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Roehampton Trust Needs Help

Roehampton Trust Ltd was launched in October 2010, starting with a Big Society grant, and with the objective of improving life in Roehampton. In April 2012 it became a registered charity and there are six trustees who meet at least twice per year. The Trust wants to be a catalyst for change: to see action rather than talk.

We have no political or religious affiliations.

Over the last 10 years there have been two main activities: publishing the quarterly newsletter Roehampton Voice and making small grants to local projects.

This is the 44th issue of Roehampton Voice. It is delivered, for free, to 6,150 Roehampton households – now by the young people of Regenerate. Over the years we have had 6 voluntary Editors and contributions from all parts of Roehampton.

We have distributed over £32,000 as small grants, not more than £1,000 each. The things that the grants have funded include camping equipment, football equipment, Roehampton foodbank, drama classes, Roehampton Festival, Christmas parties and a bench in Holybourne Avenue.

Our financial resources are almost used up and we would like to continue these two projects and maybe expand into other areas. We need volunteers to:

- obtain advertising for Roehampton Voice
 - apply for funding grants
- help editorially with Roehampton Voice
 - provide administrative support

If you are interested and can help, please contact the Chair Tim Morris, either on 07990 570785 or on info@roehamptontrust.org.uk

Job Vacancy at Wandsworth Community Transport

- Salary circa £24,000 (depending on experience and qualifications)
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We are looking for minibus drivers for our Dial-a-Ride and Shopping Shuttle services, as well as for outings and school work.

The work is extremely rewarding and varied, in a flexible, supportive, multicultural environment. We are a small, friendly team, and everyone contributes at every level. As you can see from the picture, our drivers are a happy crowd! You will need excellent minibus driving skills (test passed before 1997 or D1 entitlement) and be fit, healthy and able to handle wheelchairs.

The role is full-time and includes some weekend shifts, but we are happy to also consider part-time applicants. WCT is fully committed to promoting equal opportunities.

E-mail m.button@btconnect.com with a copy of your CV, or call Manuel on 020 8675 7460 (mornings only) to discuss further.



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It's YOUR Parish Church!

by REVEREND JOSHUA REY

Come on in and get to know it. At any time – but particularly during Community Week. Climb the tower. Explore the history. Count the angels. Have a cup of tea and a piece of cake.

If you live in Roehampton or around the western part of Putney Heath, from the A3 down to the South Circular, including the Alton and the Lennox estates, then you live in the Parish of Roehampton.

Your Church of England Parish Church is Holy Trinity Church. Near the top of Roehampton Lane, just beyond the Shell Garage on your left going uphill. But you can see it a long way off because it has one of the best spires in South London.

This is your Church! Whoever and whatever you believe in, the Church of England is here for you. Of course, the worshipping congregation are thoroughgoing Christians, and the Vicar is a Christian Priest. But the Church of England is here for all, just as children from families of all faiths and none attend Roehampton Church School, right next to the Parish Church.

If you live in the Parish you have the legal right to be married in the building. Morning and Evening Prayer are said in the Church daily: prayers for the whole Parish, street by street. The school gathers there for assemblies and celebrations. The building is there to serve the whole community.

And it is a beautiful and historic building, well worth a visit. On Saturday 10th July it will be open from 9am to 9pm. You are welcome to come in and look around. You will find a friendly welcome, a cup of tea and perhaps some

cake, literature about the building, a chance to climb the tower and see a view across Roehampton and Richmond Park as far as the North Downs (tower visits 11am-noon and 4-5pm, or other times by arrangement – email church@holytrinityroehampton.org to book a different time). Take your time to look at the stained glass windows, explore all the beauty of the space, light a candle, sit and reflect in peace.

And there's more. We are reviving the ancient art of bellringing, and installing a ring of eight bells. There will be an exhibition about the bells, which you can see on Saturday and also after Church (from about 11am) on Sunday 11th, when there will be a demonstration of change-ringing on a mobile ring of bells. And more refreshments.

All year round, you are welcome to come into the Church. We worship together 10am on Sunday and 12.15 on Wednesday; Morning and Evening Prayer are 7.30am and 5.30pm weekdays; the Church is open for private prayer Mondays 3-5.30pm and Wednesdays 9-noon. All are welcome in the Parish Church!



In Memory of Ann O'Sullivan

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Ann O'Sullivan in St Raphael's Hospice in May this year.

Ann lived in Roehampton for over 50 years and was known to many Roehampton families through her long service as school secretary at Danebury School and the Alton School. Besides bringing up her two daughters, Ann was immersed in her local community running summer holiday camps for children and youth and church activities.

She was Church Warden at Holy Trinity Church until 2018.

Rare facial cancer and ground breaking surgery slowed down her service to Roehampton in recent years. Although having major health issues and disability, she continued to support her family, serve at Holy Trinity Church, volunteer at the 60 Plus café, and enjoy exploring in Europe and the Caribbean with family and friends.

She will be greatly missed by her friends in Roehampton, and we send our condolences to her daughters Mandy and Helen and their families. Ann was a remarkable, strong and dignified woman who gave great service to the people of Roehampton.



