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# News from the Residents' Association to mid-November



*EBC Councillors, Tricia Bland, Karen Randolph and Tannia Shipley and SCC Councillor Peter Hickman with residents ready to board the 'petition bus'*

## Welcome to the Winter Edition

Some new East Molesey readers were pleased but surprised to receive copies of Thames Ditton Today. This is because they are now part of the electoral ward of Thames Ditton as a result of boundary changes implemented by the previous Conservative administration of Elmbridge Borough Council (EBC). We aim to keep you informed on local news and items of interest within the ward.

## Rallying residents to save our buses

More than 2,000 Thames Ditton and Weston Green residents have signed a petition protesting against proposed cuts to the 514, 515 and 458 bus services by the current operator, Abellio Surrey, which could mean that Thames Ditton and Weston Green have no bus services after January 1 2017.

The RA made sure that Surrey County Council would be left in no doubt about the depth of feeling as the petition was delivered on board an iconic routemaster bus.

*“Surrey County Council has said it is looking at engaging alternative bus companies to provide replacement services, but there is no guarantee that equivalent services can be found,”* said Cllr Tricia W. Bland. *“The impact of withdrawing these services would be devastating to the whole community. Many of our elderly residents and those with disabilities have no alternative forms of transport and rely on our local buses to maintain their independence. There are also those who rely on the buses to take them to work, schools and colleges, doctor’s surgeries and hospitals.”*

Residents’ Association Chairman Rhodri Richards added: *“Any plan to cut the bus*

*services would contradict SCC's pledge to foster a more environmentally friendly county. Ever more planning applications without off-street parking are being granted, with the reasoning that we should be encouraging people to forego their cars and use public transport. This means SCC should be investing in and improving bus services, not reducing them."*

The Residents' Association is asking SCC for reassurances that the three bus services currently under threat will be continued, without a reduction in frequency or stops, under a new operator.

## Parking

The proposals from the 2016 Dittons and Moleseys parking review by Surrey County Council (SCC) have been approved by the Elmbridge Local Committee and will go for public consultation shortly.

There is a link to the proposed changes on our website residents-association.com and you can also find details on Surrey.gov.uk. SCC is currently preparing the documents for advertisement, at which point it will accept public comments or objections.

This is all due to take place towards the end of this year or early in 2017. We will publish the start date on our website when we have it.

There are 24 separate proposals including

- St Leonard's Road, **Thames Ditton** from the Fountain roundabout to Portsmouth Avenue – introduce sections of double yellow lines 'No waiting at any time'
- Station Road **Thames Ditton** between the High Street and Basing Way – introduce sections of double yellow lines 'No waiting at any time' and single yellow lines 'No waiting every day 8am-6.30pm'

- Weston Green Road, Weston Park, Newlands Avenue (**Weston Green**) at the junctions and opposite the rear entrance of Weston Green School – introduce sections of double yellow lines 'No waiting at any time'
- Weston Avenue and Lime Tree Avenue, (**Weston Green**) – introduce sections of double yellow lines 'No waiting at any time' at the junctions and in the turning circle
- **East Molesey** Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) – To extend the operational period of the CPZ to provide turnover of parking spaces for visitors to use on Saturday and provide four 30 minute parking spaces with a higher turnover for short-term visitors.

## Winter flowers, spring bulbs and the Christmas tree



*John Lyon planting spring bulbs along Ember Lane*

This autumn local resident John Lyon planted daffodil bulbs throughout Weston Green and Thames Ditton. This is the 26th year that the Residents' Association has

funded this planting and the results will be seen next spring, not only the hundreds of bulbs planted this year but those that are spreading naturally.

To brighten up the winter months RA volunteers Francine and Giselle have replanted the Fountain roundabout in Thames Ditton with winter pansies. Thank you to all our volunteer planters and to Andrew James for watering the flowers through the year.

The pouring rain wasn't enough to dampen the enthusiasm of the Thames Ditton In Bloom volunteer gardeners who gathered at Thames Ditton station in October for the autumn/winter planting of the wheelbarrows and planters. This time they joined forces with the Women's Institute, officers from EBC and South West Trains staff to clear the summer display and replace it with autumn/winter planting.



*Planting winter pansies*

Soon commuters and visitors will be cheered by a riot of red, yellow and blue polyanthus, white and pink bellis, pansies and trailing ivy, with mini-daffodils and tulips making a welcome appearance in the spring.

In the meantime the Association's Highways Convenor Andrew Roberts has organised the Christmas tree and lights for

the Fountain roundabout and the Christmas lights on Weston Green, which will be lit in early December.



*Thames Ditton in Bloom planting team*

## Happy Birthday Farmers' Market

In October the Farmers' Market celebrated its first birthday. Held monthly at the George & Dragon car park in Thames Ditton it has quickly become a firm favourite with local residents, offering a chance to buy great things and meet your neighbours.



*Farmers' Market team and birthday cake*

## Keep Weston Green clean Campaign

Many thanks to those who responded to the plea for volunteers to form a litter-picking group. All volunteers will be meeting shortly to plan the way forward. Should anyone else wish to join the group

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## Planning

The application for **Mill Road Depot** (2016/2532) was debated at the East Area Planning sub-committee in September. Permission was granted with the conditions set out in the agenda, subject to amended conditions, additional condition and an informative. The application will go to the next full planning meeting on 22 November.

