

# Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE

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Air Ambulance on Twickenham Green  
 Photo by Berkley Driscoll

# TickerTape - News in Brief

## Red Arrows Return

The Red Arrows will be conducting a flypast on Saturday 15th August to commemorate VJ Day. They are expected to fly across the borough on a similar flightpath to that taken on 18th June. The display should pass over Richmond at approximately 5.28pm.

## Explore: Richmond Lock

Join Environment Trust and the Lock Keeper of Richmond Lock on 3rd September on an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Richmond Lock and Footbridge following its major repainting programme. Find details [HERE](#)

## Stag Brewery Amended Scheme

An amended scheme has been submitted for Stag Brewery in response to the Mayor's call-in. There is a public consultation 14 August - 27 September 2020. For more information on the public hearing and to make representations, view details [HERE](#)

## Mayoress to run 10K for charity

The Mayor of Richmond's official consort, Mayoress Eileen McManus, will be taking part in next month's 10K Richmond RUNFEST at Kew Gardens to raise funds for her husbands' mayoral charities.

You can donate to the Mayor's charity via JustGiving [HERE](#)

## Council agrees to closely monitor Royal Park traffic trials

As Royal Parks launch their trials to reduce cut-through motor traffic in Richmond Bushy Parks, Richmond Council will be closely monitoring the impacts on nearby communities - including congestion and air quality.

To stay informed of the process and progress of the trials, people are encouraged to sign up to the Movement Strategy mailing list: [www.royalparks.org.uk/movement](http://www.royalparks.org.uk/movement).

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Gosh, there's been a lot of talk about toilets on Twickenham and Richmond Green recently; people aren't happy. Residents are not satisfied with the council's slow, and lack of, action to deal with the situation and the deleterious effect it is having.

TwickerSeal can sympathise with their concerns; having enjoyed a few afternoons on the green in the sun, enjoying a Dennis Hopp'r IPA or two, he and his chums had to cut short their stay – before they got caught short.

TwickerSeal can't understand the council's aversion to providing basic hygienic facilities on the greens. Strangely, the issue seems to be dividing along party lines. The Conservative and Green councillors seem to be supporting residents' wishes for public toilets, while the Lib Dem councillors appear to be finding every excuse to dodge and fudge the issue.

Well, if this administration continues to treat its constituents in such a cavalier manner, then it may get caught short too ... at the ballot box.



# Borough View

By Graeme Stoten

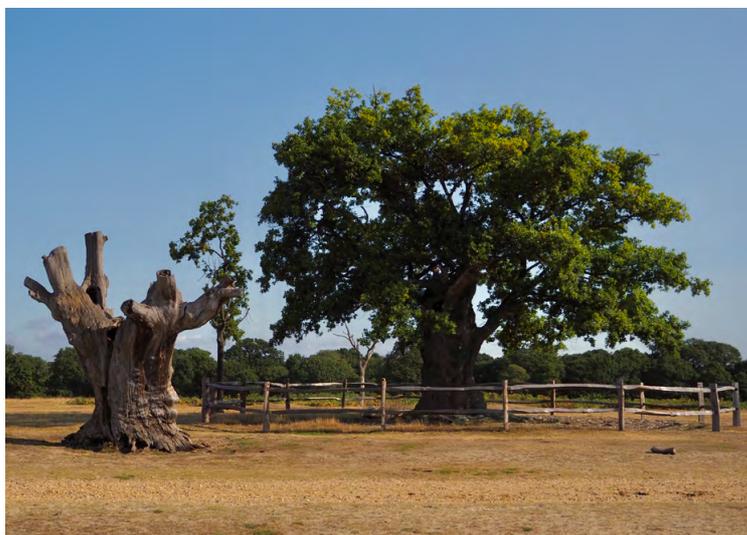
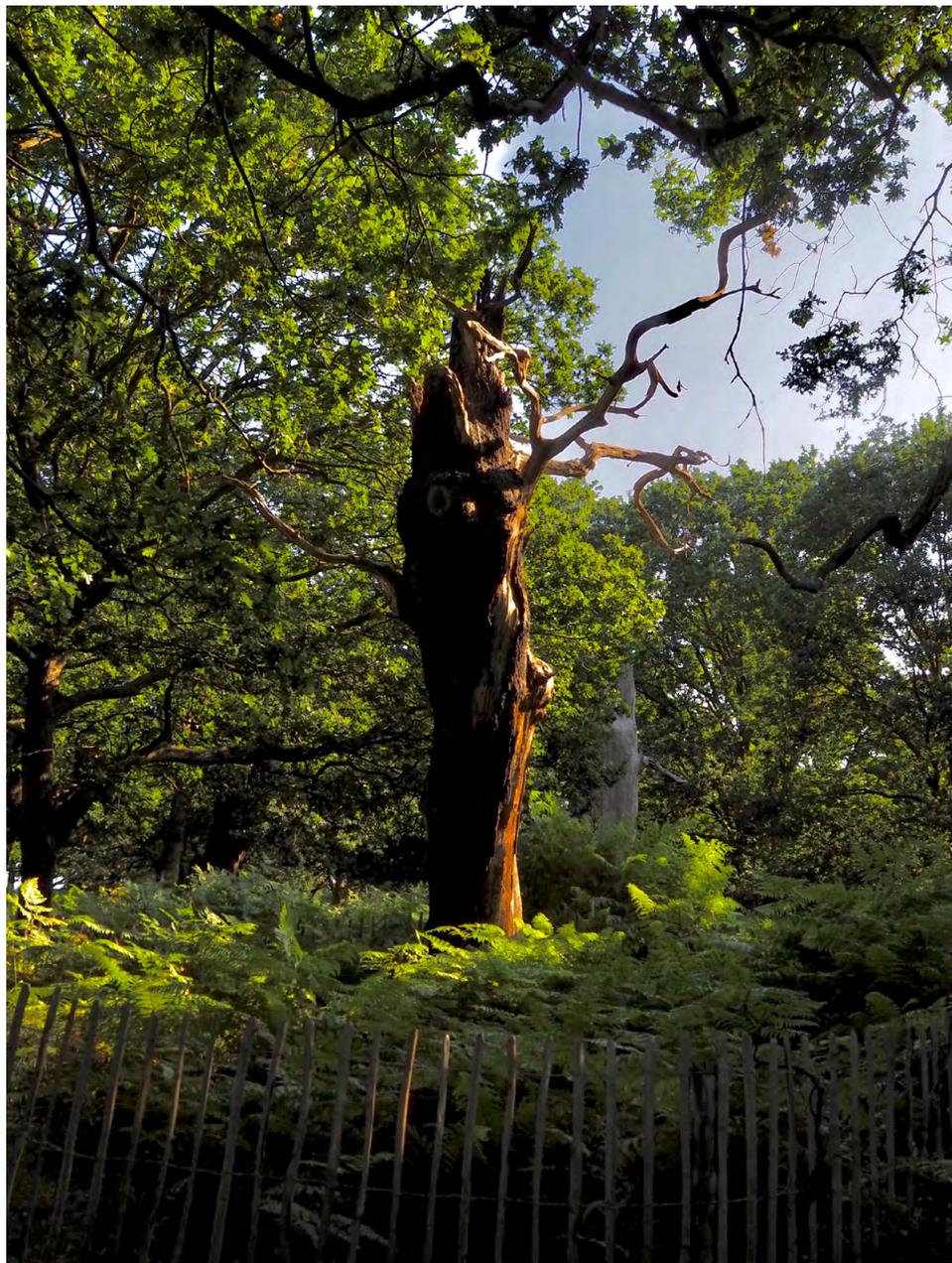
## 'Amble through Two Storm Wood'

Deane's Coppice in Richmond Park forms part of Two Storm Wood where there are many examples of veteran trees in particular English oaks.

Dead standing oaks are left to rot down to support wood eating beetles and other inset life in the habitat.

This delightful early morning amble is part of a larger circuit including Conduit Wood, where many poplars are planted (notoriously difficult to propagate).

Incidentally 'Two Storm Wood' is named after the violent storms from 1987 and 1990 where many older trees were taken down, still for many a graphic memory!



# CONSERVATIVES CALL FOR EMERGENCY COUNCIL MEETING TO DEMAND TOILETS ON OUR GREENS

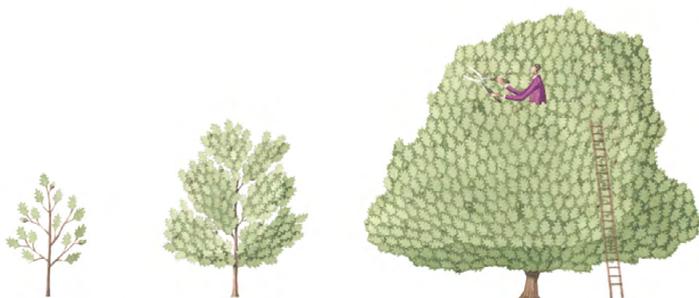
The Conservative Group on Richmond Council has called for an Emergency meeting of the Council to deal with the growing problem of a lack of public toilets in two key parts of the borough. In response to growing public pressure they believe that the Council must act now to resolve the problem.

Councillor Geoffrey Samuel says: "Today I have called on the Mayor to convene an emergency meeting of the Council to discuss a real emergency. For a number of weeks now with no public toilets available, people have been urinating and defecating in public on both Richmond and Twickenham Green. The Leader of the Council has spoken in public about this public health crisis. Yet his Council has flatly refused to provide portaloos.

"Front gardens and garages in neighbouring roads are not safe either. And members of the public who attempt to remonstrate are met with threats and intimidation. This must not continue.



"Conservative Councillors believe it is time to put a stop to this situation and are standing up for local people who have been coping with an appalling situation. If the Council Leadership will not act, then the Council itself must instruct them to bring in portaloos. We need action NOW. My initiative - supported by all Conservative Councillors – is designed to ensure that the Council meets in the next few days so that portaloos are in place well before Bank Holiday”.



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# Has ham fisted hubris gifted Richmond to the Tories?

By The Grey Cardigan, Richmond

Spare a thought for Sarah Olney. Having been returned to Westminster with a comfortable majority by pro-EU constituents, she and local party members are watching their hard work unravel.

The public's Brexit anger and months of national house arrest have created a febrile mood. Worse still, younger workers have little job security and lockdown has decimated their prospects.

Were you them, wouldn't you want to see out the summer on furlough, sunbathing and drinking cheap alcohol whilst drug dealers circle, supplying your heart's desire?

Richmond is suffering its worst summer of anti-social behaviour and unfettered drug crime for years whilst the council and police look the other way.

Every day since lockdown eased, the Green and Riverside have seen hundreds of visitors sweep through, leaving behind a trail of broken glass, nitrous canisters and bloody violence, as rival drug gangs fight for supremacy.



Welcome to Richmond after lockdown, where residents who complain about noise and litter are intimidated or threatened and the council's leader, Gareth Roberts, has failed to take the situation seriously. Meanwhile locals watch visitors to the town brawl, overdose and defecate in the doorways of their homes and businesses.

