

CAROL CONCERT DONATIONS AID KINNEAR HOME

For the first time this year SHRA nominated a local charity – the Roy Kinnear Home – to receive donations from a collection at the Christmas Carol Concert and unveiling of the Christmas Tree by local MP Vincent Cable.

Leo, at the centre of our picture, is one of the residents of the home for profoundly disabled young people in Strawberry Hill. Leo was also the centre of attention when he received a cheque for £300 on behalf of the charitable foundation.

The money was raised by donations at the annual SHRA Christmas carol concert in December.

Founded in 2002 in memory of comedian Roy Kinnear by



Picture shows: (left to right) Francesca Keating, Nursing Manager, Robert Youngs, Joint Chair SHRA, Clare Phelps, Secretary SHRA, Bruce Duff, Joint Chair SHRA, Graham Beresford, Chairman of the Trustees.

his widow Carmel, the home provides 24 hour care for eight young residents, one of whom is Roy and Carmel's daughter Carina.

The home is beginning to attract wider attention. Students from St Mary's University College nearby, participate in the care and earn academic points for their work. Now the foundation is seeking to open a second home in Strawberry Hill. Volunteers are always welcome to help the 25 staff. The home is funded partly by local authorities which have residents in the home and partly by donations. Donations can be sent via the website:

www.roykinnearhouse.co.uk

RADNOR BOWLS CLUB MAY GET REBUILD FUNDS

Plans to rebuild the badly dilapidated 1930s club house of the Strawberry Hill Bowling Club in Radnor Gardens are still at last two years from execution. The new building, which must include a community hall for local groups, will cost around £300,000.

Funding is likely to come from Sport for Richmond and Richmond Council. The Bowls Club is expected to raise £2,500 towards the cost.

While Richmond Council, together with Sport Richmond has approached a fund raiser, no-one has yet been appointed. A consultancy agreement has yet to be signed by either the bowls club or the Council.

Alan Hewitt, Chairman of SHBC, said the earliest that work could start on the new building was in 2009. "It must be a multi-purpose building to accommodate groups such as a nursery or youth club."

Geoff Pope, Chairman of The Friends of Radnor Gardens said: "The Friends welcome this development and look forward to the opportunity to contribute views and

constructive proposals. We wish to be fully involved though we have not yet been approached. We hope, for example, that the building will be fully vandal-proof given the recent activity in the gardens by large groups of under-age drinkers."

The previous Council earmarked £40,000 a year for four years to carry out basic repair work on the four bowling clubs in the Borough of Richmond

A plan by FoRG to restore Radnor Gardens including construction of new club house has been planned for more than ten years.

Gifford House

A planning application has been submitted by Care UK Ltd for the redevelopment of Gifford Lodge, the former old people's home on Hampton Road, for 27 flats, a family contact and assessment centre and car parking. Comments should be submitted to the Council Planning department by March 30. The application is expected to go before the Planning committee towards the end of May. Plans can be viewed on the Richmond Council website.

SHRA AGM HAS A NEW SPORTING VENUE

The 2007 annual general meeting of Strawberry Hill Residents' Association will be held at the Strawberry Hill Golf Club, Wellesley Road, on

April 23, 2007

The time is 7pm for 7.30pm

All residents of Strawberry Hill are welcome to attend. There will be a pay bar and tea and coffee available to all who attend..

Sergeant Denzil Darby from the South Ward Police Safer Neighbourhood team, or one of his colleagues, will be present.

South ward consultation

The next area consultation for South Ward will be held on Wednesday, May 2nd 2007 at Archdeacon Cambridge School..

Civic Pride creates cleaner, neater station approach

From small beginnings, when teams of volunteers started to pull up weeds and clear litter, the triangle of land leading to platform 2 at Strawberry Hill station has been redesigned and planted.

The design was contributed gratis by Andrew Fenney, a SHRA committee member and garden designer. Leslie Hill of Court Landscapes carried out the landscaping work.

The scheme was initiated to celebrate the 40th anniversary of SHRA, and, after two years of trials and tribulations, the scheme is almost complete.

A new fence will be put in once building on River Trading is complete. The Council's Civic Pride funding will cover two-thirds of the cost. The remaining



Andrew Fenney, garden designer (left), and Leslie Hill of Court Landscapes

one-third will be paid from your contributions. We are awaiting the final invoice and will inform you of the total cost in the next Bulletin. Clare Phelps: secretary of SHRA, said: "A

lot of hard work has gone into turning this corner of Strawberry Hill from a derelict ugly patch to an amazingly attractive, but simple and easily maintained garden that should give delight to many residents for years to come.

