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Vicars present and past: Peter Hart and Nick Darby after the service

The service, on 29th April, was also well attended by members of the St. Luke's congregation. The occasion gave us a chance to welcome our former Vicar, Nick Darby, who talked interestingly and amusingly about his experiences as Dean of Gaborone Cathedral in Botswana. He spoke of the lively faith of the Africans in a place where going to Church is the norm. The Anglican Church may not be the largest in Botswana but it is certainly flourishing amongst all ages.

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### Saint Anne's, KewGreen, Sunday Afternoon Summer Concert Series 2018

You are cordially invited to regular concerts, held every Sunday at 3.30 pm. The next one, on 17th June, will be given by Harmoniemusik, playing modern classics for piano and wind instruments. Visit <http://saintanne-kew.org.uk> for further details.

From another (American) Parish magazine:

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

## Hello from *The Link* team

As usual, a varied number of articles on all sorts of topics. The re-opening of the Temperate House in Kew Gardens; the series of articles on the local casualties in WW1 which is drawing to a close, for which many thanks to John Elstone; and an interesting insight into the work of Welcare, to mention but three.

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**Sunday Services:**

8am Holy Communion

**11am** Parish Communion (Junior Church and Crèche in term-time)

**11am** Parish Communion with Junior Church participation: first Sunday in the month — All-age Worship.

**Every Thursday**

**10am** Holy Communion

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## LETTER FROM THE VICAR

The emergency winter night shelter project, run across the borough by faith groups and other concerned volunteers, has come to an end. Warm weather has returned, and the threat to life and limb of extreme cold has receded. It is time to take stock.

67 men and 24 women took advantage of the offer over the 84 days for which the shelters ran. All were homeless. The shelters offered 20 sleeping spaces: the average occupancy over the 84 days of the project was 16. The average length of stay for the guests was 15 days, which is testimony to the effective work of the Glass Door and SPEAR key workers who operated in the Vineyard Centre during the day, supporting guests into accommodation, jobs and reforming family connections.

Across the borough, other partnerships were formed to support the work. Volunteers came from all over the borough to do a night shift. Local businesses responded with food and other items. Some local schools got involved too, preparing puddings for the guests and taking an interest in the outcome of the project.

This is more than the milk of human kindness. This is a work of God, transforming lives, bearing one another's burdens, showing practical love to the marginalised and the vulnerable.

Glass Door,\* the homelessness charity we partnered in this project, are encouraging us to do it again, only this time from the beginning of November 2018 through to the beginning of April 2019, with space for 30 or even 35 guests each night. This is a major challenge, both in terms of space, of time, and of cost. Having done it once, and having made such a big difference, I believe that we should do it again. We did not have a night shelter here in Kew, but the churches raised funds for Glass Door, supported them in prayer and donated woolly socks and hats for the guests.

This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved, and to offer support for those on the edge of our society. Our life in Kew, in the main, is very comfortable: the least we can do is provide some sort of comfort to those who do not regularly have a roof over their head.

\*<https://www.glassdoor.org.uk>



**Peter**

### Baptisms

#### The Barn

1<sup>st</sup> April                      Isabella Tamara Sophia Kandelaki

#### St Luke's

4<sup>th</sup> March                      Henry Austin Tuke  
                                         Benjamin Arthur Tuke  
 20<sup>th</sup> April                      Marlowe Ava Zi-Mai Smee

### Wedding — at the Barn

21<sup>st</sup> April                      Sam Diserens & Emma Flynn

### Funerals

4<sup>th</sup> April                      Jane Smith  
 18<sup>th</sup> April                      Dennis Skinner  
 25<sup>th</sup> April                      Pat Mowbray



The total collected by St. Luke's and the Barn was £3,128 (including Gift Aid). A very good result yet again, and many thanks to all those from both churches, including the Junior Churches, who rattled tins and went from house to house.

