

Editor's Introduction

Welcome to the Strawberry Hill Residents' Association Bulletin

The SHRA Committee is busy preparing for the annual 'Carols in the Village' event which is being held on Friday 8 December between 6pm-7.30pm at Wellesley Parade. It is an opportunity to sing carols to the accompaniment of Richmond Brass Band, and to sample the mulled wine and mince pies, while children decorate the Christmas tree. By coincidence that week coincides with the 150th anniversary of the opening of Strawberry Hill Station and we will commemorate this important part of our heritage at the event. Councillor Suzette Nicholson, the Mayor of Richmond, will be in attendance. We look forward to seeing you there.



This issue of the Bulletin includes the new map of Strawberry Hill following the expansion of the boundary line approved at April's AGM. Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England School on Heath Road is now in Strawberry Hill but when founded in 1842 it was located on the triangle of land south of Holy Trinity Church on Vicarage Road. The school's history is explored in the History pages. SHRA is also delighted to welcome the Reverend Simon Couper as the new Vicar of Holy Trinity Church. Simon comments:

"It is with great joy I take up the mantle of Vicar for Holy Trinity Twickenham, and I look forward to getting to know the community. As a family, we move here from Beckenham, where I served as the vicar of St Paul's, New Beckenham, for the past six years."

In this issue we also report on opportunities for adult education at St Mary's University through their wide range of short courses with discounts for Strawberry Hill residents. Meanwhile at Strawberry Hill House, there is a double exhibition featuring Albrecht Dürer's masterpiece 'Great Passion', and Christiane Baumgartner's work.

The SHRA Committee still has vacancies so, if you are interested in supporting our efforts to protect and enhance our local area, then please be in touch at contact@shra.org.uk. If you are new to the area or someone who has lived here a long time, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Andrew Miller, Chair, SHRA

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The Association : The redrawn boundary is illustrated in the new map of Strawberry Hill and there is a call for new members of the SHRA Committee. [CLICK HERE](#)

Green Pages : This features a report on the SHRA litter-picking strategy. [CLICK HERE](#)

St Mary's University : Helen Barnes describes short courses on offer with discounts for Strawberry Hill residents. [CLICK HERE](#)

Heritage & History : Bethan Wood informs us on what's on at Strawberry Hill House this winter and Andrew Miller explores the history of Archdeacon Cambridge's School. The 150th anniversary of Strawberry Hill Station is commemorated [CLICK HERE](#)

Business : Peter Lamb introduces The Beach - a new gallery, studio and café on Waldegrave Road. [CLICK HERE](#)

Local Issues

To ensure that residents are informed about developments at the Council, we have invited **Richard Bennett**, one of our councillors for South Twickenham Ward, to provide an update on issues that will affect Strawberry Hill. SHRA is an apolitical organisation and any opinions expressed are the councillor's own.

Councillor's Update

Councillor Richard Bennett, Leader of the Green Group & Leader of the Opposition, London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames (Cllr.r.bennett@richmond.gov.uk).



Council Finances

I was torn between keeping this update light or focusing it on weightier matters. I opted for the latter, and there is nothing quite as weighty at the present time than Council finances.

In the last five years eight Councils have been forced to declare themselves bankrupt (Section 114). They are Northamptonshire (twice), Croydon (three times), Slough, Nottingham, Northumberland, Thurrock, Woking and Birmingham. There have been examples of incompetence and/or recklessness. Nevertheless, they are the tip of the iceberg and in the current situation, where inflationary costs are far from matched by income growth, it is likely that the majority of responsibly-run Councils are now teetering on the edge. Section 114, among other constraints, requires a Council to only spend what is necessary to meet legal obligations (mainly in social care).

The good news is that our Council finances are not this vulnerable. However, this is more a sigh of relief than a cause for celebration because difficult times may still lie ahead. A report by the Institute for Fiscal Studies assessed that government funding for local government across London is 17% lower than the levels of need suggested by population and deprivation statistics. Richmond's General Government Grant has reduced by about 70% since 2010 and the Settlement in the last six years has been year by year. There is no certainty what it will be in 2024/25 and what the funding gap will be: a gap to be plugged with a combination of efficiencies, Council tax, reserves or borrowing.

