

Dear

25<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Having commenced our Merchant Navy careers in 1962 on the River Thames at the Thames Nautical Training College, HMS Worcester, moored off Greenhithe, Kent, Julian Thorogood and Brian Cushing intend to mark the last 46 years of their involvement in British Seafaring by rowing, ( sculling ), back up it.

The Voyage, of 20 miles, is planned to take place on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> departing St. Katharine's Pier, (Tower Bridge, North Side), at between 1230 and 1300 hrs with an estimated time of arrival (ETA), at the Teddington Boundary Stone of 1900 hrs that evening. A simple chart is attached. We are most grateful to the Port of London Authority who have allowed us to do this and will be monitoring our progress

Messer's Thorogood and Cushing will be sculling ' Megen ' a Thames skiff built by Hobb's Bros., of Henley in 1888, and now owned by Mr. Mark Edwards of the Richmond Boat Yard.

In our efforts to mark this ' retirement row ' we are supporting the Richard House Children's Hospice situated close to where we joined our first ships as apprentices at Albert Dock in the Royal Docks complex. A letter of explanation and some fundraising details are attached. If your Company or Group could support this extremely worthy cause we would both be delighted.

Key times on April 25<sup>th</sup> are:-

1230 – 1300 depart St. Katharine's Pier, Tower Bridge...heading upstream!

1445 – 1515 somewhere near Wandsworth Bridge

1645 – 1715 somewhere near Richmond Bridge

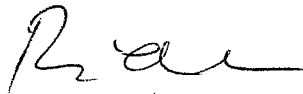
1845 Teddington Boundary Stone

1900 The White Swan, Twickenham, or possibly the Teddington Royal Infirmary.....

All are welcome either to see us off at St Katharine's Pier or welcome us home at the Pub! Or both...



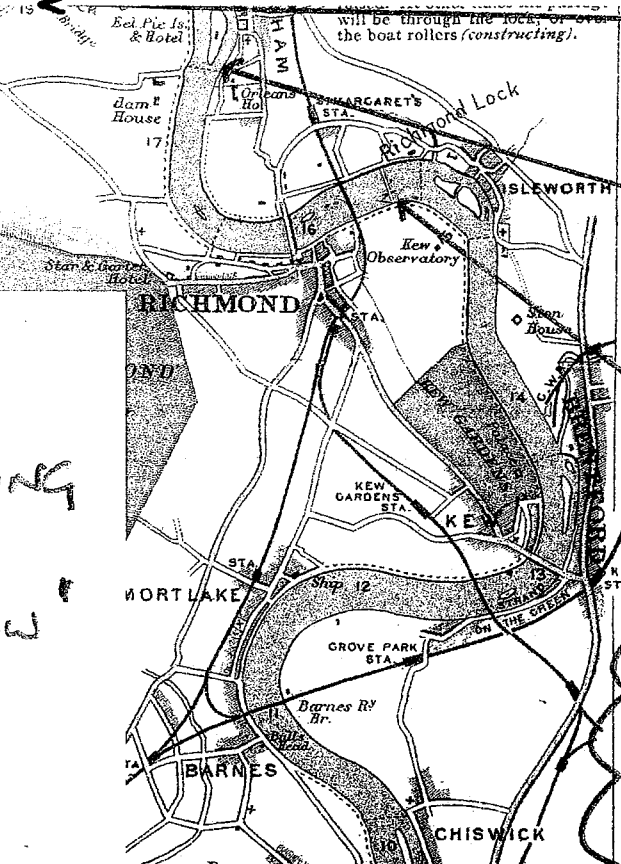
Julian Thorogood



Brian Cushing

Kingston, 20 m. 4 f. (91 m. 4 f.)  
 Near the market place is a stone on which  
 several of the Saxon kings were crowned.  
 Hotels: Griffin, Sun; and several Inns.  
 Boatyards: A. Burgoine, R. J. Turk.