**Esher Tyre and Exhaust** (2016/1963) An application for eight flats has been refused because of incongruous and overbearing impact.

The application for a storage depot on **Angel Road** (2015/0598) has been dismissed at appeal. Residents will be relieved; the application attracted 145 objections.

The RA supported some 40 residents who oppose the latest application to develop on land behind the **east side of Speer Road** (2016/2364). A previous application was rejected by EBC and the planning inspector.

We objected to the application for an additional property at **31 Embercourt Road** (2016/2576) as this was previously rejected by EBC.

On the basis that no parking is to be provided the RA has written in support of residents opposing the development at The Raintree (2016/1066) (originally the Masons Arms) on the Portsmouth Road.

The Environment Agency has objected to the application for a water activity centre at **Hurst Park Open Space** (2016/2760) for three reasons; flood risk; risk to nature conservation and fisheries; inadequate buffer zone to the River Thames.

The Community Advisory Group of the Thames Landscape Strategy (Weybridge-Hampton-Kew) has also objected as it considers the application to contravene guidance set out in the Thames Landscape Strategy.

The RA has objected to two applications for **advertisements on roundabouts** – one on the Hampton Court Way roundabout junction with Embercourt Road (2016/3154) and one on the Scilly Island roundabout (2016/3161).

## Remembering

On Remembrance Sunday, November 12th, following a service in St. Nicholas Church, Martin Wilberforce, Residents' Association President, laid a wreath on behalf of the RA at the War Memorial on Giggs Hill Green. Councillor Tricia W. Bland laid a wreath on behalf of Elmbridge Council.

Councillors Nigel Haig-Brown (for Elmbridge) and Tannia Shipley (for the Residents' Association) laid wreaths at the War Memorial at All Saints, Weston Green.

## Weston Green Community Quiz



*Will you be the winner of the Weston Green Quiz prize 2017?*

The second Weston Green Quiz will take place on Saturday January 21 2017. Last year 11 tables battled it out to be Weston Green Quiz Champions and take home the coveted Weston Green Mugs!

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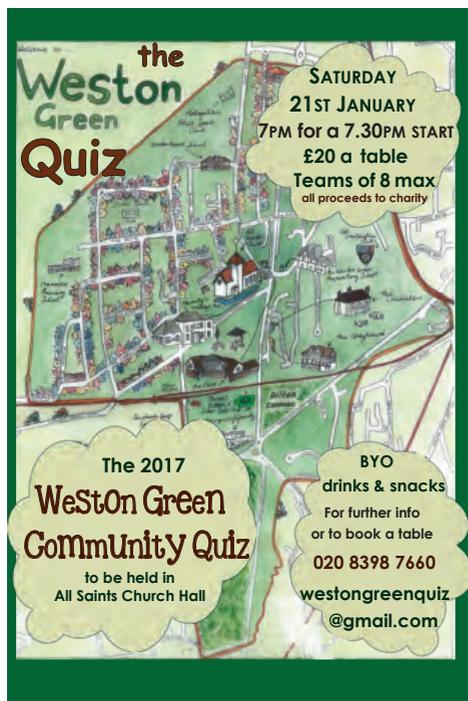
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Last year the quiz was fully booked so please email [westongreenquiz@gmail.com](mailto:westongreenquiz@gmail.com) or call 0208 398 7660 to book a table.

The Quiz will take place at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of All Saints Weston. Please bring your own drinks and snacks. Glasses will be provided. Tables cost £20 and should have a maximum of eight people.



## River Thames Scheme

Tina Donaldson, (Community Resilience Advisor, River Thames Scheme, Elmbridge, Richmond & Kingston) is holding a number of 'surgeries' to update residents about the River Thames Scheme. Dates and times are shown below.

### Molesey Library

Walton Road, West Molesey, KT8 2HZ  
November 22 2016, 3pm to 7pm

**St Nicholas Parish Hall, Thames Ditton**  
Summer Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0QQ  
November 24 2016, 3pm to 7pm

### Teddington Library

Waldegrave Road, Teddington, TW11 8NY  
November 29 2016, 2pm to 6pm

### Black Swan Sea Cadets Hall, Shepperton

Black Swan Sea Cadets, River Ash Estate, Shepperton TW17 8NG  
December 1 2016, 2pm to 8pm

### Kingston Borough Council Offices

Room 41 Guildhall, High St, Kingston, KT1 1EU  
December 7 2016, 3pm to 7pm

Tina has said that these surgeries will be on a much smaller scale than previous River Thames Scheme public drop-ins you may have visited in the past. She and one of the engineers working on the design of the scheme will be present to answer questions, or just be present so that residents can call in and find out the latest information.

## Dates for your diary

**Farmers' Market** Saturday November 26, George and Dragon car park from 9-1pm

### Thames Ditton High Street

**Christmas Fair** Sunday December 4 from 3-6 pm

### Christmas Farmers' Market

Sunday December 18, George and Dragon car park from 9-1pm

### Weston Green Community Quiz

Saturday January 21, 7.30pm, Church Hall, All Saints Weston

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# READY for precious metals



In 2014 we reported on the exciting prospect of student Toby Gold from Thistledeane, Thames Ditton, representing GB in the Paralympic Games in Rio in T33 wheelchair racing. In this edition we catch up with him to find out how it feels to be a Paralympic silver medallist.