Roberts has attempted to downplay the seriousness of the problem, saying it's not unique to Richmond. Perhaps so, but we pay tax in this borough, he leads its council and we have a reasonable expectation of him to secure the Green and Riverside. He clearly has no sympathy for the residents of Richmond Green whom he often says are not short of a few Bob. But not only did he dismiss an offer from these residents to provide additional funding for Green policing out of hand, he and the Met pushed a factually incorrect opposition to private security patrols, (because that'd obviously expose their ineffectiveness). And he's joined-in with jokes about the public urination problem on Twitter with other LibDem activists.

Perhaps the final straw came on Thursday night (13 August) when the council held one of its community conversations. The 'optics' look good but it was a total waste of everyone's time.

Like the surge of town centre graffiti, the writing was on the wall when anti-social behaviour was relegated to the end of the call. In his haste and arrogance, Roberts let slip that he's all for dialogue with residents. No action. Just dialogue. It's not a good look.

By degrading residents' concerns in this way, Roberts clearly hopes this problem will go away with the end of summer. He's wrong. Going door-to-door around the Green and Riverside you can't find a single person with a good word to say about the way in which the LibDem controlled council or Met has handled Richmond's summer of shame.

Having lost her seat at the next election, Olney may wonder whether her defeat can be traced back to residents' anger at the way Cllr Roberts treated them in the summer of 2020. Richmond Park's voters have long memories and are not above voting on single issues. It is, after all, how she won her seat last time.

# LBRUT Monopoly - Get Out of Jail Free

By Teresa Read

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB), caused by the absence of toilets on Twickenham Green, has been taking place for over a year since the summer of 2019. However, although this has been reported to the Council, by email for thirteen months, the Council is now disputing this - despite email evidence - blaming COVID-19.

The first email about the situation was sent to LBRUT Parks officer David Allister on 7 July 2019 - please note councillors that this is many months before COVID-19 had even been mentioned in any government reports or known about by the World Health Organization.

Of course, COVID-19 has had an impact all over the country but the specific problem of ASB in Strawberry Hill was initially discussed thirteen months ago at a meeting of the Strawberry Hill Residents Association (SHRA) to which local councillors are invited including one who is a Friend of Twickenham Green.

On Wednesday morning this week Cllr Katie Mansfield, councillor for South Twickenham, wrote "I don't agree that the situation on the Green has been at this level for over a year."

An official complaint is currently with the Council which puts the onus for the ASB emanating from Twickenham Green on the Council's failure to provide public toilets on the Green - and with COVID-19 they have been caught on the hop.

However, the Council's "investigating" officer has written: "I am afraid this is a police matter and therefore cannot be included in your list of complaints - the Council is not responsible for policing Twickenham Green."

So, the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames has a "Get Out of Jail Free card", of course it is only to be expected. And what do they really think? A few weeks ago, on Twitter, the Leader of the Council and one of his councilors for Twickenham Riverside Liked a tweet on Twitter: a joke on the wine label "Le Piat D'Or" and the comment "Perhaps these new toilets need a little sign? Le Pee at door?" A harmless joke in their own time?

However, this week, the Leader of the Council in a statement to a journalist from Private Eye (Rotten Boroughs) blamed the situation in and around Twickenham Green on COVID-19 but it is convenient to forget that the virus was not in the UK during the summer of 2019 when this situation began and numerous complaints started to be made to the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames.

**Community Conversation for those around Twickenham Green, South and West Wards  
Tuesday 18th August at 6.30 pm**

Register for the Zoom meeting [HERE](#)

# Police CCTV Missed Recording Drug Deal Outside Gifford Lodge

Roads across from Twickenham Green have been used by visitors to Twickenham Green for over a year - as a toilet; there are no public toilets on the Green, run by the LBRUT Parks Department.

Residents in Strawberry Hill, opposite Twickenham Green, thought they would have some relief from this onslaught of anti-social behaviour, which has almost erupted into violence on occasions, when last Saturday the Twickenham & Richmond Tribune published a good news story about the installation of CCTV cameras.

However, it was not to be.

On Friday morning (7th August) CCTV cameras were adjusted and turned away from the back of Holy Trinity Church and Gifford Lodge making one of the four cameras redundant. What a mistake!

As well as men from Twickenham Green urinating at the back of the church and on local property a drug deal was witnessed taking place outside the balconies of Gifford Lodge, 25 Popes Avenue. This has been reported before to the police but this time a visible exchange of money for a small package was witnessed. The motorbike courier moved off before a photograph could be taken of the number plate but this could have been recorded on camera if it had not been adjusted on Friday morning.

To say that the situation does not seem to be managed very well by the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames is an understatement; there are no temporary toilets which could be provided instead of "wardens" who seem to be largely ineffective. A quotation for temporary toilets has been sent to the Council by residents which is probably cheaper than wardens. And the CCTV camera needs to point to all parts of the road where the Anti-Social Behaviour is taking place including the favourite drop-off spot for drug couriers - on the corner of Popes Avenue in Strawberry Hill, opposite Twickenham Green.

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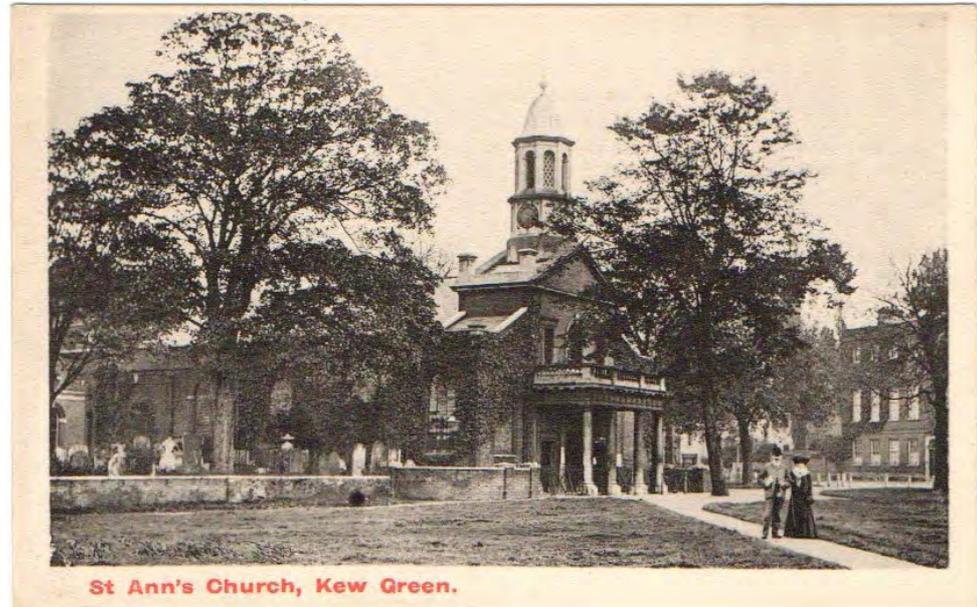
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As we learn more about the history of this borough of ours, I find it quite amazing that there are such liberal sprinklings of the Royal Family in situ here going back centuries. Given the proximity of the area to central London which has been the seat of power for so long and the fact that the river easily brought the Royals out into the country and to their palaces at Hampton Court, Richmond and Kew.

The hamlet of Kew had a chapel in the 16th century, but this was the private chapel of Thomas Byrkis at Kew Farm and the licence granting permission for divine service and Eucharist to be held there covered only the lives of Byrkis and his wife. It was given in 1522 and discontinued in 1534. In 1710, the inhabitants of the hamlet (at that time in the Parish of Kingston) resolved to build a 'chapel of ease'. A petition supported by the Vicar of Kingston was made to Queen Anne - the Lady of the Manor - who gave her assent and presented the petitioners with a site on Kew Green plus £100 towards the cost of the chapel and cemetery. The Queen followed the progress of the building, visiting on her journey to and from Windsor. The church was dedicated to St. Anne on 12th May 1714.



We have four postcards illustrating this article. The two exterior photos of St Anne's church are both printed format and date from approximately 110 years ago just before the first World War. The two internal photos of the church and the altar are Real Photographic postcards and probably date from the 1950s.



St Anne's Church is today a parish church in Kew in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames. The building is Grade II listed and forms the central focus of Kew Green. The raised churchyard, which is on three sides of the church, has two Grade II listed monuments – the tombs of the artists Johan Zoffany (d. 1816) and Thomas Gainsborough (d. 1788). The French Impressionist painter

Camille Pissarro (1830–1903), who stayed in 1892 at 10 Kew Green, portrayed St Anne's in his painting *Church at Kew* (1892).

Originally built in 1714 on land given by Queen Anne, as a church within the parish of Kingston, St. Anne's Church has been extended several times since, as the settlement of Kew grew with royal patronage. In 1770, King

George III undertook to pay for the first extension, designed by Joshua Kirby who, four years later, was buried in the churchyard. The church became a parish church in its own right in 1788. In 1805, a new south aisle, designed by Robert Browne, was added, along with a gallery for the royal family's own use. Under King William IV it was further extended in 1837 by Sir Jeffry Wyattville.

A mausoleum designed by the architect Benjamin Ferrey was added in 1851 and an eastern extension, including a dome, in 1882.

The small domed building was originally used as the cenotaph of Prince Adolphus, Duke of Cambridge and his wife Princess Augusta of Hesse-Kassel. but in 1930 their remains were exhumed and buried at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Francis, Duke of Teck married Princess Mary Adelaide of Cambridge at St Anne's on 12 June 1866.



THE ALTAR, ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, KEW



ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, KEW

Further extensions occurred in 1902, 1979 and 1988. The interior of the roof was repainted in 2013. To mark the church's tercentenary in 2014, a new baptismal font was installed.

The present parish hall, which is at right angles to the church and incorporates the previous choir vestry, was built in 1978. Its

design echoes the materials and forms of the church building.

A collection of funerary hatchments honouring deceased royal or noble parishioners is on display in front of the church's gallery, flanking a rare representation of Queen Anne's coat of arms. A hatchment commemorating George III's son, Ernest Augustus, King of Hanover, was hung in the church in 1821. It is now in the collection of the Museum of Richmond. Inside the church are fine memorials, including ones to the Hooker family. Just outside the church walls, on the south side, is the Kew war memorial, in the form of a large stone cross, commemorating the local people who fell in the First and Second World Wars. Their names are listed not on the memorial, but in the church.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the church has been mothballed for several months but when back to normal will once again become the hub of Kew Green.

On Sundays the church usually held three morning services – a Said Eucharist in traditional language, Morning Prayer and a Sung Eucharist. An Evening Prayer was also held.

The church was also used as a venue for concerts, including those of the local orchestra, Kew Sinfonia.

