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SATISFACTION AS STONES COME HOME

Twickenham finally got what it wanted when the world's greatest rock and roll band, The Rolling Stones, played two sold out concerts at the home of English rugby.

One hundred thousand attended both concerts including around 10,000 local people from Richmond upon Thames and Hounslow and almost 10,000 visitors from abroad.

Operationally, both concerts went extremely well and the RFU is grateful for the support of Richmond and Hounslow Council officers and members, South West Trains, London United Buses, the police, emergency services, as well as local residents who contributed to the organization of the concerts through the RFU's Concert Day Committee and Neighbours' Liaison Group.

RFU Community Relations Officer, Fraser Cullen said, "From the feedback received, many of the borough's residents thoroughly enjoyed being part of these historic events for Twickenham and seeing the greatest rock and roll band in the world. We hope that the local residents who couldn't get tickets and either stood around the stadium or partied in their gardens will be able to attend future concerts."

PROMOTING TWICKENHAM AROUND THE WORLD

The concert on Sunday 24th August was filmed and will be released as one of a four DVD set titled 'Four Flicks' and released on November 10th. The world wide sales will ensure that Twickenham is promoted around the globe.

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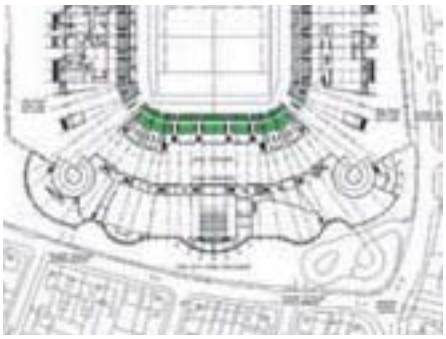
RFU COMMUNITY RELATIONS

If you would like information on the RFU in the Community or any event day matters, contact Fraser Cullen, RFU Community Relations Officer, RFU, Rugby Road, Twickenham TW1 1DS. Tel: 020 8831 6533 or e-mail: frasercullen@rfu.com

TWICKENHAM'S FULL CIRCLE

The Rugby Football Union applied for planning permission to build a new £70 million South Stand at Twickenham Stadium last September and is expecting the application to be considered soon by Richmond Council.



Twickenham is known throughout the world as the home of English rugby. It is synonymous with rugby union around the globe, world famous, and has an enormously rich tradition and heritage.

The North, East and West Stands have all been redeveloped over recent years and the proposed redevelopment of the South Stand provides an opportunity to fully enclose and surround the playing area with spectator seating to produce a complete and finished stadium.

The new development would increase stadium capacity from the current 75,000 to 82,000, a 9% increase for the five or six major matches held each year. Within it, the RFU is also planning to build a 200 bed, four star hotel with underground parking, conference and exhibition space, a dual-use performing arts centre, a health and fitness club, office space for the RFU and a new Rugby Store.

A new development of 24 flats, 10 of them available as affordable housing, will be built off Rugby Road to replace the houses removed on Whitton Road.

As well as the hotel and leisure club which will have obvious community benefits, there will be a 400 seat dual use arts centre with access for community use and an increase in availability of England match tickets for residents. An economic appraisal by independent consultants, Bone Wells, estimated that the development would create 120 full time jobs and 105 extra match day staff and will boost the economy of South West London by around £40 million a year.

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT

Five public exhibitions were held last November in Twickenham, Whitton, Isleworth and Richmond, providing an opportunity for the community to discover more about the proposed development. They also provided the opportunity for the RFU to canvas local opinion through the independent Electoral Reform Services. The response was encouraging with 81% supporting the development, 14.2% against it and 4.8% don't knows.

MUSIC DAY RAISES £10,000 FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

An estimated 10,000 people went along to Radnor Gardens in Twickenham to enjoy a packed programme of music played by a host of outstanding performers.

The aim of the Twickenham Music Day, organized by the Friends of Radnor Gardens and sponsored by the Rugby Football Union, was to raise funds for the provision of play equipment, the restoration of the gardens and support for local charities.

