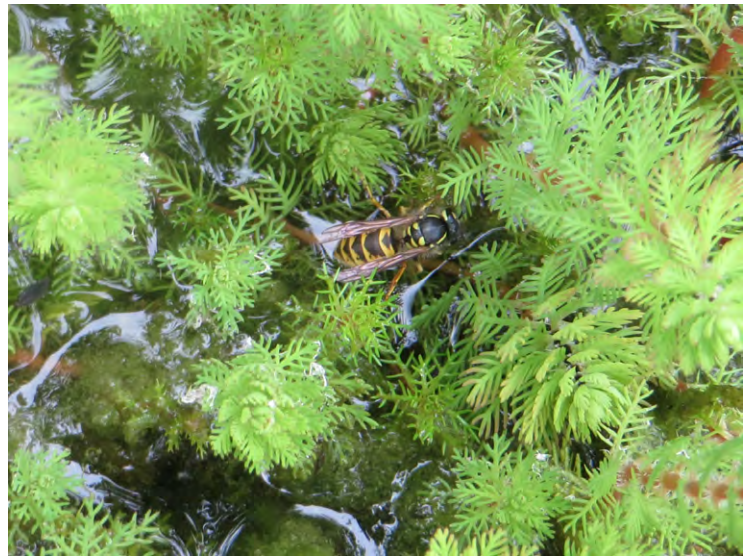
Consider putting out water regularly for our thirsty wildlife friends and you will be rewarded with some thankful visitors. Hedgehogs, Frogs and Beetles are all seeking out water sources in this heatwave although they are harder to catch on camera than our birds, bees and butterflies.

Experiment with different size containers to see what they attract and make sure they are kept clean and not too deep!

Visit our site for more information and photos/videos of wildlife .



The Three Amigos



Washing up Bowl Pond



Gold Finch eating Lavender Seeds



Blackbirds cooling off.

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

Sir Vince Cable MP meets local teens on NCS programme

Sir Vince Cable MP joined a group of local young people taking part in National Citizen Service (NCS), an open-to-all unifying experience shared by teens from different backgrounds which helps them become better individuals, and in turn better citizens.

During his visit, Sir Vince met NCS participants from 'Team Ward' in Hounslow, who are in their second week of the programme, at Lynde House Care Home in Twickenham, as they spoke to residents and staff in preparation for a day of volunteering.

Sir Vince heard first-hand how NCS – which is run by The Challenge locally - is helping to develop participants' life skills, resilience and wellbeing while boosting community engagement.

He said: "It was a pleasure to meet such an inspiring group of young people and see the great things they have already accomplished on the programme. I look forward to hearing all about their achievements over the remainder of their time on NCS and the positive impact their social action has on the local community."

The group completed the outdoor education element, known as 'personal challenge' at Gwent Outdoor Centre in Wales earlier in the month, where they experienced activities such as abseiling, canoeing and hill walking. They then stayed at Kingston University Halls last week, where they developed their co-working and communications skills through different interactive workshops, including sessions on public speaking and creative storytelling skills.



The NCS participants got to know the interests and stories of the residents, so that they can prepare for an activities event this week, as part of their social action project, where they help out in their community. The day meeting residents also served as inspiration for a presentation they'll give to their parents at a showcase event at the end of the week.



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Steam, Steel and Shells – 20

By Helen Baker

Late 1915. During the 14-18 War, all the imperial powers were helped by their colonies. Belgium's colonialists were black Congolese and in theory couldn't enter the Belgian Army – but a few found their way in.

A little mixed-race Belgian refugee baby whose black soldier father had been killed in Belgium early in the war came over as a refugee with her mother, and was adopted by a couple in Malvern. Another black Congolese soldier apparently spent most of the war at the Pelabon Works in Twickenham.

Jacques M'Bondo joined the Belgian Army after the Belgians invaded but was wounded after the Battle of the Yser in November. He was brought to Charing Cross Hospital, and once rehabilitated (1915), he seems to have taken up work at the Pelabon Munitions Factory in Twickenham, living in Richmond with his 2nd wife Beza. The photo shows him with his C.O inside a house beside the Works. This was occupied by a family, but was perhaps the soldiers' deport early on. Either in Belgium or later, Jacques reached the rank of Corporal. The couple remained until January 1918 when they moved to the military-style factory life of Birtley in the North. Jacques sadly died very soon after, of influenza.