Please visit St Anne's church website for up to date news of activities.:

<http://saintanne-kew.org.uk/kew-green/>

All previous articles in this weekly local postcard column are accessible by visiting [www.twickenhamtribune.com](http://www.twickenhamtribune.com) Just go the archive editions which start in 2016.

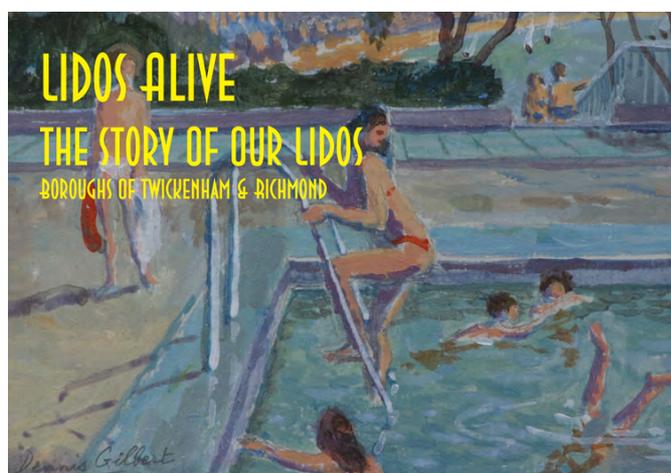
With many of us spending more time at home at present it may be that you are using the time to tidy a few drawers or have a bit of a clear-out. If you trip over any old postcards, old envelopes with stamps on, or photograph albums that you would consider parting with, I'd be very interested in arranging to see them. Please contact me on 07875 578398 or by email at: [alanwinter192@hotmail.com](mailto:alanwinter192@hotmail.com) I am happy to pay cash for anything like that which I find of interest. So don't throw old postcards etc. in the skip or recycling bins. Show them to me first!

Thanks, stay safe and well.

## An Ideal Present for just £6

Lidos Alive – the Story of Our Lidos - is a 63-page A5 book with colour photos and illustrations full of interesting information about the history of outdoor swimming in the Borough and the rise of the lido. Contents include Mereway Bathing Place, pools in Bushy Park, Hampton Pool, Teddington Pool, Hampton Wick, Tagg's Island, Marble Hill, Twickenham Baths, Pools on the Park and other interesting stories.

Books can be purchased at Crusader Travel in Church Street, Twickenham and Premier Wines next to Strawberry Hill Station.



# TEDDINGTON'S ONLINE WAR MEMORIAL COMMEMORATES THE FALLEN OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR

To mark the 75th anniversary of the end of all Second World War hostilities, the Teddington Society today (Saturday 15th August 2020) launches its unique Online WWII War Memorial for the town.

In addition to the physical War Memorial in front of the hospital, there are 12 other memorials across Teddington, in places such as churches, the post office sorting room and the bus station at Fulwell. These list all those who fell during the First World War – but there are very few names listed of those who died during World War Two.

The new War Memorial website puts that right. It lists 159 local servicemen and women and 96 civilians who died during the air raids or due to other enemy action between September 1939 and August 1945. It has been researched and assembled by David Neller, who is keen to hear from local families able to share further



names and details of the Teddington fallen. He can be contacted by email at [daveneller@aol.com](mailto:daveneller@aol.com)

Sheena Harold, Chairman of the Teddington Society, said, “An online Second World War memorial has long been in our sights, and how appropriate it is to have it ready for the 75th anniversary of the Japanese surrender, which brought the war in the Far East, and thus the Second World War, to an end. The benefit of having an online resource like this is that it has a global reach, and I have no doubt it will become an important resource for researchers and historians for many years to come.”

In addition to David Neller’s work, great credit is also due to Mark Buckley at Down to Earth Websites, who designed and did all the technical work to make the memorial website happen.

The website, which complements the Society’s online First World War memorial, is now available at <https://teddington-ww2.org.uk>

## LINKS:

Teddington Society: [www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk](http://www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk)

First World War memorial: <https://tinyurl.com/WWImem>

Second World War memorial: <https://teddington-ww2.org.uk>

Down to Earth Websites: <https://www.downtoearthwebsites.co.uk/>

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# COVID-19

Teresa Read

FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2020

As we have seen in the UK COVID-19 has affected treatment for other medical conditions. Last month the British Medical Journal warned “Waiting times for tests and treatment not related to covid-19 are likely to increase significantly in the second half of 2020 because of the fallout from the pandemic.”

In the Americas which has the highest number of deaths, the COVID-19 pandemic is threatening regional plans to eliminate and control infectious diseases including tuberculosis, HIV, hepatitis and others.

## **Local Statistics: total cases of COVID-19**

570 in Richmond upon Thames, 772 in Kingston-upon-Thames and 1,174 in Hounslow.

## **Countries with the Highest Number of Deaths Recorded in the WHO Situation Reports:**

The three countries with the highest death rates in the world are in the Americas; the number of deaths published by the World Health organization are as follows:

USA: 164 826      Brazil: 104 201      Mexico: 54 666

South Africa has the highest number of recorded deaths in Africa: 11 270

Iran has the highest number of published deaths in the Eastern Mediterranean: 19 162.

The United Kingdom has the highest number of recorded deaths in Europe: 46 706

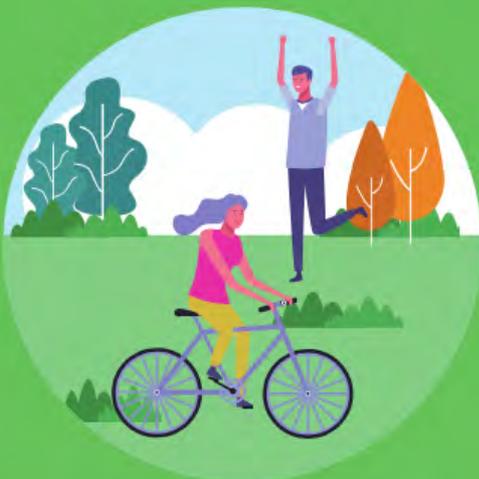
India has the highest number of published deaths in South-East Asia: 48 040

China remains the country with the highest number of deaths in the Western Pacific; the figure provided is 4 707

The total number of deaths worldwide, available to the World Health Organization, is 751 154

## Can people wear masks while exercising?

People should NOT wear masks when exercising as masks may reduce the ability to breathe comfortably.



Sweat can make the mask become wet more quickly which makes it difficult to breathe and promotes the growth of microorganisms.

The important preventive measure during exercise is to maintain physical distance of at least one meter from others.

16 June 2020

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# Air ambulance Lands On Twickenham Green

By Berkley Driscoll

On the afternoon of Wednesday 12th August Twickenham was hit by a sudden storm bringing thunder, lightning and sizeable hailstones. Many of us looked out in fascination as the hailstones pounded down and the wind blew. But there was another alien sound; used to aircraft flying over from nearby Heathrow, it took a moment to realise that a helicopter was directly overhead and at a low level.

Looking out the window I glimpsed a bright red helicopter dropping below the treeline; it was the London Air Ambulance and it appeared to be setting down on Twickenham Green.

I dashed out to the Green to see what was happening, amazed at the skill of the pilot landing in the high winds and driving rain. Once the helicopter had settled a team of orange-clad paramedics disembarked and ran towards Heath Road.



Speaking to the pilot, he said there had been a serious accident and a medical team needed to be on site as soon as possible to assess and deal with any injuries before an ambulance was able to attend.



*Click image to view video*

The medical team returned to the helicopter after about 40 minutes and it departed without the need to evacuate anyone.

A while later I heard that three builders had been working on a roof when the storm hit; while two of them had been able to cling on, the other was swept off the roof over the scaffolding to the ground below.

It turns out that the property owner, Raymond Clark, is a friend of mine. He told me “The wind took him and sheet materials off the roof of the dormer down

the pitch roof at the front hitting the scaffold and then dropping to the pavement I had to drag him into the doorway because I feared the scaffold boards were going to come down, he is a very lucky young man to escape with his life.” Ray added “Broken collar bone, dislocated shoulder, cut head etc, he’s in good spirits tonight, very lucky”

It sounds like he had a very lucky escape and we wish him the best in his recovery.

View the London’s Air Ambulance website [HERE](#)

Donate to them [HERE](#)

*Photos and video by Berkley Driscoll*

# Marble Hill Horticultural Marvels

## Weekly update from the Kitchen Garden

By Jack Morris

Despite the heat, our devoted and passionate volunteers have been hard at work during this crucial time in the growing season. It has been a constant challenge to provide the water needed to ensure the survival of the plants and also provide the best quality fruit and vegetables for the people of Richmond and Twickenham. We have been harvesting a great deal of produce and have begun to sell produce once again. It is delightful to be able to share the fruits of our labour with the local community and engage with the age old tradition of market gardening. Which has a rich and interesting history in this area.

### Seeds to Sow in August

August is typically a month of harvest and preparation; a time to reap the rewards of all the hard work over the growing season and to begin to prepare for the next.

Now is the ideal time to sow seeds for harvests throughout autumn and into the following spring. August is a fantastic month for sowing leaf crops, sow by mid month for vigorous harvests all through autumn or sow late in the month for smaller autumn plants to overwinter for earlier harvests in the spring.

Here are some to try sowing this month!

#### Sow undercover\* or outdoors

**By Mid-Month**—Endive, Florence fennel, oriental leaves, salad rocket, spinach (Chard or leaf beets), Chervil, coriander, dill, land cress, wild rocket, lettuce and true spinach. Any salads for planting out in September and to grow under cloches

**At months end (For small plants to overwinter)**— spinach, spring onion, lettuce and spring cabbage

*\*meaning in a windowsill, potting shed etc.*



The market stall at Marble Hill Park Kitchen Garden on a Thursday morning

The Kitchen Garden Market stall is open every Thursday from 11:00 am – 12:30pm.

We sell a range of fresh seasonal produce as well as a variety of homemade jams and chutneys.

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All of our produce is free from chemical fertilisers, pesticides and additives.

Sources and useful websites:

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/>

<https://charlesdowding.co.uk/>

<https://horticulture.oregonstate.edu/>

# A Brief History of Market Gardens in Middlesex

By Jack Morris



*Market gardeners hard at work in the cucumber house*

For approximately 200 years market gardens dominated the landscape of Middlesex. One historic map of the area shows round about 40% of the land around Twickenham was market gardens, the vast majority of produce was transported down the river to Old Covent Garden Market for sale.

In the mid-nineteenth century London was booming, the Industrial revolution led to the advancement of transport links and England was changing from an agrarian nation to an industrial powerhouse. The employment opportunities in London were arguably the best in the UK, this led to a huge population boom. With this growing workforce came the need

for a greater supply of food. Middlesex, with its close proximity to London seemed the ideal place to produce food for the sharply increasing population.

Market Gardening was a big business in Middlesex; according to the 1891 census nearly 15,000 agricultural workers were employed in the county. Some of the most prolific suppliers to Covent Garden Market had their gardens in Middlesex; Mr A W Smith supplied Covent Garden with over a million cabbages a year and employing more than 300 labourers, this earned him the title of 'Cabbage King'. Even by modern agricultural standards this is an impressive feat. One of Mr Smith's proudest achievements must have been his self-designed glass city at Feltham farm; which was comprised of 20 glasshouses, an astonishing, 600ft in length.