Despite being the Opposition, Greens have always tried to adopt a constructive approach. We believe that the Council's financial strategy and planning is sound. Strategic thinking across the board needs to match that.

What is necessary and under the Council's control is the Change Programme aimed at delivering "efficiencies", and controls on the ambitious Capital Programme. We will closely monitor both, as they both rely on building strengths and capabilities in for example procurement and project management.

Capital Programme

In the Budget making Council Meeting last February I highlighted the problems in delivering the Capital Programme. Inflation in building costs that are particularly high and increased rates of borrowing have not improved the situation. At the September Council Meeting I raised a concern about the Twickenham Riverside Project's impact on our borrowing requirement. The estimates in our financial planning relate to last January. Inflation and the reality check of contractors' tenders could make it less than prudent to try to deliver what was approved by Planning. That would be disappointing but must not lead us to altogether despair of progress.

Local Issues

Crime in Strawberry Hill

by June Collins

The last Police Liaison Group Meeting was held on 4th September, 2023. The Safer Neighbourhood team comprises Sergeant Rumi Miah, PC Greig Roberts, PC Raymond Sullivan and PCSO Kyle Mackenzie. However, there is currently a very high abstraction rate of 36.68% (this is where our officers are called in to help in other situations out of the area). Below are the crime figures for July – August 2023 for South Twickenham Ward (of which Strawberry Hill is part) and their comparison with those of similar period in 2022.

Crime Figures;

Offence	JUN - Aug 2022	JUN - Aug 2023	Change
Burglary	2	4	+2
Criminal Damage	1	1	0
Robbery	2	1	-1
Theft from M/V	5	5	0
Theft of M/V	4	7	+3
Theft of pedal cycle	3	12	+9
Non Domestic	9	0	-9
Domestic	4	0	-4
Youth Violence	0	0	0

Theft

There has been a spike in both the theft of motor vehicles and pedal cycles. All the motor vehicle crimes are keyless involving two- or three-person teams with laptops. Three vehicles were taken and there was one attempted theft in one night in Strawberry Hill. Motor thefts happened during night time hours – 10pm – 9am. Three out of four burglaries, which occurred during this period were shed burglaries where bikes were stolen. These three burglaries took place mostly overnight between the hours of 11pm and 7am. Theft of pedal cycles has increased. A couple were stolen from the University and from Heath Road and other residential roads where they were taken from front and rear gardens. Police advice is to register bikes on the Bike Register (www.bikeregister.com) and use gold standard D-locks to lock them up. Advice for cars is a crook lock for the steering wheel and a Faraday pouch for the key when not in use.

High harm

Violence against the person has fallen. Both our Safer Neighbourhood police officers assist at the One Stop Shop for Domestic Abuse in Hampton Hill. The top five offence locations in South Twickenham are: St Mary's University; St Richard Reynolds Catholic College; Radnor Gardens; Cross Deep; Riley's Sports Bar, Heath Road; and Sainsbury's Supermarket, Twickenham Green.

Richmond Safer Neighbourhood Board offer a free crime prevention visit to residential addresses. Email: crimepreventionadvice@yahoo.com

Police Information Links

Twitter address for South Twickenham SNT is [@MPSSTwickenham](https://twitter.com/MPSSTwickenham)

South Twickenham SNT email address: southtwickenham.snt@met.police.uk

The new Ward contact enquiry line for South Twickenham: **027 175 9465**. This is a number for advice, e.g. about a new bike, or raising an issue – it is not a reporting number, that would be 101 or 999.

Please note residents can view crime figures on the Met website for their area:

Link is : [Home | Metropolitan Police](https://www.met.police.uk/home) and then put in your postcode.

Here is a link to the crime statistics which are all available on the Met website <https://www.met.police.uk/sd/stats-and-data>

You can report people who are homeless to SPEAR, the homeless charity based in Heath Road, and they will go out to help them.

