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# RUGBY POST

# WIN TICKETS TO SEE THE PRIME OF THE ZURICH PREMIERSHIP AT TWICKENHAM

**Rugby fans are in for a treat as Twickenham plays host to the best of the Zurich Premiership clubs with three great family events – the Zurich Premiership Final, the London Pride Middlesex Charity Sevens and the Zurich Premiership London Double Header. We have 20 pairs of tickets to give away for each of the three events.**

**The Zurich Premiership Final** will be on Saturday 29th May. Last year's inaugural final, which determines the champion club of England, saw London Wasps beat Gloucester in glorious sunshine in front of a crowd of 44,000 to be crowned Zurich Premiership Champions. The battle for an all important top three position is hotting up with Bath, London Wasps, Northampton Saints and Gloucester all in with a chance of reaching the grand final.

**The London Pride Middlesex Charity Sevens** at Twickenham on Saturday 14th August is one of the most popular and social events in the rugby calendar and is a great day out for rugby fans of all ages. All 12 Zurich Premiership clubs participate and in the last couple of years there has been a great line up of world class players in action in the sunshine including Jonny Wilkinson of Newcastle Falcons.

The final event in the series is the **Zurich Premiership London Double Header** on Saturday 4th September. This event kicks off the new league season with the four London based premiership clubs playing at Twickenham instead of their home grounds. See page 3.

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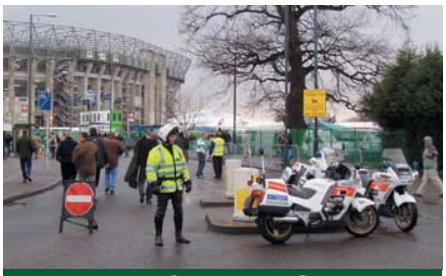

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- Twickenham Town Centre Manager
- Whitton Business Association
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- The Edmundian Players
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## RFU COMMUNITY RELATIONS

**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**

# RFU GETS 'GREEN LIGHT' FOR SOUTH STAND DEVELOPMENT

**On 4th December 2003 the Planning Committee of Richmond upon Thames Council resolved to approve the Rugby Football Union's application to redevelop the South Stand at Twickenham Stadium, subject to the completion of the legal agreement.**

The nine strong planning committee voted unanimously in favour of the redevelopment. The application was referred to the GLA (Mayor of London) and GOL (Government Office for London) for their consideration. GOL has approved the council's decision and the GLA has confirmed it will not be directing refusal subject to £500K of the £1.4m for transport improvements being used for local bus improvements.

Under the Section 106 agreement made between the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames and the RFU funds have been identified for a range of measures to improve access to and dispersal from Twickenham Stadium and enhance the local environment and community safety.

Other benefits for the local community include an increase in England match tickets for the local residents' ballot from 25 pairs for each match to 200 pairs and community use of the performing arts centre. There will also be 100 discounted memberships for near neighbours to the health and leisure club and £100,000 for Twickenham town centre improvements.

Francis Baron, Chief Executive of the RFU, said today, "On behalf of the RFU, I'd like to say that we are delighted with the result. A substantial amount of time and effort has been invested by the local authority, our Stadium and Community Relations Departments and by our independent consultants. While our aim is to improve the stadium through the redevelopment and deliver higher revenue streams for English rugby, we will continue our consultation with the local community, the majority of whom have been very supportive of our plans, to ensure that any inconvenience to them during the redevelopment is kept to a minimum."

The new South Stand will increase the stadium capacity from 75,000 to 82,000 and includes a four star hotel, health & fitness centre, conference and banqueting facilities, dual use performing arts centre, a new Rugby Store and office accommodation for RFU staff. The South Stand will take approximately two years to complete and the redevelopment is expected to commence in June 2005.

# GET YOUR RUGBY POST FROM THE RUGBY STORE YORK ST. TWICKENHAM

**The RFU's community magazine Rugby Post is distributed to over 30,000 homes and businesses local to Twickenham Stadium.**

The magazine is published 3 or 4 times a year and contains information on the RFU's community relations activities, stadium events, the event day parking zone, match day info and the residents' England ticket ballot.

