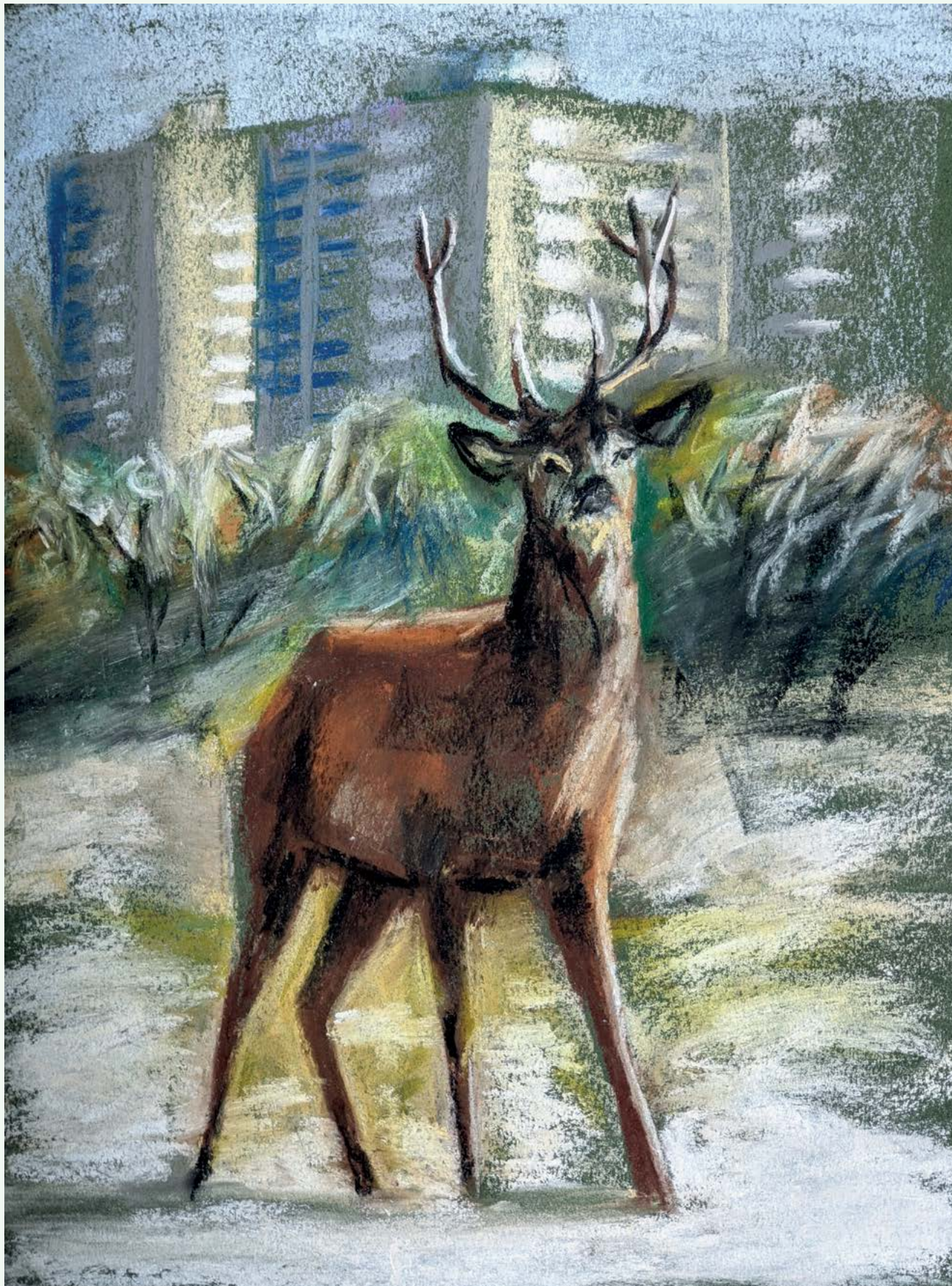

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Season's Greetings To All Our Readers



Christmas Tree for Roehampton

2020 marks the arrival of the first Alton Estate Christmas tree! Organised and funded by the Alton Regeneration Team at Wandsworth Council, a permanent Christmas tree pit will be installed on Danebury Avenue, at the junction with Holybourne Avenue. Work is planned to begin at the end of November.