Around £10,000 was raised towards the Friends' £40,000 development fund which they need to unlock a £60,000 lottery grant. Donations of £1,500 to Richmond District Scouts and £250 to St John Ambulance were made by the Friends.

From midday until 8pm the crowd was treated to a feast of musical excellence arranged by Twickenham's Eel Pie Club.

The Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr. Nicola Urquhart, who was impressed by the crowd and success of the event, officially opened the music day.

The proceedings were kicked off by local duo Duplicity, followed by the nine piece R&B Old Blue Moses, the rock and blues of The Good Old Boys, fine folk blues from the Blues Band's Gary Fletcher, Teddington's Jamie Marshall and his band, excellent R&B from Tom Nolan and The Bluescasters, joined by John Fiddler of Medicine Head fame on harmonica and vocals, and the driving rock of The Inmates.

A short interval allowed the audience to replenish glasses from the Richmond Athletic Club's beer tent, sample the offerings of a range of food outlets and view the 30 craft and charity stalls.

The Eel Pie All Stars, featuring Don Craine and Keith Grant of The Downliners Sect, Art Wood, Tom Nolan, Mott the Hoople's Ray Majors and other guest performers including Pete French of Atomic Rooster and Cactus on vocals delighted the audience. To send the crowd home happy, the band were joined by Jumpin Jack Pinder for a resounding version of The Rolling Stones 'Satisfaction'.

MOBILE YOUTH CAFE LAUNCHED

A new café for young people has hit the road with help from the RFU, London United Buses and Richmond Council who have transformed a double-decker bus into a travelling youth centre.

The multi-purpose social, training and advice facility for young people was launched at Twickenham Stadium.

Connexions South London, the national advice and guidance service for 13-19 year olds also provided funding and access to a fully trained personal adviser to give advice and support on issues from education and careers options through to personal problems such as bullying, drug abuse or sexual health.

Richmond Council provided £5,000 to pay for computers and software.

The youth café is a partnership project between Hampton and Hampton Hill Voluntary Care Group (VCG) and Richmond Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations (RCVYO) under the guidance of the RCVYO's Adrian Sumption.

For more information call the Youth Café Project Manager on 020 8878 9108.

THE SCOTTISH PLAY AT TWICKENHAM

The Children's Shakespeare Company's production of Macbeth scored a veritable hit with local young people.

So many children applied to take part that there were two productions of the play staged over four nights at Twickenham Stadium. Around 90 local schoolchildren aged between eight and 14 took part.

The RFU supported CSCo believes in enabling local children to discover Shakespeare and acting for themselves and on their own terms through performance.

If you would like more information on the CSCo call 020 8898 2844 / 020 8395 1128 or visit their website at: www.thecsco.org

£739 raised from the Rugby Stores' samples sale is donated to the CSCo's Rupert Bates to help with costs for their production of Macbeth

HEATHAMFEST FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The sun shone as hundreds of young people attended the Heatham House annual music festival at Twickenham's Orleans Gardens.

The free festival, organised by the Twickenham's Heatham House club, had over 30 local teenage bands playing across three stages throughout the day. It was an occasion for the borough's young people to have their own day of fun and music in this beautiful riverside location.

The RFU provided for a safety and security team and mobile toilets, which helped to ensure the day was a big success for all concerned.

RFU EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

Harriet Tabley from Shene International School receives her certificate and gift voucher from Richmond's Mayor Cllr Nicola Urquhart

Whitton's Headteacher Sue Raynor with guests the RFU's Fraser Cullen and NEC Harlequins players Simon Keogh and Ben Willis at the opening of the new dance studio

The aim of the RFU's Education Partnership is to provide real benefits for 24 schools in our local community and to contribute to the health and wellbeing of local children.

Each school receives an annual financial grant for sports and leisure and the opportunity to apply to a special projects fund. They are invited to visit The Museum of Rugby & Stadium Tour free of charge and have received the RFU's school's pack 'Spend a Day in the Life of Rugby' for Key Stages 2 & 3. When appropriate the schools can have use of stadium facilities free of charge.

Whitton School's new dance studio

A modern dance studio has opened at Whitton School Sports Centre, offering fitness and dance classes including ballet.

