



Fit for a prince: Matthew Keightley with Harry

Garden is people's choice

A former Orleans Park School pupil's garden design at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show has won him the people's choice award two years running.

Matthew Keightley, who attended the Twickenham school from 1996 to 2001, this year designed the garden named Hope in Vulnerability, which was displayed at the festival of flora.

The garden was created for Prince Harry's charity Sentebale and also won the silver-gilt award from judges earlier in the week.

Prince Harry visited the show to cast his eye over the garden, designed to raise awareness of his charity's work providing healthcare and education to children in

Lesotho. Mr Keightley said: "It's just incredible."

"I am absolutely thrilled to receive the people's choice award for the second year in a row.

"It is such an honour, and amazing to have such fantastic public support for Sentebale."

Cathy Ferrier, chief executive of Sentebale, said: "For our Hope in Vulnerability garden to have won the people's choice award is truly fantastic."

"We came to Chelsea to raise the profile and understanding of our work with children affected by HIV in Lesotho and so to receive this award is wonderful and a tribute to the team who have made it happen."

Holding court with Tania, the new MP

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New Twickenham MP Tania Mathias treated the new minister for tourism to an afternoon of time travel at Hampton Court Palace on Tuesday.

Tracey Crouch, MP for Chatham and Aylesford, was carrying out her first public visit since being appointed Minister for Sport and Tourism in the new Conservative Government.

TimeQuake, the brainchild of award-winning author Damien Dibben, is an innovative chance for children and families to explore the palace's 500-year history.

Having been shown around Hampton Court Palace by Historic Royal Palaces chief executive Michael Day, Ms Crouch highlighted the importance of children in tourism.

She said: "Children are incredibly important in making sure we open up tourism and heritage education because getting children interested in heritage is massively important."

"It gives them a real learning of our history."

Having been re-elected earlier this month, she also offered some words of advice for new Twickenham MP Dr Mathias, who defeated Business Secretary Vince Cable.

She added: "Tania should enjoy every minute of it, being an MP is hugely



Promoting tourism: Tania Mathias with Tracey Crouch

challenging, but it is a very rewarding job.

"My advice to her is to hit the ground running."

Speaking of the merits of the visit, Dr Mathias said: "I took the opportunity of the minister's visit to discuss the benefits of the royal palace for Twickenham residents with Michael Day."

"We discussed job opportunities, education programmes for local schools and the need for better local rail services for Hampton Court Palace."

"I have visited Hampton Court Palace as a visitor before but I was blown away by

the high energy TimeQuake activity for children during half-term.

"It's a fantastic resource for us on our doorstep."

TimeQuake sees a group of young actors taking charge as time explorers, armed with insider knowledge of the palace's history, to run the nine-day event.

Time explorer Lottie Westgarth, 17, added: "It is great because we get to see parts of the palace which the public don't normally get to see."

To find out more about TimeQuake, visit hrp.org.uk/HamptonCourtPalace/W hatsOn/TimeQuake.

In brief

CRIME SURGERIES: Police officers will hold surgeries at banks in Richmond town centre to warn people of scams and give advice on crime prevention and home and vehicle security. Officers will be at RBS from 10am on June 3, Nationwide from 10am on June 9, Santander from 10am on June 10 and Natwest from 10am on June 26.

NURSES DAY: The atrium at West Middlesex University Hospital was transformed into a sea of colour for international nurses day. The event, held on May 12, featured a fashion show from the hospital's African nurses, a special singing performance from an accident and emergency nurse and traditional Filipino food.

3D DESIGNS: Pupils at Grey Court School are putting their computer graphic skills to the test by competing in a nationwide 3D design competition in a bid to win a 3D printing lab for their school. The competition challenged pupils from 18 schools to develop the most creative and innovative designs in computer generated 3D. To see the designs, visit facebook.com/xyzprintingeu.

CAPITAL HONOUR: A horticulturist at Kew Gardens has been chosen as the 82nd Londoner in the 1,000 Londoners documentary series. Elisa Biondi, 30, from Richmond, works in 10 different climates on a daily basis and her work in the Princess of Wales Conservatory involves taking care of plants from all over the world. For more information, visit 1000londoners.com.



New look: The Starbucks in Richmond

Smell the coffee again after re-opening

Starbucks in Richmond has re-opened its doors after an extensive refurbishment.

The store, in High Street, now features a range of seating including high tables and lounge window seats, as well as tables for

meetings and laptop users.

The coffee lovers' retreat is one of several London stores featuring the new pod fresh food range which offers breakfast, lunch and snacks, made fresh in store. Marina Parusheva, the

manager, said: "Our regular customers are delighted we are back open, so far we have had fantastic feedback from our customers who are thrilled with how bright and spacious the new store layout is."



New owner a cut above

A new hair salon opened in Twickenham last weekend and celebrated with a grand opening ceremony.

Rush Hair, in King Street, was declared officially open for business by deputy mayor of Richmond Councillor Jean Loveland, who cut the ribbon on Saturday, May 23.

Leona Loosley, Twickenham franchise owner, *above*, said: "I've been a part of the Rush family for over seven years now and I've loved every part of my journey."

Star's message on stroke

Rudolph Walker joined West Middlesex University Hospital staff and patients for its annual stroke coffee morning last month.

The actor, known for playing Patrick Truman in EastEnders, attended the event on May 22, where he shared his experiences of stroke.

He said: "It was so inspiring to meet the incredible staff and stroke survivors at West Middlesex Hospital and it was wonderful to be

invited to attend the hospital's stroke month coffee morning. Stroke affects so many people's lives and that's why the work of the Stroke Association is so important.

"Action on stroke month is a great opportunity to raise awareness of the impact of stroke, and for people to learn more about stroke prevention."

"I believe that together we can conquer stroke."



Special guest: Rudolf Walker with staff and patients