Believed to be Corporal Jacques M'Bondo and his Commanding Officer at 64, Denton Road, East Twickenham. © Paul Gibson



The Pelabon Works traction engine, from the collection of Howard Webb



Joseph van Wetering's grave at Twickenham Cemetery, © Valerie Coltman

Belgian soldiers working in munitions factories faced more tangible dangers than sickness. Another dreadful accident occurred in November. Joseph van Wetering of the Army Transport Corps was part of the traction engine team drawing trailers from the factory to Twickenham Goods Yard where they were loading up railway wagons. Wanting to get the trailer positioned properly, he asked the traction engine driver to back off and come back in when he had put a heavy wooden pole between wagon and trailer. The usual method. The driver came back in; the bar snapped; and Joseph was crushed between the trailer and the wagon.

Another spectacular funeral was held, attended by the Belgian Minister of Munitions, the Directors and Managers of the factory, the Pelabon managers and staff; in all, some 2000 Belgians. Joseph's hat and army accoutrements were displayed on his coffin as it was carried from the hospital to the St James Catholic Church and then on to the cemetery.

The photo of the traction engine at the goods yard was taken on a happier occasion.

© East Twickenham Centennial Group (Heritage Lottery Funded) and Hollycombe Steam Museum.

Gibraltar Government to Mark 100th Anniversary of the End of World War One

The Government of Gibraltar plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One with a series of events to take place in the coming months.

The First World War started on 28 July 1914 and ended on 11 November 1918. It is estimated that 18,000,000 people lost their lives during that War, a war which ranks among the deadliest in human history.

The names of a number of Gibraltarians who lost their lives whilst serving with the UK armed forces are displayed on a commemorative plaque in the lobby of the Gibraltar Parliament.

Gibraltar will be taking part in the UK “There But Not There” charity campaign, a UK charity which aims to raise awareness of the 1918 Armistice that put an end to the conflict. The charity’s objectives are to commemorate the Fallen by putting the names of the War’s casualties back into their communities, to educate all generations about these casualties’ sacrifice and to help heal veterans of other wars who are suffering from the hidden wounds resulting from their service.

Service veterans have manufactured silhouettes of World War One soldiers which are on sale to commemorate the Fallen. The Government has purchased a number of life-sized models which will be placed in different public buildings. There will be a life-sized model at the air terminal’s entrance to Gibraltar and another model at the pedestrian entrance through land frontier. This campaign has already seen the projection of the silhouette of a World War One soldier, known as a “Tommy”, onto the north face of the Rock.

The Government has also supported the publication of a book which focuses on the role that Gibraltar played during World War One. The book, “Putting cargoes through: The US Navy at Gibraltar during the First World War 1917-1919” was written by Rear Admiral Albert Niblack and is his memoir of his time as the Commander of US Navy ships based in Gibraltar in that period.

The book confirms that there were over forty US vessels and four thousand US sailors based at Gibraltar during World War One. Their role was to escort convoys in and out of the Mediterranean and elsewhere. Gibraltar became the principal convoy port of the world, with over one quarter of all allied tonnage assembling here in order to be organised into convoys to disperse in every direction.

Commenting on the plans, the Deputy Chief Minister Dr Joseph Garcia said: “The First World War marked a fundamental change in the manner in which warfare was conducted and, as a result, millions of people lost their lives. The role that Gibraltar played in the conflict is less well known than our contribution to World War Two but, nonetheless, it was just as important. It is fitting, given the role that Gibraltar played, that we should mark the centenary of the end of World War One. This was supposed to be the War to end all Wars – sadly that did not prove to be the case.”

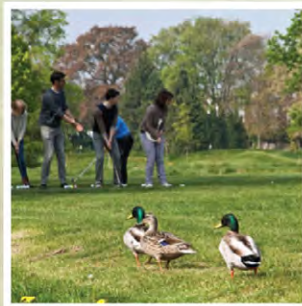


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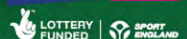
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Places People Play



HOT HOT HOT!

I can't believe it is August already, and it looks like this hot spell will be with us for a while longer. A few weeks ago I wrote about cold infused teas, which I am still consuming on a daily basis, but I discovered a very clever way of transporting them in this stinking hot summer – and keeping cool. (the drinks and me!)

A company called S'ip by S'well creates funky designs to meet its mission to rid the world of plastic water bottles. The bottles really do keep drinks cold (and hot apparently too – worth noting for cooler weather). I've been testing mine and if I put iced drinks (and even better a couple of crushed ice cubes) in the bottle, they actually remain very cool for well over 12 hours – and that's after drinking quite a lot of the contents! And the ice cubes are still there a good nine hours later! You can even leave the bottle in the sunlight, as that doesn't seem to affect the contents – great for sports. And there is no condensation, so you can pop into your bag without dampening the other contents. I might try taking a G&T out in mine on our next river trip!