Finance for the project came from government funds provided to the school as a result of its successful bid for specialist sports college status

Guests at the opening included the RFU and NEC Harlequins who teamed up last year to support the school's bid.

A celebration of achievement

Fifty four youngsters gathered at Orleans House Gallery for a special event called by Richmond Council's Cabinet Member for Education, Cllr Geoffrey Samuel.

The first Celebrating Achievement Awards rewarded excellence across the whole field of education, in primary, secondary and special schools in the borough.

The RFU was pleased to sponsor the event which recognizes special effort and achievement by young people in Richmond upon Thames schools.

SCHOOLS' SPORTS DAY AT TWICKENHAM

The annual Borough Sports Day in July gave children from every Richmond upon Thames primary school the chance to compete on the hallowed turf at Twickenham Stadium.

This is one of the country's only surviving borough-wide sports days, held at Twickenham almost every year since 1929. The RFU again opened its gates to around 1500 young competitors aged between seven and eleven.

All the winners were presented with their trophies and medals by The Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Nicola Urquhart accompanied by Cllr Geoffrey Samuel, Deputy leader of Richmond Council.

MEMBERS OF THE RFU EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

TWICKENHAM
Archdeacon Cambridge's CE School
Orleans Infant School
St Mary's CE School
St Stephen's Jnr School
Trafalgar Inf & Jnr Schools
Orleans Park School
Waldegrave School for Girls

WHITTON
Bishop Perrin CE School
Chase Bridge School
Heathfield Inf & Jnr Schools
Nelson School
St Edmunds RC School
Whitton School

HOUNSLOW
Chatsworth Inf & Jnr Schools
The Heathland School

ISLEWORTH
Ivybridge Primary School
Worple Primary School
St Mary's RC School
Isleworth Blue CE School
Isleworth Town School
Gumley House Convent School

ROLLING HOME TO TWICKENHAM

The legendary Rolling Stones recently completed two sell out shows at Twickenham Stadium attracting 100,000 people on their return to Twickenham after almost 40 years.

The planned first Twickenham concert, on Saturday 23rd August, had to be cancelled due to Mick Jagger suffering from flu. It was rescheduled for Septemeber 20th. This meant that the concert on Sunday 24th August was the first at Twickenham.

Sold out in no time, the first British concert of the Stones' Licks world tour was a triumph. The 50,000 audience on the pitch and in the stands joining in with Stones' classics like 'Brown Sugar' and 'Paint it Black', and were blown away by the set, the sound and the special effects.

The second concert on Saturday 20th September with a different set and feel to the first concert, was another show to remember, one which underlined their status as the world's greatest rock 'n roll band.

The August concert was filmed and will be released on November 10th as one of a four DVD set titled 'Four Flicks'.

Sunday 24th Aug - the set list

Support band: Starsailor
Brown Sugar
You Got Me Rocking
Don't Stop
Rocks Off
Wild Horses
You Can't Always Get What You Want
Paint It Black
Tumbling Dice
Slipping Away (Keith)
Happy (Keith)
Sympathy For The Devil
Star Star (B-stage)
I Just Want To Make Love To You (B-stage)
Street Fighting Man (B-stage)
Gimme Shelter
Honky Tonk Women
Start Me Up
Satisfaction
Jumping Jack Flash (encore)

Saturday 20th Sept - the set list

Support band: Primal Scream
Brown Sugar
It's Only Rock'n Roll
Don't Stop
Miss You
Salt Of The Earth
Rock Me Baby (with Angus and Malcolm Young of AC/DC)
Midnight Rambler
Tumbling Dice
Slipping Away (Keith)
Before They Make Me Run (Keith)
Sympathy For The Devil
Respectable (B-stage)
You Got Me Rocking (B-stage)
Street Fighting Man (B-stage)
Gimme Shelter
Honky Tonk Women
Start Me Up
Satisfaction
Jumping Jack Flash (encore)

Photographs courtesy of The Richmond & Twickenham Times

HOMELINK - A LOCAL CHARITY WORTH SUPPORTING

The Whitton based charity Homelink recently celebrated its sixth birthday at the respite day care centre on Hospital Bridge Road.