Jonathan & Jayne Armstrong  
 St Luke's

Chris & Anne Lynch  
 the Barn

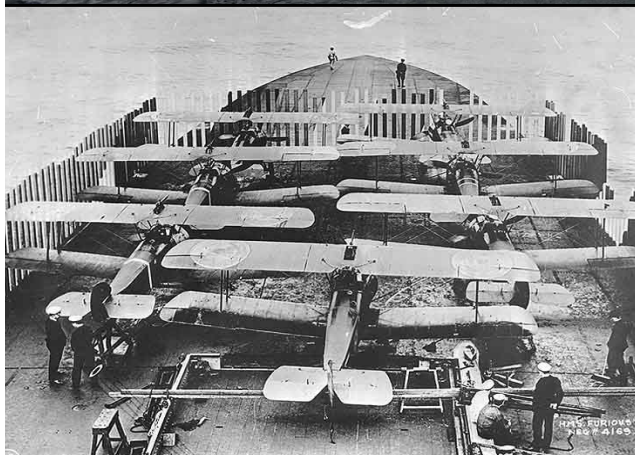




## St Luke's - WW1 Roll of Honour Board:

those who died  
April—June 1918

After last quarter's three casualties of young men commemorated in St. Luke's church, the number doubled in this period.



[the photographs have reference to Lt. Frank Mears - (5) below]

Above: HMS Furious with her "hangar" of aircraft just forward of the superstructure; and shown in detail left. The flight deck appears to be remarkably short!

The details of the relevant Tondern raid are well worth reading:  
<http://www.tondernraid.com>

**1 William Richard Henry WARNER** Gunner L/6289, 'B' Battery, 190th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. Killed in action 1st April 1918, aged 29. Son of Walter & Mary Anne Warner of Richmond. Husband of Mrs Prudence Warner of 61 Alexandra Road, Richmond. Born and enlisted in Richmond. Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery. F. 745

**2 Arthur Ewart BARNFIELD** Private TF/206126, 1st Battalion, Royal West Surrey Regiment. 33rd Division. Killed in action in Belgium 13th April 1918. Born in Newport, Monmouthshire and enlisted in Wandsworth. Next of kin Southfields. Only A. E. Barnfield in CWGC records. Commemorated on Ploegsteert Memorial Mr. 32

**3 Sydney SORRELL** Private 17558, 2nd Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment. 8th Division. Killed in action 24th April 1918, aged 32. Husband of Mrs Emily Mary Sorrell of 27, Gloucester Road, Kew. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Kingston on Thames. No known grave. Commemorated on Pozieres Memorial MR. 27

**4 Edgar John BOWGEN** Private 22882, 4th Battalion, South Wales Borderers. 13th Division. Died of disease in Mesopotamia 29th April 1918. Born in Richmond and enlisted in Finsbury. Next of kin residents of Richmond. Buried in Baghdad (North Gate) War Cemetery. Iraq 8.

**5 Frank Henry MEARS** Lieutenant, Royal Navy, serving in HMS *Furious*. Killed in a flying accident 29th April 1918, aged 18. Son of Henry Augustus (of Chelsea FC) & Harriett Mears of Clydesdale Gardens, Richmond. Buried in Brompton Cemetery, London. At the time HMS *Furious* was training ship-board flyers. It was a risky business: displacement currents and hot furnace gases from the ship's funnel made landing a craft constructed of canvas-and-wood on deck notoriously hazardous. Indeed the first successful flight of a two-seater from any British warship had only taken place on 4 April.

**6 [Eric] William CLARK** Lance Corporal 19426, 1st Battalion, Grenadier Guards. Guards Division. Killed in action 10th May 1918. Son of Mrs & Mrs S. Clark of 26, Church Road, Richmond. Born in Shepherds Bush and enlisted in Woolwich. Buried in Bienvillers Military Cemetery F. 745

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## – A LOCAL CHARITY SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

