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Town is brought to book



AN author has used the leafy roads of Shepperton as inspiration for his latest novel.

Richard Godwin (above) lived in Broadlands Avenue before moving to Kingston, and has set his third novel. One Lost Summer, in his former neigh-

The book centres around film director Rex Allen who moves to Shepperton and becomes obsessed by his next door neighbour, Evangeline Glass. When he discovers she has a lover, he blackmails her.

Mr Godwin, 49, said: "The main character is in the film business so there is link to Shepperton Studios as well as Broadlands Avenue. "It is a love story and a noir

story about identity and loss, with a bit of mystery to it."

One Lost Summer is published by Black Jackal Books Ltd priced

SUNBURY Sunbury by Alan Doyle

> HAVE you paid your Lower Sunbury Residents' Association (LOSRA) sub this year? Did you used to pay it and then got out of the habit? Have you ever paid a LOSRA sub?

'Why bother?' you might ask. LOSRA newsletters regularly pop through your letterbox.

You see a reference to LOSRA in the Surrey Herald & News every now and then.

You are asked to sign the occasional petition. Particularly when there's a big fight going on with a developer who has plans to pour vast quantities of concrete over the green

belt, or pump noxious gases into the local air, or build too many houses, with rooms so small you can't stand upright or lie down flat.

Maybe once, years ago, you left a comment on the LOSRA website about a subject which was then of life-shattering importance. Now, if your life depended on it, you couldn't remember what the fuss was all

I know how it happens. I've been guilty of it myself. But I'll tell you why it is worth

The reality of course is that

doing unacceptable ecological

Nor of course is it necessary

The other is the 'in house'

planning department enquiry

to do so as there is a perfectly

acceptable 'third runway' just

down the road at Northolt.

at Surrey County Council.

and social damage.

paying a LOSRA subscription. Briefly, it's not the newsletters or the petitions.

At the moment it's consultation with the council on changes to planning law, and working with residents in Lower Sunbury on issues of housing

and the Eco-Park. We can't promise to win every fight. We can't even promise to fight every fight, without the help of residents directly affected. But we can promise

development, traffic, parking

And although all LOSRA's work is done by volunteers, there are things that have to be paid for. Like the rare recourse to legal advice. And the news-

In Stanwell and indeed the

rest of Spelthorne we have had a

pretty fraught relationship with

Surrey CC planning department

Over the years those of us

involved in the interminable

inquiries about extraction and

crushing have come to feel there

are real institutional problems

These relate to the failure

to enforce agreements, most

notably at Stanwell Ouarry

and the failure to stand up

unreasonable mineral quotas

Shepperton

with **Laurie Burrel**l

government

centring on gravel.

with the organisation.

Of course, vou'll still get your newsletter through your letterbox.

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Four thousand of them are printed, four times a year, and delivered by a network of volunteers to every street in Lower

LOSRA's work will still go on behind the scenes.

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When we heard there was to

be an enquiry into the depart-

ment many of us felt 'about

time' however the 'work in

progress' newsletter recently

published suggests (quite apart

from being filled with impen-

etrable 'bureaucratic speak'

that these major questions are

What is clearly needed is an independent and much more

searching enquiry to bring

justice for those of us threat

ened with the loss of our lovely

not being addressed.

and even report phrasing.



TWO items are causing real concern in Stanwell and Stanwell Moor at the moment -

one is the 'new' third runway. With Heathrow proposing yesterday (Wednesday) that the route of the third runway

DURING the last week or so and local volunteers in getting the High Street, Shepperton,

Village in Bloom competition.

and magnificent effort to install residents have witnessed a various flower containers, great deal of activity by borough and cutting back all the vegetacouncil landscape contractors tion that adorns the surrounding area during the run up to the competition is to be ready for the judging of the welcomed.

should go south west through

Stanwell Moor, they will be

they put profits before people.

fight with a feisty community

which I happen to know well.

showing beyond a doubt that

But they will be facing a big

Whatever the financial cost I do have to say that the High has been to Spelthorne Council Street looks a credit to all those and the generous contribuinvolved in the organisation tors who have sponsored the

hanging and containers will certainly be worthwhile if the maintenance and watering of the displays is continued for the foreseeable future after the judging has taken place.