Any Chance of Bridging That Gap, Hammersmith?

by ALEX GAUTIER

Actually, things might be looking up. At the time of writing this article (early June) two reports have been issued suggesting that the bridge might be opened to pedestrian and cyclist traffic late this summer, although traffic crossing the bridge still seems to be a long way off (could be 4–6 years!). There is also a suggestion that a ferry might be in operation by September 2021, but from where to where is not clear. Organising that with the space limitations and tidal challenges does seem to make it unlikely, and there does not seem to be any activity in the area in preparation for getting the ferry service going, but you never know. If you want a full account of progress on repair and re-construction, NewCivilEngineer.com is very informative and as engineers, they say it far better than I ever could.

Our MP, Fleur Anderson, and also the MP from Richmond Park, Sarah Olney, are bringing up the embarrassing fact that London Hammersmith Bridge is falling down, falling down, falling down, as often as possible in Parliament. In fact the whole world seems to be talking about it, so perhaps those in charge will finally get something done. Certainly, plenty of people are working on it and the Department of Transport seems to be committed to achieving the goal of bridging the gap.

In a previous article I mentioned that Wandsworth Council has refurbished Putney and Wandsworth Bridges. It seems that the total spend was just over £6.5 million. What a bargain compared to the numbers being mentioned in the press these days of £100-160 million for Hammersmith Bridge! One-third of that cost, as suggested by the Government, is an awful lot of money for any Council to pay.

There are a lot of engineers stating that it is time to knock down Hammersmith Bridge and start again, but that does not seem to be a politically attractive option. No one in power dares to suggest it, though I

would love to see all the indignant preservationists who would object paying the extra costs. I do understand why it is not fair to ask the residents of Hammersmith and Fulham to pay for everything. It is all of southwest London and beyond that use the bridge, so sharing the cost seems reasonable.

That brings us to the unpopular thought of tolls. The Leader of Hammersmith and Fulham Council has suggested a toll of £3 per crossing. Ouch! Anyway, many people would choose to continue crowding over Putney and Chiswick Bridges to avoid the charge.

Let me ask you, as we already have infrastructure in place for congestion charging, would it not be fair to put a small congestion charge on all London Bridges, from Tower Bridge to Kingston Bridge, with that revenue used to pay for repairs of all London bridges? As a nation we are not used to paying for use of roads and bridges whereas the Europeans have tolls on many of their motorways, though there have been bridges, such as the Severn Bridge, that imposed a toll. I don't think anyone would want to hear of a bridge collapsing and the consequent death toll, so is it an idea?

Moving on, I have heard people in the construction industry complain that one of the biggest factors in delays on construction sites is inspections, and sure enough, one of the latest articles I have read in *New Civil Engineer* is titled "Outstanding engineering checks holding up Hammersmith Bridge". I don't know if this is true, and I am very wary of playing the blame game, but let me just say that I do hope our hardworking MP, Fleur Anderson, is checking with her Labour colleague Stephen Cowan, Leader of the Hammersmith and Fulham Council, to make sure this is not the case. It is that Council, as owner of Hammersmith Bridge, that is responsible for inspections.



Until then what remains as fact is that thousands of people's lives have been badly affected by the bridge closure. I remember speaking to some nurses who live in Roehampton when I was gathering information for the 72 bus campaign (a distant memory!), and I can't help wondering how on earth they manage to get to Charing Cross Hospital now. It was bearable for most of us when we were able to cross on foot or by bike, but this current situation is outrageous. Although traffic crossing the bridge still seems to be a long way off, hopefully if we can walk it will reduce the extra traffic burden crossing Putney Bridge, which is adding to our already substantial air pollution.

There is a lovely sea shanty online written and sung by an estate agent who used to walk from Barnes across the bridge to work in 10 minutes and now drives to work for an hour. He goes by the name "the Hammersmith Terrier". If you look him up on the internet you will find it.

So dear friends and readers, here's hoping!



Little Village

by HELEN SPEEDY

It's been over a year since we saw families in person at Little Village, but we are now delighted to be able to invite small numbers to our little satellite hub in Roehampton. The team is currently seeing up to five families a week and hope to be able to see more in the coming weeks as the lockdown restrictions ease.

This might look like a big hall, but we have just two cupboards to store the items we give to families, so we are unable to accept any donations at our Roehampton site at the moment.

Huge thanks to the amazing volunteers who are working hard to set up and establish our hub - we couldn't have done this without you! If you live in Roehampton and are interested in joining our friendly team, please visit our website at littlevillagehq.org and click on "Get Involved" then "Volunteer with us". Here are a couple of things volunteers have said about their experience with Little Village:

"I feel proud to be part of providing such an important and special service in the local community"

"Appreciate knowing that my volunteer works supports families in need, both in terms of immediate assistance and campaigning for change"

We'd love to hear from any local businesses or people who think they might be able to help us to support local families in Roehampton. If you're a family needing support from us, please ask a professional to fill out the form on our website by clicking on "Make a Referral" and then "Refer a family".



Ward Councillor Update

by CLAIRES GILBERT

COMMUNITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Roehampton Response Network meets every fortnight, ably chaired by Jonathan Palma (JP) who works with Public Health at Citizens Advice Wandsworth. The RRN was set up to support the community through Covid-19, help new and emerging community groups, and share information. The RRN receives a fortnightly update from Public Health on local vaccination rates and any other local Covid-19 issues - e.g. surge testing. If you have a question, or if you would like to take part, please email jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org or contact one of your local Councillors.

ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY WEEK (RCW)

The first ever RCW is 5-11 July. This is open to all those working or living in Roehampton, and will have something for all. Projects include spring cleaning of Community Spaces, planting and recycling, local arts, health, sports, and a week of celebrations. Please do get in touch with JP to join in!

NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS

There are lots of new and exciting local projects coming together, which have been worked on during the lockdown.

- Preparations for Roehampton Community Week started on 7 June with a refresh of the Alton Activity Centre, working with local young people, businesses, various Council departments, and volunteers to enhance this fantastic local amenity.
- A Women's Network has been established to work closely



with the community on issues around Domestic Abuse, and I am working with local residents, the Council and others to establish a local advice and support service on this very important issue.

- On 28th May Roehampton University hosted the "Move and Give Festival", which raised almost £1,000 for a local domestic abuse charity, part of the new Network.
- The Roehampton Community Box continues into its second year, providing food to local families, and will continue over summer holidays. The hub is moving from Heathmere Primary School to 166 Roehampton Lane.

REGENERATION UPDATE

The 10 new flats on Bessborough Road will be completed this summer. Jo Baxter is the Council's new Community Engagement Officer. Jo has got to know many people in the community already, and ran a lovely project in half term with children planting seeds on Harbridge Avenue. "Meanwhile uses" are being sought for empty units at Portswood Place. Jo is working on improving the empty space on Harbridge Avenue. The GLA has provided its comments on the Regeneration

plans. The Council is working on its response, and anticipates starting work on Fontley Way "in early 2022". Procurement has not yet commenced for a new development partner.

COUNCILLOR UPDATE

Your 3 ward Councillors are Sue McKinney, Jeremy Ambache and myself. We sit on various Council Committees as follows: Sue - Grants and Strategic Planning & Transport; Jeremy - Adult Health and Social Care, and the Health and Well-Being Board. Jeremy and Sue may also attend the Western Area Housing Panel. I sit on Planning Applications, Adult Health and Social Care, Community Services and Open Spaces, Safer Neighbourhood Board, Grants, and Western Area Housing Panel.



Roehampton Community Week

by AISHA JALLOH

The project aims to deliver events which will strengthen the community, build a legacy and help local residents bounce back from the hardships of what has transpired from the Covid-19 outbreak. It is a time for everyone to discover and celebrate what Roehampton has to offer.

The idea of Roehampton Community Week originated from the Roehampton Response Network: a diverse group of residents, organisations and services set up during the first lockdown to build a stronger, more connected community in Roehampton. This initiative is part of the "My Roehampton" capacity building project delivered by Citizens Advice Wandsworth (CAW) and led by Roehampton-born Jonathan Palma (aka JP).

Roehampton Community Week is a non-political, community led initiative to reinforce the spirits of residents and the community as a whole after over a year of government lockdowns due to the pandemic. The steering committee includes JP (CAW), Michael Hill (Rackets Cubed), Angus Robertson (food bank volunteer), Vicky Piggott (retired NHS), Orode Faka (Roehampton ROCKS), Deacon Kathy Johnson (Methodist Church) and Andy Smith (Regenerate). RCW has been heavily supported by Wandsworth Council, and as a result created a fruitful and progressive partnership that has been vital in the delivery of this project.

Roehampton Community Week adheres to the concept "by the community, for the community" and believes in legacy and enhancing existing assets. As a result, all projects within the event are hosted and involve local community residents and organisations looking to support and restore unity within the community. Some of our events are being hosted by residents who have never pursued a lead in such an event or had the support to run their own projects. For example, our "clothes

designing for women" workshop is led by a local mum who has limited experience hosting a workshop, but has the skills, passion and talent, and is being given the opportunity to support her own community and development.

Over 50 groups and many residents have already engaged with the planning and preparation of Roehampton Community Week, including schools, local businesses, Councillors, charities and religious

institutions. With the event fast approaching, it is important there are as many people as possible within the community (as well as those interested in the development of the community) participating and having fun.

RCW runs 5-11 July. See the back page for the schedule. If you'd like to participate in Roehampton Community Week, please email jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org or call 07498 455 076.

Can't more be done for this local icon?

by STEVE FANNON

We all know this fountain when we see it, located at the intersection of Medfield Street and Roehampton Lane. It has been Grade II listed (Historic England list entry number 1065484) since 7th April 1983. The description provided by Historic England is "*Dated 1882. Grey and red granite. Doric arcaded kiosk erected by Mrs Lyne Stephens, with cupola and ball finial on stepped plinth flanked by cambered-shape horse troughs north and south. Circular central basin with bronze fountain group by Henry Dasson of putti and fish. Semicircular basin set into each of 4 sides of kiosk*".

Unfortunately, there have been occasions when residents have

had to follow up with the Council regarding the maintenance of the fountain, and also the nearby damaged lamp post.

Now why is this drinking fountain frequently found with rubbish found in the troughs? Why is this local icon in such an unloved state when it could be a welcoming visual entry to the area? To have a look at some of the photos which highlight the poor state of the fountain, visit the Roeregeneration Facebook page.