A tree pit is the equivalent of a base or stand at home. It keeps the tree upright and in position. It also provides a concealed connection to the electricity supply. When not in use, the tree pit will have a cover placed over the top, and paving slabs blending it seamlessly into the pavement.

In conjunction with the Council's Enterprise Delivery Team, a 20-foot high evergreen conifer tree, complete with lights, will be displayed for approximately 5 weeks between early December 2020 and early January 2021. The Alton Regeneration Team hope this will help to bring the estate to life and lift spirits, especially at the end of a particularly tough year for many people. This gesture also serves to enforce their commitment and passion to the estate regeneration programme.

Once the tree is taken down, it will be donated to The Roehampton Shed project and used for woodwork activities.

Whilst celebratory events cannot go ahead as usual this year, the Alton Regeneration Team plan to mark the arrival of the tree with a virtual event. Further details will be communicated nearer the time.



Lynne Capociamma from Estate Art Roehampton turned on the Christmas lights on 30.11

Ashburton Youth Centre

Congratulations to Andy Smith and the team at Regenerate for saving the Ashburton Youth Centre.

A proposal to add housing on the site was consulted on in October but the Council have now withdrawn the plan.

Roehampton Partnership News

ROEHAMPTON PARTNERSHIP is a direct link for the voice of residents to Wandsworth Council, meeting quarterly with representatives of local business, local NHS, voluntary sector, faith communities, community leaders, Roehampton Club, Roehampton University and its students Union. The Council have decided to withdraw and replace it with a Community Engagement Strategy.

Roehampton Trust Grants

Roehampton Trust has made two grants of £1,000 to:

- **SHINE Again**, for equipment, to help with therapy to children at local schools
- **Doverhouse Lions FC**, for outdoor boxing provision, to help children and young people improve their mental health and fitness.

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SUBMITTING ARTICLES

The Roehampton Voice is keen to have input from as many local people as possible. The Spring edition of the Roehampton Voice will be published early in April 2021.

Copy date for contributions: 5 March 2021. If you would like to write an article for us, email

roehamptonvoice@hotmail.com

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What a wonderful time to become Vicar of Roehampton!

by REVD. JOSHUA REY

Annie and I, with our son, Paddy, moved into the Vicarage on Ponsonby Road at the end of August, and I formally started work on September 29th, the Feast of Michael and All Angels. This, you don't need me to tell you, is a year like no other. A truly terrible time for those who have been afflicted by coronavirus, or the much larger number whose lives have been disrupted by the lockdown. For all of us it has been, to say the least, strange.

Yet it is a wonderful time to come into a new Parish, and that for three reasons.

First, because in a time of turmoil and anxiety, it is a joy and a privilege to share a message of hope.

Second, because the lockdown places limits what I can do. No super big impressive plans. Nothing really, but pray, worship and get to know people. And that's all one needs. Anything else – God will make this clear, in time, through the prayer, and through the relationships. Please know I am praying for this whole community, morning and evening (often, and always in Church 7.30 and 5.30 every weekday – come and join me after the lockdown, or tune in live at [facebook.com/holytrinityroehampton](https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityroehampton). Please let me know how I can pray for you: mail@joshuarey.com. If I haven't met you already, I hope I soon shall. As there are about seventeen thousand people in the Parish it will take a while to get round everyone, so lots to look forward to.

And the third reason this is such a good time to start work as a Vicar is that CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

What better time to be in Church? All through Advent, we remember that God is coming into the world, and we wonder, "am I ready to meet him?" But at midnight on the 24th of December, we throw our hats in the air with great joy – for God comes to us not as a judge but as a saviour. He comes into our world as a refugee baby, born in a chilly outbuilding – yet king of all.

***He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall***

As we know God in Jesus, we know God. And we know this, too: no matter what trouble and sorrows we face in this world, and they are sometimes hard, even though there is often joy too – whatever suffering and happiness we know, God enters into it with us.

