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### Did You Know?

The statue known as Ghost or Descent from the Cross by Andrew O'Connor (1874-1941) is grade 11 listed for its special architectural or historic interest. It is listed as being sited immediately to the south of Campion House. It was first exhibited 1937 made from Portland stone it depicts three sinuous sculpted figures emerging from a block of rough limestone. The central figure of Christ, is supported by flanking mourners, one male one female.

This large-scale religious work was lent by the artist to the Tate Gallery for the opening of its Duveen Sculpture gallery in 1937. In 1940, O'Connor requested its return to Ireland, but it was already in store. In 1950 the Tate contacted the Irish authorities. Hector O'Connor, son of the artist, negotiated through Father M.C.D'Arcy for the piece to be presented to the Jesuit community at Campion House. On 11 November 1953 it left the Tate for Osterley.

Andrew O'Connor, an American artist of Irish and Scottish descent, was born in Worcester, Massachusetts. He studied first under his sculptor father, and from 1894 in London, under John Singer Sargent whose sculptural work for Boston Public Library included a crucifixion group comparable to this piece. By 1905 he was living in Paris, where he met Rodin who strongly influenced his work.

Many examples of O'Connor's public sculpture survive in the USA. These include a bas-relief for mural of Boston Library (1894-7); Vanderbilt Memorial bronze doors, tympanum and frieze, church of St.Bartholomew', New York (1897 - 1902); equestrian figure of General Lafayette, Baltimore (1924); bust of Lincoln, Royal Exchange, London; Triple Cross, Dun Laoghaire Ireland, (from 1931).

### Do You Know?

I visited the site to take a photograph of the statue for inclusion in this article. However I was unable to locate it although I do remember it being there. Subsequently I contacted Historic England and the Conservation Department at London Borough of Hounslow to advise them of its disappearance.

The missing statue is not that of Saint Edmund Campion, which was at Campion house, but is now in the Prayer Garden at St Vincent de Paul, see photo

If you know where The Ghost now resides please let us know.

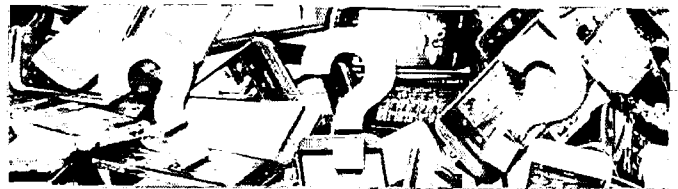


### Get on Line Week

#### Gadget Surgery: 7th February 2018

Does new technology leave you feeling bewildered? Then bring your device along to the Gadget Surgery and seek the advice of a friendly volunteer.

- Date: 7th February 2018
- Location: Hounslow Library Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow TW3 1ES
- Time: 14:00 - 16:00
- Cost: Free. No booking required



#### Safer Internet Day - How to stay safe on-line: 10th February 2018

Keep children safe especially when using apps like snapchat and what's app. Protect your computer against hacking, malware and viruses. For help with these and other ways to stay safe online drop into one of the free sessions and learn some basic techniques.

- Date: 10th February 2018
- Location: Hounslow Library Civic Centre, Lampton Road, Hounslow TW3 1ES
- Time: 12:00 - 16:00
- Cost: Free. No booking required



**Hounslow Central**

**Applications**

48 The Drive

Certificate of Lawfulness the proposed erection of a rear roof extension incorporating a Juliet balcony, hip to gable conversion, one side roof and two front roof windows to the hours.

57 The Drive

Ground floor rear extension 6m deep, 3m high to the eaves with the maximum height of 3m.

**Decisions**

14 Worton Gardens

Erection of two detached single storey outbuildings for ancillary use of the house.  
APPROVED 21/11/2017

67 Worton Way

Ground floor rear extension 6m deep, 3m high to the eaves with the maximum height of 3.85m.  
PRIOR APPROVAL NEEDED AND REFUSED  
18/12/2017

**Appeals**

79 Worton Way

Ground floor rear extension 5.95 metres deep, maximum height of 2.95 metres. 2.88 metres high to the eaves.  
PRIOR APPROVAL NEEDED AND REFUSED 29/06/2017  
APPEAL LODGED 09/11/2017  
APPEAL ALLOWED 22/12/2017

**Osterley & Spring Grove**

**Applications**

None

**Decisions**

3 Eversley Crescent

Retrospective application for the erection of single storey rear extension to the house.  
APPROVED 30/11/2017

180 Spring Grove Road

Retrospective application for installation of two roof lights to the rear extension of the house.  
APPROVED 22/12/2017

200 Spring Grove Road

Demolition and erection of a single storey outbuilding at the rear garden of the house.  
REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION 18/12/2017

At long last the case against Riaz Virani for the illegal use of the former telephone repeater station as a residential dwelling has been heard at Isleworth Crown Court.

He was fined £3,300 and a £10,000 confiscation order was imposed.

SGRA brought this to the attention of the Council in 2006 and it has been a source of nuisance to Spencer Road residents since that time. The property has now been squatted but we have assurances that once the site is cleared and the squatters removed the Council will be looking at utilising powers to secure it. This is to ensure the property is not used for illegal dumping/ squatting again.

In terms of the property's long term use, the Council would welcome suggestions on possible uses that may be acceptable to the residents. If you have any suggestions contact Matt Robinson, Planning Enforcement Team Leader, at [Matt.Robinson@hounslow.gov.uk](mailto:Matt.Robinson@hounslow.gov.uk)

**SGRA Meetings**

As a result of a suggestion made at our AGM it was agreed to publish the dates of our meetings which are as follows:

**Tuesday, February 20**

**Tuesday, March 20**

Meetings are held in The Milford Arms starting at 8pm. All members are welcome to join us to observe, contribute, raise concerns or just for a drink. We look forward to seeing you there.

**WERFA**

*Burns Night*  
**CELEBRATION**

**Saturday 3rd February at 8pm, doors open at 7.30**

**Traditional piper and Scottish dancing and of course haggis (including veggie haggis of course as well as meat), tatties and neeps and a 'wee dram' all included in the ticket price.**

Tickets £15 per person  
Contact Les  
[les@lesmccallum.com](mailto:les@lesmccallum.com)  
or Phone/Text  
07510 632 109

Scottish dancing led by dancers and the haggis brought in by the traditional piper in full regalia and addressed in the traditional way