*“It still feels unreal. Rio was amazing; my Dad is from Brazil so as well as family and friends from the UK we had family from over there watching me race .... I couldn’t believe the noise when I got into the stadium!”*

Since being selected for the GB squad aged 19, Toby has gone on to win a bronze medal at the 2015 World Championships in Doha; become European champion in 2016 and won a Silver Medal in Rio. He is the current European record holder for 100m, 200m, 400m and 800m in the T33 (athletes with cerebral palsy affecting all four limbs with highest level of impairment). In the same period he graduated with First Class Honours in Sports Science from Queen Mary’s University in Twickenham. *“It has been a mad couple of years. Now I am adjusting to life after Rio and after university – training as a full-time athlete thanks to lottery funding”.*

Toby spent his first four and a half years in training with the Weir-Archer academy in Kingston and now trains with fellow Paralympian Hannah Cockcroft in Loughborough. *“We have different strengths and really push each other to be better.”*

Born with cerebral palsy, competition with his able-bodied twin brother meant he never accepted what he couldn’t do, but looked for what he could.



*Toby with his silver medal from Rio*

His journey to the Paralympics went via a variety of sports. Having started horse-riding as a child he moved on to rowing at the local Dittons Skiff and Punting Club.

At a Playground to Podium event for disabled athletes he sat for the first time in a sports wheelchair and got hooked on

wheelchair basketball. Finally in 2011, when a teacher recommended wheelchair racing he found his element.

At that point the support of local charity READY (Recreation and Easy Access for Disabled Youth) was crucial. READY aims to allow people with disabilities to participate in sports and to increase participation and funding for disability athletics. They sponsored Toby's first four racing wheelchairs.

Sports Aid stepped in as it became clear that Toby had talent and competition success led to Lottery funding to help him become a full-time athlete.

Alongside an intense training schedule Toby coaches wheelchair basketball once a week, gives talks as an ambassador for READY and gets involved with promoting para-sport. He also plays the piano in his

spare time. Having cerebral palsy he has to spend time training the muscle memory in his fingers. A silicon keyboard is one of the bits of kit he travels with to fill any downtime.

If Toby's story has inspired you to get into wheelchair sports Richmond Knights Basketball Club has a Wheelchair Basketball Club for children of all ages and abilities (including able-bodied players) and they provide sports wheelchairs for players attending [www.rkbc.co.uk](http://www.rkbc.co.uk).

If you would like to try wheelchair racing or other para-sports you can find information on disability athletics on the England Athletics website: <http://www.englishathletics.org/disability-athletics>

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# A jewel in the Thames Ditton Crown



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Building on their legacy, Gilda Saxton, Claire Evans and a team of volunteers give their time to run an annual autumn and spring programme of theatre, packed full of top-quality shows for all ages. The tough economic climate has seen the closure of many local community theatres, but thanks to the generosity of the RC Sherriff Trust, the love and energy of the volunteers and regular audiences, the Thames Ditton Theatre is thriving.



*Gilda Sexton (left) and Claire Evans*

Gilda previously owned a lighting business and first got involved when she led and won a bid to the RC Sherriff Trust to help further develop the theatre's artistic programme, such as purchasing a new digital projector so audiences can benefit from great film nights and performances using multi-media techniques.

Claire has a professional theatre background, initially as a theatre agent, and then

directing and producing her own shows. In her professional role Claire comes across a wide range of acts and has introduced new performers while keeping the firm favourites.

Claire says: *"We know our audience love the annual Charles Court Opera panto, so this January we are extending our panto season with three showings of their 'Pinocchio' (including a matinee);*

and as an extra treat, we have booked the *Isoceles Theatre Company* to perform their dark comedy drama 'Behind You', exploring the underbelly of panto-land."

"Our audiences are able to see the *Charles Court Opera* for £18," Gilda adds, "whereas at the *Kings Head* in Islington you would have to pay £29 for the same show, let alone the train fare. On top of this great price, we are offering a double discounted ticket if you book for both 'Pinocchio' and 'Behind You'. Or get a discount when you buy for a group."

Gilda and Claire believe that The Thames Ditton Theatre is a resource which can enrich everyone's lives, and their ambition is to continue providing and developing further a regular and wide-ranging mixture of classic and modern entertainment with something for everyone. This might include

comedy, drama, children's shows, or live music such as classical, or jazz on one of the 'Strictly Sunday' evenings when the theatre goes 'cabaret style' with candles on the tables. They have rejuvenated the website to enable online bookings and use their professional networks and social media to spread the word.

See 'What's On' (page 46) in this magazine or subscribe to the e-newsletter at [www.verafletcherhall.co.uk](http://www.verafletcherhall.co.uk). If you have suggestions or would like to volunteer – particularly if you have sound and lighting or press and publicity skills - contact Gilda on [enquiries@verafletcherhall.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@verafletcherhall.co.uk) or Claire on [pr@verafletcherhall.co.uk](mailto:pr@verafletcherhall.co.uk). Or come and meet them on their stall at the Farmers' Market on Sunday 18 December.

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# A welcome addition to the High Street



I was delighted to see the recent arrival of a fishmonger and his van to Thames Ditton, bringing yet more shopping choice to our High Street. Bradley Taylor comes every Tuesday afternoon from 3pm to 4.30pm and parks by Paulls Greengrocers. His fish is super-fresh and nothing is frozen. He is in Grimsby Market at 2am on a Monday buying just-landed fish. At 8am he is in Oxford in the main market. In the evening he is in Chalfont St Giles selling door to door; on Tuesday he with us, having added Thames Ditton to his run.

