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Regenerating Runnymede

Anyone returning now to Runnymede, after an absence of several years, would be pleasantly surprised to find a Waitrose and a Travelodge in Egham, a Travelodge in Chertsey and construction underway in Addlestone for a new centre with multi-story car park, shops, restaurants, a cinema, a Waitrose and a Premier Inn hotel.



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Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year!

Come along to our next breakfast forum meeting, on **Thursday 10th December**, to hear more about the Council's regeneration ambitions and commercial strategy!

Runnymede Borough Council will be presenting their proposed budget for 2016-17, and would like the views of local businesses and organisations on their plans for the next financial year, including council tax, business rates and service provision.

At the last Budget Forum Meeting we heard that:

- The Governments austerity programme will continue until 2020
- Despite no increase in council tax and no cuts in services, savings of over £5 million have been achieved
- One of the main sources of income will be from **investment** in commercial assets and capital receipts

The meeting will be held in the Council Chamber in the Civic Centre, Addlestone. The speakers will include the Leader of the Council, Councillor Patrick Roberts, Paul Turrell, Chief Executive and Peter McKenzie, Corporate Head of Resources.

Your views are essential to the process, so book your place by email now – details on the back page. As usual, places will be limited to first come first served and priority will be given to businesses based in Runnymede

Useful websites:

www.voa.gov.uk www.gov.uk www.runnymede.gov.uk

The Runnymede Business Partnership website features a **Business Bulletin** - keep checking this for information on business events, grants, seminars, sources of expert advice and vouchers:

www.runnymedebusinesspartnership.org.uk

Cream Tea Forum 9.7.2015

The Education Overhaul, from an Employer's Perspective

The popular Cream Tea meeting this summer was sponsored by Thorpe Park, and hosted and presented by Strode's College, Egham.

Two speakers from Strode's, Rowan Cookson, then Deputy Principal, and Amanda Down Director of Teaching and Learning and James Thorpe, Deputy Head of The Magna Carta School, outlined the major changes to GCSE's, A Levels and BTECs which started this September. Information can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

and use the search facility for the topic of your choice.

The Principal of Strode's, Anne Fielding Smith, was thanked for all the support and time that she had given to the work of the Runnymede Business Partnership as she was retiring at the end of August. Rowan Cookson is now Principal of Strode's. A brief presentation was also made by Steve Tindall, Head teacher of The Holy Family RC Primary School, the winners of a Magna Carta 800 related challenge. The Runnymede South Confederation of Schools organised the competition to find a means of keeping the Magna Carta history and principles alive today and into the future. The Holy Family School winning project is the proposal to have a wooden 'Table of Unity' in each of our schools, where pupils will be able to agree rules, resolve differences, debate and listen to and share ideas. They are seeking expert advice and sponsorship, to help children to celebrate this historic legacy.

For details contact admin@runnymedesouth.org.uk 



Isabella Wrigley, Steve Tindall and Akindu Wijesekera with their Table of Unity

Consumer Rights Act 2015

From 1st October shoppers gained the right to a full refund, not a credit note or repair, if their purchase is found to be faulty within 30 days. This is just one of the sweeping changes to consumer rights brought into force by this act.

In one of the biggest shake-ups to consumer law for a generation, everything from shop bought items, on-line purchases and consumer contracts are affected. Goods have to be 'fit for purpose' so if a customer asks the salesperson whether a power drill will bore holes in masonry, is assured that it will, but it doesn't then it is not suitable. Items have to be as described by the retailer and of reasonable quality. If purchases fail one of these tests or develop a fault within 30 days then a full refund is payable. 

Retailers, and shoppers, can find out the full details on websites such as:

www.which.co.uk

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

www.bbc.co.uk

www.telegraph.co.uk

www.businesscompanion.info

www.legislation.gov.uk



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News Bites

The National Minimum Wage rates changed on 1 October. Find out whether you are paying the right amount with the free NMW calculator on www.acas.org.uk

Loan and Equity Funding is available now for growth businesses based in parts of Surrey and Hampshire, which are in the Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership geographic area. To apply visit: www.em3businessfunding.co.uk or to check whether you are eligible email: em3funding@thefsegroupp.com or call 01276 608510.

Unfortunately, not all sectors can be supported.

Child sexual exploitation (CSE) respects no boundaries, so could take place in the workplace. Two free events taking place in Dorking on Monday 30 November will help you recognise the signs that a child or young person under 18 is a victim. Surrey Police's Chief Constable, Lynne Owens, will be opening one of the events. Book a free place via www.surrey.police.uk/cse

Your views are sought on the proposed merger of the Ashford and St Peter's Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and the Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. We may be able to organise a presentation at one of our breakfast forums, but if you would like more details contact comms@asph.nhs.uk

Buy treats for Christmas...