Although the glasshouses have long been shattered and the orchards felled, vestiges of this long-forgotten past still remain. From the heritage varieties still occasionally grown today such as the Hounslow wonder apple and the Feltham pea. Remnants



*Market gardener Fred Martin watering young tomato plants in a glasshouse*

of old glasshouses, broken glass and stone foundations, can still be unearthed in many gardens. Old cordon trees of lost varieties from historic fruit producers, now overgrown, many diseased, can still be found in many residential gardens.

The memory of these prolific gardens still remains with some. The decline of the Market Garden began during the 20th century and many gardens remained in production until the 1970s. This is when supermarkets, imports and convenience foods became the norm. In the end this put the final nail in the coffin for productive gardens in Middlesex and many areas of the UK.

At marble hill park we are trying to keep this tradition alive by continuing to produce and sell historic varieties of fruit and vegetables grown without chemicals or additives, using traditional methods wherever possible.



*Porter at Covent Garden Market transporting produce (1960s)*



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*Eel Pie Island Club SUP*



*Stand Up Paddleboarding*  
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# The Royal Parks begins trials to create new car-free spaces in Richmond and Bushy Parks

The Royal Parks charity has begun trials to reduce cut-through motor traffic in Richmond and Bushy Parks, opening up new car-free spaces for visitors to enjoy the natural environment.

The trials will help protect and enhance these precious parks while balancing the needs of local communities. **The trials will begin on 15<sup>th</sup> August**, last six months and conclude in February 2021.

Richmond Park's and Bushy Park's wide, open spaces, grasslands and deer herds, create a tranquil oasis for Londoners. The parks are home to ancient trees and a wide range of rare species including fungi, birds, beetles, bats, grasses and wildflowers. Both parks have protected status as an important habitat for wildlife as Sites of Special Scientific Interest.

**Bushy Park** will see a full-time closure on Chestnut Avenue between Teddington and Hampton Court Gates to motor traffic. Visitors will still be able to drive and park vehicles but access to car parks will be from the closest gate only, with no driving through the park.

A weekday trial at **Richmond Park** will restrict all through-traffic between Broomfield Hill Car Park and Robin Hood Car Park and close the vehicle link between Sheen Gate and Sheen Cross.

Additionally, at **Richmond Park** on weekends, the trial will restrict all cut-through traffic between Roehampton, Sheen and Richmond Gates, ensuring this part of the park is a more enjoyable space for all park visitors.

Mat Bonomi, Head of Transport for The Royal Parks, said: *"Richmond and Bushy Parks are much loved by local residents and those from further afield who are seeking to escape the hustle and bustle of the city for a breath of fresh air."*

*"The reduction of cut-through traffic in these parks has already dramatically changed them for the better, allowing visitors to experience their beauty without a backdrop of commuter traffic. Never before have we seen so many families and children walking, riding and playing on Chestnut Avenue."*

*"We believe this project will go a long way to reducing the negative effects of cut-through traffic. The trial will ensure all car parks are still accessible for those who need them."*

These are part of wider trials across all the Royal Parks. The charity has long aspired to reduce cut-through traffic. As a result of the Covid-19 crisis, the parks have been closed or partially closed to motor vehicles since the end of March and many of the proposed trial measures are already in place.

The beginning of the trials follows the launch of the charity's Movement Strategy in July, which sets a coherent framework to help shape and inform the policies relating to how park visitors can access, experience and move within the parks and incorporated wide-ranging consultation across thousands of members of the public, transport partners and local Boroughs.

The trials will be measured and monitored through visitor satisfaction surveys in the parks (where possible due to Covid-19 restrictions), feedback from stakeholders - local organisations and residents and evaluating external implications in partnership with relevant transport authorities, including TfL and local boroughs. A formal consultation with all park visitors, residents and stakeholders will take place from November to December 2020.



# Thieves steal vital air quality kit

The Council has slammed thieves who have stolen the borough's air quality monitoring unit from the A316 and are appealing for its urgent return.

Monitoring air quality in the borough takes place 24 hours a day. Accurate data regarding pollution and air quality is important, as it helps feed into the borough's Air Quality Action plan and shape future policies and decision making.

The Council owns one mobile monitoring unit and two static units. The mobile unit was located on a grass verge at the side of the A316 outside the new Richmond College Site.

At 1am on 6 August the unit ceased transmitting data and when officers visited the site, they found the locked and alarmed unit had gone, with clear signs that the metal legs had been removed and the power had been cut.



The crime has been reported to the Police and anyone with any information about the missing unit is urged to call 101.

Cllr Alexander Ehmann, "This was a vital piece of equipment that was helping this borough monitor the impact of air quality appears to have been stolen. Words fail me.

"I urge those people who removed this trailer, to please return it. Anyone with information should also come forward to help the enquiries."



# Hammersmith Bridge to be fully closed from Thursday 13th August

Due to urgent safety concerns, Hammersmith and Fulham Council have announced (13 August 2020) that Hammersmith Bridge will be closed to all members of the public, including pedestrians and cyclists, from 5pm, following expert technical advice.

Inspections carried out as part of the restoration works identified an existing crack has worsened over the past week. Engineers believe this is due to the extreme heat conditions London has experienced in recent days.

Cllr Alexander Ehmann, Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Services Committee for Richmond Council, said: *"We fully support the decision to close Hammersmith Bridge on safety measures. Safety must come first.*

*"Richmond Council believes that the safety of all residents must be our number one priority.*

*"However, what was urgent before is now an emergency. A critical piece of London's infrastructure cannot be allowed to crumble into the Thames, while the Government and London Mayor wrangle over responsibility for the funding.*

*"With a potential repair bill of £140m, the Government are the only credible funding mechanism. They must now act in the public interest and supply the long-overdue funding to ensure the bridge can be saved."*



The bridge and pedestrian under-passes on both sides of the river will remain closed until engineers confirm it is safe to reopen. The Port of London Authority has advised that the northern half of the bridge is closed, but that the southern side of the bridge remains open to recreation and leisure vessels.

Up to 16,000 people cross the bridge every day. Richmond Council is encouraging all residents who plan to use the bridge this evening to look at alternative routes before they start their journey.

Last month Richmond Council called on the Government to urgently commit funding to the restoration project, after outline commitments were made earlier this year. With future restoration works and a temporary footbridge hanging in the balance, and with this new development seriously impacting the daily lives of thousands of Richmond residents and businesses, a funding agreement is now critical.

Hammersmith Bridge is owned and maintained by Hammersmith & Fulham Council. Due to severe structural issues, the bridge was closed in April 2019. Following a detailed investigation by a team of world-leading specialist engineers, TfL and Hammersmith & Fulham Council agreed on the future requirement of the bridge. The first stage of the restoration programme began, and TfL provided £25 million to pay for it. Early estimates indicate the wider work could cost around £140 million.

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# Thames Closed At Hammersmith Bridge

All navigation underneath Hammersmith Bridge has been suspended, with a 15 metre exclusion zone upriver and downriver of the bridge.

No end date has been specified.

Port of London - River Thames



## NOTICE TO MARINERS U10 of 2020

### BARN ELMS REACH HAMMERSMITH BRIDGE – CLOSED TO NAVIGATION

Due to urgent safety concerns, Hammersmith & Fulham Council have closed Hammersmith Bridge to river traffic following expert technical advice.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council have confirmed that there is significant risk to vessels and persons passing underneath the bridge. We regrettably advise **navigation underneath Hammersmith Bridge is not permitted and an exclusion zone of 15 metres upriver and downriver of the bridge has been established.**

Arches closed to navigation will be marked in accordance with the Port of London Authority Thames Byelaws 2012 namely:

- By day, three red discs 0.6 metres in diameter at the points of an equilateral triangle with the apex downwards and the base horizontal
- By night, three red lights in similar positions to the discs displayed by day.

The Bridge owners are working hard to minimise the duration of the closure and are considering several options.

For any enquires regarding the Hammersmith Bridge works and this emergency closure, please contact Hammersmith & Fulham Council at:

Mr. Anvar Alizadeh  
Highway Structures Manager  
Tel. 020 87533303  
Email: [anvar.alizadeh@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:anvar.alizadeh@lbhf.gov.uk)

London VTS will include the closure in routine river broadcasts on **VHF Channel 14.**



***“Why, why repine, my pensive friend,  
At pleasures slipp’d away?  
Some, the stern Fates will never lend,  
And all refuse to stay.***

***I see the rainbow in the sky,  
The dew upon the grass;  
I see them, and I ask not why  
They glimmer or they pass.***

***With folded arms I linger not  
To call them back; ‘twere vain  
In this, or in some other spot,  
I know they’ll shine again.”***

The Poem by Walter Savage Landor is called Resignation but it seems to ask us to be content with ‘what is’ rather than resigned in a negative way. Changing a word can influence how we see things and how we feel so I would rather call this poem “Contentment”. The words encourage enjoyment of nature and how things change and evolve and ends with a positive affirmation. The Armandii flower above is in bloom now out of its usual season and everywhere nature is changing and offering beautiful and interesting events. There is reason for alarm and concern but awareness of the positive is necessary to engage the young with a sense of possibilities and not to encourage disillusionment with taking part in community.



***Photo of the underwing view of the Jersey Tiger Moth shown here last week. Would you recognise this if you did not see the Black and White wings?***

Bees galore are about and this one loved the Cosmos Flowers. We are enjoying the honey! Take care with lawn cutting as some bees are nesting in the ground Leaf Cutter and Mining bees are here!



River Crane Sanctuary [Website](#) [Instagram](#)

Have you seen or heard the Sparrowhawks near Trafalgar Infant School? There is drama here with the Magpies dive bombing them and vice versa as the pecking order is fought out Who will win and who will lose this time?

# Shocking video of deer eating dumped litter in Bushy Park

Shocking footage of wild deer feeding on dumped rubbish in Bushy Park reveals the harmful effects of left litter on wildlife.

Two fallow deer are seen seeking out and munching leftover food waste from plastic bags that have been stacked by bins.

Dumped litter presents a huge risk to wildlife which is attracted to picnic scraps and sadly can accidentally eat plastic bags along with the food. The plastic can block their digestive system causing a lingering death from starvation.

The video follows [The Royal Parks' warning to ask the public](#) to stop feeding deer in Bushy and Richmond Parks. Deer are wild animals but as a consequence of being fed they now associate plastic bags with tasty treats. Deer should be eating the natural food that both parks provide in abundance, such as grass, leaves and tree shoots, but unfortunately, due to the public feeding them, it's becoming commonplace for these animals to seek out food from picnics, bins and plastic bags.