Like our son-in-law, Bradley comes from Grimsby. It is a town I know well and it is rather a sad one. The reduction of the North Sea fishing fleet, combined with landing quotas, has brought high unemployment to the area. This has been compounded by the closure of the Birds Eye factory. The comparison to our buzzing and somewhat frenetic South East is palpable.

In no way has this deterred this get up and go young entrepreneur. His family has been involved in the fish industry for three generations and Bradley is no exception. He left school with an aim. After leaving school he did labouring jobs and lived at home, which meant by last year, aged only 20, he was able to buy his own refrigerated van. He took this on a small 'test -run' and in only a year has expanded to include TD, just in time for his 21st birthday.

It is a strange fact that in our islands, where we are never more than about than 70 miles from the coast, we eat less fish than most

other countries. I have been in a market in Madrid where in an amazing display there was a huge array of seafood including cold water fish such as cod, haddock, hake and prawns, which 24 to 36 hours before were being caught in the seas around us. It will have been sold as it landed, crated and taken to the continental markets within hours. I have been to an indoor market in Avignon where there is a 90ft counter that doesn't smell of fish, everything is so fresh.



*The author with Bradley Taylor and his Fish Van*

So welcome to Thames Ditton Bradley, and good luck! We are always being urged by health specialists to eat more fish so I would like to tempt you with two of my favourite recipes. The majority of the cooking can be done in advance, so no need to panic!

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### Kedgeree

It is not all doom and gloom in Grimsby; they still smoke haddock in the traditional local fashion as they have done for generations. Happily we are now appreciating our own local produce more and more.

#### Ingredients (serves 4)

500g smoked haddock  
1 bay leaf  
milk/water (enough to cover fish)  
2 tbs olive oil  
bunch of parsley, chopped  
3 hard boiled eggs  
1 onion, chopped  
400g rice (I find Uncle Ben's long grained rice good as it gives clear amounts for each serving)  
3 tsp cumin seeds  
1 tsp turmeric  
butter for serving  
salt and pepper to taste

#### Method

Put haddock with mixture of milk and water and bay leaf in a saucepan and bring gently to the boil. Remove from the heat, put the lid on and leave to cool. Drain, skin and flake the fish.

Put onion in frying pan with the oil and gently soften, be patient as it takes a little time. Add the cumin seed and turmeric. Once softened, cook for a further two minutes. Add the flaked fish. You can complete the dish now or leave it until later. Cook the rice as per the packet instructions, drain and add to the fish mixture. Gently heat for a few minutes, add chopped parsley and grated hard boiled eggs. Serve. A dab of butter on each serving is a good addition.

## Away

### Spanish cod stew

#### Ingredients (serves 4)

500g cod, skinned, and chopped into chunks  
100g cooking chorizo  
1 onion, chopped  
1 red and 1 yellow pepper, chopped  
2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped  
1 tsp sweet paprika  
2 tsp oregano  
1 can of chopped tomatoes  
4 tbs olive oil  
100 ml of stock (vegetable/fish)  
300g small waxy potatoes (sliced)  
1 glass of white wine (about 125 ml)  
salt and pepper to taste  
toasted pine nuts

#### Method

Gently fry the onion in oil. Using a potato peeler skin as much skin off the peppers as you can, then halve, de-seed, chop and add to the onions and soften. Then add the chopped chorizo, the garlic, paprika and oregano. Add the wine then turn up the heat and reduce the wine to nothing. Add the tomatoes and stock. Bring to the boil, then turn the heat down to a simmer, and add the sliced potatoes. Cook the potatoes until cooked (about 10 minutes). You can finish the dish now or leave for a few hours. Bring sauce to the boil, taste, reduce the liquid if necessary. Add the chopped cod, cook for 5 to 7 minutes. Add the toasted pine nuts and serve with crusty bread.



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**Ironing Board** – Children can discover Santa in Sheila's crystal grotto with fairies and elves and collect an early Christmas gift.

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**Nice Buns Café** – Find piping hot sausages on sticks, mince pies, winter white rocky road, lashings of hot chocolate plus heaps more!

**Organic Nest** – Find Christmas food and beauty hampers and festive organic fruit and veg boxes plus pre-order your organic turkey or goose by award winning Rhug Organic Meats Farm.

**Paull's** – 'Guess how many sprouts?' game to win a large seasonal fruit and veg box, proceeds to the Princess Alice Hospice. Plus pick up your Christmas order forms for Paull's seasonal boxes.

**Red Lion** – The team will be smoking hot with sausages and mulled wine. Plus play the game: 'catch the present down the chimney' in aid of IYAF (Int Youth Art Festival).

**The Rose** – The place for delicious lamb and vegetable samosas; vegetable pakora, chicken wings and nan. Yum!

**The Secret Garden** – Discover beautiful Xmas wreaths, festive floral arrangements, table and tree decorations.

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# That's Entertainment – Festive Spectacular Thames Ditton Style!

