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Dear Resident Association Member

As Mayor of Spelthorne I am planning a River Day on **Saturday 24 June 2017** with a flotilla travelling from Sunbury-on-Thames to Staines-upon-Thames.

I am delighted to be able to tell you the flotilla will be led by "Gloriana", the Queen's Rowbarge. She will be rowed by members of local skiff and rowing clubs. This one-off opportunity will make this a major local event and highlight the River Thames, which borders 9 miles of the Borough of Spelthorne.

Gloriana will be accompanied by the Worshipful Company of Watermen and Lightermen's shallop "Jubilant", the "Jolly Brit", a former tender to the Royal Yacht Britannia and "Impossible Dream", a specially adapted boat for wheelchair users.

The remainder of the procession will be members from the local clubs in their own rowing boats and skiffs.

Viewing will be possible for much of the journey from the towpath. The flotilla will travel through Sunbury, Shepperton, Chertsey and Penton Hook Locks where there will be the spectacle of raising the oars and manoeuvring the vessels. Visitors will be able to pick up a flag in support of my chosen charities and help wave the flotilla through.

I would like, therefore, to invite you and your families to come along and participate and help make this a very special day.

I attach an electronic copy of the route and more information on Gloriana and the other vessels, together with details of the charities I am supporting in my mayoral year.

Thank you very much for your help and please do get back to me if any questions arise.

Kind regards

Cllr Vivienne Leighton  
Mayor of Spelthorne

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