

# Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE

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Murals at ‘Twickenham Dip’, Heath Road  
Photo by Berkley Driscoll

# TickerTape - News in Brief

## Ruben's Bakehouse closes

Many residents have expressed their sorrow at the news of the closure. The artisan bakery and pizzeria had been a popular destination during its nine years in Heath Road, Twickenham. A notice in the window stated "We have taken the difficult decision to close the business. We want to thank all our loyal customers and wish you well. Ruben's Bakehouse"

## South Twickenham and West Twickenham Community Conversation

Residents and businesses are invited to have their say on the future of their high streets at the South Twickenham and West Twickenham Community Conversation on **Tuesday 5 October 2021 at 6.30pm.**

You are invited to join the Council and have your say on the future of your local high street or town centre, sharing your vision and ideas in a series of virtual community engagement events, as well as having an opportunity to put your questions to your local Councillors about other key issues.

Your views and ideas will help the Council generate plans for the future, including feeding into the new [Local Plan](#) and priorities for the development of the borough.

Register for the event [HERE](#).

## Another Tesco for Twickenham

The new Tesco Express opened in King Street, Twickenham on Thursday.

## Richmond Council and housing partners set out commitment to residents

Richmond Council and its key housing partners have launched a new Community Ambassador project to better support residents living in social housing, by helping them connect with their housing association landlord, and to help the Council to bring about positive social and physical change to their local areas.

The Community Ambassador Project is part of the Council's commitment set out in a new Resident Engagement Charter which will see it working alongside its four largest housing providers, L&Q, PA Housing, Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing and Richmond Housing Partnership (RHP), to improve resident engagement.

Find out how to become a Community Ambassador [HERE](#)



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TwickerSeal met up with TwickerDuck on the Diamond Jubilee Gardens. They were a bit early for a get together with friends, at the DJG's wonderful Café Sunshine, and decided to have a natter beforehand.

The café is staffed by people with learning disabilities and very popular with residents. TwickerDuck said that he had heard concerns for the future of the café and staff because of the council's plans to plonk a huge private block of luxury flats on top of the café's site. It seems that their future is very uncertain.

TwickerSeal said that the council's plans notionally included a café, although he doubted that it would ever become a community café. After all, why have the so-called community toilets been incorporated with the pub? Surely a community café would be the logical location? It doesn't bode well.

Actually, the 'new café' could be a nice location for a new Tesco, so the privileged few lucky enough to live in the luxury Wharf Lane block don't have too far to walk to get their essential Quinoa supplies!



# Covid-19

By Teresa Read

## World Health Organization

### Weekly Epidemiological Update

28 September 2021

Globally, the numbers of weekly COVID-19 cases and deaths continued to decline. Over 3.3 million new cases and over 55 000 new deaths were reported during the week of 20 – 26 September 2021, decreases of 10% as compared to the previous week for both cases and deaths. The largest decrease in new weekly cases was reported from the Eastern Mediterranean Region (17%), followed by the Western Pacific Region (15%), the Region of the Americas (14%), the African Region (12%) and the South-East Asia Region (10%); while weekly cases in the European Region were similar to the previous week. The cumulative number of confirmed cases reported globally is now over 231 million and the cumulative number of deaths is more than 4.7 million.

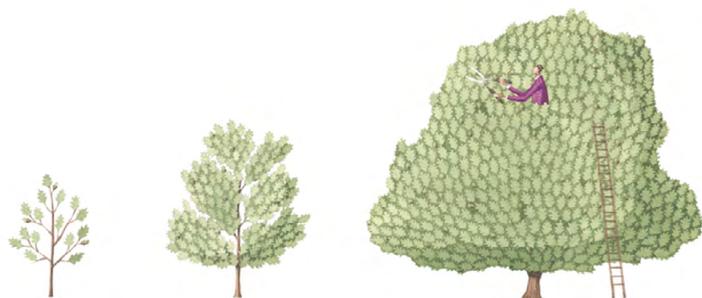
### **Total cases to 1st October 2021**

Richmond upon Thames 19,109  
Kingston upon Thames 19,285  
Hounslow 36,394

### World Health Organization: Countries with High Numbers of Deaths. Deaths Worldwide 4,777,503.

Comparisons can be made with figures from previous weeks.