## All lit up!

This year at the Fair our twinkling lime tree **Christmas lights** are being 'switched on' by **Toby Gold**, resident of Thames Ditton, who won a silver medal in the T33 100 metres in the 2016 Paralympic Games together with **Tannia Shipley**, RA councillor for Weston Green and the current **Mayor of Elmbridge**. Make your way to the lime tree for **4.45pm** when Toby and Tannia will flick the switch to set in motion the lighting up of our High Street for the entire festive season.

A major highlight is this year's **Christmas grotto** - the most spectacular yet! The Ironing Board has been transformed into a magical, snowy setting where you'll find Santa on his

sleigh with his fairies and elves and a sack of gifts for the children. This is your opportunity to take a photo of Santa with your little one, so join the queue early to avoid disappointment!

We are also delighted to welcome **children's entertainers, M&C Parties**, who will keep youngsters enthralled throughout the Fair with their fun and games.

Children inspired by our twinkling Christmas lights are invited to attend in festive **fancy dress** - there will be prizes for the most creative costumes. And not forgetting our canine friends, we also have a **fancy dress competition for dogs** with a special first prize of a hamper filled with canine and feline gifts!



## On the Programme

Esher College BTEC Performing Arts students present Musical Mayhem – a collection of much loved songs from various musicals.

The renowned **Hinchley Wood School Choir and Brass Band** will be singing and playing our favourite Christmas Carols and songs.

Students from the **Mark Jermin Stage School**, established by actress **Charlie Brooks** will give a specially choreographed performance. The school offers training in the performing arts for children and young adults 4-18.

**David Goo** will present a special set of upbeat, fun loving acoustic madness in his inimitable style.

Students from the **Starlight Academy of Dance and Performing Arts** will display their dance and musical talents. The Academy offers a wide range of classes from ballet to street dance, musical theatre to modern jazz for boys and girls from 2 years to adult.

**Thames Ditton Infant School choir** will be singing traditional Christmas carols.

**Not forgetting...** The Brownies, The Thames Ditton Crafters, The RNLI with Stormy Stan the Lifeboat Man and the Lifeboat Board Game, St Paul's Primary School, Weston Green School, plus community groups and stalls.

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# In the bleak midwinter... Services to bring you joy



At this time of year the days may often seem short and dark and in Christina Rossetti's words 'bleak', but for Christians, Advent, the four weeks before Christmas, is one of the most joyous times of the year. Christmas is coming and all are preparing to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Christmas trees appear, mince pies are eaten, stockings hung by the fire and carols sung – all traditions that point out that this is a special time.

In our increasingly secular world, many would say that Christmas has been hijacked as a commercial event. Certainly, mince pies and Christmas cards seem to appear ever earlier in the shops. However, even for non-Christians and those no longer practising the faith, there is an excitement, an awe about Christmas that attracts them to hear the magical old story of the birth of Christ and to join in the celebration.

This year Advent begins on 27 November though the Christmas celebrations usually start in December. All of our churches have a variety of Christmas activities (in addition to the normal services) to which all are welcome – whether you are a Christian or not. The children's activities range from Toy

Services when congregations bring in toys that will be donated to various local charities, Tots Praise in Church, various Christingle services, Crib services and a Children's Christmas Eve Candlelight service, at all of which the Christmas story is retold for the little ones – and some not so little! There are also children's Christmas parties and arts and crafts sessions that promise fun for all involved.

For adults – aside from various church services, including the Nine Lessons and Carols services in which the Christmas narrative is intermingled with carols, there are social gatherings such as the Christmas Medley at the URC with a selection of music, poetry, stories and carols (plus mince pies and mulled wine!) to get you into the Christmas spirit. Check with the other churches to see what they have on offer.

This year we are adding a number of other churches to our listing including (because of the electoral boundary changes) two from East Molesey. Below are listed the Christmas activities of all the various churches though you can always check their websites to see what else is happening at the Church. (Yes – all the Churches have websites!)

## All Saints Weston (C of E)

11 December	4pm	Christingle service
18 December	7pm	9 Lessons and Carols
24 December	2 & 4pm	Crib services
	11.30pm	Midnight mass
25 December	9.45am	Christmas Day Family Eucharist

### **Our Lady of Lourdes (RC)**

11 December	5pm	Advent carols by Candlelight
24 December	6pm	Vigil mass of Christmas
	10.30pm	Carols followed by
	11pm	Mass of Christmas night
25 December	9 & 10.45am	Christmas Day mass

### **Speer Road United Reformed Church**

27 November	4pm	Teatime Advent Worship
3 December	7 for 7.30pm	A Christmas Medley of songs, stories, poems and carols
11 December	10.45am	Toy service
18 December	10.45am	Nine Lessons & Carols
	4pm	Teatime Christmas service
24 December	6pm	Children's Candlelight Christmas service
25 December	9am	Christmas Day service

### **St Christopher's, Hinchley Wood (C of E)**

4 December	4pm	Christingle café
10 December	12.30-3pm	Christmas Lunch for the Elderly
12 December		Christmas carol singing at Grace Lodge and Gibson Court
18 December	6pm	Carol Service
24 December	3pm	Crib service
	11.30pm	Midnight mass
25 December	10am	Christmas Day All-age Communion service

### **St Mary's, Long Ditton (C of E)**

11 December	4pm	Christingle service
19 December	6pm	Nine Lessons & Carols followed by mince pies & mulled wine
24 December	3pm	Crib service
	11.30pm	Midnight mass
25 December	8am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Family Communion