Homelink provides a respite service for the local area's chronically sick and housebound elderly.

Special guests at the birthday party included Richmond's Mayor, Cllr Nicola Urquhart, local MP, Dr Vincent Cable, Reverend Lyn Phillips, the RFU's Fraser Cullen, and Cllr Alan Butler who entertained guests with his guitar and songs.

At the party, Homelink were presented with a cheque for £13,600 raised at their summer ball held courtesy of the RFU at Twickenham Stadium.

Like all charities, Homelink depends on donations, volunteers and fundraising supporters without which they could not provide this important service. If you can help in any way please contact Paul Skelly on 8255 8060.

ISLEWORTH'S PAST REMEMBERED 1900 - 2003

Isleworth Society committee members launch their excellent new book

Keen interest at the launch of 'Isleworth Remembered' at the Public Hall

THE HISTORY of Isleworth was remembered recently at an exhibition at the Public Hall in South Street, as over 600 people, including London Borough of Hounslow's Mayor, Roger Clarke, came along to learn more about the area and celebrate its past.

On display at the exhibition were hundreds of photographs and postcards, Pears Soap memorabilia, paintings and prints, plus medals issued by the Ancient Order of Druids of Isleworth and rare 18th century Isleworth pottery.

Also at the exhibition was the launch of 'Isleworth Remembered, Memories of Life in a Riverside London Village 1900-2003'. This is an account of Isleworth over the previous century, containing over 200 illustrations with contributions from over 50 residents past and present.

Christine Diwell, from the Isleworth Society, explained, "We thought we would be able to put out a small pamphlet, but it was so successful it's ended up as a 120-page book."

The exhibition and the book were sponsored by The Awards for All Lottery and the Rugby Football Union. The book costs £6.50 inc p&p and is available from 2 Lynton Close Isleworth TW7 7ET. Please make cheques payable to The Isleworth Society.

ISLEWORTH EXPLORERS CHILDCARE PROJECT

The RFU will provide another year of funding for the Isleworth Explorers before and after school clubs. These clubs provide support for local parents whose working hours do not fit around school times.

The RFU's contribution also helps towards the Saturday afternoon club for children with disabilities and the holiday playscheme sessions.

For the Chill Out after school club, children are picked up from school, looked after with drinks, snacks and entertainment. The Early Bird club looks after the children before school and provides for them to be accompanied to school.

Feedback from parents and children has been very positive, stressing the club's valuable service for parents and carers.

EVENT DAY CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

Signs around the area show details of mext match

The Event Day Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is operated by the London Boroughs of Richmond upon Thames and Hounslow.

The aim of the CPZ is to provide parking for local residents and their visitors and to deter stadium visitors from parking in local roads. The scheme was approved by local residents after public consultation.

How the scheme works

The date of each event and the hours of operation are displayed on signs at entry points to the CPZ area.

Outside the hours of operation, there is no restriction on parking in marked bays or on yellow lines, unless indicated by yellow time plates.

Residents within the CPZ must display their Residents' Permits on event days. The permits are FREE and valid in any residents' bay within the scheme.

Permits are issued by post and application forms can be obtained by Richmond Borough residents from 020 8744 2131 between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Saturday. Hounslow Borough residents can call 020 8583 4883 between 8.45am and 4.15pm Monday to Friday.

Visitors' permits are also available free of charge. For further information please call the telephone numbers listed above.

Blue disabled badge holders can park free in residents' bays and for a maximum of three hours on single yellow lines, providing there are no restrictions.

In the interest of public safety, the police authorise the temporary closure to traffic of Whitton Road and Rugby Road, for about one hour before and after the event. This only happens on major event days (40,000+) or at the discretion of the police.

PARKING ZONE SCHEDULE 2003/2004

Hours of operation
10am-5pm
or as advised on CPZ signs

Tuesday 9 December
Saturday 20 December
Saturday 6 March
Saturday 20 March
Saturday 17 April
Saturday 29 May TBC*
Sunday 30 May

The London Boroughs of Richmond upon Thames and Hounslow are responsible for the implementation, monitoring and enforcement of the Match Day Controlled Parking Zone.