USA	688,099	Ukraine	56,446	Portugal	17,975
Brazil	596,122	Philippines	38,254	Myanmar	17,789
India	448,339	Chile	37,468	Japan	17,648
Mexico	276,973	Romania	37,210	Egypt	17,294
Russian Federation	208,142	Ecuador	32,762	Paraguay	16,195
Peru	199,367	Czechia	30,475	Thailand	16,850
Indonesia	142,026	Hungary	30,199	Kazakhstan	15,907
The United Kingdom	136,662	Canada	27,819	Sweden	14,864
Italy	130,921	Pakistan	27,729	Greece	14,828
Colombia	126,261	Bangladesh	27,531	Morocco	14,248
Iran	120,428	Malaysia	26,335	Guatemala	13,564
Argentina	115,130	Belgium	25,602	Sri Lanka	12,906
France	114,475	Tunisia	24,868	Slovakia	12,649
Germany	93,711	Iraq	22,260	Nepal	11,148
South Africa	87,626	Bulgaria	20,882	Austria	10,768
Spain	86,415	Bolivia	18,726	Jordan	10,710
Poland	75,666	Netherlands	18,170	Switzerland	10,651
Turkey	64,054	Viet Nam	19,301	Bosnia & Herzegovina	10,606



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# The Tree Agency

# Teddington teachers

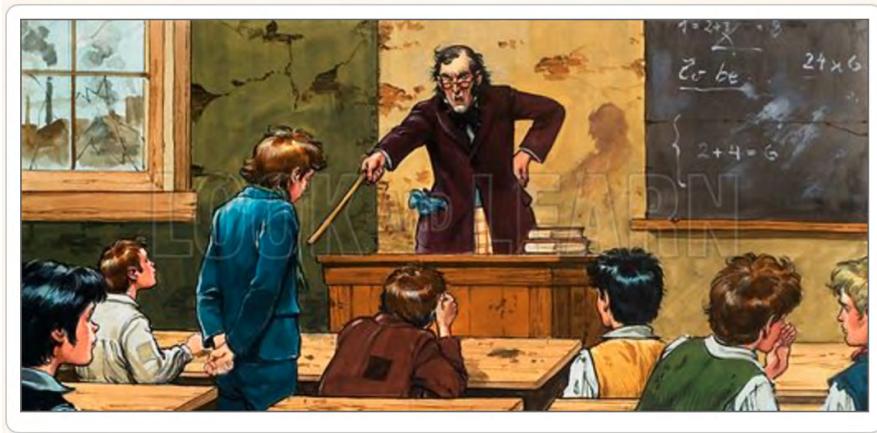
By Simon Fowler

During the 1970s and 1980s the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society encouraged members to write about their school days. One of the earliest accounts was provided by Mr E J Powell. Unfortunately, the memoir is not dated, but it may have described his schooling in about 1900.

At the Public School the Headmaster was 'Gaffer' Warner. 'Gaffer' ruled with a cane in his hand. He was partially lame and always used a walking stick and sat on a stool when giving lessons. The only subject he seemed to deal with was reading and being very deaf, he had difficulty in following its progress. The boys stood in turn to read aloud and risking his deafness, we had fun when some of the bright boys rephrased sentences to the amusement of the rest of the class. Woe betide the boy caught laughing. But poor 'Gaffer' was not to know the reason and the boy responsible was never caught.

'Gaffer's chief occupation seemed to be assembly; caning the 'lates' and others sent for punishment; and checking school books.

At the end of the day, he took his rightful controlling duties when the whole school assembled in the large room with the dividing curtains drawn back. After



listening to a short lecture and instructions, and a fervent and happy rendering of the hymn 'Now the day is over' we dispersed with no thought of tomorrow's possible caning. For most of us the day was not 'over', it was the beginning and we had our own views on how to spend it.

The only woman teacher was 'Paddy' Deeks, a person to be feared by Standard 2; a class which reached her from the Infants School. I was never under her care, but I heard enough to believe she was not a person to be trifled with. The only male- teachers I remember were 'Boxer' Rivers, 'Sheepshead', (I forget his real name), and Lumb. 'Boxer' was my teacher most of the time; he drove us hard, but was liked by most for he often broke away from tradition and included 'stories'.