### **St Mary's, East Molesey (Cof E)**

10 December	10am-1pm	Christmas Fair (free entry)
18 December	6.30pm	Carol service followed by mince pies and mulled wine
24 December	3pm	Christingle service
	4.30pm	Christingle service
	11pm	Midnight Communion
25 December	10am	Christmas breakfast
	10.30am	Family service followed by coffee & pastries

### **St. Nicholas' Thames Ditton (C of E)**

4 December	10am	Family Toy service
8 December	9.30 am	Tots Praise
10 December	2-4pm	Family Christmas crafts in church
18 December	10am	Christmas Sunday School crafts
	3pm	Christingle service
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons & Carols
19 December	12 noon	Carols for the TD business community
24 December	3 & 5pm	Blessing of the Crib
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion
25 December	8 & 10 am	Christmas Day service

### **St Paul's, East Molesey (C of E)**

18 December	6.30pm	Candlelight carol service
24 December	4pm	Crib service
	11.30pm	Midnight mass
25 December	10am	Family Christmas Day service

Whatever your faith or beliefs, may this holiday time be a happy one for you and, if you feel like joining in any of the activities listed above – please do. You will be very much welcomed. And when the joyful Christmas bells ring out on Christmas morning, may the traditional Christmas blessing of – ‘Peace on Earth, Good will to all people’ – be taken up so that in our troubled world joy may come to all. A happy and blessed Christmas to you all.

**Linda Lambert**



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*Martin Alton in his studio with his elegant Intaglio printing press*

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is a member; when he is not painting he is absorbed in the technical world of engines.

All in all it seemed a fitting location for a man who started his working life illustrating the engineering feats of British Aerospace at their Hawker factory in Kingston.

Martin went straight from school to the Hawker factory to train as a City and Guilds Technical Illustrator. The life suited him and he stayed with the company for 35 years, moving to Quinton Road, Thames Ditton when he got married. Starting in the days before computer aided design



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and 3D illustration software the technical illustrators brought the engineering concepts to life. *“I really enjoyed being part of the engineering world and being able to represent what they were trying to achieve.”*

However, the work was very precise and constraining and in his spare time Martin started to stretch his artistic muscles. Inspired by airbrush artists Philip Castle and Michael English he started to produce some pop art posters of his own. Snapped up by Athena in its heyday Martin produced a great many of their popular posters over the five years he worked with them. *“It was a strange feeling seeing my work in shop windows and on TV”*

At the same time Martin was devouring books on fine art, artists and painting techniques which convinced him that there was more he wanted to do with his art, so he started to experiment with different styles and different mediums. He attended life drawing classes at the Henrietta Parker Adult Learning Centre in Molesey and was thoroughly inspired by his teacher Kim Stevens of the Royal Academy, so much so that 25 years later he himself teaches life drawing.

Reading about Picasso and cubism he started to experiment with deconstructing images and to develop a much more personal fine art style. Talking to him I got the impression of an explosion of art released from the precise constraints of technical illustration. This coincided with the opening of View Gallery specialising in contemporary art, and when they saw his portfolio of experimental art they offered Martin his first exhibition of more personal work. Thames Ditton Today caught up with him at the time (2006) and described the

work as *‘beautiful, some sombre, some stunning, others disturbing. All wholly unexpected.’*

Martin’s new exhibition at View is another change of direction. Inspired by the wonderful art deco railway station at Surbiton he has created a new body of work celebrating its iconic design and the world of the commuter.

At first an unlikely subject, he was prompted by sales of his pen and ink drawings of the station to explore the theme of commuting and the role of the railway station in our lives.

Martin’s exhibition of 15 original oil paintings will be at View Gallery in Thames Ditton High Street from 5 November until January 2017 [www.viewgallery.co.uk](http://www.viewgallery.co.uk)



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# George Jarvis and his charity



George Jarvis, the third son of a yeoman farmer in Herefordshire (whose name was spelled Jervis), was born in Staunton-on-Wye on 18 August 1704. At the age of 13 he walked with the cattle drovers along the drove road to London, where he was engaged in a seven year apprenticeship to Organ Egglestone, a Currier. There followed a successful and lucrative career in the London leather trade, with many apprentices of his own, enabling Jarvis finally to buy the Mansion House on Weston Green in 1758.

The Mansion House (known in the following century as Weston House) had been built in the early 1700s to the order of Shem Bridges of Imber Court, Lord of the Manor of Imber, and was occupied subsequently by Rose Bridges, one of the nieces of his cousin Henry Bridges who inherited. She died in 1728 and I assume that the house remained in the possession of her husband, Lt. General Richard Onslow, the brother of Sir Arthur Onslow who married her sister Anne Bridges and thereby came into Imber Court. General Onslow died in 1760, two years after Jarvis had bought the house.

George Jarvis continued to commute in his two horse chariot from Weston Green to his successful business in the East End until about 1765. He saved and invested wisely in stocks, and his wealth multiplied.

Jarvis married three times, to the daughters of other London businessmen. Of these, his second wife Rebecca Blaksley bore him three daughters, but only one, Mary born November 1733, survived. Mary's story as

his only child became one of the crucial elements in her father's closing years. To set the seal on his worldly success George wanted his daughter to marry well, and must have been pleased when on 14 July 1759 she was wed at St. Nicholas, Thames Ditton, to Sir William Twysden, 6th Baronet, who was more than twice her age and clearly interested in Jarvis' money. The marriage was to become a great irritation to Jarvis.