Event Day Parking Helplines
Richmond Council 020 8744 0462
Hounslow Council 07967 692 925

* TBC To be confirmed

LOCAL RESIDENTS' TICKET BALLOT
TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THE RBS 6 NATIONS MATCHES

Residents living in **TW1 1-4, TW2 5-7, TW3 2** and **TW7 7** are eligible to enter the RFU's international match ticket ballot. Successful applicants can purchase a pair of tickets to a major England international. **25 pairs of tickets are available for purchase to each of England's matches against Ireland and Wales.** To enter, choose one of the matches listed opposite and send the application slip to Fraser Cullen, Community Relations Officer, RFU, Rugby Road, Twickenham TW1 1DS. Closing date for England v Ireland is Monday 16th February, and for England v Wales is Monday 1st March. Subject to confirmation, England v NZ Barbarians will be on public sale - Ticketmaster 0870 902 0000.

Please choose one match only

England v Ireland Saturday 6 March ☐
England v Wales Saturday 20 March ☐

Name _____
Address _____
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Post Code _____ Tel No. _____

All previous applicants must re apply.
Only applications on this printed form are valid.
Only one application per address accepted.

SONIA AIMS TO PUT WHITTON ON THE MAP

Members of the Whitton Business Association, the Mayor Cllr Nicola Urquhart and guests at the launch for the town's first ever town centre manager, Sonia Francis

Thanks to financial support from Richmond Council, local traders and the RFU, Sonia Francis was recently appointed as Whitton's first ever town centre manager.

Appointed by the Whitton Business Association, Sonia, who was secretary of the WBA, will now be formally employed in a part-time role working to enhance the profile of Whitton and its business community. She will be based at Charles Ivey Hyundai in the High Street.

Working with the WBA, Sonia has already had notable successes for the High Street including introducing Christmas lights and the festive fun day, hanging floral baskets and building partnerships with the RFU, the police, local schools and Richmond Council.

Sonia is currently working with the WBA social committee on this year's Christmas fun day on Saturday 29th November.

RECORD ENTRIES FOR TWICKENHAM GARDENING SHOW

A record number of entries graced this year's Twickenham Gardening Association's annual horticultural show at Waldegrave School.

The show, once again supported by the RFU's local community programme, attracted a record number of 420 entries from over 60 exhibitors, several of whom were entering a show for the first time.

Over 350 members of the public attended the show, where the Deputy Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Derek Beattie, presented the trophies and awards to the lucky winners.

ST MARGARETS FAIR – A RECORD YEAR

The 25th anniversary St Margarets Fair broke all previous records. More people than ever enjoyed all the fun, the stalls, food and music, in the blazing sunshine, at the community charity event.

There was total entertainment on the Moormead recreation ground, from 12 to 8pm, for local residents of every age.

To help beat last year's record of £10,000 raised for local charities and schools, the RFU supported the anniversary fair by donating tickets to England v France and a pair of tickets for the Rolling Stones Concert and sponsoring the music stage.

Bands of every flavour entertained the crowds all day, culminating with a terrific performance from The Rolling Stones tribute band, The Strolling Bones. The tickets were auctioned off during their live performance and raised several hundred pounds.

Over £12,000 was raised for three local schools, Orleans Infants, St Stephens and Orleans Park schools and the fair's supported charities, Richmond Advocacy for Mental Health and Richmond Crossroads.

TWICKEREE 2003 – A SHOWCASE OF SCOUTING

Twickeree, the camp held every three years for all the beavers, cubs, scouts, explorer scouts in Richmond upon Thames is the largest scout jamboree in the UK.

The weekend camp saw Marble Hill Park in Twickenham transformed into a huge tented village as the scouts arrived for a weekend of scouting at its best. Everyone was welcome to visit this great camp, with over 1,000 people camping, to see the fun and find out more about scouting.

English Heritage allowed the scouts to transform half of one of the borough's most prestigious parks into a scout camp, while the Rugby Football Union provided financial support.