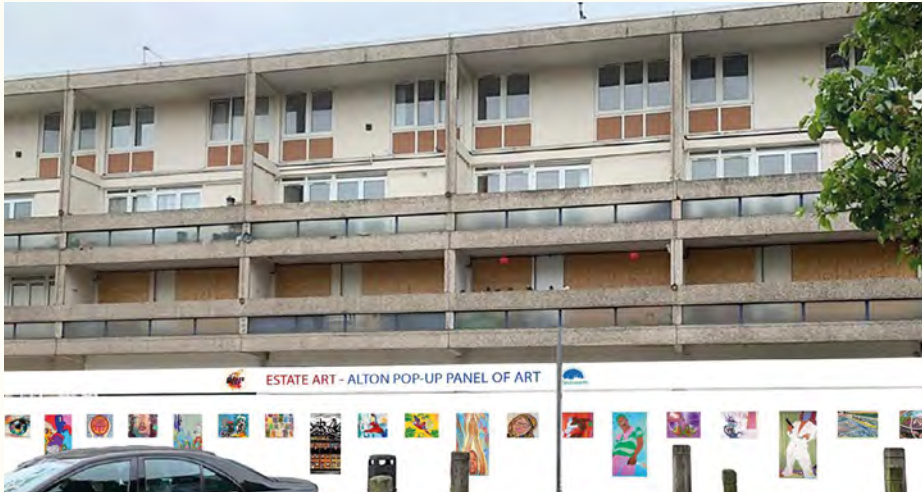
A couple of examples come to mind of how this drinking fountain could be improved. Not far away is the drinking fountain near Richmond Hill Gate, which Historic England lists as the "Cattle Fountain outside the Star and Garter Home, Richmond Hill". This has been listed since 10th January 1950 (as entry 1263512) and is also Grade II listed.

To Wandsworth Council, Roehampton and Putney Heath Councillors and residents: isn't it time this fountain had some TLC?



Alton Pop Up Panel of Art Estate Art Reaching the Community of Roehampton

There are 14 artists and six schools in the Alton Pop Up Panel of Art exhibition led by Estate Art Roehampton. Come down to Danebury Avenue and have a look. The official opening is on Monday 5th July as part of Roehampton Community Week.



Alton Community Hall Reopening

After an enforced closure due to You Know What, the old faithful community hall on Petersfield Rise is set to re-open.

The local landscape is changing rapidly with new flats on Bessborough Road. Petersfield Rise itself has recently been smartened up with some welcome new hard landscaping. Now a £1,500 grant from the Roehampton Parish Trust has been secured to pay for basic renovations to get the hall in shape to re-open.

Volunteers have been at work and hopefully bingo in the hall and other familiar activities will soon be in full swing. But in the spirit of "build back better", there's an emerging vision to do more besides. This is a hall that has served the community well in many many different ways over the years; there is yet more to be done.

Following on from the outdoor art exhibit during Community Week, Estate Art are hoping to do a range



Panel by Lynne Capocciana in the making

of creative activities in the hall. As lockdown restrictions fade into memory, families are going to want a good space for children’s parties. It may be time to tackle the long standing issue of access – a first-floor hall without a lift is a challenge for some.

But the vision needs to come from all of us. What else could the Alton community hall do for the Alton community? There is an opportunity to shape a vision, and turn it into a reality. All this needs people to make it happen. The hall committee can always benefit from new members with energy and commitment, and particularly now as it has recently suffered the sad loss of Rene Coles, one of its long-standing pillars.

If you have vision and creativity, if you are dependable and community-minded, if you are good with social media or good with a paint brush or a Hoover, you might be the right person to join the committee and help take the hall into the next decade. To find out more contact Lynne at Estate Art: estateartsw15@gmail.com

 Estate Art Roehampton



Panel by Stella Tooth from Putney

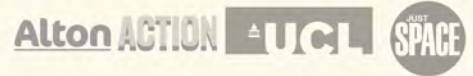
A Community Plan for the Alton Estate

by ALTON ACTION

We, Alton Action, together with the team of architects and researchers from UCL and the activists from JustSpace are happy to announce that the community plan for the regeneration of the Alton Estate is taking its final shape. This is a resident-led alternative to what the council intends to do. In April we had display boards showing the plans on the estate. Thanks to everybody who came to the workshops and to the exhibition, and especially to all the estate residents who have put forward ideas to include in the plan. To see the plans and for the latest updates please go to altonaction.org/resources.

Please do get in touch with feedback, suggestions, or just to say hi!

ALTON ESTATE PEOPLE’S PLAN

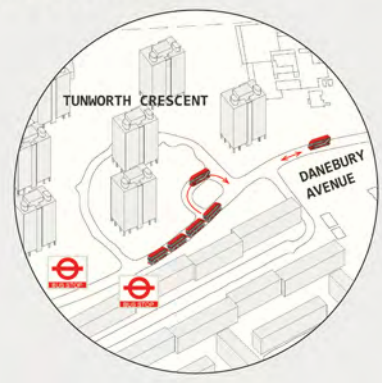






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A message from your MP

by FLEUR ANDERSON

I am delighted to have been asked to contribute to this issue of Roehampton Voice. At time of writing, I have been your Member of Parliament for just under 18 months. It has been an absolute honour to serve as your MP and to stand up for everyone in Roehampton time and time again in Parliament.

I certainly couldn't have predicted the kind of situation we would find ourselves in just a few short months after being sworn in. I would like to start by offering my deepest sympathies to anyone who has lost family and friends to the pandemic. And to those who have lost their jobs and have faced up to problems that have resulted from the wider impact of the virus.

It has been a difficult time for all, but it has warmed my heart to see the response from the local community in Roehampton and so many people's first reaction being how they could help each other. I set up a Facebook group, a volunteer network to link people to help each other, and so many local organisations have been amazing in stepping up to help out from the Community Box scheme to the Estate Arts project soon to be unveiled on the boards at the top of Danebury Avenue.