Spear 0208 288 6506 <https://www.spearlondon.org/>

Find below a link to the Street Safe online reporting App

<https://www.met.police.uk/notices/street-safe/street-safe/>

Twitter address for South Twickenham SNT [@MPSSTwickenham](https://twitter.com/MPSSTwickenham)

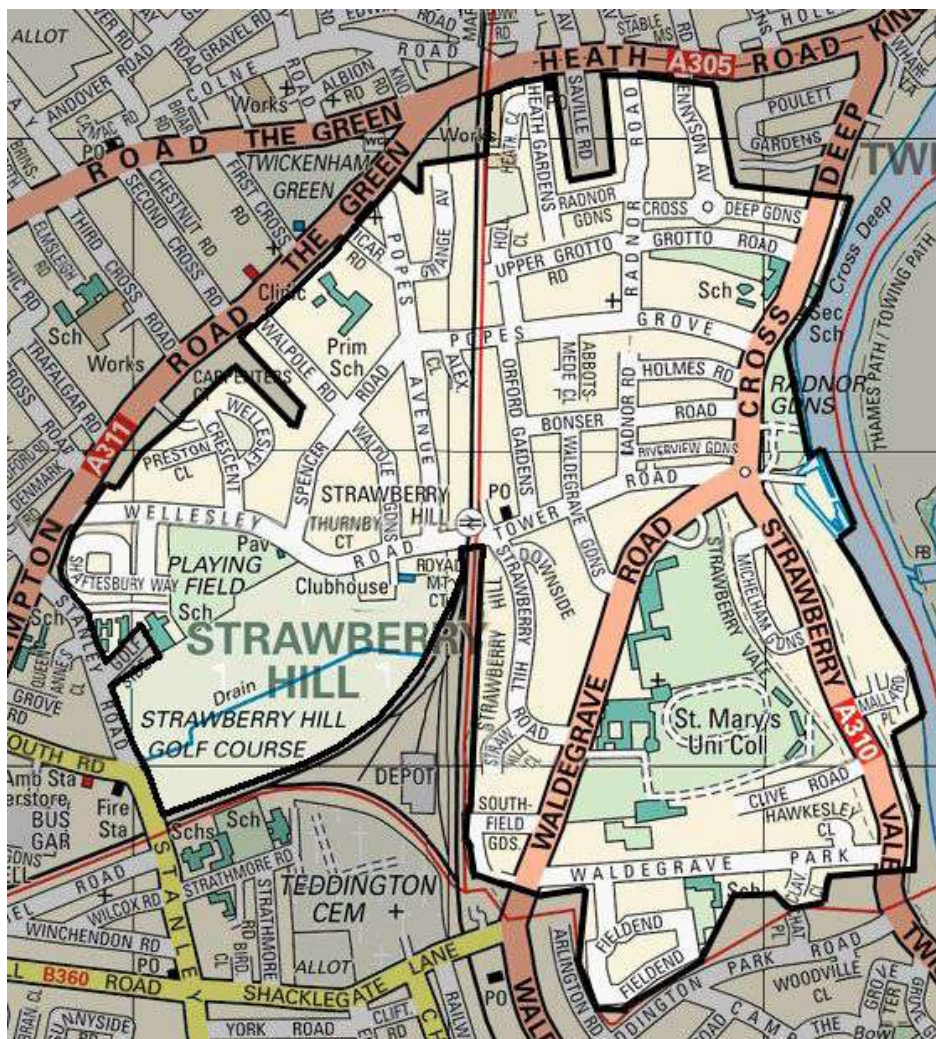
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The Association

The SHRA AGM

At the SHRA AGM on 26 April residents attending approved the changes proposed in the review of the boundary of Strawberry Hill. The revised map and boundary are shown on the right. The main decision was to include the two primary schools: St James's Catholic Primary School and Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England School. Links with the schools would help SHRA in reaching out to families with younger children in the area. This was the same target group as our Family Picnic at Strawberry Hill House in the summer. It is clear that Strawberry Hill comprises a spectrum of various 'communities' including groups of parents with children attending these schools.

The other main inclusion in the area is the grounds of Strawberry Hill Golf Club, an area of significant green space. Originally, although the clubhouse was regarded as within Strawberry Hill, the grounds were excluded. SHRA will be in a stronger position to resist any future plans for development on the golf course if it is within our definition of Strawberry Hill. This is not currently on the agenda but Council-owned green spaces could be in the cross hairs of a future Government seeking to increase the number of houses being built in Greater London.