*Sir William Twysden, who married Mary Jarvis in St. Nicholas Church (and spent her money).*

The Twysdens were ancient aristocracy from Kent, dating back to at least Adam de Twysenden in the times of Edward I. His descendant Sir William Twysden was in James I's entourage when he took the English crown, and was later made the first



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Baronet. There followed a few generations of men in public service – Parliament, soldiers, sailors, doctors – but as so often seems to happen, the breed degenerated. Sir Thomas, 4th Bart., was a spendthrift. His son Sir William, 5th Bart., tried to restore the family finances through farming. The latter’s brother, Philip, Bishop of Raphoe (a complicated minor bishopric of the quasi-Protestant Church of Ireland), was made bankrupt. There is persistent evidence, summarised in Tim Clarke’s book published this year (“The Countess: The Scandalous Life of Frances Villiers, Countess of Jersey”) that the bankrupted Bishop turned to highway robbery. The story is that he was shot by a doctor who had just dined with his brother Sir William at the Twysden family seat, Roydon Hall; the Bishop tried to rob the doctor on the latter’s way home. The wounded Bishop was taken back to the Hall where he expired, and the matter seems to have been covered up. The Bishop’s daughter Frances, Lady Jersey, a favourite of George IV, subsequently set up her home as a venue for society gambling.

At the time of Mary Jarvis’ marriage to Sir William Twysden the sixth Baronet, the latter had run through his money, sold much of his estate and raised a large mortgage on the remainder to fund his high life and spendthrift ways. George Jarvis settled £8,000 on Mary, which paid off half Twysden’s mortgage, but the latter did not rein in his spending, borrowed more, and when he died in 1765 he left Mary with a small income and a large debt. Mary asked her father for more money, but George refused. Mary’s daughter by Sir William, Frances, married Lord Eglinton, then embarked on an adulterous affair with the equally married Duke of Hamilton. Grandfather George disapproved. His grandson Sir William Jervis Twysden

became the seventh Baronet at the age of 7 and on attaining his estate at 21 grew even more profligate than his father, George’s son-in-law. In 1784 George Jarvis was tapped again, and this time granted his grandson a mortgage of £6,000 on the estate. The young William eloped to Gretna Green with an underage heiress, but soon got into even more debt and fled to France to avoid his creditors.

By now, George had grown exasperated and embittered as his titled, profligate progeny squandered his hard-won, self-made money as well as their Twysden inheritance. He was having no more. When he died at Weston Green in 1793, his last Will granted a very small allowance to his daughter, and a reasonable sum to two great-grand-daughters in the hope they might turn out better. There was nothing for the wastrel grandson Sir William Jervis Twysden. Aside from a few small bequests to friends, he left some £30,000 in stocks, together with the value of his residual estate, another £46,000, to set up a charitable trust. The income on what would amount to around £10m in today’s money was to be used for the poor of three Hereford villages including Bredwardine, near Staunton, where he spent his few boyhood years before trekking to London and where he wished to be buried. And so he was.

## The Jarvis Charity

As George Jarvis’ story ended, the story of his charity began. First, his furious daughter Mary, Lady Twysden, contested the charitable provisions hard for nine years, delaying the charity’s payouts. She was successful only in gaining possession of the Mansion House in Weston Green, deploying the legal argument of mortmain. Mary Twysden then sold the house in 1798 to Captain Robert Lambert RN and his wife



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Catherine, whose story has been covered extensively in these pages.

Next, the Jarvis Charity produced far more income than the Trustees could deploy within the terms of the will for the poor in the three Hereford parishes. The Charity's annual income from interest was about twenty times as much as the combined Poor Rates. Moreover, those in receipt of parish support were not eligible for the Charity. The Trustees sought and, over the fierce resistance of Mary Twysden, won court approval to extend the terms to cover food, clothing, medical treatment, fuel for heating, apprenticeships and education, a paid Agent and clerical support to administer the charity.

The ensuing decades were an object lesson in the effect of substantial and perpetual benefits on a community which consisted mainly of low paid workers. The munificent Charity did provide schooling in rented buildings, and kept the elderly and infirm out of the workhouse. But unforeseen effects included an increase in the population as people moved to the parishes to avail themselves of the handouts; indolence, lower productivity, and a loss of morale and morals. There was discrimination, favouritism, resentment; and corruption on the part of the Charity's Medical Officer and a schoolmaster who set the children to work on his own farm instead of lessons! The parish churches resented the rich charity which dispensed benevolence outside church control, and the Rector led a divisive campaign to cast out the corrupt officials.

In 1863, even the Liberal Chancellor of the Exchequer, Gladstone, singled out the "notorious" Jarvis Charity's failings in a speech in the House of Commons -

where he used it as an example of why the taxpayer should not support such Charities by granting them exemption from tax.

Faced with continuing problems in disposing of the income in accordance with Jarvis' wishes, the Charity's Trustees sought and obtained court approval to spend money on buildings – something which Jarvis had expressly prohibited in his will. A large boarding school was built at Staunton, and some almshouses for the three parishes. Also a rather fine house for the Charity's Medical Officer and another substantial house for the Clerk. Local bigwigs outside the three parishes were appointed to oversee the matter and the regional Church authorities took a role. However, this use of the Charity's money contrary to the wishes of its founder led to a good deal of bitter bickering.