If you do not receive it regularly, copies are available from the Rugby Store in York Street Twickenham, Rugby House opposite the stadium, Twickenham, Whitton and Heathfield libraries and the Good Wine Shop, St Margarets Road, Isleworth.

# 60 PAIRS OF TICKETS TO BE WON TO THREE GREAT FAMILY EVENTS

## ZURICH PREMIERSHIP FINAL, SATURDAY 29 MAY

## LONDON PRIDE MIDDLESEX CHARITY SEVENS, SATURDAY 14 AUGUST

## ZURICH PREMIERSHIP DOUBLE HEADER, SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

**London Irish v NEC Harlequins 2pm, Saracens v London Wasps 4pm**

**For each of three fun packed family events we have 20 pairs of free tickets. All you have to do is answer the questions at the bottom of the page.**

**Zurich Premiership Final**. The top placed club in the Zurich Premiership table after 22 matches qualifies for the final whilst the second and third placed clubs play off for the other finalist position. The winner of the final will be crowned Zurich Premiership Champions.

This year, rugby fans are in for an even bigger treat with the Zurich Wildcard Final also being on the same day. The four highest placed clubs in the Zurich Premiership after 22 matches who have not automatically qualified for the Heineken Cup play off and the winner wins the final qualification spot.

The popular Zurich Village area in the West Car Park will be better than ever with live entertainment and activities for kids, the chance to meet premiership players and give aways from all 12 Zurich Premiership clubs.

This year there are four matches on offer for one ticket. The Tetley's County Shield Final 11am and the Tetley's County Championship Final 1.00pm are also on the same day. The Zurich Wildcard Final will kick off at 3.30pm and The Zurich Premiership Final at 6.00pm. Tickets are £26 and £32 with half price concessions. Details can be found on www.zurichpremiership.com

**London Pride Middlesex Charity Sevens.** All 12 Zurich Premiership clubs and four invitation sides (to be announced) participate. Last year's tournament winners Northampton Saints will be keen to retain their title this summer but will face tough competition. Tickets are on sale now and are priced at £25 for adults and £10 for kids with great discounts for groups. Check out www.londonpridemiddlesex7s.com for more details.

**Zurich Premiership London Double Header.** The four London based premiership clubs kick off the new league season at Twickenham Stadium. Premier Rugby hopes to create an event which can be enjoyed by all London based rugby fans with all season ticket holders of the four clubs receiving a ticket as part of their season ticket packages absolutely free. Additional tickets can be purchased for £20/£30 which covers both matches and under 16s can enjoy the day for just £5!

If you aren't lucky enough to win one of these prizes call Ticketmaster on 0870 902 0000 to purchase tickets.

ZURICH PREMIERSHIP FINAL 2004

LONDON PRIDE MIDDLESEX 7S

PREMIER RUGBY LONDON DOUBLEHEADER

**This competition is open to residents of TW1 1/2/3/4, TW2 5/6/7, TW3 2 and TW7 7. Local residents can apply for all three events - a seperate entry for each event.**

**Zurich Premiership Final.**
To win a pair of tickets answer the following question:
**Who are the current Zurich Premiership champions?**
Entries to be received by Monday 24th May –
we apologize to residents who may not have received Rugby Post by this date.

**London Pride Middlesex Charity Sevens.**
To win a pair of tickets answer the following question:
**Which Premiership team won last year's London Pride Middlesex Sevens?**
Entries to be received by Friday 23rd July

**Zurich Premiership London Double Header.**
To win a pair of tickets answer the following question:
**For which Zurich Premiership club does Jason Leonard play?**
Entries to be received by Friday 23rd July

Send your answer with an addressed envelope (no stamp required) to Fraser Cullen, Community Relations Officer, RFU, Rugby Road, Twickenham TW1 1DS.

# FUNDRAISING FUN THIS SUMMER

## ST MARGARETS FAIR – SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2004
## £10,000 RAISED LAST YEAR - CAN IT GET ANY BETTER?

**This year's St Margarets Fair is on Saturday 10th July from 12 noon until 7.30pm and the RFU will be supporting this popular family fun day.**

The fair will be on Moor Mead recreation ground with a non-stop programme of live and recorded music, hosted by West Middlesex Hospital Radio and the usual array of charity stalls, crafts, children's entertainment, five a side football, beer tent and refreshments.