Strawberry Hill Boundary Revised map

Vacancies on the Committee

Joining the SHRA Committee provides an excellent local volunteering opportunity for those people living in Strawberry Hill who would like to contribute. In recent years we have tried to recruit people into particular roles so that everyone is clear about what is expected of them. However, there are currently two vacancies on the 15-person Committee which we are seeking to fill. The Committee meets six times a year in the evenings from 19.30-21.00 at local venues including St Mary's University and the Alexander Pope Hotel. If you would like to discuss joining the Committee then please email us at contact@shra.org.uk.

Carols in the Village – Friday 8 December

The annual SHRA Christmas event will take place on Friday 8 December at the usual venue of Wellesley Parade between 6pm and 7.30pm. We will also commemorate the 150th anniversary of the opening of Strawberry Hill Station with a special cake. Music will be provided by our good friends, Richmond Brass Band, playing family-favourite carols from O come all ye faithful to Good King Wenceslas. Children will be encouraged to help decorate the large Christmas tree that will light up the area until early January. Mulled wine and mince pies will be available for added warmth and there will be treats for children. The Mayor Councillor Suzette Nicholson will be attending and donations will go to her charities.

St Mary's University

We recently held SHRA's regular meeting with Anthony McClaran, the Vice Chancellor of St Mary's University, and Chris Paget, the Director of Estates & Campus Services. SMU is now ranked 45th in the list of higher education institutions published by the Times Good University Guide – 'a source of pride'. Other good news was that, owing to good scores in the National Student Survey, SMU was ranked 5th for student experience and 7th for teaching quality. The term has begun well with a strong 'arrivals event' and an increase in numbers of international students. The summer schools were also busy after the dip following Covid and there were lots of Italian language students on campus in July and August. There are new post- and under-graduate courses starting in Computer Science.

The Association

RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTION:

Your contribution is vital in allowing SHRA to maintain and develop its events and activities including litter picks, the Big Family Picnic, the planter, the Bulletin, local history, protecting the heritage and monitoring planning applications. We also maintain a fund for legal fees which are required if there is a need to challenge local planning decisions. All Committee members are volunteers. The suggested subscription fee is £5-£10 annually per household (April-March).

You can pay by BACs, Standing order or cheque.

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Cheques payable to *Strawberry Hill Residents' Association*, drop in or post to June Collins, *23b Tower Road*, TW1 4PD OR Post Office, 50 Tower Road, TW1 4PE (please enclose a note with your name, address and email).

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Suggested subscription fee is **£5-£10 annually per household**.

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[Strawberry_Hill_RA](https://www.instagram.com/Strawberry_Hill_RA)



[Strawberry Hill Residents' Association](https://www.facebook.com/StrawberryHillResidentsAssociation)

Green Pages

By Louisa Carradine & Andrew Miller

Strawberry Hill Spring Clean



Members of SHRA litter-pick group

Since July 2022 our Environment Coordinator, Louisa Carradine has been organising a litter pick on the second Saturday of the month. The local green charity, Habitats & Heritage, provides the necessary equipment – hoops, bags and pickers – and the Council's contractor, Continental Landscapes, removes the bags of rubbish. Louisa has set up a SHRA Litter Pickers What's App Group which enables us to keep people informed of up and coming picks (to join the group email springclean@shra.org.uk).

The date of the first Strawberry Hill Spring Clean was Saturday 1 April from 9-11am. Saturday 7 October was the date we decided on for the second Big Litter Pick of the year when we try to pick all 42 streets and closes of Strawberry Hill. The first Strawberry Hill Spring Clean was held on 1 April and there were 36 pickers who turned out to support the event. For the Autumn Spring Clean, we decided to rely on our regular pickers plus members of the Committee. We had 15 pickers but still managed to cover most of the areas people took on two or more streets each. As on the regular picks, passers-by thanked pickers for their work and the pink SHRA high-viz jackets brightened up the area.

St Mary's students 'Give it a go'

SHRA meets each year with Matt Doyle, the Student Volunteering Coordinator at St Mary's University, to see what opportunities there might be for students to volunteer in the area. The second week of the autumn term is termed 'Give it a go' week and it provides an opportunity for students to sample volunteering. The SHRA offer is to enable students to litter pick in Radnor Gardens. Continental Landscapes do regularly clean the Gardens but they do not pick up the small plastic waste that can get hidden among plants and in the grass. On the day – 26 September 11am -12.30pm. there were a handful of students involved but they were able to fill several bags of rubbish, including lots of small waste from the children's playground.