'Boxer' was a short, strong man and believed in discipline through the cane; usually a few swinging blows across the seat. Boxer's attempt to get 'Fatty' Arthur over his knee was hilariously enjoyed by the class. Needless to say, Arthur was not again subjected to this indignity.

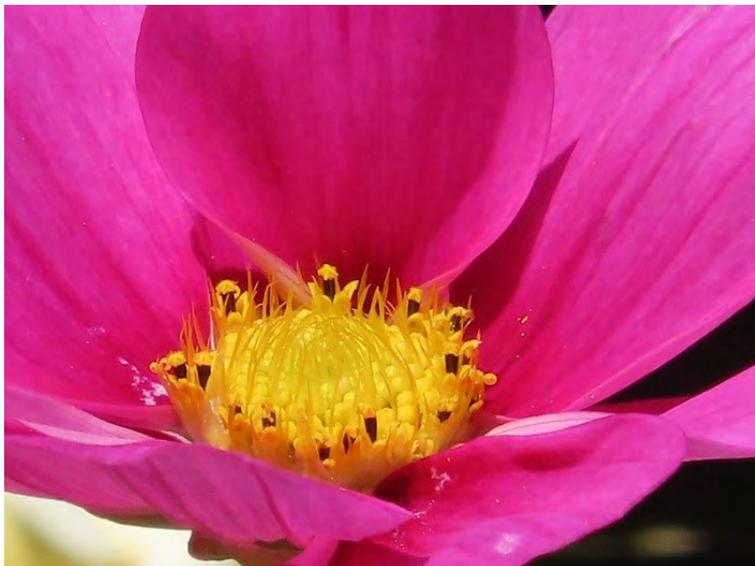
In those days there was little or no restriction on this form of punishment. Consequently, my mind had no spur other than fear, and my study aimed to keep me above average, in order to be unnoticed by the teacher and so avoiding a line-up for the frightening cane.

Taken from Borough of Twickenham Local History Society Newsletter no 57 (March 1978)



The Grumpy old Birder – Bo Beolens – has been highlighting the use of neonicotinoids banned in the EU which are now allowed for certain crops in the UK despite our pledge to uphold the Ban post-Brexit due to their known danger to Bees and consequently our food chain and Life itself.

There is now evidence that Fipronil, a highly toxic insecticide used indiscriminately to de-flea millions of our cats and dogs, is poisoning our rivers. He encourages owners to only use the product if the pet needs it. It is encouraging that more Farmers/individuals are planting hedges, wildflowers and digging ponds but is that enough when contrasted with the above situation and climate emergency?



We have asked our local authority for information on the **use of Glyphosate in the Borough** to add data for Wild Justice's project on herbicide usage. **Forty-Three Boroughs** have already participated and there have been examples of good practice which have been publicised. The Councils praised were delighted with the highlighting of their committed work to improve their local environment. We are confident that our Council will be up there with the best given our wonderful Green Spaces, Environmental groups/individuals and support from all parties for better protection of Habitats. We will post the Council's reply in the November Issue so watch this space! Meanwhile, you can read more on Glyphosates here: [Glyphosate use by local authorities](#)

For more Photos and Information visit us on: [Website: River Crane Sanctuary](#) [Instagram](#)

# Panic Buying – I’m Alright Jack!

By: TwickWatch

Panic buying can lead to genuine shortages regardless of whether the risk of a shortage is real or perceived; the latter scenario being an example of a self-fulfilling prophecy as we are seeing with motor fuel.



The good news is that you can only really fill up once - you've got to use the fuel, so this should be a short-term thing. It's not like fuel crises in the past when the supplier was hit by strikes, etc. So, once people have filled up, they won't usually travel more than they normally travel, so this strain on the system should ease up relatively quickly. It is actually a H.G.V. driver crisis not a fuel crisis.