Click image to view video  
Video & image © Sue Lindenberg

The amount of litter left across the Royal Parks following lockdown has increased by around a third. In the weekend just gone, staff cleared more than five tonnes of rubbish from Bushy Park.

In June this year 20 tonnes of litter were left in Bushy Park – 13 tonnes more than last year, and this took staff 685 hours to clear away. This is despite the number of bins staff have left in Bushy Park following lockdown being increased by fifty percent, and grounds staff are now staying until 9pm to clear rubbish.

To help combat the litter, The Royal Parks charity is asking people to #BeKindToYourParks to inspire care of the natural environment on our doorsteps. The campaign welcomes people to the park to enjoy their visit but asks them to be kind to others and asks visitors to respect the environment by binning litter or taking it home if the bins are already full.

Bill Swan, Assistant Park Manager, Bushy Park, The Royal Parks, said: *“This is an incredibly sad scene to capture. A witness told us that at one point one of the deer managed to hook a carrier bag full of cans and rubbish in its antler which it found distressing.*

*“We’re finding more litter being left than ever before and we urge people to bin it or if the bins are already full to please take it home.*

*“It’s all too common that we spot deer, foxes, squirrels and birds eating plastic and other rubbish left behind by visitors, causing their stomachs to block up and bloat and preventing them passing waste.*

*“We want people to enjoy their visit to the beautiful spaces in our parks, but we ask visitors to stop, think and protect the wildlife they are there to enjoy.”*



## ALL THE FUN OF THE CIRCUS!

Giffords Circus was started by Toti and the late Nell Gifford, and has toured the south of England every since for the last 19 years. A traditional village circus with a uniquely British charm, blended with extraordinary acts from all over the world, it also has a travelling restaurant, Circus Sauce, headed by chef Ols Halas. It's normally held in a beautifully decorated tent, on site, for circus goers to satisfy their appetite after all the fun of the performances. Every week, Circus Sauce has offered a new menu using seasonal and local produce from the surrounding area with Ols and the kitchen team even throwing in a performance of their own.

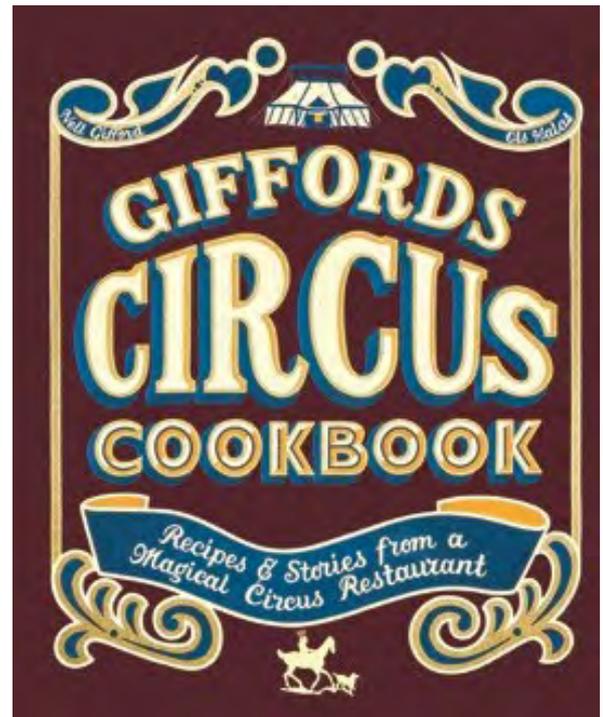
I've always wanted to go to Giffords Circus but never quite seemed to manage to get tickets (or we were away when it is in town – Chiswick House in particular). Of course with the dreaded Covid-19, it won't be in town this year, but the big top will, in fact, go up soon at Fennells Farm near Stroud if you are 'staycationing' in that area. There will be a socially distanced all singing, dancing circus show and of course a dining extravaganza.

It is that dining extravaganza – The Feast – that has, in particular, appealed to this foodie. The idea of sitting in the big top at the dining table, enjoying a three-course feast, while being entertained by circus acts and performers sounds enchanting.

Well folks, I've found the next best thing: **The Giffords Circus Cook Book, Recipes & Stories from a Magical Circus Restaurant**. It was published a few months ago by Quadrille and celebrates two decades of delicious communal cooking alongside the story of the circus itself and its vibrant community. Full of colour, personalities, stories and images of the circus and its slow journey through the English summer countryside, the book's 100 recipes include plenty of hearty fare. These include Pork belly baps with poached rhubarb and Braised beef short ribs with sticky dates and hazelnuts; fresh and light sharers of Salmon goujons with laverbread tartare and cauliflower, and lots more! Well, I've had a browse through the book and chosen a couple of recipes to share with you – pickled vegetables (perfect for this time of year with our garden harvests) and the Giffords Circus legendary chocolate brownies.

***"Circus is our job, our life, our love. Come to Giffords Circus and be part of this magic." Nell Gifford***

*"The mason jars reappear from storage and we get on with filling them with pickled veg, chutneys, jams and salts. It's a brilliant feeling popping open a jar and releasing the tastes and smells that capture the feeling of when it was made."*



## PICKLED VEGETABLES (MAKES 1 LARGE JAR)

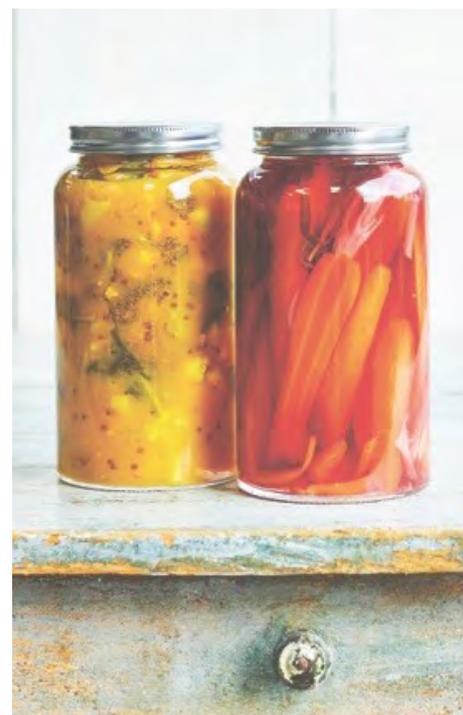
***“Don’t blame us if you find yourself standing in front of the fridge after midnight, with your hand stuck in the jar, prising out the last vegetables from the bottom. They’re strangely addictive.”***

750g mixed vegetables, washed and trimmed  
2 bay leaves  
250ml white wine vinegar  
30g caster sugar  
2 tsp salt  
1 tsp coriander seeds  
1 tsp fennel seeds  
3 garlic cloves

Run a 1-litre Kilner jar (or several smaller jars) through a dishwasher to sterilise.

Slice any larger vegetables nice and small before packing them into the sterilised Kilner jar with the bay leaves. Put the rest of the ingredients into a nonreactive saucepan with 250ml water and bring to the boil. Remove from the heat, let cool slightly, then pour into the jar to cover the veg and seal the lid.

These will keep, unopened, for 5–6 months and once opened, will keep in the fridge for up to a week.



## CHOCOLATE BROWNIES (MAKES 6–8 PORTIONS)

***Consider this just a base to which you can add numerous other ingredients to make things more interesting, such as glacé or fresh cherries, mint, white chocolate, coffee, vanilla, Maltesers, anything you like! Do what you will with your brownies – just don’t ever overcook them. There’s quite simply nothing worse than a dry brownie, as Lil Rice will tell you!***

225g unsalted butter  
225g dark chocolate, broken into pieces  
350g caster sugar  
4 large eggs  
pinch of salt  
175g plain flour

Preheat the oven to 180°C and line a 30 x 20cm brownie tin with baking parchment.

In a saucepan, melt the butter and bring almost to boiling point before removing from the heat and whisking in the chocolate until smooth. The residual heat from the butter should be enough to melt the chocolate but if not, scrape the mixture into a non-metallic bowl and pop it into the microwave for a few seconds.

In a large mixing bowl, beat the sugar and eggs with a pinch of salt until light and fluffy – this is easier in a stand mixer. Slowly add the melted chocolate and butter and keep mixing until fully incorporated. Sift in the flour and gently fold into the batter.

Pour the batter into the tin and bake for 20–30 minutes, depending on how set you want your brownies – but make sure there’s still a wobble in the centre, so you get a nice smooth texture with no graininess. Turn out onto a wire rack and leave to cool a little before cutting into 6 pieces.



# SUMMER REDS

By Michael Gatehouse

*Premier Wine*

As I jot down these few words it's over thirty outside, with a blazing hot sun in an azure sky. Thoughts turn to dinner in the garden this evening, and that nice bit of steak. Thoughts also turn to that venerable bottle of Barolo, which I've had my eye on. But there's a problem. It's much too big a wine to attempt in such sultry conditions. I need to find an alternative, or the cat gets my steak.

Now I'm not a big fan of chilling down red wine. I know I'm probably the only one, but I feel it's in some way breaking the rules. You don't warm up white wine on a cold day. But you can of course serve some lighter reds, in hot conditions, a couple of degrees less than what would be room temperature, without them feeling chilled. But it depends on the grape. Pinot Noir yes, Malbec not so much, Shiraz would be weird, and definitely not Nebbiolo. There is no way I'm going to play that game with my Barolo.

You can't really chill Bordeaux either. Most reds from the Medoc are big in tannins and alcohol; the same applies for big Rhone reds and good Rioja. Important flavours would be lost, as these wines are full-bodied, with warm spicy notes.

So what can we chill down a bit? Certainly inexpensive Beaujolais. Chateau de Belleverne is a Beaujolais Villages at £10.99 which can benefit from a touch of cooling. Light and bright, with strawberry flavours; no heavy tannins or spicy notes, great with cold meats, potato salad, pasta and cheeses. Put it in the fridge for 20 minutes.

Last night I chilled down a Sangiovese from Puglia, as the night before I didn't and the wine was uncomfortably hot. Perfect this time. Cherry aromas with juicy berry flavours, which weren't there before. This tasty young wine is made by Ancora and at £7.99 is a bit of a steal.

But what I want with my steak is a Loire red: Chateau de Fesles 2016, a Cabernet Franc with such elegance that it will go with anything. Ruby red colour, soft mature fruit flavours with a long velvety finish. At £14.99 it might not be everyday drinking, but on a hot summer night, with a good meal, you can stick it in the fridge for 15 mins and it will come out smiling.



### THE WAVE

A new series for those of you who are missing Richmond Film Society's screenings or, indeed, trips to the cinema generally as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Their committee is producing a number of weekly recommendations of films screened during the last 20 years that were extremely well received by their audiences. Should the notes reproduced below entice you to try and catch-up with this recommendation, then you should be able to do so, as it is available on streaming services and for purchase as DVD/Blu-Ray discs from the online retailers as indicated below.