If the whole project is allowed to fall into borough, local street direc-

neglect due to lack of continuing funding and commitment by the council then this commu nity commitment by the volunteers will certainly deter future efforts to enter similar events.

level of intense maintenance was to be applied to the local borough.

hedges, stinging nettles and

I only wish that such a high

footpaths and roads in the Taking for example the footpath that leads from Glebeland Gardens to Manygate Lane, which in parts is totally overgrown with bramble

tree branches which would cause serious injuries to nedestrians and those who are partially sighted.

From our correspondents

tion and hazard warning signs are covered by vegetation, and many certainly need cleaning.

If these cannot be maintained properly then they lose the purpose for which they were erected in the first place, or is it financial cut backs supported by our local councillors the real reason why this essential As you drive around the highway work is not carried

Stubbs.

of joining us.

Visitors are always made

welcome and more often than

you know and perhaps think

WE had a very interesting

It proved a way for the riv-

talk about when the frosty

not you will meet someone

Hopefully Shepperton will achieve a well earned reward for the hard work and commit ment by the committee who planned and engineered the community involvement to enter the competition to make our High Street so attractive

Unfortunately I am lead to believe that this is the last time Shepperton will enter any future floral competitions.

Dentistry in Focus with Dr Riten Patel

A celebrity smile makeover with porcelain veneers

"Celebrity smile makeover" or "Hollywood smiles" are phrases that you may have heard in the press, and until recently t was a treatment exclusive to the rich and famous. Not any more... cosmetic dentistry is now more affordable with a wide variety of finance options to help spread the costs of

your treatment. So how does a dentist give you that perfectly straight, flawless beautiful white smile? The treatments of choice for many smile makeovers are dental veneers. Veneers are wafer thin shells of porcelain that are perfectly sculpted to fit over the front surface of your teeth and give you a new smileental implants or porcelain veneers

Did you know that hand-sculpted veneers can help you look younger by: Plumping out wrinkles
 Adding volume to your smile

- Restoring length and balance to worn-down teeth
- Rejuvenating discoloured teeth Concealing chips or gaps

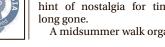
How are veneers fitted to my teeth?

Firstly the dentist will look at your teeth using an artistic eye and design your smile to give you the look that you want. A small amount of material from the front surface of our teeth is then removed and an imprint of your teeth is taken. This imprint is used as a mould to fabricate your new veneers by an expert ceramicist. Dr Patel works with some of the best ceramicists in the world. Once your new teeth have been fabricated they will be bonded to the front surface of your teeth approximately 2 weeks later to give you the smile of your dreams

To book a FREE smile assessment and veneers consultation with Dr Patel (GDC - 77930) you can call The Mulberry on 01932 223479 or visit www.mulberrydental.co.uk



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Ashford WI ised by Heather McIntyre on ALTHOUGH the subject at our July meeting was not a Walk Down Memory Lane, for many of our members that's what Andrea Cameron's talk on the history of Pears Soap like-minded people.

We were taken from the streets of Soho, where this famous soan was first manufactured by Andrew Pears in a barbers shop, to the London Road, Isleworth where it continued to be manufactured until the late 1950s.

became.

As his residence, Pears bought a mansion on the London Road called Spring Grove House which later became Spring Grove Grammar School which many of our members attended in their youth, and that building still stands today and is part of West Thames College.

A midsummer walk organ-

June 24 was well supported and another walk is being organised for September so you can keep fit while enjoying a gentle stroll with

The war memorial was planted up rather later than each month at 7.15pm in usual this year, as the winter pansies were still valiantly giving a good display despite the business is attended to the terrible spring we have However, the vibrancy of a speaker organised by Linda

the geraniums and the deep, deep sapphire of the lobelia looks amazing and has drawn many compliments from passers by.

We had a wonderful day out to Battle and Hastings and for once the weather behaved itself and we had a glorious time. Our next meeting on

weather froze the Thames A wonderful talk with a August 7 will be our quiz and all the fairs and events hint of nostalgia for times and supper night, which is a were held on the ice. great fun evening with a quiz organised by our quizmaster er men, who could not work

Anne Grigg and a delectable because of the ice, to be able supper to enjoy, put together to make some money in any by Heather. way they could.

If you feel you would like We also had a lovely trip to come along to one of our to the Poppy Factory at Rich meetings and see what the mond. We were told about WI are all about, we meet how the whole poppy thing started and then we went on the first Wednesday of around the factory, made a St Matthew's Church Hall, couple of poppies each and Muncaster Close, when after then had lunch in the staff canteen. we usually enjoy refresh-Our next meeting is ments and a chat, followed by

September 5 at 2pm in the Hythe Centre with a talk called Dylan Thomas Brought

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