Twickeree helps to promote scouting in the borough and provides an excellent opportunity to recruit young people and new leaders to one of the world's largest youth organisations. The camp attracted over 2,500 parents, friends and members of the public to visit the event each day.

If you would like more information about scouting log on to www.Richmond-Scouts.org.uk

QUALITY CHRISTMAS TREES ON SALE FOR MAYOR'S CHARITY

Proceeds from every tree sold will go to the Mayor of Richmond upon Thames charity, The Richmond Carers Centre.

RFU's Rosebine Car Park on A316 Chertsey Road
(just past Harlequins' Rugby Ground)

By far the most popular of species, the 'no needle drop' Nordman Fir, as well as the traditional Norway Spruce, will be on sale from Saturday 29th November until Christmas.

Trees are from 3 feet to 8 feet with prices from £15 (cast iron stands will also be available).

All trees will be netted on site for ease of transportation. Opening times: 7.30am until 9.00pm (except Tuesday 9th December). Free parking on site.

TOPS SCOOPS BEST MUSICAL

Twickenham Operatic Society (TOPS) won best musical at the borough's Swan Awards for their production of '42nd Street' at Richmond Theatre.

TOPS have been producing shows in the borough for 77 years and for the past three years the Rugby Football Union has provided sponsorship to help TOPS continue to put on their much acclaimed productions.

Rehearsals are already underway for next summer's production of **'Fiddler on the Roof' at Richmond Theatre from Tuesday 25th May to Saturday 29th May 2004.** For booking information call Dorothy Dixon on 020 8560 9665.

FORTHCOMING LOCAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY THE RFU

THE YARDBIRDS RETURN FOR THE MAYOR'S CHARITY CONCERT

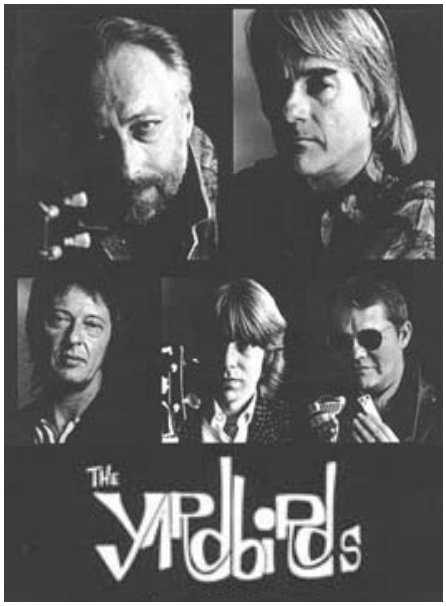
The Yardbirds, the legendary band that featured such names as Eric Clapton, Jimmy Page and Jeff Beck, who were regulars at the famous Eel Pie Hotel in Twickenham, will return to Twickenham after their sell out concert last year in aid of the Mayor's charities.

The band will be appearing at Twickenham Stadium's Rose Room on Friday 6th February. The Yardbirds became and remain one of the most influential acts of the sixties.

The RFU is sponsoring the event as part of its commitment to help preserve the heritage of Twickenham R&B music and support for the Mayor of Richmond's charities. The Mayor, Councillor Nicola Urquhart, will be the guest of honour.

Last year's Mayor of Richmond upon Thames, Cllr Douglas Orchard, with actor and compere for the concert, Robert Powell

Twickenham's Eel Pie Club will be working with the RFU to repeat the success of last year's Mayor's concert which raised over £3,000 for local charities.



TO BENEFIT THE MAYOR OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES CHARITY, RICHMOND CARERS CENTRE

THE YARDBIRDS

TOM NOLAN and THE BLUESCASTERS plus guests.

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY, THE ROSE ROOM, TWICKENHAM STADIUM

FORTHCOMING COMMUNITY EVENT: SUPPORTING WALDEGRAVE SCHOOL'S SPECIALIST SCHOOL BID
NINE BELOW ZERO Plus support on Friday 12th March at the Rose Room, Twickenham Stadium

All tickets £17.50 in advance. £20 on the night. Tickets available from The Rugby Store, York Street, Twickenham

SUPPORT THE VICTIMS OF CRIME TRUSTS' BIG DINNER

The RFU is hosting a dinner dance to benefit the Twickenham based charity, Victims of Crime Trust.