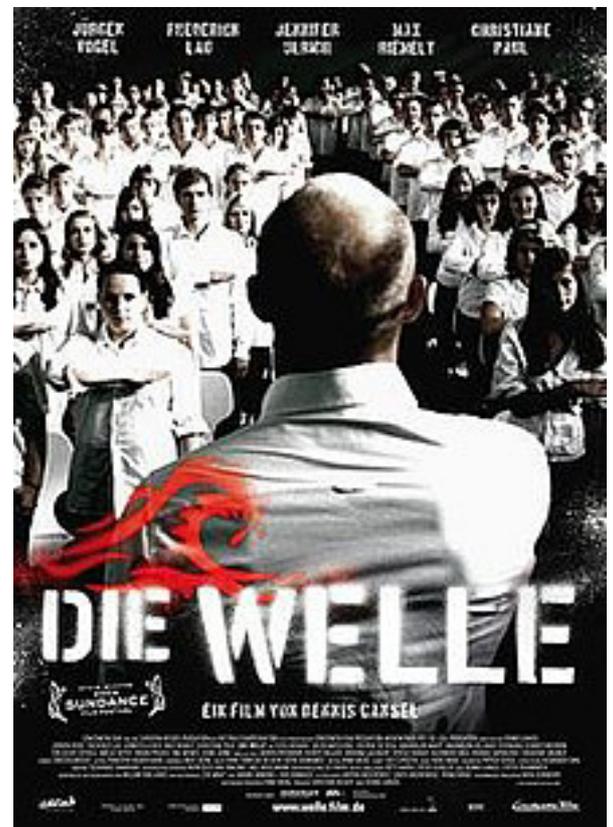
**RFS Context:** **THE WAVE** was 651st film screened by RFS on 20th October 2009. **The Wave** was the third to top ranked film of Season 47, it got an approval mark of 87% from those attending (The first and second to top films are **I've Loved You so Long** and **Man on Wire**, which have already featured in our Best of our Recent Historic Screenings as **Issues 14** and **18** respectively). **The Wave** appears not to be available to be streamed but the disc can be purchased from Amazon and others.

#### THE WAVE (Die Welle)

Country: Germany, 2008  
 Director: Dennis Gansel  
 Screenplay: Dennis Gansel, Todd Strasser & Peter Thorwarth  
 Language: German  
 Editor: Ueli Christen  
 Music: Heiko Maile  
 Cinematography: Torsten Breuer  
 Running Time: 107 min., colour

#### Leading Players:

Jürgen Vogel (Rainer Wenger)  
 Frederick Lau (Tim Stoltefuss)  
 Max Riemelt (Marco)  
 Jennifer Ulrich (Karo)  
 Christiane Paul (Anke Wenger)  
 Jacob Matschenz (Dennis)  
 Cristina do Rego (Lisa)  
 Elyas M'Barek (Sinan)



In 1967, at the Cubberley High School in Palo Alto, California, World History teacher Ron Jones was asked about the Holocaust by a student. "Could it happen here?". According to the press release accompanying **Die Welle**, "Jones came up with an unusual answer. He decided to have a two week experiment in dictatorship. His idea was to explain fascism to

his class through a game“. After scaring himself with the student’s response he allegedly ended the experiment by announcing that the group that had formed was going to unite with one with similar ideals and showing them newsreels of Nazi rallies.

**The Wave**, co-scripted by the German director Dennis Gansel and his producer, Christian Becker, is a transposition of this incident to a prosperous town in present-day Germany. Unfolding over a single week devoted to special projects, it centres on a popular teacher, Rainer Wenger (Jürgen Vogel), an articulate, handsome radical in his early forties, who wears a Ramones T-shirt and lets his class of 17-year-olds address him by his first name. The project he had wanted was Anarchy, but a stuffy senior colleague has stuck him with Autocracy instead, and when his smart kids consider the theme passé (haven’t they heard enough of Nazism and its local origins?) he devises a scheme like Jones’s in California. After first considering the social and political sources of autocracy, the class agrees to address him as Herr Wenger, obey his orders, and treat him as their leader.

Day by day they move towards a totalitarian state, uniting as a Gesellschaft, adopting a uniform (white shirt and jeans), devising a logo (a stylised wave), inventing a salute, excluding and persecuting dissidents and non-conformists.

**The Wave** is an allegorical thriller made convincing as we watch through the ambiguity of Wenger (how much does he understand what he’s doing with his pupils and what is happening to himself and his marriage?) and through the sharp characterisation of the students. Eventually only two sensible girls provide any opposition to Wenger and their classmates.

Some critics found the film glib, asserting that these well-educated, well-off middle-class teenagers would have spotted the parallels between their behavior and that of their compatriots in the Twenties and Thirties; rather missing the point that it did happen to well-off, informed kids in the USA in 1967. We seem fascinated by the potential. A few weeks after **Die Welle** was released Jones was contacted by a television company that wanted to repeat the experiment. He refused. The company – the BBC.

Thanks to The Guardian, The Observer, Wikipedia and **The Wave** website. **Jonathan Earthy**

## SUP-YOGA & SUP-PILATES CLASSES IN TWICKENHAM

SUP-Yoga & SUP-Pilates classes offer a unique, dynamic and fun way to challenge your fitness on water! The sessions are taken on anchored paddleboards floating on water. The buoyancy of the water adds intensity to every movement and makes a refreshing change from usual mat classes. The classes suit all levels and abilities. EPIC SUP are running SUP-Yoga and SUP-Pilates classes from Twickenham Rowing Club, this summer.

To book or for enquiries contact: [coach@epicsup.org](mailto:coach@epicsup.org)



# TRAVELLER'S TALES 78

## WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE



### Doug Goodman takes a holiday in Lyme Regis

The sun shone, the sea sparkled and the beaches were packed. Late July and early August saw Dorset's popular resort of Lyme Regis full as if every day was a bank holiday. The small main beach appeared in the press as an example of overcrowding and lack of social distancing. It was certainly very crowded in the town where narrow pavements and a steep hill made it impossible to maintain a safe distance but whether the press coverage encouraged or dissuaded visitors is hard to judge.



Beach not too Crowded



Same Beach, Same Time Looking crowded



The Cobb and Beach at Low Tide

The images were taken to show the maximum numbers of visitors in the smallest possible spot. The sandy beach by the Cobb was full but the beach to the west – 'Monmouth' beach and the long stretch eastwards to Charmouth were far from full. At high tide there's naturally less space on the sand and shingle so time your visit well and you'll be comfortable. The shot I took with a wide-angle lens shows the shingle beach and the sandy area by the Cobb. The next shot taken with a telephoto lens from the same place shows a tiny part of the sandy beach. And of course it looks crowded!

### WEST DORSET.

Lyme is 142 miles from Twickenham. It has a good choice of independent shops, restaurants, eight pubs, two bookshops and two small supermarkets. The Langmoor gardens offer a great view over the resort, fishing trips are available and there's plenty to keep children happy. For walkers there's the seven mile Undercliff trail westwards to Axmouth



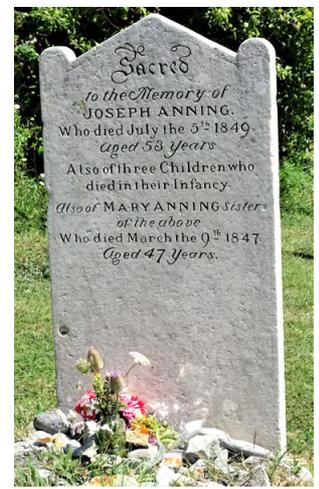
Finding Fossils



Found on the Beach

only accessible at each end. It's a nature reserve and an area of outstanding natural beauty, rough underfoot, quite hard going and you'll need someone to meet you at the other end to avoid walking back to Lyme. The walk eastwards to Charmouth along the beach at low tide takes about an hour but check tide times before setting out. This is the most popular part of the World Heritage Jurassic Coast for finding fossils. The route is rocky and muddy with debris from the old Victorian rubbish tip slowly falling down from the cliff top to litter the beach. I've found plenty of fossils along with coins, marbles, pottery, old bottles and even musket balls.

Mary Anning, born in Lyme in 1799, was a collector and palaeontologist and pioneered the study and classification of fossils. She died in 1849 barely recognised for her scientific achievements. Her grave is in St. Michael's Churchyard and there are plans to erect a statue in her memory. Shot last year in Lyme and due for release next month is the film 'Ammonite' starring Kate Winslet and Saoirse Ronan, which portrays the life of Mary Anning. The secret when looking for fossils is to know what to look for – there are plenty of guide books with pictures of the common ammonites and belemnites; where to look - right here on Charmouth Beach; but most important of all is how to look. An expert like local guide Paddy Howe from the Lyme museum, who takes groups on fossil walks, will explain what to look for in the size and shape of a rock then break it open to find an ammonite. The best time for spotting them is after a storm on a dull day as the tide is going out. When you reach Charmouth you'll find a study centre and museum. Further along is Golden Cap the highest point on the South Coast. A walk back along the inland path or a bus will drop you in Lyme by the Pilot Boat Inn and the new Rock Point hotel and restaurant. A cream tea in the garden of the Alexandra Hotel or dinner at The Harbour Inn will complete an enjoyable day. Plenty of food shops can provide what you need for a beach picnic: Mulberry Manor has delicious pies while next door you should sample the best fudge made by Teresa and Peter. The very important tourist office faces closure this month - a move which the vast majority of locals and visitors, who filled in a survey, said was a very bad thing.



Grave of Mary Anning



Art Gallery at Symondsburry



Golden Cap across Lyme Bay



Path to Golden Cap



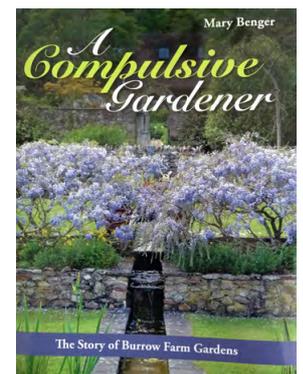
Two of Lyme's Pubs

## PLACES TO VISIT.

Bridport with its market on Wednesdays and Saturdays is a good shopping centre. Nearby is the Symondsburry Estate where you can hire a bike, buy fashionable clothes, shop for plants and gifts and enjoy a meal from locally grown produce. Lyme Bay Arts Centre in the courtyard has regular exhibitions of paintings, ceramics and glass. A walk from here takes you around the iconic Colmers Hill. Close by is Langdon Wood just off the A35 with a circular walk of around a mile. A footpath leads up to Golden Cap. Plenty of stately homes, gardens and other attractions are within easy reach: Abbotsbury Swan Reserve and sub-tropical gardens, Mapperton House and Gardens near Beaminster, Forde Abbey near Chard and the beautiful Burrow Farm Gardens between Axminster and Honiton. The owners of Burrow Farm Gardens, Mary and John Benger have produced a book with exquisite pictures describing how the 13-acre garden was created during the past 50 years. It's the perfect place to escape from the crowds in Lyme.