***And He feeleth for our sadness,
And He shareth in our gladness***

It's such a joy to be able to share this time of hope amidst the winter darkness with everyone in Roehampton. Of course, we have to be realistic: our Christmas services are not going to be crowded and full of song. But we will find ways for everyone who wants to enter into the Christmas joy. Exactly what form this will take has to depend on what is allowed.

Sadly, there will have to be a booking system, so that we don't breach the safe limits for people in Church – please look for this at [holyltrinityroehampton.org](https://www.holytrinityroehampton.org). That's also where we will put information about other plans – like the Nativity Treasure Hunt, that families can enjoy together. And the Church is going to be open for private prayer



Mondays and Fridays 3-5.30, and Wednesdays 9-noon.

We will together keep the Christmas season with deep and serious joy, here in Roehampton, knowing that in this troubled year, God enters into all our sorrows, hopes, and happiness.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, one and all!



Revd. Joshua Rey

Roehampton Playing Fields Community Trust November 2020 Update

by SARAH WILTON

Despite the challenges, uncertainty and delay caused by the pandemic, the Roehampton Playing Fields Community Trust ('the Trust') continues to make good progress towards achieving its objective of taking over management of the Playing Fields. To this end, we now have a Masterplan for the site, operational plans and governance structures in which all key stakeholders will play a significant part.

The community expressed strong support in last summer's [Council consultation, with 85% in favour of the Fields](#) being run by the community, for the community.

Recent events at the Playing Fields, such as the successful Doverhouse Lions FC event which raised over £2,200 for St George's Hospital Charity, illustrate perfectly how much more use can be made, and social impact achieved, with community management of the Playing Fields bringing together all the key stakeholders with a common purpose.

A documentary celebrating the positive social impact which Doverhouse Lions FC and the Roehampton Playing Fields make in our community will be released next month. A short trailer can be found by following this link: youtu.be/qtx19Lf3Y1k

Working with our partners, the Trust has developed a Masterplan and Business Plan for the site. Key features include:

- increased usage by clubs, schools and the public of all facilities - football, tennis, cricket and school sports and games - across the year
- improvements to the quality and availability of the existing facilities
- pavilion and changing room improvements to ensure that all relevant health and safety requirements, particularly during the pandemic, are met
- plans for new facilities, subject to funding and planning, include cricket nets, a café, perimeter trees, benches and much more.

Working collaboratively with Wandsworth Council, the Trust is already actively securing funding commitments from a number of sources, as well as exploring funding and sponsorship partnerships.

The Trust team would be delighted to hear from local businesses, groups and individuals who would like to play their part in the future success of Roehampton Playing Fields, at the heart of the community of Roehampton.

For more information, or to join us (we warmly welcome all volunteers whatever your interest, skills and time availability!) and to support the Trust, please go to: roehamptonplayingfields.org
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Doverhouse Lions FC



Surrey County Womens Football Club

The Rocky Road to “Regeneration”

by JOHN HORROCKS

The borough council’s proposals to “regenerate” the central area of the Alton Estate are still progressing – but there is some way to go before the council’s redevelopment plans will be finally approved.

It has been a long journey, and it is not finished yet.

The withdrawal of Redrow, the council’s development partner in the scheme, in September, was a severe blow for the project. After Redrow’s departure, the council assumed Redrow’s role as the planning applicant and took Redrow’s plans to the council’s Planning Applications Committee in October to decide whether permission should be granted or not.

Anyone who watched the Committee’s debate on the application (online) would have been impressed with Roehampton Councillor Claire Gilbert’s detailed questioning of the proposals. The other Councillors on the Committee demonstrated a very poor understanding of what the Alton Estate is all about. Planning permission was granted - with only Councillor Gilbert voting against.

The permission requires various issues to be further investigated and agreed before it can be finalised – issues like the provision of affordable housing and a number of “planning obligations” which need to be secured.

It is expected that the borough council’s final approval will be settled early in 2021 and then the application will be forwarded to Sadiq Khan, the Mayor of London, at City Hall. He has to agree to the redevelopment before it can finally achieve planning permission (this is because it is such a big scheme). He has concerns about the proposed scale of affordable housing provision – the scheme does not meet the standards as set out in the London Plan.

It may be the spring before we know whether or not the redevelopment has achieved final approval. In time for the London Assembly and Mayoral elections in May!