The new garden adds one further improvement to the village centre along with the planters and tubs which are all maintained by SHRA and paid for with your subscriptions" If residents feel there are other areas in Strawberry Hill which would benefit from the Borough's Civic Pride scheme, please contact a member of the SHRA Committee.

Planning

St James's plan spurs massive response

More than 600 letters of support and protest for the plans by St James's Church to demolish the Church and build eight flats, and to build an extension to the rear of the church, have been received by Richmond Council Planning department.

The department says this is one of the largest responses ever received to a planning application.

The vast majority of non-template letters received oppose the plans. All letters can be viewed on the Council website. No date has been fixed for a Council planning meeting when a decision should be made.

Golf course mast denied go ahead

The application by T mobile to build a mobile telephone mast on Strawberry Hill golf course will not go ahead despite receiving approval from the Planning Inspector following an appeal.

It has recently been revealed that the Golf Club had not applied for permission from their landlord, Richmond Council, to erect a phone mast.

As it is Council policy that no mobile phone masts should be

built on Council-owned land, the application is void.

Newland House's new plans

Newland House School in Waldegrave Park has submitted revised plans for a substantial development of school buildings following rejection of earlier plans by the Council.

Transport

Station yard could be gated

Network Rail is looking at the possibility of erecting a gate at the top of the approach road to the car park to prevent tipping and dumping of cars.

The gate will be a tapered single bar gate about 1.2 metres high.

Network Rail says the gate will allow MKG 3000 access to their premises.

However, Network Rail recognises that this measure will prevent the car park being used as a facility for the station.

The gate will be installed sometime this year after the start of the new financial year which begins in April.

Car Park

SHRA has asked SWT if it would be interested in running

a car park there, but SWT says it is unlikely.

SHRA has also approached Richmond Council to see if it would set up a car park on the site.

Footbridge painting in sight – at last

Following approaches by SHRA to SWT, it is likely that the footbridge at Strawberry Hill station will be painted this year.

SHRA has drawn attention repeatedly to the poor condition of the bridge; however, all works were frozen pending decisions about allocation of franchises. Now that SWT has been confirmed as franchisee work can go ahead.

Tickets and tandooris

A new ticket machine is to be installed on the Kingston platform and the lease of the Indian restaurant, also on platform 2, is on the market at £79,000.

Bollards

Richmond Council has placed bollards beside Harjii's shoe repair shop to prevent parking.

CCTV and the rise of anti-social behaviour

Residents have begun to report increased numbers of young people gathering in Strawberry Hill following the introduction of CCTV in Twickenham town centre. Large groups have gathered in Spencer Road, Bonser Road and Radnor Gardens creating noise and disorderly behaviour. Groups of under age drinkers have been moved from Radnor Gardens by police in recent weeks and complaints have been made about broken glass and bottles in the children's playground.

It is suggested that the introduction of CCTV in Twickenham town centre and the threat of restriction orders on young people is driving them to into other areas. Cllr David Marlow has raised the issue with Richmond Council community safety officers. David Noakes, Community Safety Officer, has asked the Safe Streets Co-ordinator if police reports for the last three months can be checked for evidence of an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area. At the same time Richmond Council will contact a Youth Service Outreach Worker who can contact the young people involved to find alternative things for them to do or places to go.

Friends pay tribute to Pat Schooling

The Friends of Radnor Gardens have paid tribute to Pat Schooling who resigned from the Committee as Project Co-ordinator in January. Pat has ably led a number of high profile projects in Radnor Gardens for nearly 20 years. This included the com-

plete overhaul of the central area to protect and refurbish the Georgian Summer House on a landscaped mound and restoring the gazebo. Her energy and leadership delivered a number of highly successful and popular summer music days that made

good use of both buildings. Funds raised from these events ensured that the well-used children's playground could be opened in 2005. We all wish Pat well in her future endeavours. FoRG has appointed Committee members John Armstrong

and Andrew Fenney to jointly chair the Radnor Gardens Working Party (which Pat also chaired) to take forward with the Council garden improvements.

By Geoff Pope
Chairman FoRG

Recycling and street cleaning

New placement for cardboard unit

The position of the recycling unit for cardboard at the corner of Popes Avenue and Wellesley Parade has been adjusted to make it easier to use. Recently, the unit has been overflowing, particularly at weekends.

Following a meeting with SHRA and Council Recycling Officers, the unit was resited to make both apertures accessible. Should the problem persist, please contact Clare Phelps, SHRA Secretary.

SHRA urges cleaner streets

The standard of street cleaning has declined in recent months – green bags of street waste left on road corners, for example, SHRA has asked Cllr David Porter to take up this matter with the Council.