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Short Courses – Strawberry Hill Residents Welcome!

By Helen Barnes, Short Course Administrator

Over the coming months we have a number of new short courses on offer. Most of them have a special discount in place for our local Strawberry Hill neighbours. You can access them via our dedicated neighbours' page via stmarys.ac.uk/neighbours-discounts.

How to Run a Marathon - Saturday 2nd December 2023

For anyone who has ever thought of running a marathon or who has signed up to one in 2024. Hosted by expert tutor, Caitlin Limmer, founder of Twickenham's Bearcat Running Club and the Turks Head 10K, this inspiring one-day course that will start on the Sir Mo Farah race track and will furnish you with everything you need to know. You can book at the special rate of £49.50.



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Wine Tasting - WSET Level 1 Award in Wines - Saturday 18th November 2023

If you are more interested in wine than running, our WSET Level 1 Award in Wines offers a fun and sociable beginner level introduction to wine that results in a qualification and would be ideal to enjoy with a group of friends or colleagues as a pre-Christmas day out! Held in our historic Waldegrave Drawing Room, you will explore the main types and styles of wine through sight, smell, and taste, while also gaining the basic skills to describe wines accurately, and make food and wine pairings. You can book the course at the discounted rate of £157.50 per person. Simply email shortcourses@stmarys.ac.uk to book your place.

Learn to Lift - 17th January to 27th March 2024

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Heritage Spaces: Making and Meanings (Master's level) – January 2024

This public history Master's level module examines the relationships between the heritage sector and issues such as identity, nostalgia, social inclusion, and the normalisation of cultural values. You can book with a 20% discount - **£1,040** (usual price £1,300).

Finally, our next Pregnancy Massage course runs again on Saturday 16th December. If you are expecting a baby and will be over 20 weeks and you would like a free massage from one of our students please do get in contact. All our pregnancy massage students are fully qualified massage practitioners.

We also offer courses that will qualify you in massage or sports massage, as a personal trainer, or as a Pilates or yoga teacher or you can take nutrition or first aid course.

A full list of all our courses is available via <https://www.stmarys.ac.uk/short-courses/overview.aspx> or call 020 8240 4321 for more information.

Languages – French and Spanish – February 2024

Our weekly evening courses in French and Spanish get underway again in February. Regardless if you are a total beginner or if you have knowledge to build on, our team of experienced tutors will develop your language skills and confidence and provide you with a fun weekly dose of sunshine escapism. You can choose from Beginner or Intermediate level French or Spanish which will polish your conversational skills perfectly. You can book for the discounted rate of **£211.50**.

How to Write a Novel – 27th January 2024

A brand-new course that will help you turn that idea and your dreams of writing a novel into something more substantial and reality. You can book at the discounted rate of **£63**.

Eating Well, the Gut and Inflammation – coming soon

Launching soon our brand-new, Eating Well, the Gut and Inflammation course, which will be delivered online (with an optional date in our nutrition kitchen) and will educate and demystify everything to do with gut health. You will be able to book at the discounted rate of **£90**. Keep an eye on the website or email shortcourses@stmarys.ac.uk to register your interest.

Reflexology – February 2024

Our Level 3 Diploma in Reflexology starts again in February and will allow you to qualify and practice as a reflexologist. It is available at a discounted rate of **£1,485** (usual price £1,650) for neighbours.

History & Heritage

Strawberry Hill House

By Bethan Wood, Marketing & Communications Manager



Double Exhibition at Strawberry Hill House & Garden

Now open Saturday - Wednesday

Take a journey through the evolution of woodcut printing in Strawberry Hill House's new Double Exhibition. 'The Devil is in the Detail' unveils Albrecht Dürer's masterpiece 'Great Passion', while 'There Goes the Sun' showcases Christiane Baumgartner's innovative approach to the artform.

Albrecht Dürer (1471–1528), a towering figure in art history, crafted the 'Great Passion' woodcut series between 1497 and 1510, showcasing his transition from Gothic intricacy to Renaissance symmetry. This series, rarely seen complete, melds imagery and text in pioneering harmony. Christiane Baumgartner (b. 1967) merges modern technology with traditional woodcutting, transforming photographs and video stills into

mesmerizing prints. Her artistry captures the interplay of light and emotion, evoking modern themes while nodding to woodcut tradition. Runs until 10 April 2024. Tickets included in general admission.