You are a family on benefits, grappling with the system and struggling to make ends meet; you are a single parent with no family nearby and few friends; you are a family who has suffered domestic abuse now living in a safe place but your child still has nightmares. These difficulties don't seem serious enough to contact Social Services. What do you do? If you live in South London it may make all the difference to contact Welcare, the charity that focusses on families and is dedicated to helping children and families overcome challenges and build towards a better future.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019 Welcare will celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a service in Southwark Cathedral led by Bishop Christopher, the president of Welcare. It was founded by the Bishop of Rochester, Randall Davidson, in 1894 to support single, homeless, young women, often seen begging on the streets with their babies. The work of Welcare has evolved and now provides a place for families and their children up to the age of 13, to receive one-to-one and/or group support, working with whatever issues are of greatest concern to the family. It also supports families who have suffered domestic abuse and violence. Welcare's work reflects its Christian foundations and it supports and works with those in need – of all faiths and none. Staff and volunteers do not have to be practising Christians but have respect and empathy with Christian values. Welcare staff are trained to deliver two evaluated courses: *Family Strengthening*, *Communication*, *Accredited Parenting Programme* and *My Space* accredited by AVA (Against Violence and Abuse).

Recently huge cuts in statutory government funding have meant the charity relies largely on local funds raised from local churches and schools, individual supports and grant making trusts, including organisations such as the Richmond Parish Lands and Barnes Workhouse Fund. Welcare operates across South London and East Surrey and the local services and the staff team for South West London are Fay, the Social Work Manager, and Debbie, the Senior Family Support Worker supported by a team of volunteers. Anna Khan is the CEO of Welcare working across the five centres in South London and East Surrey.

Many will remember Anna's moving talk in January at the Barn and St Luke's. Her aim has been to provide a community-based service, not covered by other voluntary organisations, that enable children and families to flourish, and for the charity to continue to offer its unique services for the next generation blending social work expertise with longer-term support for individual children and families. Usually families contact Welcare before the situation becomes bad enough to need the statutory services but if they do need statutory support Welcare can help navigate how to reach them.



Anna Khan, CEO of Welcare

Anna studied theology at university and has always worked in the voluntary sector, first as an events organiser for Spina Bifida and Help the Aged and then as CEO of the Down's Syndrome Association. After a break having her three sons she became Director of Relate where in 2007 she introduced counselling services for young people and families in addition to the couple counselling for which Relate is best known. She cares intensely about families and children, and as CEO of Welcare has steered a successful course through huge changes.

We are very lucky to have this wonderful charity in our diocese; and if anyone reading this knows a family who might need their support please let them know about it. Welcare is leading a parenting class at Richmond & Hillcroft Adult College starting in September which may be of interest to any parent with a child up to the age of 13.

Fund-raising has to be a constant activity and anyone wishing to support Welcare can do so by adopting the charity e.g. taking part in the British 10K, or raising money through church or school. Volunteering is a great way to share your skills and experience and Welcare has a wide range of roles, from supporting parents, mentoring a child aged 8-13 or providing office-based administrative support.

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Here's our upcoming news and events for Summer at the Avenue Club. Don't forget most of our activities stay open all summer, but do 'phone to check before if it's your first time. Our activities are all on a pay-as-you-go basis so if you're not able to attend a class you don't pay.

### Activities for the Summer

#### **ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT & TEA – Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 3.00 pm – Cost £6.00**

Open to all so do join us for one the highlights in the Avenue Club year! Our Choir is in fine voice and have put together a varied programme of English and American tunes to hum along to. We will be serving a delicious cream tea at the end of the concert. Tickets on sale in the Avenue Club office or on the door, but do give us a call to let us know you're coming so we put out enough chairs!

#### **KEW MIDSUMMER FETE – Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

KCT will have a stall at the Fete with information about the Avenue Club as well as hand knitted items from our Knit & Stitch Group to buy. All proceeds to the Avenue Club. An added bonus this year - our Choir will be singing at 12.55 pm. Do come and cheer them along, and get a taster of our Concert.

#### **OPERA LECTURES – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month**

Our last Opera lecture for this term will be on 12<sup>th</sup> July, but we are delighted that Ross Alley will be returning in the Autumn to give us more insights into the wonderful world of the Opera. The lectures have been so popular we are hoping to start the new season with **TWO** lectures a month. Although the lectures are busy but there's always space for a few more people. Call the office or pop in for more details.