The bottles aren't cheap at around £35, but worth it as they are sturdy and reliable. Available from swellbottle.com (for the full range) and selected designs at John Lewis.

REFRESHING SALAD: PRETTY COOL TOME

An interesting new book has come to my attention and it focuses on an ingredient that, a bit like Marmite, you tend to love or hate. Licorice adds a delicious and subtle flavour for all sorts of dishes, so don't be put off - even if you aren't a fan! Many of us have fond memories of the enticing sweetshop tray of shiny, black soft sticks and woody 'twigs' to chew. Yet licorice is much more than just confectionery; its sophisticated herbal taste makes it a marvellous culinary ingredient as well. The book contains recipes such as a licorice cheesecake,

choc chip muffins with liquorice buttercream, glazed liquorice roast pork (which I can't wait to try), and all kinds of marinades, sweets, drinks and preserves. There is a guide to liquorice around the world, its fascinating history, medicinal uses, and cultivation. Here's an interesting and very delicious recipe that is perfect for this unusually hot weather. You can buy salty liquorice syrup from a number of places, including online at [Sous Chef](#) or [Skandium](#) (btw I'm told it tastes fantastic drizzled on top of a good blue cheese!)

Citrus fruit salad with liquorice vinaigrette

Serve this distinctive tasting salad on its own or as an accompaniment to cold meats, poultry and game or rich, oily fish such as mackerel – the refreshing citrus flavours cut through the richness of the meat or fish.

SERVES 4–5

15ml/1 tbsp salty liquorice syrup

30ml/2 tbsp dark balsamic vinegar

2 oranges, peeled, pith removed, thinly sliced

1 blood orange, peeled, pith removed, thinly sliced

2 ruby grapefruit, peeled, pith removed, thinly sliced

1 plain grapefruit, peeled, pith removed, thinly sliced

1 small red onion, very thinly sliced

1 avocado, peeled and sliced thinly

Mint sprigs to garnish

1 Whisk together the liquorice syrup and vinegar until well combined. Set aside.

2 Arrange the fruit slices on a serving plate and add the onion and avocado slices.

3 Drizzle with the dressing and garnish with mint

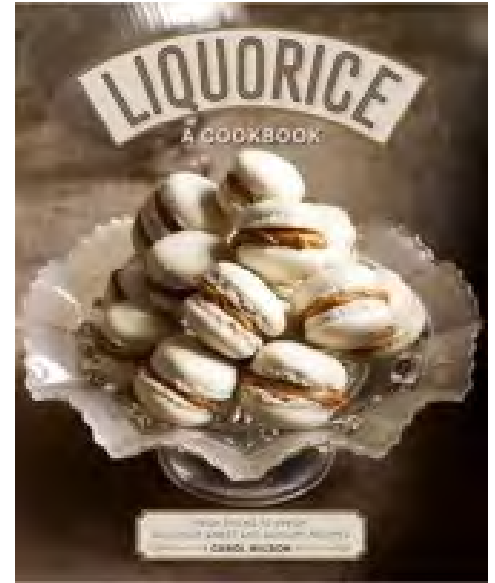


Offers and Competitions

WIN A COPY OF LIQUORICE

Those lovely folk at Lorenz Books, publisher of *Liquorice A Cookbook*, by Carol Wilson (£10 hardback) are offering a copy as the prize in this week's competition. All you have to do to enter is tell us the name of those famous sweets with liquorice in various shapes and sizes.

Email win@twickenhamtribune.com with your answer and full contact details. Closing date: noon on Friday 17 August 2018. No cash alternative and entry deems permission to publish name of winner



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All you have to do to enter is tell us the Latin name for the Honey Bee.

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It is really Hot – and it has lasted (too long?) and most of my days at this time are spent checking papers, adding car hire and insurance, spelling on names, sleeping arrangements for twins or doubles, hold Luggage, transfers private or shared.....And all that endless paper (no paperless office here) brought me to realise just how many families have travelled with us these two weekends - I think I will escape the phones and go rowing!