The VOCT is dedicated to supporting any individuals bereaved through murder or manslaughter by ensuring they receive appropriate personal help at their time of need. Over the past nine years the Trust has handled over 800 cases involving more than 8,000 individuals, including parents of high profile cases such as Sarah Payne, James Bulger and Damilola Taylor.

If you would like to support the VOCT as well as an excellent three course dinner and dancing to The Rolling Stones tribute band 'The Strolling Bones', tickets are £45 from VOCT on 020 8744 0999. Dress code: Lounge Suit.

SINGERS HELP RAISE THE ROOF

The Joyful Company of Singers

One of Europe's leading choirs, will be performing a Christmas concert for St Mary's 'Raise the Roof' appeal at the church in Twickenham at 7.30pm on Sunday 7th December. Tickets are £10 from 8744 2693 or on the evening.

TWICKENHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

Carmina Burana, Carl Orff

Everyone Sang / The Spacious Firmament

Sat 13 December 7.30pm, The Landmark Centre, Teddington

Tickets £12 (inc. prog), under 18s half price - ring 01344 452187

WHITTON'S CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

SATURDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

(High Street closed to traffic from 3pm until 9pm)

Stalls and entertainment from 11am 'til 8pm
All sorts going on from choirs to mulled wine, kiddies ride, music, dancing and Santa Claus.

Whitton School Choir
The Band of the Royal Military School of Music 5.00pm

Christmas lights switched on at 6.00pm

From 6.10pm – dancing in the street to R&B / 60s sounds from Tom Nolan and The Bluescasters plus John Fiddler (Medicine Head)

This is all for YOU and Whitton
Put it in your diaries – and be there!

Whitton Business Association
Sponsored by the Rugby Football Union
For information contact Karen Bartlett on 07881 813391

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
TWICKENHAM STADIUM FIXTURES 2003/2004

Date			Kick Off	Est. Att.
2003				
December	**Tue 9**	The Varsity Match for the MMC Trophy		
		Oxford University v Cambridge University	2.00pm	50,000
		Oxford U21 v Cambridge U21	11.30am	
	Sat 20	**ENGLAND v NEW ZEALAND BARBARIANS**	5.00pm	75,000
2004				
March	**Sat 6**	RBS 6 Nations **ENGLAND v IRELAND**	4.00pm	75,000
	Sat 20	RBS 6 Nations **ENGLAND v WALES**	4.00pm	75,000
April	**Sat 3**	Daily Mail Schools Day		5,000
		U18 Schools Cup Final	3.30pm	
		U18 Vase Final	2.00pm	
		U15 Schools Cup Final for the Nick Duncombe Trophy	12.15pm	
		U15 Vase Final	11.00am	
	Sat 17	**Powergen Cup Final**	2.30pm	65,000
		Powergen Challenge Shield Final	12.00noon	
		Powergen Intermediate Cup Final	5.00pm	
		Powergen Junior Vase Final	10.00am	
	Wed 28	British Universities Finals		3,000
		Men's Final	3.00pm	
		Women's Final	12.30pm	
May	**Sat 1**	**Army v Royal Navy** for the Babcock Trophy	3.00pm	40,000
		English Universities v Combined Services U21	12.00noon	
	Sun 23	Tetley's County Championship Final	4.15pm*	8,000
		Tetley's National U20 Championship Final	2.15pm*	
		Tetley's County Shield Final	12.15pm*	
	Sat 29	**Zurich Premiership Final**	3.00pm*	45,000
	Sun 30	The Lloyds TSB Tour		
		ENGLAND v BARBARIANS	3.00pm*	70,000
June	**Sat 5/Sun 6**	**Emirates Airline London Sevens**	TBC	30,000
		(part of the IRB Sevens Series)		

NB. Kick off times marked TBC or * are all subject to confirmation. RFU Ticket Office: 020 8831 6666

Photo: GettyImages

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