View from Burrow Farm Gardens



Story of Burrow Farm

## The Galapagos Islands

My original interest in the Galapagos Islands for the World InfoZone project was around 1998, one of the early project pages - about Ecuador.

Of course, the Galapagos Islands make up Ecuador's most famous National Park. The islands are one thousand kilometres off the coast of Ecuador; the World Heritage site has been called a living museum and a showcase of evolution.



More photographs from the Galapagos Islands:  
<http://worldinfozone.com/gallery.php?country=Ecuador>

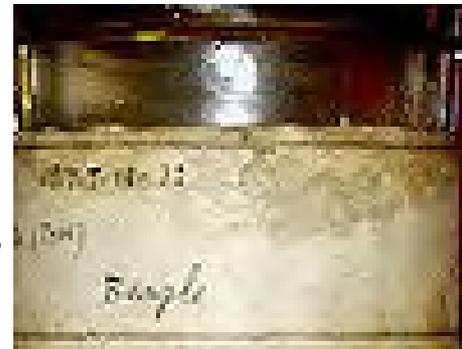
## From the Galapagos Islands to the Darwin Centre

Some years later, around 2005, I added additional information about the Galapagos Islands which was eventually followed up by a visit to the newly opened Darwin Centre at the Natural History Museum in January 2009.



My main reason for this visit to the Natural History Museum was to donate a Victorian "basket" made from a real armadillo; a curious object which had been in a cupboard for many years and a relic from a family home.

I met Mandy Holloway, a vertebrates specialist, who said that the armadillo would be given to children to handle, among other objects, during visits to the museum.



Prince William and Sir David Attenborough had opened the Darwin Centre on 15 September 2009 and had no doubt had a tour of the rooms where Darwin's original specimens are preserved. Surprisingly, Mandy had arranged to take me around the collection and I remember passing through a number of security doors which were not only guarding the specimens but keeping them at a particular temperature.

The Darwin Centre, to the side of the Natural History Museum is a stunning modern building, well worth a visit if you are visiting the museums in South Kensington.

<http://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Galapagos>

### Note of interest:

*When looking in my files for the Galapagos information I came across the world internet rank for World InfoZone: In April 2004 World InfoZone's world rank position was 174,257 (number of websites in the world: 51,611,646 in 2004 - going up to 64,780,617 in 2005.*



# 54 Years in Church Street

By Shona Lyons

My parents started this travel business in 1966. My dad had been working in travel since his 30's, starting at Albany Travel in Cork Street when package holidays were only just emerging and they specialized in location work. He really cut his teeth there and found the travel business quite exciting with no day the same as another. He also loved meeting people and trying to find the right travel solution for everyone's different and unique needs. He has always had a massive work ethic and after Albany came to Richmond where he managed Albany Travel at Kempthorn's (where H&M is now) for 3 years and then worked at Embassy Travel for another few years (where Waterstone's is now).



He shared a flat on Richmond Hill and used to get up at the crack of dawn to paddle his canoe up to Teddington Lock and back before work. He has always loved the river. Whilst he was running Kempthorn's Travel he had an educational to Israel (which he really loved! and he really wanted to emigrate and focus on Desert Tourism). Then he met Hedda (My mum) at the Israeli Government Tourist Office where she was the English Secretary at the reception after this trip. I think it was love at first sight. Anyway to cut a long story short, they got married and my dad decided to open his own travel business in Twickenham Church Street because he couldn't afford the prices in Richmond. He knew Church Street because he used to take Hedda to the maternity clinic in York House. Then Church street was a sleepy, pretty derelict little street with two way traffic and lots of falling down properties and he thought it had a lot of potential and here we are still, just a little bit further down the road from where I was born at Number 22 (now Masaniello)

As the years have gone by many things have changed and both Hedda and Bruce have a rich past, all involved with their travel business which at it's height had offices in Hampton Road, St Margaret's, East Twickenham and even in the Centre of London. They have together done everything, with both of them being the first tour operators to the Red Sea when there were no charter flights there, when they started Red Sea Holidays and chartered flights to Eilat, Sharm & Hurghada , & also Finland and Iceland. Hedda has run exotic trips all over the world including the First Fleet re-enactment voyages on Tall ships to Australia, the first trips to Galapagos, Safaris to Africa and much more!



Over the years we have been very involved with the local community with Bruce being for many many years Chair of the Twickenham Town Business Association, particularly with the Twickenham Festival and also Chair of the Church Street Association trying to promote both and bring these two entities to a wider public.

Now we have had Covid and it is just me and Bruce and Hedda in the office as the other staff are on furlough right now. We still are very involved with the community and run around trying to keep the floral scene in the square and Church Street looking good in this hot weather, (although it has taken a hammering in the storm yesterday :-)) and also involved with lots of other community projects such as recently, the pedestrianization of this little street and other shop local campaigns (Church Street tote bags will be here soon!) We have always tried to be there for our local community as much as possible but business isn't too great now - probably understandably in these difficult times, but we have sent quite a few people away in these last few weeks, both to UK cottages and even on a tour of Italy & small Italian & Greek Islands.

We really do have a wealth of experience and have dealt with the Coronavirus issue with professionalism and Industry, getting people back when stranded overseas because of the Virus or lock down, postponing trips where people wanted us to, or giving refunds etc. At no time have we been unreachable and have always been at the end of an email or the phone (even when both Hedda and Bruce were both unwell with the virus)

Please if you are thinking of booking a holiday, contact us. We could really do with the business. [info@crusadertravel.com](mailto:info@crusadertravel.com) / 020 8744 0474

# BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE!

By Bruce Lyons

Well the news is all about Covid-19 again and those “corridors” yesterday France, Belgium, Holland and Malta all got knocked out, as did Andorra and Turks and Caicos.

But nevertheless we have travellers, neighbours, family and staff who have all ventured overseas and some have made some comments about their experiences;

Here are some of their comments, which I thought I would share with you. 2 weeks ago, one of our clients – who had his 2020 holiday to the Red Sea transferred to 2021 went instead to Marettimo a little Island in the Egadi Archipelago, just off Sicily ( we often send people here – definitely an escapists break) at the end of July.

## “Another satisfied customer”

*I just wanted to let you know we are home and had a truly fantastic break.*

*It was a brilliant recommendation and a great chance to escape from the current depressing news. (FYI all the transport worked seamlessly and we got the local bus back to the airport from Trapani which was a good saving.) As hoped I am back at work full time today for the first time since the end of March and feel refreshed and ready to go. Now just looking forward to our break at the end of April '21. Hope you are both surviving the ever changing travel rules and restrictions and manage to get some other holiday makers away. Marcello says hello.*

Best wishes,  
Charlie Leech  
Producer: Intelligence

This one is from clients that returned on Thursday (last) from a tour of Tuscany for a local Family of four, originally booked to attend a wedding (deferred to 2021)



“For us initially the main thing was the wearing of the face masks in the taxi to Gatwick, throughout the check in process, security, passport and on the plane. Only getting a break from them in the limited eateries that were open. I have to say there were many reluctant wearers of face masks on the plane and many were taken off or left under the chin. It was definitely noticeable that the Brits were not really understanding the importance of them.

We landed in Pisa Airport late at night and it was very quiet. Lovely!

A friendly driver was waiting for us and he gave us sanitiser for our hands before the journey. Face masks in situ and 1 hour and 20 minutes we arrived in Greve. We were warmly greeted. Face masks not such an issue as we stayed up for a snack and drinks.

Greve seemed quiet apart from slightly busier on the Saturday morning at the local market. It was noticeable that everyone was wearing masks. We had left the hotel without ours but promptly went back to get them. Any other time during our stay face masks did not seem to be required in the open, only when going into shops or bars. The visit to the vineyard was delightful and the views were stunning.

Florence was busier but it wasn't too busy. More tourists for sure. More foreign accents but not many from UK. Face masks needed again in shops and attractions such as Uffizi, where our temperature was also taken. They also made sure our masks were fully over our noses. Walking round sightseeing in the city was very relaxed though and there wasn't a great deal of social distancing. Restaurants were wonderful and seemed pleased that tourists were back spending their Euros. The leather market near our hotel wasn't very busy at all and we felt for the traders. The food market was fantastic but again not swamped with customers.



Central Park in Marina di Pietrasanta was the place that gave us the warmest welcome (and send off). What a wonderful bunch of people that work there. They could not have done more for us. We were the only guests from the UK and we felt that we stood out slightly from the other guests. Very much an Italian hub but the other guests got used to us! I don't think they were expecting to hear British accents in the current climate. Nevertheless the local eateries were very friendly and more than happy for us to spend time and money with them. The local Co-op always had a queue with face mask wearing customers. We had our temperature taken there and always had to use sanitiser before going in. The local beach wasn't quite so strict but the umbrellas, loungers seemed more spaced out from one another.

All in all we had a fantastic time and I would like to thank you for all of the time you and Shona spent in organising our trip. Your two hotel suggestions in Florence and M di P were great. I loved the location of the Corona but the friendliness of the staff at Central Park was fabulous. Plus their breakfasts were great. We were very sad leaving there yesterday and all of the staff came out to say goodbye and gave us 'elbow pumps'.

I'm glad we decided to see Pisa. Despite a dark cloudy sky and spits of rain, it was spectacular. Well worth the visit and a drive along the Arno was lovely too.

At Pisa airport, again temperatures taken and face masks. We also had to fill out a trace and trace form which we handed before

boarding the flight. These were in addition to the online forms for landing in the UK. All the hotels had our contact details so there is no doubt that we can be traced in relation to any local Covid outbreak!

[And this is from our neighbours on Eel Pie Island, just back from Greece](#)

"We had a brilliant trip to Greece and love the luxury of very uncrowded airports, ferries, harbours, restaurants and beaches!! There were plenty of people who were very keen to have the tourist trade!

In taxis, on planes and in all the shops, everyone wore masks. In the restaurants, all the staff wore masks, but not the customers as all the restaurants are outdoors.

We did have to fill out some additional paper work (Passenger Locator Form) before the flight and the ferry journey to support the Greek system of track and trace, but it was not a big deal.

As a side note, after we left, they have introduced a new restriction on all bars and restaurants - they have to be closed by midnight. That was really the only time that social distancing was out the window when we were there - the young people gathered in HUGE groups, very close together with very loud music and so everyone was yelling in each other's faces. Oh to be young and carefree.... but that has since been banned.

The travel aspect was really simple, easy and friendly!

Most of the time we were on our boat and sailing from island to island so we were in effect "isolated" as a family of 4 except for dinners out most night and some food shopping. It was brilliant!"

[And then a little more comment](#), This week our consultant Billur travelled to Turkey with her family, no hitches there either and at the beginning of the month My nephew and his family all travelled by Eurostar and French Railways to Nimes, where he has a house – yes there were protocols to observe, but they had such a very good time they even extended their stay- but at least they came back before the "corridor" was removed. Then this week, especially today , it has gone manic, October School Breaks to the Red Sea, Winter Northern Lights, and rescue bookings from France switching to Greece – fingers crossed – you can still get away- but as I said last week – you need to follow the protocols and for our part we have to "track" you trip.