However this time of year also gets me in a forward looking motion. The autumn and October School Break – Christmas and New Year- and where to find the sun! After half a lifetime specialising in travel to the Middle East, Israel, Egypt and Jordan in particular I am excited with the news that there are Two (not one but two) weekly flights to Eilat this winter. For the last four years my old stamping ground Eilat has not had English Clients whilst the whole of Northern Europe have piled on flights – last year there were 19 weekly flights and this year over 25 – indeed my Daughter and son in law, Craig and Dafna tell me that their Dive Centre had the best year in 10 years last year and not a Londoner in earshot!!!. So the new Wizzair (would have preferred it if it was BA – but 2 flights is better than none) flights will be a breath of fresh air. The flights are on Wednesday and Sundays from Luton directly into Eilat, not only good for school breaks but also brilliant for long weekends.

So I am busy planning all sorts of adventures – I already published a long weekend to Eilat and Jordan <http://www.crusadertravel.com/offers/petra-wadi-rum-tour-eilat/> and am close to finalising some incredible 4 nighters from 2<sup>nd</sup> January starting in the £400`s – flights included.

But for now there October Break to concern ourselves with and we even have our very own Small Group Holy Land trip, escorted by the Rev. Paul Williamson from St Georges in Hanworth (3 rooms left) as well as some low-priced week long vacations mixing Jerusalem and Tel Aviv with Eilat (the best of both worlds)

Eilat can be a real gateway as it serves the Desert Resort of Eilat as well as the Sinai and Negev Deserts with their wonderful Adventure trips and The Dead Sea and of course Jordan and Petra.

Next week I will write about the adventure trips and the Jordan break – Anyone for Learning to Dive? Eilat is dubbed “The Underwater Classroom of the World” amazing shoreline Coral and all this is less than 5 hours away.



Teddington Theatre Club opens its new season in September with a delightfully silly evening with Jeeves and Wooster

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Performance times: Sunday 6pm.  
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Website link

<http://www.teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk/production/jeeves-wooster-in-perfect-nonsense>



The Swan Awards are Arts Richmond's local "Oscars" for the best in the non-commercial theatre within Richmond upon Thames. This Thursday the Nominations for these Awards were announced and the Swan Awards will be presented to the final winners on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September at the Landmark Arts Centre in Teddington. Guest Presenters will be The Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr. Ben Khosa, Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton.



The Nominations include:

## Best Production of a Play

Richmond Shakespeare Society's [The 39 Steps](#)

Youth Action Theatre's [Blue Stockings](#)

Richmond Shakespeare Society's [Richard II](#)

Teddington Theatre Club's [Stones in His Pockets](#)



## Best Musical Theatre Production

Twickenham Operatic Society's [9 to 5, The Musical](#)

BROS Theatre Company's [Made in Dagenham](#)

## The Cygnet Award

(The Cygnet Award is for a production in a non-dedicated theatrical environment.)

Edmundian Players' [Out Of Order](#)

Wild Duck Theatre [Picnic at Hanging Rock](#)

Edmundian Players' [Sleeping Beauty](#)



See full details at the [Arts Richmond website](#)



## Edinburgh Fringe Week 1

It is the first full week of the Edinburgh Fringe this week, and the Mark Aspen reviewers will be there to see some companies known in the Richmond – Twickenham - Kingston area.

Opening this week are ***Space Doctor*** ([StraightUp Productions](#) at the Gilded Balloon Teviot, Venue No. 14, until 27th August); ***Red Peppers*** ([Blue Fire Theatre Company](#) at theSpace on the Mile, Venue No. 39 until 18th August; and ***Cream Tea and Incest*** (Benjamin Alborough Productions at theSpace @ Surgeons Hall, Venue No. 53) until 25th August.



Also opening this week is ***The Squirrel Plays*** Part of the Main at C venues – C cubed (Venue No. 50), 2<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> August



Newlyweds Tom and Sarah are definitely not squirrel people. So when they discover one in their attic, they're faced with a marriage-testing decision: to exterminate, or not to exterminate? However, the squirrels have also infested the whole neighbourhood. The issue doesn't only tear Sarah and Tom apart. It threatens the peace of an entire community.



See full details at: [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/26/edinburgh-fringe](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/26/edinburgh-fringe) and at: [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/08/02/edfringe-opens](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/08/02/edfringe-opens)





## The Matchgirls

by Bill Owen, music by Tony Russell

**Teddington Theatre Club, Hampton Hill Theatre until 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Review by Andrew Lawston

A *Made in Dagenham* for the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, Bill Owen's musical *The Matchgirls* dramatises the 1888 strike at London's Bryant & May match factory. Throughout the show, TTC juggles upbeat musical numbers with grim working conditions, grinding poverty, and committee meetings. A largely female cast of "cockney sparrows" give a confident and powerful performance that rattles along at a furious pace.