#### **ART HISTORY – Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00**

Our last Art History Lecture will be on 12<sup>th</sup> June after which our lecturer, Caroline Levisse, will be taking some maternity leave. We're hoping she will be back to the Club early in 2019, but in the meantime **WATCH THIS SPACE** as we are hoping to be able to offer a series of ad hoc lectures on a variety of topics, so do keep an eye out in the Club or telephone for more details.

#### **BEGINNERS' SPANISH – Mondays 10.00 – 11.00**

A new Beginners' Spanish course will be starting in September. Just £6.00 a session. Do call and put your name down in the office if you'd like to start.

There are spaces available in most of our regular Activities, including Art History, Creative Writing, Art, Tai Chi, Pilates, Exercises, Bingo and more. The best way to find out what's going on at the Club is to pop by and pick up a full programme of activities. Or call or email us and we'll send you a copy – there's bound to be something that piques your interest – and if there isn't we're always open to suggestions. Don't forget to check out our Notice Board. We look forward to welcoming you at the Club very soon.



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**KEW FOR YOU**

This edition is going to be one of the most memorable, due to the re-opening of the Temperate House. This building is just amazing and it is really worth a visit to walk around it and see the world's largest and most impressive Victorian Glass House. Designed



by Decimus Burton, the complete overhaul of this building, after five long years of the most arduous work and at a cost of £40m, has proved to be just wonderful and is definitely not to be missed. Walking round the renovated building will take your breath away and I found myself remembering what I had seen long after I arrived home. This Grade 1 listed building covers 4,880 square metres and is twice the size of the Palm House. Building began in 1859 and it was opened in 1863, the final wing being completed in 1899, the whole construction taking nearly 40 years. One interesting fact amazed me: I discovered that the Glass House sits on a 1.8 metre high mound of gravel and sand - the spoil from Kew Gardens' Lake. As you walk round, you will see an international collection of temperate plants, including some very rare ones which are currently threatened with extinction. It is presently home to temperate plants from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, the Americas, Asia and some Pacific Islands.

**The Arboretum in Kew** is a living library of trees, with more than 14,000 botanical and ornamental collections. It includes about 2,000 of the finest plants native to the British Isles, as well as a large number of unusual species from all round the world.

**One of my favourite sights in Kew is the Japanese Gateway**, an almost full sized replica of the Nishi Honganji Karamon at Kyoto. Trees around the gateway include Acer Palmatum, Magnolia Kobus, Pinus Nigra and Prunus Asano.

**I really like seeing the Davis Alpine House** and Rock Garden with its stunning and unusual alpine plants in the cool and dry interior. This building is one of my favourite in Kew and I was interested to learn that mountain plants come from six major regions of the world. The Alpine plants displayed looks their best in spring and early summer.

**Have you heard about the Dragon Trail**, leaflet available by the entrance at Victoria Gate? The Historic Royal Palaces have produced this trail for children to enjoy. Find these dragons and discover their special powers.

**And now for something completely different:** Cuckoo Bees species hiding in plain sight! Scientists have discovered 15 new species of cuckoo bees hidden in North American museum collections and in an ancient thesis. Like their avian counterparts, they usually lay their eggs in the nests of other bees.

**Finally:** Kew's native tree protection project collects 10 million seeds, as part of the efforts to protect the country's native species. The National Tree Seed project by the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew was launched to protect the nation's woodlands in the face of spreading diseases and pests such as ash dieback, which threatens to wipe out millions of trees.

**Rosalind Eagleton**

## RICHMOND & BARNES DEANERY

Peter Hart has recently been appointed by the Bishop of Southwark as Area Dean for Richmond & Barnes. Asked to write about what this means, he exercised his supreme skills of delegation and pointed to me. I am the Lay Chair of the Richmond & Barnes Deanery Synod: these two roles are linked.

Deaneries are groups of parishes within a diocese. The Richmond & Barnes Deanery consists of fifteen churches from Barnes, through Mortlake, Kew, Richmond and Petersham to Ham, i.e. the Surrey part of the Borough of Richmond upon Thames. The rest of the Borough is in the Diocese of London, and they do things differently there.