Last year's fair raised a record £10,000 for three schools, Orleans Infants, St Stephens and Orleans Park School and three local charities.

This year the organizers, parents from local schools and members of the local community, have added a fourth school, namely St Mary's, which has opened in the immediate area.

**Live Music Stage:**
**From 12.00 noon to 7.30 pm featuring local bands and headline act 'THE EEL PIE ALLSTARS'**

The Eel Pie Allstars goodtime rock n' blues will be a treat at this year's fair

# RFU ON BOARD FOR BIG RIVER FESTIVAL

**Exciting plans are underway for the first Teddington River Festival on Sunday 6th June at Teddington Lock and Manor Road Recreation Ground.**

The festival is a celebration of life on the river – past, present and future and incorporates the centenary of Teddington barge lock, the 60th anniversary of D-Day and Thames Landscape Strategy's Teddington Gateway proposals.

The festival hosts a variety of activities across the river. There will be vintage boats in the lock, an art and craft fair, BBQs, beer tents, live music, river demonstrations, exhibitions of river life past and present, vintage skiff races and children's entertainments and the Teddington Lifeboat Station open day.

The opening ceremony will commence at 10.30am and finish with live music from the Art Wood Allstars in the island marquee from 5.00 – 7.00pm.

There are exciting opportunities of various kinds for local businesses to get involved with this community event to support local charities. For further information call Tim or Ingrid on 020 8891 5771 or 07860 911874.

# TWICKENHAM FESTIVAL 2004
## AN EVENING OF IRISH SONGS & LAUGHS AS MURPHY RETURNS

**Former Dublin and Twickenham resident Noel Murphy returns to his old stomping ground bringing a touch of Ireland to the festival.**

Noel will be performing as his own tribute act and celebrating 40 years without a proper job. Part of the proceeds from the event will benefit Whitton's Homelink day respite care centre.

The Cabbage Patch in association
with The Rugby Football Union

**The Legendary Musician, Singer, Raconteur & Irish Wit**

# Noel Murphy

Live at The Cabbage Patch
Wednesday 16th June 8pm

Tickets £10, available at Cabbage Patch & Rugby Store, York St.
Entry by ticket only, book early to avoid disappointment.

**020 8892 3874**

# RADNOR GARDENS FAMILY MUSIC DAY

## LIVE MUSIC – CRAFTS – FOOD & DRINK – KIDDIES RIDES

**The annual fundraising Radnor Gardens music and crafts event will this year take place on Sunday 20 June , the last day of the Twickenham Festival and will again be sponsored by the Rugby Football Union.**

As well as providing the community with a fun day out, the aim of the event is to raise funds for restoration work and improvements to Radnor Gardens. Some £10,000 is still needed in order for The Friends of Radnor Gardens to meet their target of £100,000. This will release lottery funding to meet most of the cost of the facelift to these historic riverside gardens with works starting early next year. The Radnor Gardens Family Day will include information about the plans.

This year's event will be aimed at attracting the local community with a greater focus on crafts, the participation of community groups and fun for children. As previous years, there will be a live music programme largely featuring local talent which will be organised by the Rugby Football Union, who have sponsored the event for the past two years. Popular attractions will include good food, beer tent and Pimms bar.

If you come along to the free event please buy a programme which will help raise funds to improve the gardens and ensure that this popular community event will continue. For enquiries about stall space contact Pat Schooling on 8892 4949.

**Please buy a programme to help raise funds for the gardens and keep the Music Day alive!**

The Friends of Radnor Gardens in association with the RFU present
a fundraising event for restoration work and improvements to Radnor Gardens

# Radnor Gardens Music & Crafts Day

**Fun for all the family –**

Live Music • Crafts & Stalls • Children's Play Area • Beer & Pimms Tents • Food

**At Radnor Gardens, Cross Deep, Twickenham**

## Sunday 20th June
## 12 noon to 6.00pm

Live Stage
Featuring in order of appearance
**The Trend**
**Duplicity**
**The Vibrants**
**John Fiddler (Medicine Head)**
**Riverway**
**Tom Nolan and the Bluescasters**
**The Eel Pie Allstars**
Featuring members / ex members of Kinks, Mott the Hoople, Atomic Rooster, The Artwoods, The Downliners Sect and others.