Following an overture illustrated by an impressive filmed insert, the curtain rises to reveal Fiona Auty's set consisting mostly of stark scaffolding against an ominous misty backdrop. This evocative design keeps the action moving smoothly, with minimal props brought on to denote scenes set away from the factory and "Hope Court". The vivid costumes provide welcome splashes of colour against their grim backdrop.



The opening song sums up the show's tone.

"Phosphorous" is a jaunty chorus number about

Phossy Jaw, a disfiguring occupational hazard in the matchstick industry in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. There's a certain black comedy implicit in the material, which thankfully the cast do not play for laughs.

From initial confrontations with Dave Dadswell's odious Foreman Mynel, Kate quickly emerges as the *de facto* leader of the Matchgirls, and Emma Hosier gives a spirited performance throughout a show that requires a huge musical and emotional range from her.

Grumbling over working conditions, fines, and stoppages in the match factory are brought to a head by news that a statue of Gladstone is to be unveiled – and paid for by further deductions from the girls' meagre wages – Kate undergoes a bewilderingly rapid political education under the tutelage of Annie Besant, in an impassioned performance from Sue Reoch. The ambivalent tone with which Besant is addressed as "Dear Lady" by all the girls, suspicious of a "do-gooder", foreshadows consequences for the girls' livelihoods. They go without food for the first week of their strike, only to be told blithely by Besant that a strike fund is "coming soon". It is a shame that the script does not really develop this conflict, which instead focuses on the strike breakers and an emerging love triangle ... ..

Read Andrew Lawston's full review at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/08/match-ttc](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/08/match-ttc)

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## Palace of Varieties

Blue Fire Theatre supporting company at Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham, 28<sup>th</sup> July.

Review by Mark Aspen

Oh, the roar of the greasepaint, the smell of the crowd! You are in a music hall variety show, ready for your act to wow the waiting audience. George and Lily Pepper bicker in the dressing room, but here we are watching from the wings as the adrenaline mounts. And so it is was for Saturday's audience at the Mary Wallace Theatre waiting for Noel Coward's *Red Peppers* in Blue Fire's preview of its forthcoming Edinburgh Fringe offering.



The surprise first course before the spicy dish of *Red Peppers*, was a visit to the *Palace of Varieties* at that gritty mill town where George and Lily's show is on tour. Our Compere Daniel Wain, introduced the turns with his wonted style of punchy panache.



The pace was set by the full throated jazz singing of Hannah-May Lucas with *All that Jazz* from *Chicago the Musical*. The description of 1920's Chicago, "where the gin is cold, but the piano's hot!", could have applied equally to the Mary Wallace, where musical director Carole Smith's electric piano accompanied all the singers. Further down the programme was our second lady singer, Heather Stockwell, "The Sophisticated Songstress of Shepperton", in a beautifully contrasting songs-from-the-shows style. The approach now was soft and honeyed, numbers from *The King and I*. But the girls did not hog all the limelight, for the last item on the *Palace of Varieties* bill was Andrew Truluck, the "Virtuoso of the Vocal Chords". We were treated to yet another approach to the songs of the musicals ... and of the music halls.

The singers parenthesised an entirely different musical genre, classical guitar, played with remarkable dexterity by Luke Taylor. In a complex piece and with concentrated precision, he evoked a vision of sparkling water on hot summer's day that was the reality outside of the theatre.

As *Palace of Varieties* was intended as lead in to Blue Fire's *Red Peppers*, Noël Coward was never far away, and the musical offers were interspersed with excerpts from another of Coward's cycle of the short plays from the *Tonight at 8:30* series, *Ways and Means*. The main protagonists, heiress Stella Cartwright and her gambling-addicted husband Toby, were played by Mia Skytte-Jensen and Daniel Wain, described modestly by Wain (in his compere role) as the Olivier and Leigh of Twickenham....

Read Mark Aspen's full review at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/31/palace-of-varieties](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/31/palace-of-varieties)



## Red Peppers

by Noel Coward

Blue Fire Theatre Company at Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham, 28<sup>th</sup> July, then touring until 18<sup>th</sup> August at the Edinburgh Fringe.

Review by Louis Mazzini

First performed in Manchester over eighty years ago, the comedy *Red Peppers* remains one of Noel Coward's most popular plays. Though among his shortest – as one of the ten plays that make up the *Tonight at 8.30* sequence – it has an enduring appeal and the central couple of fading vaudevillians has been played by Coward himself with his muse Gertrude Lawrence.