Despite the pandemic and multiple lockdowns, I have been out and about as much as I can and held weekly surgeries throughout. It has been wonderful to visit local schools, community centres, or to pop into Cafe Joy or the Right Place for a coffee and chat. I've had a good grilling from students at Mosaic Primary School and from Roehampton Club members too and I'm always really happy to be invited to meet with local groups. I'm looking forward to the Community Week and kicked it off by helping to paint the Alton Activity Centre.

A recent visit to the new Little Village unit in Eastwood Children's Centre was fantastic. They are like a food bank, but for clothes, toys and

equipment for babies and children up to the age of 5. I have been urging them to come to Roehampton for ages, so it was brilliant to welcome them. For a referral or to volunteer with the team, you can visit their website (littlevillagehq.org).

Last summer I heard that the Urgent Care Centre at Queen Mary's Hospital was not going to be reopened. I spoke in Parliament and met the Minister and NHS managers, and they agreed to reopen the Unit last year. It has been reviewed and stayed open and now it is easier to get appointments with a GP or Urgent Care staff, and it will be reviewed again in another four months. Please do spread the word that it is open for business and people should get the care they need and not wait. I will keep doing all I can to make sure we keep our local health services in Roehampton and not have to travel to Tooting or Kingston.

Talking of travelling, I know that lots of people are affected by the closure of Hammersmith Bridge and longer travel times into London. It's been closed for over two years now and I don't think any other Government in another country would let a major transport route in their capital city stay shut. Thank you to everyone who has joined my campaign to get the Government funding that Hammersmith and Fulham council need to be able to restore the bridge. I've handed in a petition, held an action day in Putney, held a debate in Parliament and asked questions, joined forces with other local MPs and recently met the Minister. But the Government is still dragging its feet, so the campaign continues.

Another issue raised with me all the time is cleaning on the Alton Estate and the sight of the overflowing big bins on the roads. Together with your local councillors we raised all your complaints on cleaning with the council and they agreed to change contractor last year. But the problems continue which is very disappointing and so we've asked for more action.

I also spoke up on the crisis in adult social care and I know that so many local people are battling to get help with care for older people. Even before the pandemic there were 1628 people in Putney, Roehampton and Southfields with unmet social care



needs. Without intervention, the number of people with dementia in the UK is set to hit one million in the next five years. The time for excuses is over. I will continue to argue for a National Care System that is joined up with the NHS. I have walked 26 miles to raise money for the Alzheimer's Society this month and I've already raised over £1,000. It is an issue that is close to my heart and to the hearts of many of my constituents.

There is still so much more to be done. It's an especially tough time for young people trying to get jobs and I'm really supportive of the great work done by Regenerate and others to get more job opportunities for Roehampton. I want to see good jobs and services in Roehampton, and I will work with your local councillors to achieve this.

In my first year as an MP, I took up cases for 3,000 people and spoke in Parliament more than any other of the MPs elected in December 2019. I am not here to be an MP, I am here to be your MP. If I am not talking about the issues that are important to you, tell me.

I look forward to continuing to work hard to change Roehampton for the better. You can keep up with what I am doing by following me on Facebook ([@PutneyFleur](https://www.facebook.com/PutneyFleur)), Twitter ([@PutneyFleur](https://twitter.com/PutneyFleur)) and Instagram ([@Fleur_Anderson_](https://www.instagram.com/Fleur_Anderson_)). You can also visit my website and subscribe to my monthly newsletter. You can find me at www.fleuranderson.co.uk.

That is also where you will find the form to apply for a time at my weekly surgery, which I've moved from Roehampton Library to Zoom or a phone call but kept going every week. You can email fleur.anderson.mp@parliament.uk – I always want to hear from everyone living in Roehampton, so please do get in touch.

Roehampton Church School



High Quality Education!

We are a one form entry, Voluntary Aided School located in the heart of Roehampton since 1828. Our vision is to provide a high quality education for all our children, preparing them with skills for life and encouraging them to be well rounded individuals who are

30Hr Full Time & 15Hr Part Time Nursery places as well as Reception places available!

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'Responsible, caring and secure.'

Our Outstanding School Performance Data

We are proud to have been in the top 1% of schools nationally for reading and phonics.

The progress the children made in reading put the school at the top of the Wandsworth League Tables for 2018 and we received a commendation from the secretary of state for our sustained high level of attainment and progress. Pupil Premium children also topped the Wandsworth league tables in terms of their progress in reading and writing.



Ofsted Quote:

"The school is a happy and harmonious community which has respect central to its values. Pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is promoted well." "Pupils in Nursery and Reception benefit from good teaching and well-planned activities. There is a strong emphasis on developing pupils' language skills and extending their vocabulary. The teaching of phonics (letters and the sounds they make) gives most pupils the confidence to sound out words while reading and is a good grounding for future learning."

We have a very committed Governing board who play an active role in the life of the school and excellent relationships with the team clergy at our local church 'Holy Trinity'. Although we are a church school we welcome children from all world faiths and currently have children from 40 different counties attending the school. This diversity is what makes Roehampton Church School the very special place it is.



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A Message from Roehampton University

by LIAM HURLEY

We are very grateful for the opportunity to contribute to this issue of Roehampton Voice. It has been a challenging year for the whole country, but also one in which so many people have undertaken vital work to keep our communities safe and well. Hopefully in this article we can explain some of the wide range of projects that our staff and students have been undertaking in the community, and some of what we as a university plan to do over the coming months.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

We are very proud of the way in which our staff and students contribute to the health and wellbeing of the community around us. Our university has partnerships with many organisations doing critical work, including with the NHS, with charities and with the local borough council.