The boarding school turned out to be far too large for local requirements. Free places were granted to eligible children from the three parishes, whose parents nevertheless would have to pay a daily fee for food and other expenses, and places were extended to pupils from outside the area, but the school was largely unused. Its maintenance proved expensive, and to fund it required the Trustees to reduce the amounts of benefits paid to the local poor for other purposes. This led to a row and a local inquiry into the question of whether the Commissioners had any right to take the money that Jarvis had left for the poor of the three parishes, and spend it on higher education for persons outside the area: "middle class outsiders"!

In 1882 the Chairman of the Trustees, the Bishop of Hereford, declared that the school had been "a white elephant." Six years later, the Charity Commissioners examined the Jarvis Charity in a public

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inquiry lasting three days, the transcript of which devastatingly exposes the well-meaning ineptitude of the Trustees who, in focusing (with signal lack of success) on the high aim of the school, had failed to grant other aid to the needy and deserving in the three parishes whom Jarvis had intended to be the beneficiaries of his charity.

Thus deadlocked, the school became little more than an expensive refuge for wildlife until the coming of county councils, whereupon Herefordshire took it on as a technical school for girls (that is, cooking, needlework, laundry, housework and nursing). The Charity paid for girls attending from the three parishes but again places were offered to those outside them. Middle-class maiden ladies would spend the summers there, all found, to do a bit of voluntary teaching. The technical school, at most half full, lasted for just five years when the Charity successfully applied to the courts to have its endowment split into a large fund for county-wide educational purposes at Staunton School, and a smaller one for the original purpose of disbursing alms.

And in all, in the six decades since it had been built until 1920 when under the county council it was turned to other purposes, the school was used for little more than a dozen years!

Today, George Jarvis' funds are still producing income for his charity which is

now split into three parts. Some £43,000 a year accrues to the Jarvis Eleemosynary Charity which runs its almshouses, on which it spent just £15k in 2015. The almshouses give preference to people from the three parishes, but those from a wider area are also accepted. The Jarvis Educational Foundation promotes education in the three parishes by means of grants to individuals and support for a voluntary school. Last year its income was £28,717 and it spent £35,611: it put the dilapidated, but now Grade II Listed, former Staunton School up for sale. Lastly, the tiny Jarvis Recreational Charity disburses a few hundred pounds a year for "charitable recreational purposes" for the benefit of the three parishes.

It's not clear to me that old George's ghost would be too pleased on surveying the scene from the graveyard in Bredwardine. But at least his money was not frittered away by his irresponsible grandchildren, his funds have endured for two centuries, and they have done some good as well as causing a great deal of dissent. Would they have been better handled if he'd left them to Thames Ditton and Weston Green?!

**Keith Evetts**

This account relies heavily on "George Jarvis and his Notorious Charity", by Richard Pantall (1993; ISBN 0 9521845 0 8)

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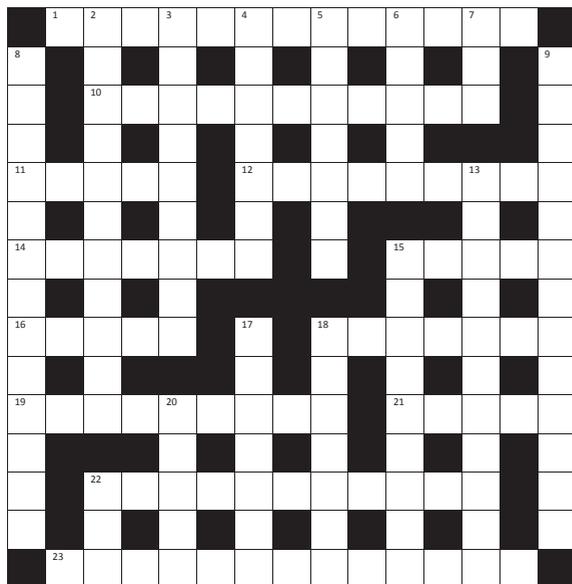
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by Michael Jackson



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## ACROSS CLUES

1. Musical starter, Chopin’s Piano Variation on ‘Camaraderie’ (13)
10. Knight’s pay, engaging enemy dragon (6.5)
11. Dance of colour and vigour (5)
12. Popular resort as all maps show (3.6)
14. Short simple songs (7)
15. Arabs move around here (5)
16. Poetic electrode? (5)
18. Belgian seaport (7)
19. Covered leads, unit made safe (9)
21. Drive out (5)
22. An act of drama, music, sport (11)
23. A wise man will make more of these than he finds. Francis Bacon (13)

## DOWN CLUES

2. Idiots ran on upsetting ceremonies (11)
3. Cinderella’s ‘I’m top name in this’ (9)
4. The pointed rocks? (7)
5. The diffusion of fluids (7)
6. Name preceding Barbara, Maria, Monica (5)
7. She is a climber (3)
8. Promoter of peace and cooperation (6.7)
9. Glass house circa 1851 (7.6)
13. A prime example of skill or excellence (11)
15. It is edible and oily from Souari (9)
17. Great speed; in haste (7)
18. Bad foreboding upset stomach (7)
20. Musically slow (5)
22. Energy, animation (3)

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