In Blue Fire Theatre Company's lively production, seen here in an Edinburgh preview, Coward's role is taken by a blisteringly funny Steve Taylor and Lawrence's by an acid-dropping Lottie Walker. Both are experienced revue artistes and bring real bite to their performances, skilfully recreating the rhythms and slips of Coward's song and dance routines and, as he takes us backstage, exposing the backbiting venom of a couple in terminal decline and not just on stage.



The duo are well supported. Edz Barrett plays the manager of a theatre so run down that even the clothes rail is falling apart. Charles Halford is a bibulous conductor and Joanna Taylor makes a memorably star-struck callboy, while Mandy Stenhouse adds a distinctive cameo playing a theatrical dame who has definitely seen better days.

This is a strong production of a theatrical gem, a glimpse at the long lost world of vaudeville, played by two actors at the top of their game. Highly recommended.

Read Louis Mazzini's full review at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/29/red-pep-bf](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/29/red-pep-bf)

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## Bluestockings

by Jessica Swale

Youth Action Theatre at the Michael Frayn Theatre, Kingston until 27<sup>th</sup> July

Review by John O'Brien

Books or looks? That is the dilemma facing a pioneering group of young women in Cambridge in 1896. Like Jane Eyre these women risked social oblivion. Neither marriage material nor real graduates, they occupied a precarious no-woman's land betwixt and between. Jessica Swale's accomplished debut play, acted with brio and verve by The Youth Action Theatre, brings vividly to life the struggle of these remarkable heroines.



The set is minimal but apt. Three bookcases give just the right feel of a Cambridge College – Girton, the first college in the university to admit women. The direction is pacy, short scenes move briskly to hold our attention, and keeps us wanting to know more.



We follow four young undergraduates over the course of one academic year as they try to study and be taken seriously. Jennie Hilliard is superb as Tess Moffat. She gets the balance between determined scholar and vulnerable young woman spot on. She deftly navigates the often absurd double binds the bluestockings find themselves in.

The Mistress of Girton College, Elizabeth Welsh (Jojo Leppink) convinces as she steers the college and the girls through treacherous waters. They must study hard to match the men but they must not let the college down. They must at all times be respectable. And they must not jeopardise the reputation of Girton by any Suffragette nonsense. To enforce this code she employs the fearsome chaperone Miss Bott (brilliantly played by Emily Dixon) to accompany Tess everywhere.



*Bluestockings* is a complex play because it shows the almost impossible double binds the College and the girls where trying to work around. The dilemma – how to be independent within a patriarchal world – forms the heart of the dramatic drive of the play.

Will Bennett and Mr Banks are classic New Men. They too face moral dilemmas: to support the Girton Girls even if it means social pariah status? But the most implacable opposition comes from the other men. In a scene of devastating explosive force, the leader of the Trinity men, Lloyd (Gwithian Evans) mocks the girls as being a joke ... ..

Read the full review at [www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/26/bluestockings](http://www.markaspen.wordpress.com/2018/07/26/bluestockings)

Photography by Jonathan Constant

Dear Editor,

Having more people get around our borough by bike is possibly the most effective way that the borough can deliver on: healthier residents, cleaner air, lower congestion, and calmer streets.

So it's quite disappointing that your correspondent in edition 89 picked a single very unfortunate incident on which to hang his ill-informed diatribe.

Do cyclists break the law? Yes, they do. But they run red lights at the same rate as drivers (according to TfL research), and when they do break the law, they are vanishingly less likely to injure themselves or others as a result of doing so. The same cannot be said of drivers.

Mr. Wait didn't choose to talk about the stars losing control of their cars in Mortlake, or the woman crushed to death by a car while she stood at a bus stop, or the dozens of other reported incidents on our roads every day. Nor did he notice the fact that a pedestrian is more at risk, while walking on a pavement, from injury by a motor vehicle, than from a bicycle whether on the pavement or the road.

A number of pavements in the borough are indeed authorised for cycling - I don't imagine Mr Wait thinks that children should be braving the two lanes of horror across Kew Bridge on a bike, or the A316, for example. But people on bikes don't want to be sharing space with either pedestrians or cars - we want somewhere safe to cycle that doesn't involve this conflict, like the beautiful and busy new lanes along the Victoria Embankment. If Mr Wait really wants to make things better, he could join us and campaign for safe spaces to cycle across our lovely borough.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Lennon

Borough Coordinator, Richmond Cycling



Dear Sir,

Sir Vince Cable Voices His Concern To The Secretary Of State On Udney Park.

Quantum the developer who wants to rip up Udney Park to build 107 luxury apartments has by passed the Council planning process on the grounds of non-determination, opting for a Public Inquiry. Cleverly they have made this step in the middle of summer when families who use the park are away on holiday. The Inspector has given just three weeks for further public comment with a deadline of the 17th August 2018.