In the last few years, we have launched degrees in Adult Nursing and Mental Health Nursing, providing training for vital key workers for our health service. We also train hundreds of students a year in important related fields, such as counselling psychology, psychological therapies and biosciences. And we continue to be one of the largest providers of teacher training in the country, with thousands of our graduates working in schools across London and beyond.

During this hugely challenging pandemic, we have worked regularly with local partners to keep our community safe, and our staff have undertaken important research related to Covid-19. In our Department of Psychology,

colleagues have been working to understand and to address the psychological impacts of the pandemic. Roehampton's Dr James Gilleen led the largest research study into the impact of Covid-19 on the mental health of healthcare workers in the UK, surveying thousands of staff from local and national NHS trusts.

Professor Mick Cooper has worked with the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy to develop measures for schools-based counselling, which was disrupted by the pandemic, to continue safely. In our Department of Life Sciences, our Nursing students have also completed placements in local vaccination centres, as well as in key roles in local hospitals and other health centres.

Over the past few years, we've also supported the wellbeing community in very many other ways. Pioneering research by Professor Adam Ockelford from our School of Education into the musical development of children has improved the education of children with special educational needs. His research created Sounds of Intent, which has been used to create new resources and teaching strategies in schools across the country, transforming the lives of many children.

Dance for Parkinson's is an innovative research project led by Dr Sara Houston, from our School of Arts. In partnership with English National Ballet, the project has encouraged people with Parkinson's disease to dance, enabled dance artists to teach them, and helped dance organisations to support them. The research is one key example of how the arts can help improve people's health and wellbeing.

Also in our School of Arts, Dr Beatrice Allegranti has carried out research into the value of choreography and dance in supporting people with early-onset dementia. The therapy she has developed has benefitted over

1,500 patients and their families. You can read about all of these and more at roehampton.ac.uk/news where you can also find out about public talks that our academic staff will be giving in future, in person or online.

SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE

We know how important it is for people to have access to arts and culture, with all the benefits it brings. As well as delivering a range of arts degrees, including in the performing arts, we are very proud to support a wide range of different cultural organisations in Wandsworth, across southwest London and beyond. A number of the organisations we support have active schools programmes, bringing the arts closer to a diverse range of young people, and at the same time helping them to raise their aspirations.

Locally, we are the principal education partner of Barnes Children's Literature Festival, one of the largest of its kind in the UK, and we are the lead partner for leading literature and arts festival Wimbledon Bookfest, and its London school engagement programme. We also have a longstanding partnership with Battersea Arts Centre, who in turn run many community engagement activities. On campus and online, we'll be continuing over the next year to deliver public lectures and debates, open to the community. Going forwards, we are exploring other ways in which we can support culture locally, including in the Roehampton ward itself.

IMPROVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

One of the features of our university is the strong commitment our staff and students have to improving the environment, in many different ways. As a university, we have sustainability, ethical and social justice at the heart of our institutional strategy. This includes commitments we have made in our strategic plan to



eliminate single-use plastics in our catering facilities, reduce our use of paper, and improve recycling and energy efficiency on our campus.

Climate change and the protection of our planet's biodiversity are among the most pressing issues of our time, and through our research and teaching we seek to support efforts to address them. We recently launched the Roehampton Climate Network, which brings together staff from many different subjects, including business, law, life sciences and the humanities, to find innovative solutions to tackling this vital issue. We have many staff producing important research in related fields, including in animal conservation, ecology and sustainable economics, and our academic staff have links to many local organisations, including WWT London Wetland Centre in Barnes.

Our students also contribute in very many ways. Growhampton,

run by our Students' Union, is a sustainability programme with a focus on food sustainability. It is delivered by Roehampton Students' Union. Growhampton includes a café, open to the public, and manages productive growing sites on campus. Student volunteers are key to this operation, getting involved in many ways, including seed sowing, harvesting and managing events.

Growhampton has worked with local schools, developing young people's understanding of healthy eating, teaching them employability and other important skills. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Growhampton's outreach went even further, with the project working with long-time partner Regenerate UK, to supply fresh, campus-grown produce to families living in Roehampton and Putney through their Community Box scheme to help address food poverty.

We are also committed to help improve transport in Roehampton. This is why we recently hosted a virtual event on the matter with our local MP, Fleur Anderson, Deacon Kathy Johnson from the Roehampton Partnership and other people with an interest in improving transport in attendance. One of the features of our current plans as a university is to continue to encourage cycling, which is why we have invested in facilities to make cycling more attractive. We are also in advanced discussions with a private partner to bring e-bikes to Roehampton and Barnes station, which will be open to all of the local community to use. We will be able to provide more detail on this development in the very near future.

We hope to write a similar article for Roehampton Voice again soon. In the meantime, do please email us at communications@roehampton.ac.uk if you have any questions or suggestions for us.

Portacabins

by LIAM HURLEY

The university is aware of concerns raised by the local community over the extended period that two portacabins have been sited near to the south boundary of Whitelands College.

The portacabins have been vital for the delivery of our Art Therapy courses, which provide training for professionals who go on to support the community in many important ways, including in healthcare services and in social services.