Then the borough council has to find a developer to step into Redrow’s place – and this can be expected to be far from easy, especially so long as the Covid-19 pandemic goes on. All developers are having a difficult time at present.

Watch this space!



Allbrook House & library behind the newly installed Christmas tree



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Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) – off Wanborough Road, Alton East

by Pamela Harris

Socially distanced opening event was attended by the Mayor of Wandsworth and children from Heathmere School. The children were invited to try out the new play facilities which include an inground trampoline, monkey bars and slides. They also painted a new graffiti wall, constructed a bug hotel to encourage wildlife and contributed to the planting in the area by planting daffodil bulbs.

The upgrade to the Witley Point games area was completed in September 2020 and has been well received by local families and is very well used by the children.



A young family at the Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area

Alton Estate in the beginning

by DAVID and MIRIAM HOWITT

We came to Roehampton in 1965 when the Alton Estate was pristine, with hardly a car to be seen. The Tower and slab blocks had their car parks for 8 or 10 cars which were hardly ever more than half full. The scene was an expanse of parkland.

For the people who came from bombed-out East End of London and Ireland, it was heaven. The homes they had left mostly had outside WCs and coal or peat fires for heating and cooking; they had to go to the public baths (fore-runners to swimming pools) and babies were bathed in a zinc tub on the kitchen table. They marvelled that many of the Alton blocks were District Central-heated (the disused boiler house and chimney can still be seen) and otherwise there was gas for heating and cooking. The maisonettes not only each had a WC but also a full bathroom with running hot water as well - a luxury! There were laundry rooms for each block on the ground floor as no one

had their own washing machine. For the first decades, a tourist firm brought coach-loads of Japanese tourists to wonder at the world famous Alton social housing. They would be shown inside the immaculate flat of 3 elderly sisters in Shalden House, one of the tower blocks.

There was no barrier across Danebury Avenue and no buses, so we were able to pick up and give a lift in our car to parishioners walking to Church. Clarence Lane was a rough track.

Where Cleeve Way has more recent houses, there was a primary school and playground with the Adult Education Centre on Danebury Avenue. This was the social hub which had a wide range of facilities and classes for dance, art, pottery, carpentry, upholstery, languages and, later, car maintenance. It was there that I made friends in the pottery class. When the Jesuits left Manresa, it became South Thames College and the Adult Education Centre thrived there until it was sold to the new Roehampton University.

The Library was open six days a week and was fully stocked with books and newspapers because

it was before television, mobiles, laptops, i-pads existed. It had story sessions for young children.

The Cornerstone Parish Hall was constantly used for bazaars, dances, celebrations, displays and ballet classes. This now belongs to Wandsworth Council and has the housing department for re-locating the Alton residents leaving their homes in the properties due to be demolished in the Redrow scheme.

The red-brick Boy's Club was run for years by parishioners of St Joseph's Church. There was a football team which played on Manresa fields and there was also a Scout Troop and Cubs. These all depended on volunteers running them. Now we have nothing but BASE, which is excellent for helping teenagers plan their futures, but nowhere for young people to relax, get together, make music, play table tennis, snooker, partake in martial arts and outdoor sports. Wandsworth Council recently appointed excellent youth leaders, but we have lost the premises.

Alton residents now come from all over the world and there is a new opportunity to bring them together in social activities.



Age UK Wandsworth have a number of services to support older Roehampton residents:

INDEPENDENT SHOPPER

This service can support those 50+ with their grocery shopping. Age UK Wandsworth will set up your online shopping account with your favourite shop, do the first few shops for you and then support you to do it

yourself. The team are also available for 1 to 1, COVID-safe tuition from their offices in Wandsworth.

For more information call Chi or Rebecca on 020 8877 8940 or email independentshopper@ageukwandsworth.org.uk

ACTIVE CHATS

This is a great service for those who are feeling stuck at home and would like to stay active. Active Chats offers telephone befriending with seated exercise and/or mindfulness.

For more information call Sorrel 020 8877 8940 or email sorrel.brown@ageukwandsworth.org.uk

In addition, Age UK Wandsworth also offers many other services including Information and Advice, Handyperson service, Hospital discharge support and LGBTQ+ befriending. Please call the office 020 8877 8940 or visit www.ageukwandsworth.org.uk to find out more.