Richmond Bridge, 16 m. 1 f. (95 m. 7 f.)  
 Dist. 1 h. 15 min. Flows 2 hours



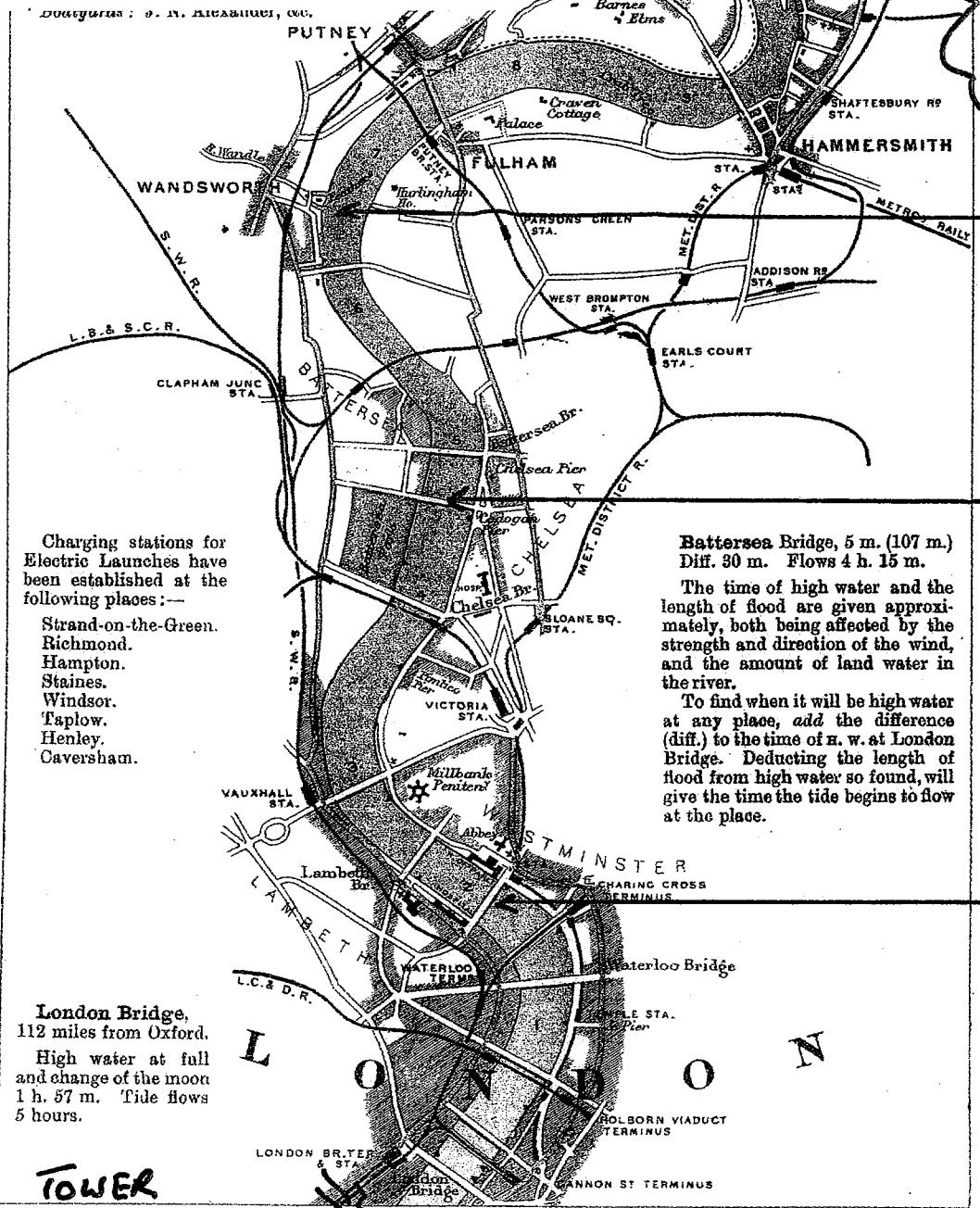
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 TEDDINGTON BOUNDARY  
 STONE. 20 MILES FROM  
 TOWER BRIDGE...ETA 184

End of 'Voyage' beers  
 @ THE WHITE SWAN  
 TWICKENHAM  
 1900 HRS

Richmond Lock  
 1715/1745

THE  
 THOROGOOD/CUSHING  
 "Retirement Row"

Join us for the 'Start'  
 at Tower Bridge, St.  
 Katharine's Pier or  
 for a few beers at the  
 WHITE SWAN, TWICKENHAM  
 when we finish at  
 around 7 pm



Wandsworth  
 1445/1500

Albert Bridge  
 1400/1430

Charging stations for  
 Electric Launches have  
 been established at the  
 following places:—  
 Strand-on-the-Green.  
 Richmond.  
 Hampton.  
 Staines.  
 Windsor.  
 Taplow.  
 Henley.  
 Caversham.

Battersea Bridge, 5 m. (107 m.)  
 Diff. 30 m. Flows 4 h. 15 m.

The time of high water and the  
 length of flood are given approxi-  
 mately, both being affected by the  
 strength and direction of the wind,  
 and the amount of land water in  
 the river.

To find when it will be high water  
 at any place, add the difference  
 (diff.) to the time of a. w. at London  
 Bridge. Deducing the length of  
 flood from high water so found, will  
 give the time the tide begins to flow  
 at the place.

Westminster Bridge  
 1315/1330

London Bridge,  
 112 miles from Oxford.  
 High water at full  
 and change of the moon  
 1 h. 57 m. Tide flows  
 5 hours.

TOWER  
 BRIDGE →

25th APRIL 2008  
 < START >  
 St. Katharine's Pier

ETD 1230/1245

# Richard House

## London's First Children's Hospice



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11<sup>th</sup> March 2008

### LETTER OF AUTHORISATION

#### **To Whom It May Concern**

This letter is to confirm that Brian Cushing and Julian Thorogood are raising funds for Richard House Children's Hospice by rowing 20 miles on the Thames on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2008. All money raised will go directly toward assisting Richard House care for life-limited and life threatened children. We are extremely grateful for your support.

Richard House is now open '24/7' which provides total flexibility for families and children who can access the residential facilities as and when required, 7 days a week. Richard House relies almost entirely on the generosity of companies, trusts and individuals to provide our services. Donations such as this provide a valuable contribution. This year 2007-8 Richard House needs to generate £1.8 million in voluntary donations to enable us to continue the vital work we do with our children, young people and their families

The children, their families, our volunteers and staff at Richard House thank you for supporting Brian and Julian. If you would like any further information or need endorsement of their fundraising ventures, then please do not hesitate to contact me on the telephone number below or via e-mail.

Our thanks and best wishes once again.

Yours sincerely,

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