We had intended to undertake a major space planning review during 2020 to identify a suitable permanent alternative space for this important course. However, the Covid-19 pandemic had a very significant impact on all university activities, with staff furloughed and our space planning resource focused on responding to the reduced occupancy of teaching rooms and other measures as a result of social distancing.

As a consequence, no high-level space planning was possible in 2020, and we have consequently applied for a further 18-month extension of the portacabin consent. This will give us the time needed to complete a space planning review that is already now in progress.

In response to concerns raised by neighbouring residents, we are making improvements to our south boundary, and are arranging the removal of the two steel shipping containers by the end of August 2021.



Those Pesky Portacabins

by STEVE FANNON

Roehampton University has just submitted a planning application (reference 2021/2239) for "Retention of two modular portable buildings at the southern end of the site for use as additional teaching space for a further 18 months from 20 July 2021 (Proposal affecting the setting of a Grade I listed building)".

So by the time these portacabins are finally removed they will have been in place for about 10 years, some of which was without planning application. A brief history for those that may not be aware the portacabins have been in this position since at least 2013. There have been the following planning applications: 2015/5648 (withdrawn); 2016/1385 (withdrawn); 2016/5912 (additional teaching space for a further 3 years and 107 objections), and this was also discussed at the Wandsworth (Conservation) Advisory Committee which recommended a one year extension); and then there was planning application 2019/5116 (requesting a further 18 months), also discussed at the Wandsworth (Conservation) Advisory Committee which recommended 12 months. And here we are...

The portacabins have been tucked away on Whitelands College very close to the tower block Kimpton House. For a time there was some sort of screaming therapy held which was a nuisance for some residents in Kimpton House. The views of the wonderful Parkstead House have the visual amenity disrupted by these buildings. Hopefully the car parking places these buildings are on top of will soon be used for their intended purpose?

One of the previous applications attracted 107 objections, but ended up bypassing the Council's Planning Applications Committee. So what's the point of challenging this latest planning application?

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Roehampton Community Week Programme



SATURDAY 3rd July

FILIPINO COMMUNITY DAY

Family get-together to celebrate Roehampton's Filipino community. Everybody welcome
11am to 7pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive

SUNDAY 4th July

ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY WEEK PRE-LAUNCH EVENT

Cabaret, arts & crafts, sharing information on events happening during the week
11am to 7pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive

Something for everyone

Women Only

Family/Young Children

Youth Activities

Senior Events

MONDAY 5th July

RCW OPENING CONCERT - LAUNCH EVENT

Live music and DJ to start the week off right!
12pm to 7pm
 Danebury Avenue (Opposite Library)

ALTON POP-UP PANEL OF ART

Official opening of outdoor gallery.
5:30pm to 7pm
 Danebury Avenue (Opposite Library)

CLOTHES DESIGNING FOR WOMEN

Learn lifelong skills in design, understanding of textile industry and pattern making.
6pm to 7:30pm
 6 Portswood Place

BOXING FITNESS/ SELF-DEFENCE

Activity class for women aged over 16. Organised by Roehampton University
7pm to 8pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive
 For more details contact thisgirlcan@roehampton.ac.uk

TUESDAY 6th July

FILM HISTORY OF ROEHAMPTON

Presentation and premiere on the history of film-making in Roehampton
11am & 1:30pm
 Portswood Place - Minstead Gardens Club Room

CODA DIGITAL DANCE WORKSHOP

Paint the space and make wonderful digital artworks with your body, without any paint!
1:15pm to 1:45pm & 3:45pm to 4:15pm (after-school workshop, 8+) &
7pm to 7:30pm
 6 Portswood Place

THE FEEL GOOD WANDER

A walk for young people in Roehampton to come together and explore Richmond Park. Organised by Regenerate
5pm to 7pm
 Meet at Juice Bar, Portswood Place

WEDNESDAY 7th July

WOMEN'S INSPIRATIONAL EVENT

Self-care, fitness, pampering sessions and guest speakers to help empower local women
9:30am to 12pm
 166 Roehampton Lane

SCHOOLS FESTIVAL OF TENNIS AND SPORT

For local primary schools. Run by Rackets Cubed with the support of the Roehampton Club and Rosslyn Park Rugby Club women
10am to 12pm
 Roehampton Club & Rosslyn Park

LOOKING AFTER THE ENVIRONMENT

Fun activities for families and children and information on how to save money and look after the environment
11am to 3pm
 Danebury Avenue (near Library)

CODA DIGITAL DANCE WORKSHOP

Paint the space and make wonderful digital artworks with your body, without any paint!
1:15pm to 1:45pm & 3:45pm to 4:15pm (after school workshop, 8+) &
7pm to 7:30pm
 6 Portswood Place

CRICKET

Fun sessions to improve your skills and enjoy a game. Run by coaches from Roehampton and Fulham Cricket Clubs
5pm to 6pm - young people up to 14 years of age
6pm to 7pm - age over 14
 Downshire Field (Bull Green) Danebury Avenue

HARBIDGE AVE COMMUNITY SPACE OPENING EVENT

Activities for families/residents, games and information on utilities and saving money
4pm to 6pm
 Harbridge Ave

TAKE BACK CONTROL TALK

Come and learn how to take back control of your wellbeing, livelihood and financial future
6:30pm to 8pm
 Alton Community Hall

CIRCUITS

Activity class for women aged over 18 organised by Roehampton University
7 to 8pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive
 For more details contact thisgirlcan@roehampton.ac.uk