**Free Entry – Bring the Family**
**and buy a programme to help raise funds for the gardens**

Sponsored by

RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION

# SUPPORTING PERFORMING ART

## RFU AND TOPS TEAM UP FOR FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

**Twickenham Operatic Society (TOPS) is proud to be bringing 'Fiddler on the Roof' to Richmond Theatre from Tuesday 25th to Friday 29th June.**

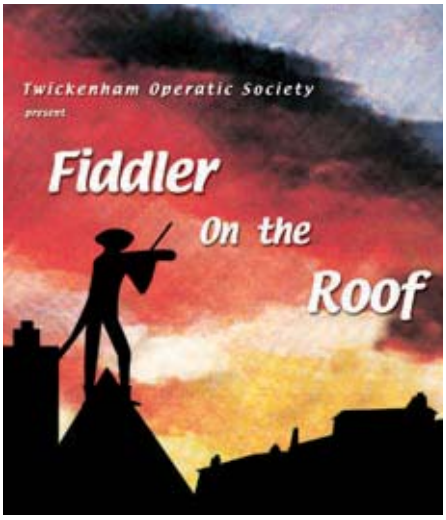
TOPS, winners of the 2003 Best Musical award for their production of 42nd Street, have been producing shows in the borough for 77 years and for the past three years the Rugby Football Union has provided sponsorship to help TOPS continue to put on their much acclaimed productions.

'Fiddler on the Roof', a show celebrating its 40th anniversary since first produced on Broadway in 1964, tells the moving story of Tevye the milkman living with his wife and daughters in a Russian village in 1905 and his struggle to maintain his traditional values in an ever changing world.

TOPS, one of the most successful musical groups in England, brings its own special magic to this memorable musical.

'Fiddler' is a show for all the family to enjoy, the songs, dancing, laughter and tears make this show one of the best loved musicals ever written

Booking information can be obtained by calling Dorothy Dixon on 020 8560 9665.



## SUPPORTING A TRADITION – WHITTON SCOUTS GANG SHOW

**Since 1951 the 2nd Whitton Scouts have staged their annual gang show called 'Our Show' to showcase the talents of local young people and raise funds for scouting.**

The RFU is pleased to sponsor this fun show for the second time and help maintain the tradition established 53 years ago to benefit local young people.

## EDMUNDIAN'S PANTO TRIUMPH

**The RFU supported Edmundian Players annual winter show at St Edmunds Church Hall was the traditional family panto 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.**

The fun packed entertainment from the Whitton-based group saw a number of excellent performances, particularly from local councillor and former mayor Bob King as the harassed King Hubert and Matt Power providing the laughs as the panto dame.

## TWICKENHAM ROCKING FOR CHARITIES AND GOOD CAUSES

**Twickenham Stadium's Rose Room was the venue for two rocking good concerts to benefit local fundraising appeals.**

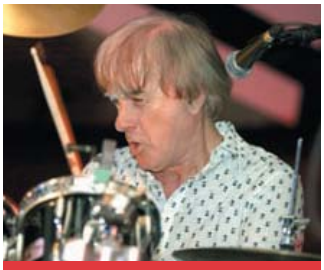
At the end of February, the legendary 60s band The Yardbirds entertained over 500 people and this capacity crowd generated £1,250 for Richmond's Mayor Cllr Nicola Urquhart's charity, The Richmond Carers Centre.

The next event saw one of the UK's best live bands, Nine Below Zero, supported by local favourites Tom Nolan and The Bluescasters, perform to another healthy audience and contribute £1,000 to Twickenham's Waldegrave School's Specialist School for Science bid.

The RFU in association with Twickenham's Eel Pie Club hope to repeat the success of these events later this year.

Tom Nolan & The Bluescasters

Nine Below Zero



Original Yardbird Jim McCarty

The Yardbirds Idan and Dreja

## LOCAL CHILDREN GET IN ON THE ACT

**Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde (Noah's Flood), an opera written for children, enchanted more than 800 people who attended the four performances at St Stephen's Church in East Twickenham.**

What started as a conversation in a St Margaret's coffee bar involving local resident Keith Cheetham, who designed and directed the production, snowballed into a superb community event with enthusiastic support from local people and schools. When the RFU was approached to help sponsor the event it was clear that this was something special for Twickenham.