As part of these two exhibitions, there are two brilliant curator talks: 'The Devil is in the Detail: Durer and his time' with Caterina Badan from the Schrodter Collection, on Friday 3 November at 11am, and 'There Goes the Sun; an introduction to the work of Christiane Baumgartner' with Jonathan Watkins on Friday 24 November at 11am.

Also coming up, join Anne Desmet, RA who will talk about the historic and contemporary art of wood engraving and the legacy of Dürer, followed by a half day hands-on introduction to the art of wood engraving on Wednesday 6 December 2023 & Wednesday 13 March 2024. www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/whats-on



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History & Heritage

History of Archdeacon Cambridge's School by Andrew Miller

Recently I visited Archdeacon Cambridge's School on Hampton Road to discuss changes to the boundary of Strawberry Hill to include the school. The headteacher, Fiona Lambe, allowed me access to the archive and a history written in 1992 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of its foundation. This brief history is based on the pamphlet, *Archdeacon Cambridge's Schools 1842-1992: A Record of Living Memories* (Pamela Bosanquet, 1992).



Archdeacon Cambridge School 1950s

Opening

The first Archdeacon Cambridge's School was founded in 1842. In 1841, Holy Trinity Church had been opened on Twickenham Green to accommodate the rapidly growing population in Twickenham. Archdeacon Cambridge (George Owen Cambridge - also Archdeacon of Middlesex) was the Treasurer of the Committee set up to oversee its building but he died in 1841. His friends decided that the establishment of a school for poor children would be an appropriate memorial. A small committee soon raised £350 and appointed an architect to design a school for 200 pupils, including accommodation for a master and mistress, at a cost of £700. Holmes, a local builder, was contracted to build the school with an opening date of August 1842. A married couple, Mr and Mrs Hall, were appointed on a salary of £40 including fuel. Children attending had to be clean, to wear clothing that was in good repair and had to pay 2d per week for tuition (tuition was free after 1892). Pupils attended for six days a week with all day Sunday devoted for religious instruction. The school opened on 13 September 1842 with 78 girls and 53 boys who were taught in a separate Girls' and Boys' schools.

Changes

In 1857, the Infants School was opened in Briar Road. From 1919 until 1927, six and seven year olds were taught at Guild Road Mission Hall with pupils graduating to the 'big school' behind the Church. When the Mission Hall closed in 1927, the Vicarage Road site became very overcrowded (housing 7-13 year olds), until it became a junior school in 1935. After 1935, children left at age 11 and there were just four classes. In 1952, the school became a mixed school with one headteacher, Mr Brown. In 1968, the current site was opened with two headteachers and both Briar and Vicarage Road sites were redundant. In 1982, Infant and Junior schools were merged with one headteacher, Mr Robert Fisher, and one name – Archdeacon Cambridge's Church of England Primary School.

Twickenham Green 'Conkers' and the Great War

The horse chestnut trees on Twickenham Green have been part of the local landscape for many years. During 1916-1918 they were involved in supporting the War effort. Fred Ide who was a pupil from 1916-1925 remembers collecting sacks of conkers on the Green and taking them to school. The reason, according to the Imperial War Museum, was that the Atlantic U-boat offensive threatened supplies of maize from North America which was used in the manufacture of explosives. Horse chestnuts were found to be a good substitute and the Ministry of Munitions organised the collection of the 'harvest' with the help of the nation's school children.

The Vicarage Road Playground

Fred Ide also remembered PT lessons with Mr Buttram in Vicarage Road which comprised 'Swedish drill' or a 'military-style' route march to Radnor Gardens and back. Mr Buttram had fought in Russia during the War and was a typical army drill sergeant. Vicarage Road was also used during playtime when masters stood at either end and blew a whistle whenever (infrequent) traffic appeared and children had to move onto the pavement.

History & Heritage

Strawberry Hill Station - 150th Anniversary

150 Years of Strawberry Hill Station – 1873-2023

Strawberry Hill Station, the centre of what we call the 'Village', opened on Monday 1 December 1873. The event was marked by the article in the Richmond and Twickenham Times from 6 December 1873. You can read a fuller history of the station which was written by Robert Youngs on the SHRA website – shra.org.uk/history.