New trees for the garden

FoRG members are in the process of agreeing a tree planting plan with Richmond Council. In addition to a Catalpa Speciosa (Indian Bean Tree) there will be three evergreen Holm oaks and three English oaks.

At the same time, after careful inspection, four dead trees have been identified for removal as well as two hazardous leylandii trees in the rose garden. Further planting in the rose garden is planned.

Police team is boosted

The South Ward police Safer Neighbour Team has increased to five officers.

Sergeant Denzil Darby heads the team consisting of Pcs Dave Hicks and Dayanne Gyimah and PCSOs Phil Savill and Choon Yong.

Police surgeries are to be held every two weeks on Thursdays from 2pm to 4pm in the cricket club on Twickenham Green. The date of the next one is March 22.

The surgeries are an informal drop-in opportunity for local residents to meet their police team and voice issues of a local nature including any information they may wish to give to the police.

Police liaison group

The next meeting of the Police Liaison Group, an occasion when residents can meet the police team will be held on (date to come).

Bulletin distribution

SHRA would be grateful if a resident of Mallard Place would volunteer to distribute The Bulletin there.

Please contact Clare Phelps, or any member of the Committee.

SHRA seeks tree gurus

SHRA is keen to welcome tree enthusiasts on to the Committee to survey and report on trees at risk within the boundaries of Strawberry Hill.

Their role would be observe trees and report to SHRA so that the Committee can take up the cases with Richmond Council's Parks department. Please contact John Armstrong on 020 8894 5218

Friends of Strawberry Hill

Judith Lovelace
Chair FoSH

The Strawberry Hill Trust and the Friends of Strawberry Hill are to operate separately now that partnership funds are about to become available for the Trust.

Later this year the trust will take over the management of Strawberry Hill House.

Judith Lovelace, formerly Director of Events and Fundraising, was appointed Chair of the Friends in January.

Judith's role will involve:

- increasing the membership of the Friends
- providing a programme of events
- fund raising to support the Trust
- increasing local publicity
- developing a volunteer network to work in the house

Work schedule

First phases of the restoration programme have started with renovation of the Horace Walpole chair by students of London Guildhall University.

Other work planned for this year involves closing the house completely from January 2008 for two years so that the major restoration can take place.

So far £4.9 million towards the cost of restoration has been promised by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Trust and Friends are seeking matching funding and the application for the second phase of the money is being put to HLF shortly.

Support your Post Office



Aparna Patel

Postmistress Aparna Patel can now provide euros on demand from the Post Office. Soon, the Post Office will be able to provide US dollars as well.

The Post Office is extremely competitive compared with banks because it does not charge commission. Travelers can also buy insurance. If we wish to keep our local Post Office when so many are disappearing, it is essential to use it as often as possible.

GUEST COLUMN*By Francesca Keating**

A homely haven for the severely disabled

Unless you know where Roy Kinnear House is located you would not find it. The large, tardis-like bungalow, surrounded by a wall, looks like any other house on Waldegrave Road. But what happens inside is remarkable and deserves a lot of attention.

Set up in 2002, Roy Kinnear House is a registered care home for eight young adults with profound learning and physical disabilities.

The charity was established in memory of Roy Kinnear, the actor, whose daughter Carina is one of the residents. All residents need 24 hour care.

In addition to 25 full and part-time staff, as well as local volunteers, the Richmond and Twickenham Physical and Learning Disability team at Teddington Hospital, led by a physiotherapist, supports the home. The landscaped garden can be accessed by wheelchairs on specially designed walkways with a feature pond and waterfall. A sensory room in the garden was added this year.

Last year three additional bedrooms were added, one for a permanent resident and two

for respite care. Each resident has their own Bedroom.

So much for the facts. What they do not convey is the joy and happiness generated both inside and outside the House. The minibus takes residents to day centres, swimming pools, music and art therapy centres, cinema outings and even cycling.

Visits to local colleges are also arranged and students from St Mary's College participate in the daily life of the House. We always received visits with enthusiasm welcome volunteers warmly.

Fee income from local authorities which place young people with us covers residents' day care needs. The extras and special equipment are provided by donations. In this respect, Roy Kinnear House relies entirely on the generosity of individuals. We invite you to visit us or our website as often as you wish:

www.roykinnearhouse.co.uk

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This subscription renewal may be made by cash, cheque made payable to Strawberry Hill Residents' Association. Hand to either:

- (a) Richard Spires, 70 Pope's Avenue, TW2 5TT - Standing Order Forms available from Richard Spires or the SHRA website
- (b) Costcutter by Strawberry Hill Station
- (c) Post Office, Tower Road

Additional donations are always welcome!

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