Anyone who wants to oppose Quantum can make further representations on line https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk then fill out the following information by 17 August 2018.

- your name and address,
- the appeal reference number: APP/L5810/W/18/3205616
- the site address: Former Imperial College Private Ground, Udney Park Road, Teddington TW11 9BB

Meanwhile Sir Vince Cable has supported The Teddington Society with his letter of support for Udney Park to the minister responsible for planning.

Click image right to see letter

If you wish to donate to help fund the barristers and consultants The Friends of Udney Park need your help to oppose Quantum please donate on BT giving we need over £50,000 to pay for the top barristers and consultants who will fight for Teddington against the Quantum scheme at the Public Inquiry. Without your donations we cannot stop the bull dozers.



<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/udneyparkplayingfieldstrust>

Kind regards  
Friends of Udney Park

# Brentford Football Club

By Alan Winter

I'm sure you won't mind me mentioning that this coming season will be Brentford FC's last ever full season playing at Griffin Park. The club has been playing at this lovely old football ground since it was built in 1904. Times move on and a new stadium is currently taking shape behind Kew Bridge Station. Brentford are scheduled to move there during the 2019/20 season and the new stadium will also see London Irish Rugby Club make a welcome return to West London after years in the wilderness that is Berkshire. The Irish will become Brentford's tenants.



I have supported Brentford since first being taken to Griffin Park in the late 1950's. I recall being among a crowd of some 32,000 back in the mid 1960s when they played and lost an FA Cup replay to Burnley who were First Division Champions at the time. Over the years I was fortunate in playing on the sacred turf several times in friendly games and in the London Airport Six a Side Cup which was a regular competition staged at Griffin Park.

These days my wife and I are season ticket holders and get along to as many games as possible. We will be there today (4<sup>th</sup> August) as Brentford kick off the new season with a win against Rotherham United. This season's objective for the club is to win promotion to the Premier League in their final season at Griffin Park – watch this space!

So Griffin Park has been one of my spiritual homes for most of my life. Nothing is forever and so this is why we can learn so much from some of the photographic images that appear on old postcards. Come on you Bees!

# Staines Regatta July 28th 2018

## Twickenham Rowing Club

Among challenging conditions, every member of Twickenham RC who attended, came home with silverware!!



Ollie Hellel won the top tier mens 1x.



Alex Hitchenson won mens 1x tier 2.



Ollie, Steve Parker, Rory Bryant & Basil Amen won the open 4x.



Gabby Walters + Wendy Primmer won the Womens Masters E 2x.



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# Rocky Clark Has Called Time

England's most capped player Rochelle Clark has called time on her international career, 15 years after earning her first cap.

The 37-year-old made 137 international appearances, surpassing Jason Leonard's previous record of 114 in November 2016, before going on to feature in her fourth Women's Rugby World Cup last summer.

She retires as the world's most capped women's international, ahead of fellow Red Rose Tamara Taylor and former Scotland international Donna Kennedy, who both have 115 caps.

The Wasps loose-head prop made her England debut in 2003 and was awarded an MBE for Services to Rugby in the 2015 New Year's Honours List, having been part of the Red Roses' 2014 winning World Cup squad.

Clark, who has also played for Worcester Valkyries, will carry on playing club rugby at Wasps next season in the Tyrrells Premier 15s.

Over the course of her 137 tests, Clark scored 23 tries for the Red Roses, including one on her record-breaking 115th England appearance against Ireland in November 2016.

She said: "It's with a heavy heart that I have decided it is time to retire from international rugby.

"To receive my first cap was a dream come true and it was with the same pride and hunger that I walked out a further 136 times for England. It was always an honour and a privilege to take to the pitch wearing the rose.

"I look back on my 15-year England career and think of the friends I have made and the opportunities we were given. I have shared some incredible experiences with so many great people

"The highlight has to be winning the 2014 World Cup, made all the more special having come close twice before.

"To those who kept me going when times were tough and who made the experience so special, I want to say a huge thank you; all my friends and family,

team mates, coaches and support staff.

“I have been incredibly lucky to wear the shirt through some major changes to the game, playing as both an amateur and professional. I am excited for the direction women’s rugby is headed and am proud of the contributions we made as players along the way.

“I look forward to continuing on the pitch with Wasps and in my career as a coach for Chesham Stags.”

Red Roses’ head coach Simon Middleton said: “Rocky Clark is a true legend of rugby. To have remained at the top of her game for 15 years is a remarkable achievement.

