



Congratulations to the overall winners of this year's Staines-upon-Thames Shopmobility Charity Pancake Race - Marks and Spencer's

HELLO

Welcome to our March newsletter.

Thank you to those businesses that participated in this year's Pancake Race on the High Street! All money raised goes straight to Shopmobility which is such a worthwhile cause and service in our town.

We are busy planning the events and projects for 2019 and have so many exciting ideas that we can't wait to share with you all!

As always if you would like to join our BID Board please drop a line to Michelle@visitstaines.co.uk

Here's to a busy and prosperous March for all businesses!

Steven Harvey

BID Chairman

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What's on? In Staines-upon-Thames

To receive your copy of the town centre events planner for 2019 please send an email to michelle@visitstaines.co.uk

Capture Spelthorne: photography competition 2019

Spelthorne Council is looking for the best photographs of the borough. This is a chance for you to get outside, explore our beautiful borough and show off your photography skills. You don't need an expensive camera to take part, any camera or smart phone will do, as long as the photograph was taken in Spelthorne after 1 January 2018 and is submitted by 31st May 2019. Further details can be found at <https://www.spelthorne.gov.uk/capture>

Open for business

- TUI are relocating to the Sony unit - S9a in Two Rivers and will open in April.
- Sony have relocated onto Norris Road unit SUE in Two Rivers and opened on 2nd March. This is part of the move required to make way for Lidl supermarket who will occupy the TUI and Sports Direct space.
- Fantastic news that HMV in Staines is staying open despite closures across the UK.
- Restaurant Sushi Nara has moved into the former WGT restaurant premises.
- Iceland has opened on the High Street in the former Poundworld shop.
- The new Mexican restaurant on Kingston Road opens next month.



Staines In Bloom

You must have seen our fantastic flower towers on the High Street. We are looking at installing more across the town but we need your help. If your business would like to sponsor a flower tower it would cost £500 and your company name would feature on it. These are there all year round and planted with summer and winter plants. We will do our best to have located at a location of your choosing. Please email Michelle@visitstaines.co.uk

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



Half term fun

We organised some activities on the High Street on Tuesday 19th February. 2 penguins were out and about meeting shoppers, free face painting stalls and free crafts for 200 children. We want all visitors to enjoy their experience of our town.

Footfall

Visit Staines, the BID company installed footfall counters along the High Street and we want to share the data with you. The footfall figures for the High Street last month were 17% down compared to February 2018. The busiest day was Saturday 9th February when 24,196 visited the High Street.

Cleaning Up

We have found 22 pieces of graffiti across our town centre and will be paying for these to be removed in March 2019.

Just another example of Visit Staines BID Company improving the visitor experience as we want our town to look it's best!



Employee Offer

The Optical Shop in The Elmsleigh Centre are offering 20% off their glasses (frames & lenses) if you work within Staines-upon-Thames.

Simply show proof of employment in store.

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