From Elsewhere – Other Support Activities

REGENERATE RISE will be providing Christmas bags and a Santa's Sleigh with music from Songs on Wheels around Roehampton, distributing mince pies and some Christmas cheer Mo Smith on 07774 116972 or email mosmith@regenerate-rise.co.uk.

DANCE ON YOUR DOORSTEP want to bring a bit of strictly glamour and sparkle to your front door, street or garden by performing a vibrant Samba, a vibrant carnival dance guaranteed to bring sunshine and smiles even on the gloomiest days. To book your own personal performance contact hannah@elementdance.co.uk.

We all tend to overindulge over the festive season, so we can all focus on a slightly healthier start to the New Year. **THE SUGAR SMART CAMPAIGN** are looking for older residents to put forward favourite cake, biscuit and sweet recipes in order to create healthier versions that will be then given free of charge to older people in Roehampton. Contact anna.c@be-enriched.org.

On a similar healthy eating note, **BAGS OF TASTE** providing recipes and material for healthy and tasty meals, by delving free of charge to your door the ingredients and recipes you need for a fortnight. Contact southwark@bagsoftaste.org.

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Roehampton Councillor Update

by Cllr **CLAIRE GILBERT**



QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL - MINOR INJURIES

A new "temporary" service opens at QMH from 1st December for minor injuries. Please note that this is by appointment only - you will need to either ring 111 or make an appointment through your GP. I hope that this service will continue as it is important for local people. It is also important that residents do contact their local medical services when they need them, rather than thinking that they might be helping the NHS by staying at home - the message from our local health service is that they are open and they do want to help! If you are having difficulty getting an appointment please get in touch - cllr.c.gilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk.

COVID-19 RATES IN ROEHAMPTON

You may have seen reports that Covid-19 rates are higher in Roehampton than in other parts of the Borough. The MP, and both Councillors Ambache and I have asked the local Public Health Director and Wellbeing Board for more information about this, particularly to understand whether there are any known hot spots or particular age groups affected. We do know that supermarkets are hotspots for transmission. It is vitally important that we all wear masks, wash our hands, maintain social distancing, and follow the lockdown rules please.

Hammersmith Bridge – is Progress Regress?

by **ALEX GAUTIER**

I wrote an essay on that subject decades ago. Can't remember what I said, but it's a title that comes to mind the more I read updates on Hammersmith Bridge. Let's look at things from the start.

Hammersmith Bridge was finished in 1887 for £80,000. That's £7.1 million in today's money, and it took around 3 years to build.

The Government has taken over repairs to the bridge, thank goodness, but the repair time estimate has gone from 3 to over 6 years. Oops, did Hammersmith & Fulham ("LBHFC") and TfL get their sums wrong? Not only that, TfL say they have spent £7.6 million on the bridge since it closed to traffic in 2019 for evaluations and the cost of getting proposals for repairs and alternate temporary

EXTRA HELP AVAILABLE DURING COVID-19

Do please call the Wandsworth Council Coronavirus Hub for additional support with issues such as food or essentials, and any other serious concerns, including Test and Trace support payments – **Telephone 0208 871 6555**. If you have not received a leaflet through your door with a list of further sources of advice and support, please get in touch.

BICYCLE HANGARS

I handed a petition to the last Council for more secure bicycle hangars in the Roehampton area. Thanks to everyone who signed this, it is challenging to gather a petition in lockdown! The Council has responded positively - I'm told that new hangars and also cycle loops are going to be placed near Cadnam Point, Stoughton Close, Chilcombe House, Crondall House and on Alton Road. I know that residents on Woking Close would also like a cycle hangar but we do need more residents to formally tell the Council this - please get in touch if you live on Woking Close or anywhere else and you'd like bicycle storage!

LITTER, FLYTIPPING AND HEDGEHOGS!

Litter and fly tipping remain a problem across the Borough. A new litter and flytipping campaign is starting shortly from the Council, including another Mega Skip Day, hopefully in March 2021.