“She gave as much off the pitch as on, and is recognised by her team mates as one of the great leaders within the squad. She’s been an absolute inspiration to us and embodies everything a Red Rose should be.

“I speak on behalf of everyone to say that it has been an honour and a privilege to work with Rocky over the years.”

Clark, who is training as Level 4 coach, will continue in her role as head coach of Chesham Stags and as a personal trainer.



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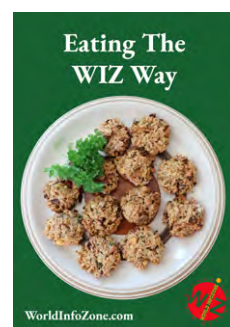
## Eating the WIZ Way

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

The book costs £7.95 plus £1.90 p+p

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



## The Fallen of St Mary’s Parish Twickenham 1914-1918

By Sue & Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

The book costs £8 plus £1 p+p and is available from the Local History Society’s website at [www.botlhs.co.uk](http://www.botlhs.co.uk)



## Council Officer Cycles to Raise over £500 for Mayor's Charity

Joe Fisher, a Corporate Performance and Programmes Officer from Richmond Council has helped to raise over £500 for charity through his training and racing in RideLondon.

Despite the rain and windy conditions, Joe completed the 100-mile RideLondon race through streets of central London and into the fields of Surrey in 4 hours 18 minutes.

The £581 Joe raised through his JustGiving page will be donated to Refuge, the Mayor of Richmond's nominated charity.

Refuge Richmond works with people in the borough who are experiencing or have experienced domestic violence or domestic abuse. Refuge offer emergency housing, and community based support.

Joe said: "This is the fifth time I have completed RideLondon but the first time I have done so in support of charity. I am really pleased with my time, as the weather made it really tough!

Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Ben Khosa was there to cheer Joe on and said: "I would like to congratulate Joe on his efforts over the weekend and thank him on behalf of myself and my chosen charity for generously raising money to support the work they do."

## Phil de Glanville Becomes a Member of the Rugby Football Union Board

Former England captain, Phil de Glanville, has joined the Rugby Football Union Board as the senior RFU representative on the Professional Game Board (PGB).

The 49 year old has become the RFU representative after His Honour Judge Jeff Blackett's term as PGB chairman came to an end last month.

Having played centre for Durham University while an Economics and Politics student, de Glanville then won a Blue at Oxford, as well as representing England U21s. He played 189 times and scored 53 tries for Bath in a 12 year career with the club which also saw him captain them to a league and cup double in 1996, the season he also served as England captain. Bath also won the European Cup in 1998.

In all he won 38 England caps in his seven years in the England squad, including both World Cups in 1995 and 1999.

He was Director of Elite Sport at Hartpury College, and has previously worked at Sport England as Head of Delivery, and then as an NGB Relationship Manager, being responsible for Sport England's relationships with five national governing bodies, including the RFU.

De Glanville, who now works as an associate at the Bristol and London executive search firm Hanover Fox, said: "I am delighted to be joining the main RFU board in my capacity as the senior RFU representative on the PGB.





# Mayor checks out day of action at Whitton Youth Centre

The Mayor took part in a community day of action last Friday, creating a garden and allotment for young people from Whitton Youth Centre, enabling them to grow their own produce and learn to cook the healthy food.



The youngsters were joined by local police, Richmond Police cadets, community volunteers as well as staff from the Harlequins and Whitton Youth Zone as they cleared weeds and rubbish from the space before planting flowers, fruit and vegetables which had been donated.

Cllr Ben Khosa, Mayor of Richmond upon Thames said:

“Investing in outside space for young people in the borough is hugely beneficial to their health and wellbeing. It engages all their senses, encourages healthy eating, teaches responsibility, highlights the importance of taking care of the environment, teaches patience and develops life skills. I look forward to hearing how they get on with the project.”

PS Jon McLoughlin from Whitton Safer Neighbourhood Team said: “This community event was a great way to break down barriers between police, young people and their local community. Our hope is that by investing in these safe spaces we can prevent crime such as ASB and provide young members with a network of people and activities, which will keep them away from knife crime and gangs. The young people who worked with us today should be proud of what they have achieved and created. Thank you to all who assisted and donated plants and equipment to this project”

Whitton Youth Centre is open to all Young People from the ages of 10 - 19, five evenings a week, offering a variety of activities and equipment including a gym.

<https://www.afcinfo.org.uk/pages/young-people/information-and-advice/activities-and-fun/youth-clubs/whitton-youth-zone>

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