An impending lorry driver crisis has been known about for many years. As long ago as 2015 Andrew Bridgen M.P. raised in the House of Commons, the issue of introducing an apprenticeship route for lorry drivers - when we were 50,000 drivers short. We are approximately 100,000 HGV drivers short now, almost as many as Poland who currently have 125,000 vacancies, and filling that gap will take time. There is no panacea to fix the shortage of drivers, it has been building for too long.

The lack of lorry drivers has undeniably caused severe but hopefully short-lived disruption to the economy and the “blame merchants” are well and truly on their soap boxes. The government is blamed, the haulier companies are blamed as is the old chestnut Brexit. The blame

cannot be laid at any single door if you consider the following;

- European drivers, under freedom of movement did come here and both Brexit and the pandemic did result in many returning home
- It is claimed European drivers undercut UK drivers' wages keeping them low – cheap labour!
- Government rule changes meant drivers could no longer pay tax as self-registered limited companies to bolster and support their income
- The government furlough scheme reminded them what a “normal home-life” was like being with their families – retirement beckoned to some of them
- A Heavy Goods Vehicle Licence is valid for 5 years. After this point, it has to be renewed by undertaking 35 hours of practical HGV training to ensure that the drivers' knowledge is fresh and up to date with safety advances.
- Drivers without a sponsoring haulage company have to pay for the many hours of training required and various license costs throughout
- The huge delays in certifying new drivers throughout the pandemic lockdowns has created a huge backlog of new drivers awaiting certification
- Better pay and conditions are needed – lorry driving is a lonely job and it isn't just about putting more money in drivers' pockets. It's about providing safe and affordable overnight parking; decent food options; and clean washing and bathing facilities
- The average age of a lorry driver in this country is now 53 years old, with only two percent of qualified drivers under the age of 25 and 60 percent over 45.”

Laying blame does nothing whatsoever to resolve the problem, as neither does being selfish and self-centred. Take the “I'm alright Jack” attitude of some of our motorists with regard to the petrol crisis they have created. Consider the following;

- The shortage had been exacerbated by “people going out and filling up when they really don't need to”. “If you think about it, 30m cars out there, if they've all got half a tank [and] if they all rush out to fill up the rest of the tank and the tank is about 60 litres, that will put a strain on the system,” There was enough petrol to

go round, although some delays in delivering had occurred. Had motorists continued their normal routine of filling their tanks, there would have been an occasional inconvenience but no major crisis

- Some motorists started filling storage cans, which seems to have resulted in mass hysteria and panic buying
- The people trying to sort out the transport problems are having to divert precious resource dealing with the additional escalating frenzied fuel crisis
- Is a little inconvenience using the train or bus, or even walking, such a major sacrifice for non-essential travel?
- *Are they happy having preserved their own convenience, for key health workers, train and bus drivers looking after the rest of us, emergency service workers and the like to be deprived of fuel to get to work?*
- They surely can't be happy possibly risking the health and safety of the vulnerable and sick, their own family and relatives or does it remain the case of "I'm Alright Jack!"

Is it really here we go again? Me, me, me, just as we saw with toilet rolls, pasta etc during the height of the pandemic. Why do our brains push us to panic buy - even when authorities are assuring the public there's no need to? Instead of staying calm and critically evaluating the information given in the media, and certainly from the NHS, people have grown into the phenomena of so-called mass hysteria.

While established media organisations might be trying to cover the outbreak in a measured way, that's no longer the only source we consume information from. Social media is a great place for entertainment but consumers need to be wary of getting their news from there.

Social media is a mixed bag. It is good at connecting people and giving them a voice, but it also dilutes messages from government and key health agencies with many unqualified voices. Now, everyone is an expert! The ultra-fast dissemination of news makes people instantly feed off of each other's reactions. People share and share stories of shortages, again causing a vicious cycle of panic, instead of creating resilience and togetherness in the community against this threat by drivers modifying their behaviour.