The Area Dean has a pastoral role in relation to the clergy in the Deanery. There are twenty of these allocated to the various parishes and a further eight chaplains and retired clergy who continue to minister in many important ways. At a practical level, the Area Dean's support ranges from understanding the particular pressures individual clergy may face, to ensuring that cover is provided when clergy are away. The clergy meet regularly to discuss areas of common interest or concerns, chaired by the Area Dean. The governance structure of the Church of England includes a Deanery Synod. This consists of all the clergy together with lay (i.e. non clergy) members elected by each parish. There are 40 lay members, and they elect a chair: the Lay Chair. The Deanery Synod meets to share ways of doing things (for example, how can churches encourage the young? how can they be friendly to people living with dementia?) and to understand the wider role of the church.

The Area Dean and Lay Chair seek to promote the cohesion of the deanery, encouraging activities which are difficult for a parish to do on its own.

Recently the deanery responded to an initiative from the Borough Inter Faith Forum concerning temporary night shelters. Glass Door is London's largest emergency night shelter and last winter was able to extend its reach, organised locally by the Vineyard Project. For ten weeks twenty rough sleepers were offered shelter in a safe and warm place, with hot food provided. Seven churches took part (including two from other Christian denominations and one from Teddington), each giving shelter for one night each week. Some churches do not have the facilities to do this (none of the three Kew parishes can offer the right space) but can instead give time and money. It is hoped that more shelter can be provided in the coming winter.

**Marian Mollett**

### Fund-raising events at the Barn

Once again the Barn congregation and others showed the generosity by supporting various events:

**The Table Top Sale** on 14th April raised well over £400.

**The Jazz Evening** on 28th April, which was great fun and featured Kewdos, raised over £2,200. Grateful thanks go to all who contributed to these events, but particularly to Felice Oxborrow and Clare Vollum whose enthusiasm and hard work was instrumental in making both a great success.

The next big event is the **Summer Fair**—see opposite page for full details!



The Jazz Evening, with Kewdos and their guest soloist Nova Skipp, in full swing

# Diary of Events & Services at St Luke's and The Barn

## June

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	11am-2pm	Barn Summer Fair — see below
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	St Luke's PCC Meeting in the Meeting Room
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Barn PCC Meeting

## July

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	noon	St Luke's Summer Barbecue & Celebration of Baptism
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## September

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		St Luke's stall at Kew Village Market
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	St Luke's PCC Meeting in the Meeting Room
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>		? Social Event at St Luke's
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>		St Luke's Vineyard Lunch

## Trustees Wanted

*Kew Community Trust, which runs the Avenue Club and Avenue Halls at Kew Community Centre in The Avenue, is looking for new trustees to join its Board at its AGM in October.*

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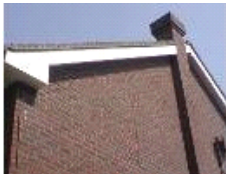
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## Churchwardens old and new

If you look on page 2 in the section about the Barn Church, you will notice that the wardens at the Barn have changed. Sarah and Rob are no longer wardens, and Andrew has stepped up to fill their shoes.

Sarah left London to be nearer to her mother in Manchester, who is beginning to struggle. Sarah made a huge difference to our communications, pioneering Facebook and Twitter and other social media outlets for the church. She was an indefatigable photographer and documenter of the life of the parish, as well as a person of prayer and rigorous enquiry. We miss her greatly, but wish her well in her new life in Manchester.

Robin set about transforming the way the Barn Church does events. He formed a group called Barn Ents which got to grips with the many details of managing large-scale social events like Rock and Roast, the film days and other such events. From publicity to catering, from running the bar to clearing all the bottles to the bottle bank, Rob was at the forefront of some excellent occasions in the life of the parish. He brought new ideas to the job, and involved lots of new people in becoming part of the production team. He was also a great sounding board for the Vicar's more way-out ideas, and a firm supporter of the finance team as they sought to get our finances in order – which has happened! We owe Rob a great deal, and the great thing is that he is still with us, worshipping and helping out at events, just not as church warden.

Thank you to both of them, and our prayers go with Andrew as he starts his time as church warden.