STRAWBERRY HILL STATION was opened for traffic on Monday: thirty-two trains stop there. The station has been fitted with entirely new signal and locking apparatus, and the completeness and efficiency of the means provided to prevent all danger of collision merit especial attention. The signal and locking system is that of Messrs Saxby and Farmer, being the same as that fitted at the Twickenham and Windsor line junction box. Altogether the Strawberry Hill junction promises to be as attractive a little railway station as we could well wish to see. The builders were Messrs Jackson and Shaw of London. It is situated in such a position as to prove a general boon to the residents near Twickenham Green, by whom it has already been much utilised.



Business Pages

The Beach – gallery, workshop and café – 197 Waldegrave Road by Peter Lamb



Bust of Lady Frances Waldegrave

renowned local artist, Avril Vellacott who worked in film and as an accomplished sculptor. Her portrait sculpture of Noel Coward stands on display in Teddington Library.

Mark has followed in his mother's footsteps to become a highly talented sculptor with work that has been exhibited locally, and bronze copies of his portraits can be found as far afield as the USA and Australia. A number of his busts are designed specifically for visually impaired people so that they may gain an impression of well-known characters, including James Bond. This is on display in the gallery garden together with many other portraits. He has recently created a stunning sculpted portrait of a young Lady Frances Waldegrave (pictured) which he has composed from his research with existing photographs.

It is exciting to see a new cultural addition to our area in the form of a gallery, café and studio. 'The Beach,' which has just opened on Waldegrave Road, a mere hundred yards outside our boundary, is a development by local artist and aeronautical engineer, Mark Vellacott. His surname has resonance in our area and the wider art world as Mark belongs to the 4th generation of Teddington artists. His mother was the

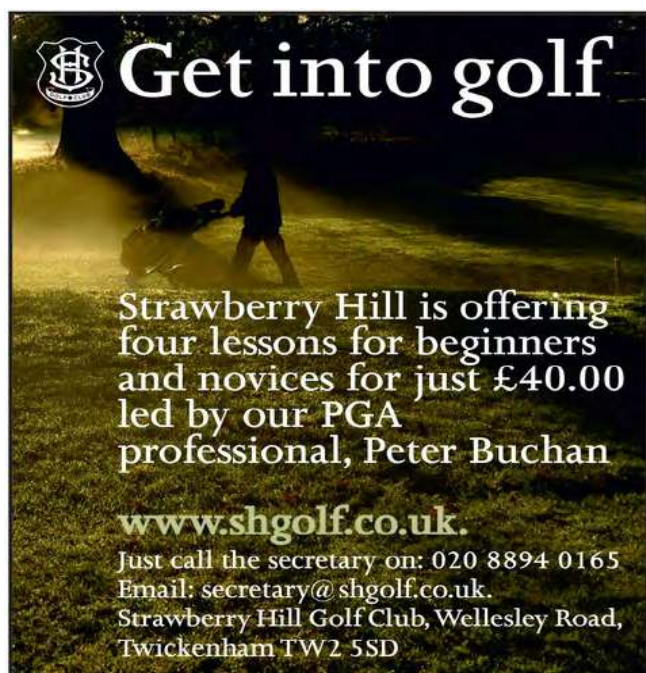


Mark Vellacott at The Beach

Mark's aim is to develop a community-based arts venue by renovating a neglected building in the Waldegrave Road parade. But why 'the Beach' one might ask, as the name seems a touch incongruous seeing its location. Although Mark was born in the Richmond, he spent his early years in North Devon close to the beach, and later on raising a family in Australia. In the same way that the seaside was significant to him as a place of relaxation and escape, 'The Beach' arts venue with its art courses, exhibited artworks and café will provide local people with a haven from the mundane hurly burly of everyday life.

An inaugural exhibition, 'Relationship – Recognition – Realisation' will run until 17th November, and on 23rd November he will be curating 'Transitions' which will feature the works of well-known Twickenham based artist, Sophie Coe, and Italian print maker and sculptor, Livia Spinolo.

We hope many residents will support this new venture, view the artworks, enjoy the café and meet Mark who wants 'The Beach' to play a vital role in the local community.



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