Psychologists would have us believe the short answer to what motivates people to irrationally panic buy can be found in the psychology of "retail therapy" - where we buy to manage our emotional state. In times of uncertainty, people enter a panic zone that makes them irrational and completely neurotic



Experts say the answer lies in a fear of the unknown, and believing that a dramatic event warrants a dramatic response. Panic buying, is fuelled by anxiety, and a willingness to go to lengths to quell those fears: like queueing for hours or buying way more than you need. Finally, herd mentality also adds to this behaviour. The experts say the fact that panic buying is happening at all can prompt people to participate. "If everyone else on the Titanic is running for the lifeboats, you're going to run too, regardless if the ship's sinking or not," It's also worth noting that quality sources of information are always vital for avoiding rumours and falsities.

Consumers are trying to gain control and panic buying is essentially our attempt to be in control of a situation. It's quite important to feel that at least we are doing something, we are being proactive and panic buying is exactly that.

Perhaps, if you're feeling compelled to panic buy, it might be worth asking what it is you're really afraid of. If people are really getting distressed and anxious about this, then perhaps they should seek out help from a mental health professional.

If they want panic buying to stop, governments need to demonstrate that they are in control through decisive action, sustained, plain English and transparent communication.

## Introducing new Neighbourhoods Inspector for Richmond Jon Mcloughlin

I have been meeting residents and those who work and visit the borough this month, as I replace Inspector Rebecca Robinson, who is moving on from the borough.

I'm very happy to return to neighbourhoods as the Inspector for Richmond, and I'm keen to ensure that the local teams can provide a good service for those who need it.

I have been based in Twickenham, heading one of the response teams for the boroughs of Kingston and Richmond for several years, and before that I served as a PC at Twickenham from 1998 to 2001, returning as a Sgt in 2007 to the present time.

I'm keen for my neighbourhood officers to be seen out on their wards, meeting locals and ensuring residents have a local police presence they can talk to about crime, anti-social behaviour and other persistent problems on the borough.

Richmond is a fantastic area, and I'm keen to ensure it remains one of the safest boroughs in London.

I hope that my officers will continue to be able to provide a great presence in the community, and I know that they will continue to meet residents by attending local events as well as on their patrols.

If you would like to speak to your local officer, please [visit the Met's website](#).

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Dear Editor,

## Council proposes non-optional Wall to Wall CPZs to be imposed on Teddington Residents - with thousands of drivers compelled to buy parking permits

The proposals outlined in the Council letter are completely unacceptable, they bypass the officially agreed Community Engagement and Consultation procedures, and are relying on incomplete and outdated parking figures gathered during the COVID 19 pandemic period. The letter suggests that local Councillors have been consulted, so residents need to know which of the twelve local Councillors in the four Wards affected were consulted, and which residents they in turn consulted. I am not aware of any Teddington resident that has been consulted, neither were Teddingtonians in general made aware that the Transport and Air Quality Committee was to discuss their parking issues in January when most were still in Lock Down.

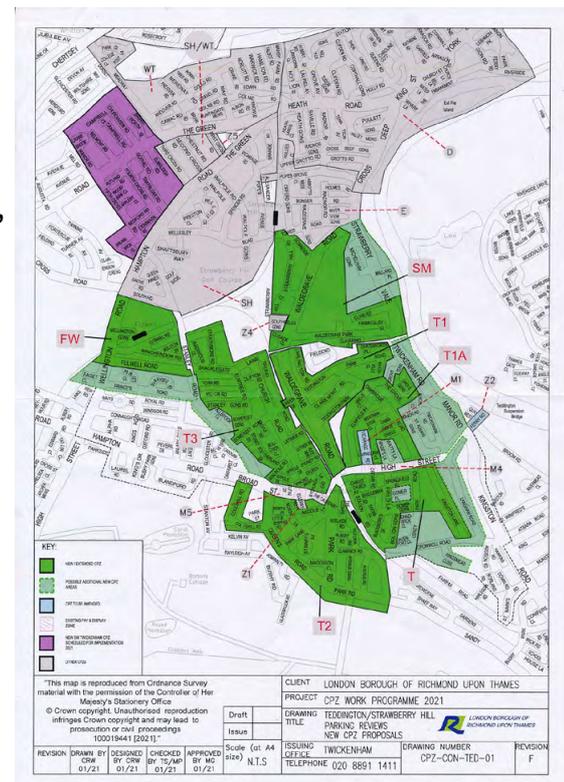
As far as the operating hours for any CPZ extensions were concerned, I specifically asked Council Officers for the standard 0830am to 1030am to be included as an option, and if I remember correctly, a No Change option as well. Unfortunately, the circulated questionnaire included neither, and subsequently, residents have been unable to choose the standard 0830am to 1030am option which prevents commuter parking completely and allows the whole of Teddington to function normally for the rest of the day. The statement in the circulated letter stating that 10am to noon is expected to be more effective in deterring commuters is simply wrong, it undoubtedly reduces economic and social activity and causes significant loss of takings for all businesses. It is estimated that about 50% of the residents that did not vote, did not vote because they could not vote to retain their current 0830 - 1030am two hour period, or simply for "No Change".