Over 100 children from nine local schools took part including St Stephens which formed the backbone of the cast and orchestra and Waldegrave Girls School provided the choir. They were supported by a professional conductor, musicians and two lead singers.

The professionals and the children enchanted their audiences with the enthusiasm of their signing, dancing and music, the animal characterisations, the superb creative sets and the lighting which created a wonderful atmospheric performance.

## ARTS CENTRE FOR TWICKENHAM

**A central part of the RFU's redevelopment of the South Stand will be designed for local community groups. A performing arts centre will be incorporated into the proposed exhibition centre and will be available for community use for up to 30 days a year.**

The move is part of a tradition of the RFU supporting community groups and projects and it is the connection with local arts that inspired the idea of the centre. The RFU already provides annual or occasional sponsorship for several local groups including the Twickenham Operatic Society, the Richmond Concert Society, the Children's Shakespeare Company, the Eel Pie Club, the Edmundian Players, the Twickenham Choral Society, the Joyful Company of Singers and the Kew Wind Orchestra.

# CONTRIBUTING TO A SAFER RICHMOND UPON THAMES

## 'OPERATION PEACEMAKER' TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

**'Operation Peacemaker', a 12 month focus on reducing anti-social behaviour in Richmond upon Thames, was launched recently at Twickenham Stadium.**

The borough police's main priority, working closely with the Richmond Council, will be the reduction of anti-social behaviour (ASB) by 20 per cent. The campaign will concentrate on disturbances in public and on licensed premises, graffiti, damage to cars and abandoned cars.

The police are committed to tackling loutish behaviour by some, which spoils life for everyone else. In partnership with Richmond Council, the police will be working to see that graffiti and abandoned cars are cleared up as quickly as possible. Work has already started with local schools to identify those who cause graffiti.

Chief Inspector Simon Phipps said: "We are leading the way for London and are one of the few boroughs taking on such a mammoth task." He stressed the importance of high visibility policing and that the number of Police Community Service Officers will be increased from seven to 29 this summer.

Richmond's Mayor Cllr Nicola Urquhart, Chief Inspector Simon Phipps, Council Leader Cllr Tony Arbour, Borough Commander Richard Gargini and LBRuT Chief Executive Gillian Norton

Every member of the community has a part to play in this task, more so if they are a parent and by focusing the efforts of all, the Borough will become an even safer place to be.

Council leader Tony Arbour also spoke in support of the plans and said he wants Richmond upon Thames to stand so far ahead of other boroughs that there will be no question that it is the safest in London.

# RFU HELPS RAISE £11,000 FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME TRUST

Victims of Crime Trust's Clive Elliott, Norman Brennan and Niky Riley with Sara and Michael Payne and supporters Geoff Want and Mary Brew of British Airways

**The Twickenham based charity Victims of Crime Trust is dedicated to supporting any individuals bereaved through murder or manslaughter by providing personal help and representing their collective interests to government and other bodies.**

Over the past nine years the Trust has handled over 800 cases involving over 8,000 individuals including the parents of high profile cases such as Sarah Payne, James Bulger and Damilola Taylor.

The RFU supported the Trust by arranging a collection for them at the England v New Zealand Barbarians match and hosting a dinner dance to benefit the Trust at the stadium's Invicibles suite.

Special guests at the dinner included Sara and Michael Payne, Dr Vincent Cable MP, Chief Superintendent Richard Gargini and Twickenham Councillor Simon Lamb.

If you would like further information or would like to contribute to or support the Trust, please contact Clive Elliott or Norman Brennan on 0870 842 8467 or 020 8744 0999.

# RFU SUPPORTS LOCAL CARERS

**Carers Conference**
**Twickenham Stadium**
**Wednesday 16 June**

Richmond Carers Centre, in partnership with several local voluntary and statutory organisations, is planning an event for carers in celebration of Carers Week 2004 (14 - 20 June).

