



# 2018 – Not today Satan, not today Maiden Road News

2018: International Year ...  
The UN decided there would be nothing worth celebrating in 2018.  
**This is not a joke.**  
"Never give a clown too many balls to juggle." (Will Leamon)



## February



17<sup>th</sup>: A view of the Olympic Park – soon to be blocked by new buildings, as part of the Olympic Park “redevelopment” scheme!

## March



18<sup>th</sup>: Late snow in Stratford. It wasn't a cold Winter, as the previous photo shows; but a late cold snap made us feel all Christmassy again.

## June

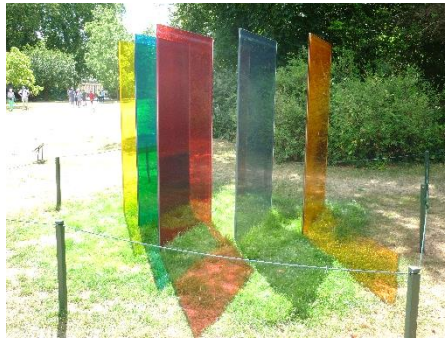


11<sup>th</sup>: Philip's choir, the Pink Singers, in Parliament Square, protesting the removal of European Human Rights legislation.

## July



1<sup>st</sup>: Pink Singers at Heathrow – the first-ever flash mob at the Airport. Approved by the management, of course, otherwise they'd be inside for Yuletide.



28<sup>th</sup>: We spend a day each year visiting the Regents Park “Art in the Park” free exhibition. This was our favourite this year, “No.814” by Rana Begum.

## August



8<sup>th</sup>: A view across Victory Park to Manhattan Lofts, the tallest building in Stratford, and definitely the longest to build – six years and counting. It can be seen from Richmond Park in West London.



11<sup>th</sup>: LGBT 10k Fun Run in Victoria Park, Hackney. A group of Pink Singers run each year, and this year it was larger than usual. We turn up each year to cheer them on. Watching other people work – such fun!.

## September



17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>: “Personification Across Disciplines” (PAD) conference in Durham. This is me networking. I gave a paper on “Things Do Things to Things: Social calculus, agentive grammar and the beginnings of language” – I like to keep my titles clear and simple.

## October



27<sup>th</sup>: Another outdoor art exhibition, this time around the City of London. Our favourite was “Perceval” by Sarah Lucas.

## November



10<sup>th</sup>: 99 years and 364 days after the end of World War I, we went to see the Shrouds of the Somme memorial in the Olympic Park. The artist, Rob Heard, made 72,396 shrouded figures to represent the soldiers whose remains were never identified after the battle. In the background you can see the scale of the project, in the foreground are individual figures for each day of the war with the number who died on that day. A very moving experience.

## December



1<sup>st</sup>: A small group of the Pink Singers sang carols in King's Cross station for World Aids Day. Philip sang (he's in the Santa hat) and I helped shake the bucket.

## Other events

March-December: Philip volunteers as interviewer & presenter in the Stratford Village history project.  
11<sup>th</sup> June: Philip reaches 70, burns birth certificate.  
20<sup>th</sup> July: Martin is 65 but doesn't stop working.

## That Techie Stuff

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Wishing you a Happy Holiday and a peaceful 2019.