

## February's artwork launched

QUALITY collages were on display at the second in a series of events launched to get a town through February.

A collage exhibition was held at the Macdonald Windsor Hotel, in High Street, on Saturday, as part of the February in Windsor event.

The work of artists was showcased with a talk also given about the history of collages by Ruth Hemus Ph, a lecturer at Royal Holloway University.

The next event is a Valentine's Day art workshop at the same venue tomorrow (Saturday) from 2-4pm.

For more information about February in Windsor, go to [www.februaryinwindsor.co.uk](http://www.februaryinwindsor.co.uk)



■ **QUALITY:** Above, Dr Ruth Hemus, senior lecturer at Royal Holloway University of London with her book *Dada's Women*. Top right, Margarita Vul and far right, Yumiko Cavanagh 137941



### In brief

#### Drugs arrest

TWO men arrested in connection with a drugs raid at a house in Bath Road, Maidenhead, are due to answer bail on Tuesday.

Officers raided the property on Wednesday, January 22, and found what they believe to be heroin and cocaine.

The men, aged 25 and 35, were arrested on suspicion of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs.

#### Church break-in

ALL Saints' Church, in Dedworth Road, Windsor, was targeted by thieves overnight on Sunday.

Thieves broke two windows to get in and made off with a sound system, two games controllers, 24 computer games and four games consoles after raiding the vestry cupboard as well as stealing food from the church cafe.

Call 101 with any information.

#### Flat plans

PLANS have been submitted to convert the ground, first and second floors of St Leonard's House, in St Leonard's Road into eight flats.

There would be no changes to the exterior of the building for the development which would consist of six one-bedroom and two two-bedroom flats. Plans will be considered for approval on March 25.

#### Safe stolen

A SAFE was stolen from St Edward's Royal Free Ecumenical Middle School, in Parsonage Lane, Windsor, over the weekend of Friday, January 31 to Monday, February 3.

Thieves got in by forcing open a kitchen window. They also stole two fire extinguishers.

Call 101 with information.

## Snack bid for play park

HOT drinks could be served out of an old toilet block in a park under new plans.

The Royal Borough's leisure services team has applied for planning permission to convert a toilet area of the pavilion in Clewer Memorial Recreation Ground, in Dedworth Road, Windsor, into a cafe.

The 22 sq m facility at the side of the building next to the play area would serve hot food and drinks through two hatches in the wall and would be open from dawn to dusk seven days a week.

The planning application will be decided on by March 27.

# Waterworks delay

Owners of town centre development consider suing Thames Water

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THE plug could be pulled on a £1.6m town centre development due to building work delays blamed on a water company.

Proposals to build eight flats, a house and restaurant at vacant 34-35 Thames Street, Windsor – the former Jasmine restaurant – were given planning permission in March last year, but work is yet to start on the development.

Thames Water has been trying to gain access to sewers underneath the street since December 2012 – finally gaining access for inspection last week – so developer, Big Apple Development, has been

unable to access the site, leaving chiefs worried about their funding.

Jitesh Thakrar, the lawyer for Big Apple Developments which owns the Thames Street site, said: "We had the finances ready. The bank was only waiting on planning permission. It has been a year now and we haven't been able to start work."

"We cannot give assurances to the bank about when it [the work] will start so they are getting impatient. We are trying to do everything we can."

The development would take around a year to construct meaning the building would have been close to completion had all gone to plan.

Mr Thakrar added: "[When it was passed] the planning committee said this

was a property that was rundown and in need of redevelopment.

"We want to do that and we have not been able to."

Three out of five properties between the Theatre Royal Windsor and the former Salon Glavina in Thames Street, are either boarded up or vacant which has caused problems for Thames Water gaining access.

A Thames Water spokeswoman said: "We've now got access to the properties so have a team inside carrying out further investigation work using CCTV to inspect the state of the sewers."

The company is also considering taking Thames Water to the High Court for damages of earnings.

## Stolen car found

TWO teenagers were arrested after a stolen car was picked up by number plate recognition cameras.

A red Mercedes was stolen from a home in Bray Court, Bray, on Tuesday, January 28, along with a set of keys, mobile phones, cash

and other valuables.

Police officers were sent to the scene and while carrying out inquiries at the home, were alerted that the Mercedes had tripped a nearby Automatic Number Plate Recognition camera.

The officers found

the car parked in Maidenhead Road, Windsor, shortly afterwards.

A 17 and 19 year old found nearby were arrested in connection with the burglary. They have been bailed until February 26, and February 28, respectively.

## Music night for Vivi

A NIGHT of live music will be held at the Firestation, in St Leonard's Road, on Saturday, March 8, to raise money for the Vivi's Venture campaign. Tickets for the

performance which will start at 8pm and also features a disco and raffle cost £10.

For more information or to buy tickets, go to [www.vivisventure.com](http://www.vivisventure.com)

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