For more information about carers week, please contact Richmond Carers Centre on 020 8744 3900 / info@richmondcarers.org.

# RFU EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP

RFU sponsored Orleans Park pupils at the Sandown Dry Ski slope

Trafalgar Schools' fundraising calendar

**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. This involves 15 schools from the Borough of Richmond upon Thames and 9 from Hounslow Borough.**

Each school receives an annual financial grant for sports and leisure and is invited to visit The Museum of Rugby & Stadium Tour free of charge. There is also the opportunity for schools to apply to a special projects fund for initiatives covering sport, leisure, creative and environment.

Some of the schools which recently benefited from the special projects fund include Orleans Park School, Waldegrave School for Girls, Trafalgar Junior and Infants Schools, The Heathland School and Heathfield Junior School.

## 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

# RICHMOND UPON THAMES PRIMARY SCHOOLS' SPORTS DAY AT TWICKENHAM

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

Held at Twickenham almost every year since 1929. The RFU will once again open its gates to around 1500 young competitors aged between seven and eleven on Wednesday 7th July 2004.

# YOUTH CAFE ON THE ROAD

**The RFU sponsored mobile youth café operates in areas of Richmond Borough with little or no provision for young people.**

Not only is the bus a fun place for friends to meet, it provides access to skilled youth workers and advice from professionals covering drug use, sexual health, relationships, careers and training, housing and offending behaviour.

In the Whitton area near the stadium the bus has to date made more than 800 contacts with young people.

For information on the mobile youth café project contact Dawny Christien on 07730 683068

# THE PROJECT FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

**The Project for Children with Special Needs works to enable children with special needs to enjoy the quality of life expected for all children and young people.**

The charity based in Richmond provides advice, information, counselling, assistance and activities for children and their families and carers. The RFU has supported the charity over the past few months by providing funding for activities and use of the stadium facilites.

There are 196 families with children with special needs in the Twickenham area and the RFU will be working with the charity on future initiatives.

# PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- Community sponsorship for local organizations, community projects, arts groups, schools, churches and good causes which benefit the local area
- A community magazine delivered to 30,000 local homes and businesses
- Working with community representatives and the authorities through two working groups – the RFU Concert / Match Day Committee and the RFU's Neighbours' Liaison Committee
- Hosting the annual Richmond upon Thames primary schools' sports day at Twickenham for all 33 primary schools in the borough
- RFU Education Partnership, financial and project support for 24 local schools
- Providing stadium facilities for community groups supported by the RFU
- Part funding Twickenham and Whitton town centre managers
- Annual sponsorship of flower baskets in Twickenham and Isleworth
- Local residents' England matches ticket ballot
- 1000 tickets for any concert held for local residents to purchase at a discounted price
- Advertising fixture lists in local newspapers prior to each season
- Annual local senior citizens' Christmas lunch at Twickenham Stadium
- Funding match day street cleaning, mobile toilets and traffic management
- Communications strategy and publicity on transport links, shuttle bus service and Twickenham Stadium access and dispersal.

# ENGLAND RUGBY SUPPORTERS CLUB

**Since its launch in February 2003, the England Rugby Supporters Club (ERSC) has grown at a phenomenal rate attracting over 21,000 adult members in its first 12 months. In the five days following the World Cup Final alone over 1,500 fans joined ERSC.**

Club members enjoy a variety of benefits including access to match tickets for England matches both home and away. In the last year over 20,000 tickets have been purchased by ERSC members whilst a further £660,000 has been spent on Six Nations travel to support England abroad. Exclusive discounts and competition prizes are also available.

Following the success of the adult club, a junior club launched in November has already attracted over 1300 members.

If you would like to join the ERSC please log onto **www.rfu.com/ersc** or call 0870 2401642. Alternatively, membership is available in a gift box which can be purchased from the Rugby Store or you can buy and send the gift box online at **www.rfu.com/ersc**

# LOCAL RESIDENTS' TICKET BALLOT
## TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR ENGLAND'S AUTUMN INTERNATIONALS

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 Canada, South Africa and Australia.** 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 is Monday 25th October 2004. **NB.** The dates for the Autumn Internationals are provisional at the time of going to press.