So don't hesitate to call or email we are still here and beavering away.

By the way – I note that elsewhere in this issue is a piece on Galapagos and Hedda is an expert on Galapagos, years ago she used to charter a splendid Barque called the Golden Cachalot and escorted her own groups – if you want to know more. Pop in.

# Richmond upon Thames College celebrates students' results

On Thursday 13 August, Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) reported its A Level results for 2020. The overall A Level pass rate was 99% and of the 16 A Level subjects offered at the college, 15 subjects achieved 100%. 68% of students gained A\*-C grades, up nearly 3% from last year.

This year saw unprecedented circumstances due to the coronavirus pandemic, with teaching and learning moving almost entirely to virtual remote access from 23 March onwards and for the first time exams were cancelled.

As in previous years, hundreds of our students are expected to be going on to university, including Russell Group universities.

Dr Jason Jones, Deputy Principal and CEO at RuTC, commented, *“This year has been an exceptional and challenging year for our students as they quickly adapted to a new way of learning. We are so proud of our students and I am delighted with the results they have achieved.”*

*“As in previous years, our 2020 A level results place us once again as one of the top-performing Further Education colleges and largest providers of A Level programmes in London. These results are a testament to the hard work and determination of our students, the support of their families and the dedication and commitment of our excellent staff, and I would like to thank everyone for their great efforts and consistently high standards.”*

*“We wish all our students the best in achieving their ambitions in the future and are looking forward to welcoming our new ambitious students this September.”*



Richmond upon  
Thames College

# St Mary's University Update

## Places Available in Clearing at Your Local University

St Mary's University, based locally in leafy Strawberry Hill, has places available in Clearing in a range of subjects.

Applicants looking for a place in Clearing or considering their options can call the St Mary's Clearing Hotline from 8am on A-level results day (13th Aug) on 020 8240 4225 to discuss their options to study at the University.

available in a host of subject areas, including the recently launched and highly sought-after Physiotherapy programme, the Ofsted Outstanding Institute of Education, sport science programmes with world-class facilities, training for a career on the stage or even study Business and Law, amongst many other subjects.

St Mary's is also rated London's safest



St Mary's was recently rated amongst the top three in London for overall student satisfaction in the National Student Survey, in addition to being rated the top in London for Course and Teaching Satisfaction in the 2020 Guardian University Guide.

The University was also recently praised by The Times and the i for having one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, with the latest data from the Higher Education Statistics Agency finding that the 98% of students from the University are in employment, a vocation or further study 15 months after graduation.

During Clearing, St Mary's has places

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St Mary's is also rated London's safest university by the Complete University Guide, and was rated in the top three universities in the country for its competitive Sports programme and facilities.

Pro Vice-Chancellor for Global Engagement Paul Bridge said, "Clearing and A-Level results day can be a stressful time for students, even more-so this year with the on-going Coronavirus situation. If you're thinking about changing plans to stay more locally for university, give us a call and our friendly Clearing team can take you through your options to study with us on our beautiful green campus."



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## BRENTFORD FC

### **Dru Yearwood departs Griffin Park**

Brentford midfielder has completed a move to Major League Soccer side New York Red Bulls for an undisclosed fee in the first departure of the summer for the Bees.

Yearwood was signed in last summer from Southend United and made 5 appearances during the course of the 2019/20 season.

Head Coach Thomas Frank said to club media, “We wish Dru all the best as he heads off for this new chapter in his career. There has been really tough competition in our midfield this season and this is an opportunity for him to play games at a great club. Dru has all the attributes needed to enjoy a successful career as a dynamic, box to box, midfielder. Sometimes in football players find their pathways blocked and need a new start; we wish Dru all the best with this great opportunity in New York.”



### **Two more Bees leave**

Niko Karelis and Kamohelo Mokotjo have both left Brentford after their short-term contract extensions, which had been implemented due to the coronavirus, were not renewed. Karelis departs after making four appearance following his transfer from Koninklijke Racing Club Genk in 2019.

Kamohelo leaves after his third season at Griffin Park having made 102 appearances for the club, registering six goals during his Bees career.

Speaking about the departures Thomas Frank said, Thomas Frank, Brentford FC Head Coach, said: “On behalf of everyone at Brentford FC, I would like to wish Nikos and Kamo all the best for the future. It has been a pleasure to work with them and they have given their all for the Club, on the pitch in the games they have played and in training, where their work has helped the group develop over the season. Nikos has been very unfortunate, and I wish him better luck with injuries in the years to come as he has proven his quality. Kamo has been superb for us over three years and now has the opportunity to take on a new challenge. They are part of the Brentford FC story and I hope we see them again.”

***Come on you Bees!***

# Hampton & Richmond Borough

## Sam Cox resign for Beavers

Hampton & Richmond Borough have announced the resigning of fan favourite Sam Cox. Cox, who is also the captain of the Guyana national team, joins ahead of the 2020/21 National League South season.

Speaking to club media Cox explained his decision, “I think its unfinished business to be honest with you. The momentum we had at the back end of last season, plus the team spirit and camaraderie are one of the best I’ve ever experienced. Even from the first two training sessions (of pre-season) you can just feel that something special is still there, and I really want to achieve something this season.”



## 12th man fund launched at the Beveree

A new fundraising scheme has been launched by Hampton & Richmond Borough for the 2020/21 season to increase the playing budget. Named the ‘McCann’s 12th Man Fund’ the scheme will enable supporters to directly contribute money in monthly instalments.

The fundraiser entails a £25 monthly payment known as a ‘Journey’ and supporters can contribute as many ‘Journeys’ as they wish. As part of the scheme members will receive exclusive online Q and A with Gary himself and there will be a monthly draw where winners will be able to have a behind the scenes day experience on a home matchday with Gary and his coaching staff.

***Come on you Beavers!***

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“I found a fantastic link ... to ‘World InfoZone’ and the bit on Kazakhstan, which of course led me onto searching through the whole World InfoZone site and several hours later I realised I needed to go to bed” - **Mongol Rally blog**



# Railway children urge passengers to wear face coverings and keep distance

Children of South Western Railway (SWR) staff are asking passengers to help keep their parents safe.

New station announcements recorded by two children call on passengers to wear face coverings and keep their distance from each other. The announcements are now being played across the SWR network.

One of the children, Teenasha Santuck, from South London, asks customers to wear a face covering so that she can see her mum smile when she gets back from work. The other, Evie Thew, from Honiton in East Devon, urges everyone to keep their distance so she is still able to hug her mum, dad and granddad – all of whom work for SWR.



Evie



Teenasha

The two children won a SWR-wide competition to become the voices of two new station announcements. They each received a £50 gift voucher, certificate and goodie bag in recognition of their success.

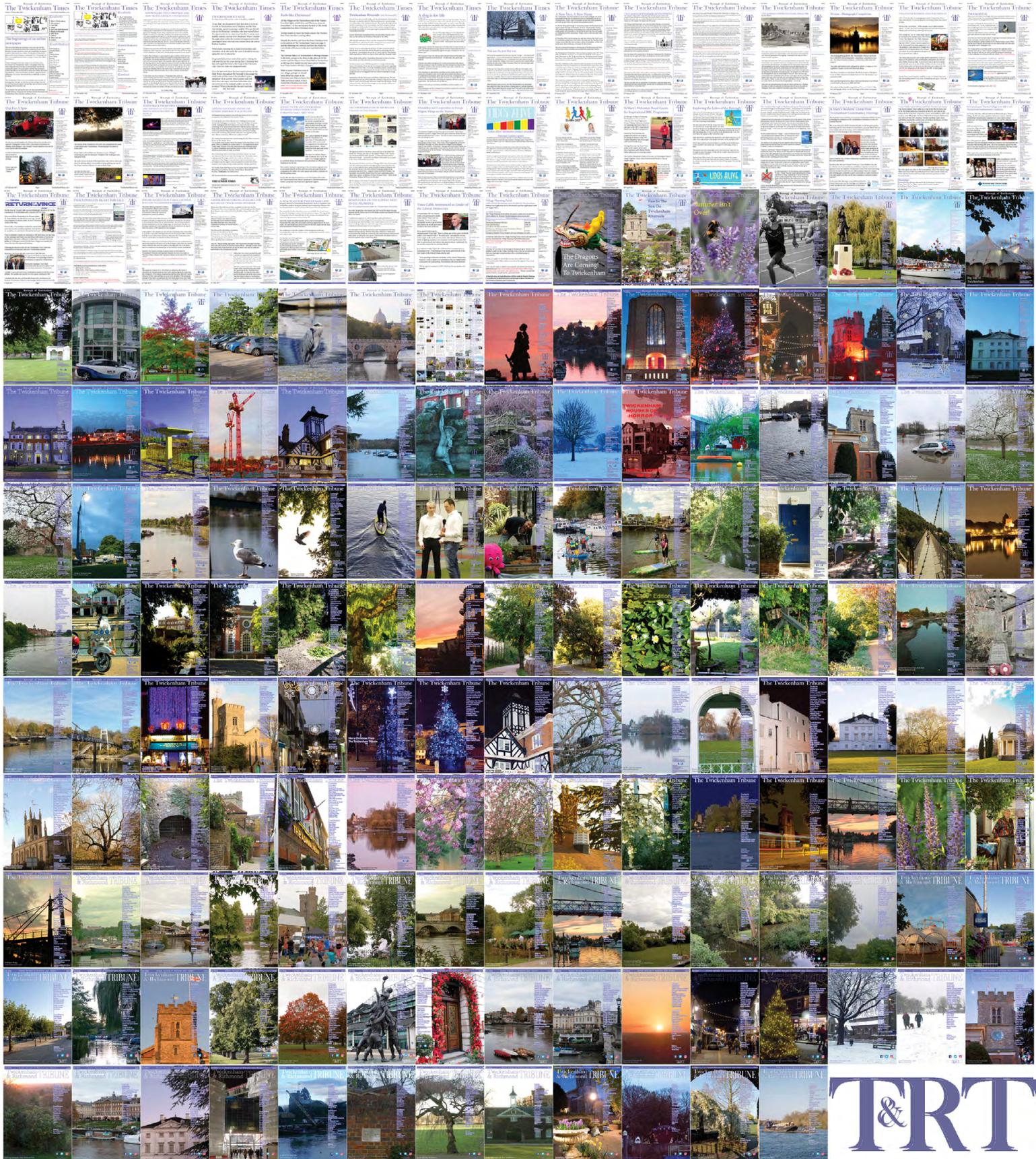
Alan Penlington, SWR's Director of Customer Experience, said:

“Our number one priority is the safety of our customers and colleagues, and we are continuing to do all we can to stop the spread of coronavirus across our network. But we need our customers' help too.

“By following Teenasha and Evie's excellent advice and wearing a face covering while maintaining social distancing, we can all help to keep each other safe”.

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