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Hair and Beauty

10% discount on all services, Luigi M Hairdressing, Addlestone
10% off all hairdressing services, Cutting It Hair Studio, Chertsey

Jewellery

10% off all purchases over £25 at Goodley's Jewellers, Egham
10% off watches and jewellery at J F Sawyer, Addlestone

Eating Out

Complimentary 175ml glass of wine with lunch or dinner in Lock Bar & Kitchen or Leftbank, runnymede-on-thames, Egham (Mon – Thurs) *

20% off food and beverages at the Boat House Restaurant & Bar, Chertsey
20% off the food in the restaurant, Thai Yum Yum Restaurant, Addlestone

Flowers and fresh air

10% off accessories at Surrey Cycles Addlestone
10% off flowers over £30, at the House of Flowers, Chertsey
2 for 1 entry to The Savill Garden, Englefield Green
10% off total purchases over £30 at The Plantation, Addlestone

*Check full list for Terms & Conditions on this offer

Your Loyalty Card, or the image on our app, must be shown or mentioned if booking by phone. See the full list on www.runnymedebusinesspartnership.org.uk or download our app, iRunnymede, via your phone from www.autofwd.com/irunnymede to have the list handy and use the image of the card when shopping.

Business Directory ...

Runnymede Business Directory now on our app!

Approximately 1200 entries from the Runnymede Business Partnership Directory are now on the new version of iRunnymede!

Much work has been done to streamline the entries, so do check your current entry, or apply if you are a new business in the Borough.

App Website

The same data will also be listed on a unique app website, which will soon be available. Both the iPhone and Android versions of the app should be available by the time we go to print, download via your phone by going to www.autofwd.com/irunnymede The app is suitable for iOS version 6 and above.

New features include: push notifications to enable businesses* to advertise special events and offers, and a Community and Charity area to promote community and sporting events.

Apply for a full entry!

You can put your business at the top of the app search lists, by having a full entry for £50 +VAT for the first year. So, even if your business does not handle on-line sales, you can gain from having an entry on iRunnymede.

If you wish to amend your entry, or apply for an app entry, please email joan-na.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk

* Businesses with a full (paid-for) entry.

Christmas in the Borough, a Time to Celebrate

Woodham and New Haw

All Saints Fayre and Christmas Lights –
28th November 1.30 – 5.30
(road opposite to Ilex House)

Road closes at 1.30pm Fayre opens at **2.30pm** with stalls selling festive wares, local schools entertain along with the Fullbrook Concert Band, performing seasonal favourites! The Festive spirit will continue with Chertsey Rotary Club Santa & Sleigh switching on the lights at 4.30pm. **The road will re-open at 5.30pm**

Saturday 28 November – New Haw Library from 4-6pm

Christmas Carols performed by Surrey Fringe Barbershop Boys. Complimentary refreshments and an atmosphere of Community festive spirit. Donations welcome but not expected, **All welcome!**

Egham

Saturday 21 November St Pauls Church will be holding a Christmas fayre in the church from 1pm, For more information www.speh.org.uk

Thursday 3 December – Sunday 6 December

Christmas Tree Festival held at St Pauls Church (Thorpe Road next to Magna Carta School) (See local press for details)

Saturday 12 December

the Christmas Fayre, held in the **Egham High Street**. Get in the Festive mood with Children's rides and festive stalls whilst viewing the entries for the window dressing competition! (See local press for more details)

Saturday 19 December

Local Churches will be holding the Annual Open Air Nativity a truly magical way to celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. (See local press for details)

Chertsey

Saturday 21 November

Charities Fair at Chertsey Hall 10am - 2pm
Featuring the Addlestone Singers

Saturday 12 December

Goose Fair, Guildford Street. 10am - 3pm
Get Festive with stalls selling food and gifts with Judging of the Christmas Window Competition

Addlestone

Monday 14 December

Christmas Concert Baptist Church Crouch Oak Lane
In aid of Shooting Star Chase
Doors Open 6.30 (Christmas card & gifts sales)
Concert Starts 7.30pm
(Free admission)

Saturday 28 November Tesco Addlestone

Salvation Army band and Carols start at 3.15pm with the lights of Addlestone being switched on by the Mayor at 3.30pm. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine supplied by Tesco.

Get festive this Christmas and support your local event, check press for confirmation.



Chambers of Commerce

ADDLESTONE AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Regenerating Runnymede

Thursday 10 December 2015

**Venue: Runnymede Civic Centre
Council Chamber**

Time: 7.45am

Presentation by

Cllr Patrick Roberts, Leader of the Council,

Paul Turrell, Chief Executive

Peter McKenzie, Corporate Head of Resources

To join the waiting list and mailing list
for future events contact

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