THURSDAY 8th July

STRETCH AND MOVEMENT

Activity class for everyone, particularly over-60s, organised by Enable
10:30 to 11:30am
 Newlands Hall, Putney Vale
 Please book in advance: email activelifestyle@enablelc.org or call 020 3959 0033

SELF-DEFENCE CLASSES AND FIRST AID CLASSES FOR EVERYONE

Three sessions of each throughout the day
11am to 3pm
 Downshire Field (Bull Green), Danebury Avenue

SONGS ON WHEELS

Live music event for elderly residents
11am to 1pm
 Runnymede Court

LENNOX TEA PARTY

For sheltered housing residents, live music, tombola
1pm to 3pm
 Lennox Community Club Room

DANCE AND STRETCH

Activity class for women aged over 18. Organised by Roehampton University
6pm to 7pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive
 For more details contact thisgirlcan@roehampton.ac.uk

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Open 6-a-side tournament for young people aged 14-16 (max. squad of 8 players). Organised by Chelsea FC Foundation in conjunction with Regenerate and Roehampton BASE
6pm to 9pm
 Ashburton Youth Centre, Westleigh Ave, SW15 6XD
 To enter a team please email Nathan.Lindsay@generate-uk.org. Plus the Feel Good Fest - physical and creative activities, music and food

FRIDAY 9th July

TONE AND STRETCH

Activity class for everyone, particularly over-60s, organised by Enable
11am to 12pm
 Roehampton Methodist Church, Portswood Place
 Please book in advance: email activelifestyle@enablelc.org or call 020 3959 0033

WALKING TO FITNESS

Activity class for women aged over 18. Organised by Roehampton University
12pm to 1:30pm
 Meet at Froebel Gate, Roehampton Lane
 For more details contact thisgirlcan@roehampton.ac.uk

WHAT DOES FREEDOM MEAN TO YOU?

What does freedom and independence mean to you in today's climate? Body Henna (by Shafi Express) transforms words into beautiful henna designs.
 This is a 2-part event that includes returning for a photo shoot on Sunday.
1pm to 4pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive

FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Open 6-a-side tournament for young people aged 11-13 (max. squad 8 players). Organised by Chelsea FC Foundation in conjunction with Regenerate and Roehampton BASE
5pm to 8pm
 Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area, Wanborough Drive
 To enter a team please email Romayne.Walrond@richmondandwandswoth.gov.uk

CHIILED CONVERSATIONS

Roehampton Creatives Network edition. Art, music, & exhibition event bringing Roehampton's creative community together
7pm to 10pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive

SATURDAY 10th July

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OPEN DAY

Come and see inside your beautiful Parish Church, climb the tower for a fabulous view of Roehampton, organ play, history, enjoy tea and cakes, hear the organ play, count the angels. All Welcome.
9am-9pm
 Ponsonby Rd SW15 4LA

MESSY PLAY @ ST JOSEPHS

Family fun, 1-hour messy play sessions for babies and children 0-36 months (including outdoor song time)
 Booking: info@playandleamcafe.co.uk
10am to 2pm
 St Joseph's RC Church Hall

FITNESS FOR FAMILIES

Activity session for parents and children (over 5) to exercise together. Organised by Enable
10am to 11:30am
 Roehampton Sport & Fitness Centre, Lowerstoke Gardens
 Please book in advance: email activelifestyle@enablelc.org or call 020 3959 0033

ROEHAMPTON SINGALONG

Live music event for elderly residents
12pm to 2pm
 Hyacinth Road

KIDS RECYCLED ART

For children 6 to 11 to take part and learn more about art and reusing materials
12pm to 4pm
 6 Portswood Place

THE FEEL GOOD FEST

Physical and creative activities aimed at young people aged 11-19, to inspire and encourage sustainability, healthy living and community. Plus food and music. Organised by Regenerate and Roehampton BASE
1pm to 7pm
 Downshire Field (Bull Green), Danebury Avenue

CYCLING ACTIVITIES

A session open to everyone. Cycle training (bikes provided), Doctor Bike (how to maintain your bike) and Bike Marking. Provided by Wandsworth Council Road Safety Team
1pm to 5pm (cycle training 2 to 4pm)
 Downshire Field (Bull Green), Danebury Avenue

YOGA FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Class for parents and children (over 5) to exercise together
2pm to 3:15pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive

RECONNECT THROUGH ART & SONG

Engage in art activities with your children whilst listening to live music. Children must be 6+
4pm to 5pm
 Roehampton R.O.C.K.S., Alton Activity Centre, Ellisfield Drive

STREET DOCTORS

Interactive first aid session for young people
5 to 6pm
 Downshire Field (Bull Green), Danebury Avenue
 To register your interest please email active@enablelc.org

SUNDAY 4th July

BELL SUNDAY

Interactive exhibition where you can learn all about bells and ringing. You can also climb the tower, see the one very large existing bell, and the view from the top across Richmond Park and the Alton Estate. Free. Refreshments available.
10am to 12pm
 Ponsonby Rd SW15 4LA

NETBALL AND TENNIS

Sports class for women aged over 18. Organised by Roehampton University
12pm to 2pm
 Multi-Use Games Area, Froebel College, Roehampton University
 For more details contact thisgirlcan@roehampton.ac.uk

KIDS RECYCLED ART

For children 6 to 11 to take part and learn more about art and reusing materials
12pm to 4pm
 6 Portswood Place

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Open tournament for anyone aged 13 to 25
1pm to 3pm
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