SW15 Hedgehogs is running a Lockdown Litter Pick Challenge until 18th December. Litter picking is great exercise and my kids enjoy it, including the animal welfare aspect. If you send a photo of your litter picking efforts to roehamptonhfc@gmail.com your child gets a certificate!

bridges. According to NewCivilEngineer.com ("NCE") a temporary bridge could be built for £5 million that would allow cars and double decker buses (but no pedestrians) to cross the bridge that would last for about 10 years.

Wow, a bridge that would cost less but do more is what I would call progress, however LBHFC and TfL didn't like it. It's only a temporary bridge anyway. Wouldn't last, though it would make life so much easier for people needing to cross the river now. What if they built that bridge and stabilised Hammersmith Bridge to allow foot traffic? Nah, too sensible.

Current estimates on repair of the bridge are £164 million. That's over 20 times what it cost to build in the first place and who ever heard of contractors sticking to budget? I saw one comment in NCE that it's likely to cost around £260 million.

So, do you think we have made progress, or regress, on how to build (or repair) a bridge 130 years on? I know what I think.

Putney Vale Playground Refurbishment

by GARY AKERS

Back in 2017 it was identified that the playground on Stroud Crescent, Putney Vale was getting a bit tired and dated. A local resident stepped forward to campaign for funding to provide for the refurbishment of the play equipment and the poor surfacing.

Since 2018 Ania Faluta, a resident of Putney vale for 6 years started on what would be a two year journey to secure £40,000 for the refurbishment works.

Single handed Ania approached five play equipment suppliers for designs to refit the playground, through discussions with the PVRA this was narrowed down to three potential designs. Through Resident Association Meetings, posts to "Our Putney Vale" on Facebook and mailshots to the members of PVRA and of course using the notice boards on Putney Vale the local parents selected the successful design from Kompan.

After several months of lobbying many large community funds and having completed a multitude of applications late into the night on many occasions, Funding was finally secured from the Roehampton Parish Trust and the Kingston Vale Trust, a huge thank you to all of the trustees. Sue Richardson, Mandy Beck & Carol Campbell to name but a few. We must also thank Mark Hickey of Wandsworth Council for his continued support throughout the selection and funding process.



Deputy Mayor Sue McKinney and local residents at the opening of the Putney Vale playground



Putney Vale playground

The playground has been designed to cater for toddlers to 12 year olds and provide play for children with disabilities. The new equipment is interactive and stimulates cooperative play. The equipment is segregated onto toddler play and young child to give them space to play with their age groups with new seating for the parents to socialise and supervise their children.

Work finally started at the beginning of October. It was opened by Deputy Mayor Sue McKinney. We look forward to seeing children from the Vale and neighbouring communities enjoying the space once again.



The NHS is Still Here for You

FROM DECEMBER 1, BOOK A TIME SLOT AT QUEEN MARY'S TO GET URGENT MEDICAL HELP

In March this year the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at Queen Mary's Hospital was closed to make sure patients and staff would be as safe as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Since then, the NHS in Wandsworth has been working really hard with local people, GPs, and hospitals to work out what we could do over the coming winter to meet people's needs, while keeping the risk of Covid-19 very low.

We are pleased to let you know that a new temporary service called the Enhanced Primary Care Hub is opening at Queen Mary's Hospital on 1 December. It will be run over the winter until April 2021.

- The service will include treatment for wounds, minor injuries, and GP appointments.
- The service will be for booked time slots only. People can book in via NHS 111 or their GP.

- The service will see patients of all ages.
- The service cannot see walk-in patients and those with Covid-19 symptoms.
- People with Covid-19 symptoms can continue to dial 119,111, or 999, to get medical help.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT THIS NEW TEMPORARY SERVICE

We are committed to improving our services, so we want to hear from you about the Enhanced Primary Care Hub. It is important to us that we hear your experiences and your views. By working together, we can make any changes to the temporary service for the benefit of local people.

Please call us on **020 8725 3492**

or write to:

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Alternatively, you can write to us at:

**Complaints and Improvements Department
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Now we need a People's Plan even more

by ALTON ACTION

In the last edition of Roehampton Voice, we introduced Alton Action: a non-partisan volunteer group started by Alton Estate residents and local activists to foster the creation of a community plan by, and for, the people of the Alton Estate. The People's Plan is a bottom-up approach to enable the people who call the estate their home a say in the future and to set out the improvements that current residents and the local community actually need.