So what we need now, is for the 21st September document to be withdrawn as it treats extra bits of CPZs across almost the whole of Teddington as a fait accompli - the letter says "As you live within this new CPZ, we would like to hear your views. Please read the information below before responding." In reality, very few of the families receiving the letter live in CPZs, and most do not want to live in a CPZ as demonstrated by the low support rate for CPZs.

In due course, and preferably once COVID 19 restrictions are lifted, it should be possible to have a public meeting (or two) at which Councillors and Officers can discuss with residents and businesses whether or not, further CPZs are needed, or whether parking problems can be solved by cheaper solutions. It would be good to hear formal presentations about any proposed new schemes directly from Officers, who currently are all but invisible to local residents and businesses.

Regards,

Brian Holder, Leader, Teddington Society Roads & Transport Group



*Click image to view full size*

Dear Tribune,

### **A Day in the Life of a Vaccine Volunteer**

It has been a case of the old leading the older....

Having been impressed by the good humour of the staff and volunteers at my own Covid vaccinations, I thought I would show my gratitude by volunteering myself.

The first time was fun so I thought I would have another go.

This time, I was on traffic/parking duties. Two and a half hours standing on a traffic island, holding a board saying 'Vaccination Parking', spent mostly finding people parking spaces where none existed, apologising to blue badge holders for not letting them park actually inside the surgery building, and calming irate drivers who couldn't wait while very old and very bad parkers tried to reverse into spaces that could house a truck.

Most people and all the volunteers are lovely – apart from the man who rolled down his window and advised me that I was an idiot, followed by "Don't you know the vaccine is killing people – just wait till your fingers drop off". *What?*

When I told him to move on or I'd call the police, he laughed – knowing full well that there aren't any. I ignored him and he eventually moved on, encouraged by the queue of irate drivers behind him blowing their horns and shaking their fists.

Sadly, I didn't get his registration as I was too busy trying to help old people across the road and had nothing to write with and no smart phone for a group selfie with this charmer. Anyway, I wasn't keen on getting assaulted. If he's reading this, all I can say is, "I hope YOUR fingers drop off, along with everything else". With no vaccine, no fingers, and no brain, I'm sure he can look forward to a long, happy life.

Next, I thought it might be I who was going mad when I saw a man drive past with a fully-inflated pink balloon in his mouth – at least, I think it was a balloon. But then my suspicious mind took over... was it a nitrous oxide lunch? Where are the men in white coats when you need them?

Another man, from the warmth and safety of his van, gave me the finger, the modern day traditional British greeting. It's so nice to feel appreciated by the passing public!

Then the rain came down. No brolly so I put the notice on my head. Not much good for the patients on the ground but very informative for aircraft passengers flying into Heathrow.

One of the girls managing the long queue of people waiting for vaccinations told me that, earlier, a lady of a certain age (in other words, as old as I!) came off the street and worked the queue, saying: "Don't you realise this vaccine is full of dangerous chemicals and they are killing all of you here". The poor volunteer had the job of quelling the panic.

Will I volunteer again next week? Of course! As well as my arm, my conscience has been pricked.

Regards,  
Sue – SW London (Name and address supplied)

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*All letters must be submitted by the end of Thursday, prior to publication the following day on Friday.*

*The Tribune prefers letters to include the writer's name, but will publish anonymously provided details are supplied.*

# WIZ TALES – Gorham Cave Complex

Teresa Read



## Gibraltar: Chamber Sealed for 40,000 Years About to be Explored

This week the national *The Guardian* published information about the Vanguard Cave in the Gorham Cave Complex in Gibraltar: a “chamber” sealed for over 40,000 years. The announcement was released at the Calpe Conference in Gibraltar in September and reported in the Gibraltar Chronicle.