**Please choose one match only**

**England v Canada** Saturday 13 Nov ☐
**England v South Africa** Saturday 20 Nov ☐
**England v Australia** Saturday 27 Nov ☐

Name _____
Address _____
_____
_____
Post Code _____ Tel No. _____

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

ENGLAND® RUGBY

# EVENT DAY CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

Signs around the area show details of next 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 up to three hours on single yellow lines, providing there are no restrictions.**

For further information on parking:
**www.richmond.gov.uk/parking**
**www.hounslow.gov.uk**

## PARKING ZONE SCHEDULE 2004

Hours of operation 10am - 6pm or as advised on CPZ signs

Sunday 23 May
Saturday 29 May
Sunday 30 May
Saturday 4 September
Saturday 13 November
Saturday 20 November
Saturday 27 November
Saturday 4 December
Tuesday 7 December

**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

# MATCH DAY TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES INFORMATION LINE 020 8831 6604**

**In the interests of public safety, the police can authorise temporary road closures before and after matches. The roads that can be affected are Rugby Road, Whitton Road and London Road.**

As a guide, road closures will be implemented for events attended by more than 30,000 or at the discretion of police should public safety become an issue. Normally the road closures will be from a minimum of half an hour for anywhere up to an hour and a half for some capacity events.

Twickenham Police have set up an event day information line on 020 8831 6604. This will have a recorded message about anticipated road closures and updated information on the event day itself.

# RFU MATCH DAY SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

**To encourage supporters to use public transport, the RFU provides 16 double decker buses to and from Richmond Station pre match and 33 post match on all major match days.**

The service costs 50p pre match but is free post match. Richmond is the priority for the service. In the second hour after the match has finished, the buses also run to Twickenham and a new service now runs to the Piccadilly line at Hounslow East.

The post match shuttle buses operate in tandem with the stadium's facilities remaining open for two hours. This allows for a more gradual dispersal and significantly reduces queues at Twickenham Station and for the buses.

# RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION
# TWICKENHAM STADIUM FIXTURES 2004

| Date | | | Kick Off | Est. Att. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **May** | **Sat 1** | **Army v Royal Navy** for the Babcock Trophy | 3.00pm | 35,000 |
| | | English Universities v Combined Services U21 | 12.00noon | |
| | **Sun 23** | **Heineken Cup Final** | 3.00pm | 75,000 |
| | **Sat 29** | **Zurich Premiership Final** | 6.00pm | 60,000 |
| | | Zurich Wildcard Final | 3.30pm | |
| | | Tetley's County Championship Final | 1.00pm | |
| | | Tetley's County Shield Final | 11.00pm | |
| | **Sun 30** | The Staffware Challenge Tour | | |
| | | **ENGLAND v BARBARIANS** | 3.00pm | 75,000 |
| | | Tetley's National U20 Championship Final | 5.15pm | |
| **June** | **Sat 5/Sun 6** | **Emirates Airline London Sevens** (part of the IRB Sevens) | from 11.30am* | 25,000 |
| **August** | **Sat 14** | **London Pride Middlesex Charity Sevens** | from 11.30am | 25,000 |
| **September** | **Sat 4** | **Zurich Premiership Double Header:** | | 45,000 |
| | | London Irish v NEC Harlequins | 2.00pm | |
| | | Saracens v London Wasps | 4.00pm | |
| **November** | **Sat 13** | The Investec Challenge | | |
| | | **ENGLAND v CANADA** | 2.30pm | 75,000 |
| | **Sat 20** | The Investec Challenge | | |
| | | **ENGLAND v SOUTH AFRICA** | 2.30pm | 75,000 |
| | **Sat 27** | The Investec Challenge | | |
| | | **ENGLAND v AUSTRALIA** | 2.30pm | 75,000 |
| **December** | **Sat 4** | The Staffware Challenge | | |
| | | **Barbarians v New Zealand All Blacks** | TBC | 70,000 |
| | **Tue 7** | **The Varsity Match** for the MMC Trophy | 2.00pm | 45,000 |

**Other events 2004**

**August** Fri 6/Sat 7/Sun 8 Watchtower Convention - up to 20,000 each day

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

For latest information on Twickenham Stadium fixtures see www.twickenhamstadium.com

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