The context for this initiative is fifteen years of failed attempts to 'regenerate' the estate from Wandsworth Council. After their latest plan for mass demolition and huge intensification of private dwellings stalled, we hoped that a responsible approach would be taken: to take stock and look at options. But the Council have confirmed that they want to try to push ahead with this damaging

and ill-judged plan. And in the meantime, the part of the estate that they profess to want to improve is falling further into disrepair with many residents living in unacceptable conditions.

A People's Plan will offer an alternative option, led by the people whose lives will be most affected and will examine the improvements that they want and need. It will explore options for renovation and improvement for the buildings, creating better business and community spaces, improving transport and whatever else is a priority for local people. When complete we will offer the Plan to the Council to help them see an alternative way forward; one that has widespread local support.

Alton Action have partnered with planning experts from University College London and Just Space to secure funding to develop a Community Plan by April next year. Despite the Covid restrictions, we have reached out and engaged many local residents and stakeholders, and the strength of the campaign is growing. We have already launched the People's Plan project and started online

meetings to explore a better way forward for the Alton Estate. But we need more local people to join in and have their say. So, if you are a resident of the Alton Estate or work in the area please get involved and add your voice.

You can get involved by:

COMPLETING OUR SURVEY

Just email us on altonaction2020@gmail.com and we will make sure a survey is delivered to your door or sent electronically. We can also support anyone who might have difficulty completing the survey.

JOINING OUR NEXT COMMUNITY WORKSHOP EVENT:

What is your vision for Alton Estate? Presentation, discussion and feedback on initial proposals.

This will be an online event held on **Wednesday 20th January at 8.00pm** and can be accessed at <https://ucl.zoom.us/j/94229515647> Please feel free to contact us on altonaction2020@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

You can find out more here:

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My Roehampton responds together

by JONATHAN PALMA

In January **Citizens Advice Wandsworth** launched 'My Roehampton', a community capacity building project funded by Public Health Wandsworth.

The project's main aim is to act as a catalyst to improve the capacity of local groups and organisations and support the development of a thriving community and voluntary sector in Roehampton.

At the height of lockdown, the project lead, Jonathan Palma was able to build a local network, **Roehampton Response Network (RRN)** from scratch with the help of key community leaders. The purpose of the network was to provide a platform to bring people together to help plan, communicate and coordinate the response and recovery from the Covid -19 pandemic.

Since March participants (105 total) have included residents, businesses, charities, service providers and political representatives. Regular meetings, communications and individual engagements have brought diverse communities together to discuss issues, form relationships and identify opportunities for collaborative solutions.

A key outcome has seen the increased capacity (confidence, engagement, skills) of residents, groups and services to identify, articulate and represent their community's needs.

Project lead Jonathan Palma stated, *"This pandemic has given us an opportunity to bring communities and services closer together, to work side by side more than ever before. The urgency towards building relationships, reducing barriers and partnership working must come to the fore if we're to learn from this period and ensure there is a brighter future for Roehampton!"*

The project has also supported Roehampton in various other ways...

- Partnered with Regenerate to create the '**Roehampton Community Knock**' a hand delivered community newsletter distributed by local volunteers in lockdown to spread vital support information to residents, especially the most isolated and those who are digitally excluded
- Provided mentorship and ongoing support to help set up local community arts group **Estate Art** led by Lynne Capociamma to plan, promote and deliver events such as

the popular 'Roehampton Sing-along'

- Worked with residents helped set-up the '**Roehampton Covid 19 Support Group**' Facebook group, creating an online community providing useful information of over 400 members.

- Supported local groups and organisations on several **successful funding** applications that has helped bring in over £24,000 in much needed funding for projects supporting communities.

If you have any ideas, skills or talents that can help support your community in Roehampton please get in touch.

To find out more about 'My Roehampton' please visit the Citizens Advice Wandsworth website cawandsworth.org or contact **Jonathan Palma (@jpccommunityworks)** jonathan.palma@cawandsworth.org or call **07498 455076**

