

Dates for your Diary

**Summer Concerts in the Park with Kneller Hall,
Royal Military School of Music** Wednesday 1st July 2009

On the Edge Events in Richmond

Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th August 2009

Mayor's Quiz Night Friday 23rd October 2009

**Mayor's Christmas Concert (with Kneller Hall,
Royal Military School of Music)** Tuesday 8th December 2009

Mayor's Quiz Night (Second) Friday 5th February 2010

All these are sure to be enjoyable ways of raising funds for the charities.
For more information, please contact the Mayor's Office, **020 8891 7123**,
mayors.office@richmond.gov.uk www.richmond.gov.uk

**If you would like a copy of this leaflet in Braille, large print,
on audio tape, or in a community language, please contact
the Mayor's Office (details as above).**

The Mayor's charities welcome your support. If you would like to make a donation, it would be very much appreciated. If you are a UK taxpayer and sign the declaration below, we will be able to recover tax on your gift – 28% extra from the Government, at no extra cost to you!

I would like to make a donation of £ _____

GIFT AID DECLARATION (please print clearly)

I, (Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms) _____

of _____

_____ Post code _____

wish the charity(ies) to reclaim tax on any donations I make now or in the future until further notice.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please make cheques payable to 'LBRUT Mayor's Appeal Fund', 'SPEAR', or 'River Thames Boat Project' and return to:

The Mayor's Parlour, York House, Twickenham, TW1 3AA.

We ask you to let us know if you change your address or if you no longer pay a total amount of income tax and capital gains tax at least equal to the amount that we would be reclaiming on your donations (currently 28p for every £1 you give). **Thank you for your support.**



The London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

Mayor 2009 - 2010 Councillor Celia Hodges



Message from the Mayor

SPEAR

In these uncertain times there may be many more people than at present at risk of losing their home. I am delighted to have this opportunity to support SPEAR's work with vulnerable people.

This year SPEAR plan to extend their work to provide training which will help people to put their lives back on track.

The River Thames Boat Project

Richmond is unique in having a river run through the Borough uniting Middlesex and Surrey. The Boat Project encourages all residents to enjoy the river and learn about the river environment by making it accessible to all, whether through learning opportunities for children or a day out for groups of elderly or disabled people.

My theme for the year is accessibility. Let's make Richmond, and all it has to offer, accessible for everyone. Please read this leaflet and support my charities if you are able to do so. Thank you!

SPEAR is the only charity within the Borough of Richmond upon Thames that works with every aspect of homelessness. Founded in 1986 by a local lady Penny Wade, the philosophy at SPEAR has always been to work with service users until they no longer need us. We aim to give them the skills and the confidence to live a fulfilling life in their own home.

We have learnt that there is no such thing as a typical homeless person and our services reflect this diversity. Clients often spend years on the streets and may need intensive support. Or they may have been made homeless after a job loss or marriage breakdown and be able to move quickly into their own tenancy and get on with their lives. SPEAR's ethos is the same regardless of circumstances and as a result of this success we have been recognised by central government and we have been awarded a large capital grant to refurbish our direct access hostel on Kew Road. We will be closing for building works later in the year and when we reopen plan to rename the project Penny Wade House.

We also operate:

Outreach working across the borough finding and supporting those who are sleeping rough.

A **hostel for young people** who would otherwise face homelessness.

The Tenancy Support Team are often the difference between success and failure of a tenancy. For many clients maintaining a home can prove challenging. SPEAR run training courses and work very closely with clients to help them to live independently.

Our **Substance Misuse Team** engage with clients helping them to manage, decrease and stop their dependency.

For clients with fewer support needs we run a **Rent Deposit Scheme** in conjunction with the council. While our **Skills Development Worker** aims to offer all clients the chance to get involved in some form of daytime activity and this year we have also launched a full **Volunteering programme**, allowing members of the public to get involved with our work.

89 Heath Road TW1 4AW - Tel **020 8288 6506** - www.spearlondon.org

Registered charity no. 1122206



Making the Thames Accessible

The River Thames Boat Project owns and operates the Richmond Venturer, a specially equipped community boat and floating classroom.

We provide:

- environmental education activities for schools;
- day and overnight trips that include personal development and skills training for young people, particularly young carers;
- respite voyages for older people and people of all ages with a disability;
- and a variety of interesting opportunities for volunteers.

On board the Richmond Venturer people of all ages from schools, support groups, day centres and care homes, assisted by our staff and volunteers discover the joys of the River Thames and life afloat.

In 2009 we are celebrating the charity's 21st Anniversary.

To find out more please visit www.thamesboatproject.org or phone **020 8940 3509**

River Thames Boat Project

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President: Sir Peter Harrop KCB

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