**Peter**

## Pensford Field

The field has burst into life, and not just the trees and flowers. This family of five fox cubs were snapped enjoying the freedom of the field. They live under one of the trees in the orchard and this is their back garden. Our bird-watching exploration of the dawn chorus was a big success. We were blessed with good weather; lucky to have such an excellent guide in Dominic Couzens and spotted or heard 23 different species. Blackcaps were surprisingly noisy, but equally surprisingly we did not see a sparrow or a starling before we headed for breakfast at 7.00.

We will soon have a new bee-keeper moving his hives to the field so honey supplies might be more plentiful later in the year. Now that the warm weather is here, yoga sessions are starting up again in the studio. There are details of this and lots more on our website:

[www.pensfordfield.co.uk](http://www.pensfordfield.co.uk)







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Sue May **8940 8724**

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King's House School, King's Rd, Richmond. All ages, Thurs, 8pm.

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for over 50s Thurs 11-12 Pensford Field.

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every 2nd Monday of the month. 7.30—9.30pm, St Winefride's Church Hall.

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### Kew Scout Group HQ

Station Avenue by Kew Gardens Station (rear of Pether's Butchers Shop).

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**Scouts and Explorer Scouts**

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Barn Church (entry Marksbury Ave):

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## THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES TO THE RESCUE!

**Q2 Players**, Kew's only amateur theatre group, was on the brink of disbanding until they were spectacularly rescued by an unexpected saviour – The National Archives.

The group has quite a history, having been performing in the borough for nearly fifty years. During this time they have staged a wide variety of plays, ranging from Dickens to Tolstoy to Terry Pratchett, bringing affordable and accessible theatre to the residents of Kew. Originally known as the Nondescripts, they have performed in every church hall in

Kew, almost all of which have since been turned into private homes. For the last thirty years their biannual productions have been staged in the Alexandra Hall of St. Luke's Church in The Avenue, in friendly partnership with the Kew Community Trust. However, significant increases in the hall hire fees have left them facing the bleak prospect of having to move out of Kew – or even closing the group down.

With time and options running out, they decided to approach The National Archives, who had recently opened a brand new and very smart Events Space, ideal for Q2 Players' productions; however, with the theatre group's limited funds, they held out little hope of being able to afford to hire it. Nevertheless, they put their case to The National Archives' Venue Management and Services team who offered them their support. The team devised an arrangement which will enable Q2 Players not only to perform in the Events Space twice a year, but also to be involved in and support The National Archives in their regular exhibitions and events.

This happy and community-spirited collaboration began on 18th May, when Q2 Players were involved in the Archives' At Night event "Law Breakers and Law Makers", charting the course of the suffrage movement.

Q2 Players' next full production, **Three Bags Full** by Jerome Chodorov, will also be staged in the Events Space at The National Archives, from 22nd to the 24th November.

For more information visit <https://q2players.wordpress.com>

## A Local Response to the Syrian Crisis

*When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.*  
(Leviticus 19 v33)

The UK government has pledged to receive and settle 23,000 Syrian refugees who are currently living in the Middle East. Community Sponsorship is a Home Office programme that enables churches and the local community to directly support and sponsor a newly resettled refugee family for a minimum of 2 years, from their arrival at a UK airport, to securing housing and sourcing other practical and emotional support.

**Riverbank Trust** seeks to come alongside vulnerable families living in the Richmond borough and support them as they face the challenges of parenting. We believe in the transformative love of Jesus: an unconditional, empowering love that sees the potential and hope in broken lives rather than the desperation, hurt and pain created by difficult, often traumatic, life experiences.

We are committed to Community Sponsorship - working with a team across several Richmond churches and networking with individuals and organisations who can provide the relevant support services. Our biggest challenge is finding housing in the Richmond area. There is no funding available from the government or Local Authorities under the community sponsorship scheme, other than the benefits which a refugee family will be entitled to (housing benefit, income support etc).

Our world currently faces a refugee crisis on an unprecedented scale. 65 million people are displaced from their homes and looking for safety and new beginnings. If you feel able to help us welcome one family into our local community – either as a landlord, by making a donation, or helping in another practical way, please contact

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