



WELCOME

To autumn's issue of the BID Newsletter. Now that summer is over, we are busy planning for our Poppy Day flags to go up along the High Street under the Iron Bridge, and our large red poppy motifs to go up along the High Street on the lamp posts, ready for the Remembrance Day parade on Sunday 10th November.

As the Visit Staines BID funds the town's Christmas lights, we are also shortly ready for the fantastic Christmas Parade on Sunday 24th November. We have also booked a large inflatable snow globe for the High Street for a weekend in December, so that you and your work colleagues can jump inside for a free photo! We will also have an exciting new Christmas trail, which we are currently planning and look forward to announcing soon!

If you have any business news or a special offer that you would like to share with your fellow 300 BID businesses and their employees please let us know at Michelle@visitstaines.co.uk

Regards,

Michelle Baker

Visit Staines BID Manager

Business News

- Superdrug revealed their exciting new refit and extended their sales floor on 27th September.
- Mankind has opened in the previous Thomas Cook unit on the North mall.
- Party Shop Partica has opened in Two Rivers.
- Sports Direct have relocated to the former Maplin's unit.
- Marks and Spencer's have extended their trading hours to Monday - Saturday until 7pm.

Porsche Car Show

On Sunday 29th September, Porsches descended on Staines for our second Porsche Cars and Coffee gathering this year, on the top floor of the Elmsleigh Multi-storey car park. We also booked The Stig lookalike! It was a fantastic day enjoyed by many and open to members of the public to attend free of charge too.





Stefano Paolini and Dominic Holland pictured in marquee at Market Square.

Staines Comedy Night

The comedy night held in the marquee at Market Square was a huge success, selling out all 110 available seats! The headline act, Dominic Holland was supported by the hilarious Stefano Paolini, Kate Lucas and Danny Ward. A huge thank you to the Conservative Club for opening their bar for this event.

The event was organised and funded by Visit Staines BID.

Valuation Days

We hosted our popular antique Valuation event over the weekend of Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th September.

Members of the public showcased their beloved antiques and collectables, receiving free valuations from Grand Auction's team of experts. The event, which took place in Market Square from 10am - 4pm saw hundreds of visitors attend; who were eager to find out the value of their possessions.

Paul Martin, a British antiques dealer best known for being the presenter of various BBC television antiques programmes including *Flog It!*, was also on hand to give his expert opinion and meet the residents of Staines-upon-Thames.

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Stephen Gould BID Vice Chairman pictured with BBC's Paul Martin.

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VALUATION DAYS

THANK YOU
TO ALL OUR
VISITORS



Farmers Market

It's our monthly Farmers Market on the second Sunday of each month along the High Street. Brought to you by Visit Staines BID, we hope you can come along and support the local stallholders. Future dates are:

- 13th October
- 10th November
- 8th December

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Business Awards

Spelthorne river boat cruise was a great success.

Good Luck to the three finalists that were announced for the Spelthorne Business Awards and the category that we sponsored: Best Business in the BID area.

Three finalists are:

- McDonalds
- Strategic Imperatives
- Vida Home Loans



Graffiti

The BID will schedule regular graffiti removal throughout the year, so please report to us so we can include on the next clean-up. Simply take a photo, make a note of where you saw it and email to

Michelle@visitstaines.co.uk



Get Fit for Free

The Thames Club have recently joined Visit Staines BID as a voluntary member and they would like to welcome you all to take a look around and see their beautiful facilities!

The state of the art fitness and wellness centre offer:

120 group classes per week

Hot Yoga Club

Pilates

20m pool with sauna

Steam room

Jacuzzi

Top of the range gym equipment

Cardio

Free weights

Resistance and functional zones

World leading

Technogym MyWellness technology

Tanita body composition analysis

They are inviting all Visit Staines BID members to use their facilities completely free of charge and are offering everyone the chance to book a 3 day trial.

To use this fantastic offer please email Franki at Francesca.lovely@thethamesclub.co.uk or call **01784463100** quoting 'BID' to book your pass.

Please note passes are 3 consecutive days.

**The Thames Club, Wheatsheaf Lane,
Staines-upon-Thames, TW18 2PD**



The UK's
accessible
shopping day

12 November 2019

Staines-upon-Thames commitment
for Purple Tuesday

Purple Tuesday

Purple Tuesday is recognising and providing a more accessible customer experience for disabled people.

1 in 5 customers and clients will have a disability. Many will have a condition that is not visibly apparent.

75% of disabled people and their families have left a store or website because of poor customer service and/or accessibility issues.

Join us and help support Purple Tuesday on 12th November 2019, there will be free parking for all blue badge holders in the Two Rivers car park and the Elmsleigh Multi-storey car park.

If your business has an offer for employees within Staines-upon-Thames that you would like to feature in our next Newsletter please contact Michelle@visitstaines.co.uk

Please support

Marianne's Community Cafe opposite Debenhams is under threat of closure due to funding and needs your support to stay open. Did you know...

- The café houses the only Changing Places facility, making the high street more inclusive and accessible for those with disabilities and their carers.
- Bright modern office space above the cafe that is available for rent long or short term – or even for meetings and away days.
- Local businesses can order sandwich platters from the café for their meetings.

Pop in for a coffee next time you are in town. You can also donate to keep the cafe open at:
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/wendy-ward-mariannes>

Autism Hour

Saturday October 12th - 9-10am

The National Autistic Society are running Autism Hour from Saturday 5 - Saturday 12 October. This is when businesses turn down lights, reduce loud noises and teach their staff about autism, so autistic people can go shopping. With bright lights and loud noises, autistic people can find shopping difficult and stressful. A few small changes can make a massive difference.

We are supporting this throughout the week but are asking all of businesses to act on Saturday 12th October 9-10am, by:

- Dimming lights
- Turning down music

- Supporting staff to learn about Autism

For businesses that are already doing something for Autism Hour throughout the week and for the businesses who now are planning on, we would like to hear from you so we can share it on our social media.

Please contact:

Kam - Kam@elmsleigh.co.uk

Joanna - CM@tworiverststaines.com

Michelle - michelle@visitstaines.co.uk

And for any more information on how you can support autistic people, please visit www.autism.org.uk

Splash of Colour

The bunting and hanging baskets we funded really brightened up Market Square. The winter hanging baskets will be up soon!.



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