In July 2016 the Gorham Cave Complex, in the UK Overseas Territory of Gibraltar, became the thirtieth World Heritage site of the UK.

It seems from reports in the world’s press that many people are in waiting to hear the next instalment in this interesting story. News from Gibraltar is as follows:

“Vanguard Cave in the Gorham’s Cave Complex World Heritage Site has lived in the shadow of its sister cave, Gorham’s Cave. The cave was first excavated in 1997 and a project was started in 2012, with the aim of determining if the cave had passages and chambers that were plugged by later sediment. Several weeks ago, archaeologists from the Gibraltar National Museum, nine years on, discovered a large chamber at the very back of Vanguard Cave. Preliminary investigation has revealed a 13-metre chamber on the very roof of the cave. This chamber had been sealed for at least 40 thousand years. Initial surface finds have produced remains of lynx, hyaena and Griffon Vulture as well as scratch marks on the walls, produced by a carnivore as yet to be identified. There is also a large whelk which must have been transported up to the chamber which, even today, is well away from the coast. There is also evidence of ancient earthquakes.

Commenting on the discovery, Minister John Cortes said: “*these are exciting finds that open a new chapter of our rich history. Knowing Vanguard cave well, I often wondered what might lie behind the sands. Now we are beginning to get a first glimpse*”. The work in this chamber will now continue with the prospect of exciting finds that have remained sealed for over 40 thousand years.”

At one time it was thought that people today did not have any Neanderthal genes but since 2005 there has been increased interest in genetic inheritance from early humans such as Neanderthals who lived in Europe and Western Asia and Denisovans who lived in Asia.



Gorham’s Cave - Early Exploration: <https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Gorham>

Photographs of the Gorham Caves Complex: <https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Gorham2>

The Gorgon Medusa Story and the Caves: <https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Gorham&page=2>

View the Gorham’s Cave video [HERE](#)

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# Spot The Fake (7)

by Mac McInerney, Heatham Alliance community group  
and Neighbourhood Watch



“This is Device Warranties calling. How are you today?”

TRUE OR FAKE?

Criminals want to find out what fridge and washing machine you have and then try to talk you into giving them your bank details. They say this so you can “renew” the warranty before it runs out.

Don't be taken in by fraudulent cold calls. Hang up.

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– a fraudster might be still on the line.

Wait for five or ten minutes, then call a trusted number first, such as a friend or family member, to check that the line has been cleared since the previous caller.

NB If you want to report something suspicious to the police, check that the line has been cleared or make your call on a different phone, otherwise the next person you speak to could be a fraudster again!

STAY SAFE FROM FRAUD

## Have your say! Community Consultation begins for Kew Haha

Habitats & Heritage are improving the Kew Haha for biodiversity and they want to hear residents views on these changes and are inviting resident to share their thoughts through their Community Consultation.

The Kew Haha is becoming a Green Hub. Habitats & Heritage, a local conservation charity are looking to support the community in creating a Green Hub that make the area a thriving biodiversity hot spots in the currently under-utilised Kew Haha.

Habitats & Heritage will be running a Community Consultation to hear residents views on the new Green Hub. Come and have your say at the drop in session taking place on Tuesday 28th September from 6 to 7.30pm at the Dragon's Suite, First Floor, Old Deer Park Sports Ground, Kew Road, Richmond TW9 2AZ.

If you have any questions about the consultation or the project get in touch with [francesca@habitatsandheritage.org.uk](mailto:francesca@habitatsandheritage.org.uk)

# Parking Consultation opens for new parking measures in Teddington and Strawberry Hill

Richmond Council is conducting a public consultation to seek further feedback on new parking controls in the Teddington and Strawberry Hill area.

The consultation follows Richmond Council's receipt of requests and petitions from residents asking for a new Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to be implemented in several roads to alleviate the difficulties residents regularly experience in finding parking spaces close to their homes. These difficulties have arisen in part due to the parking of vehicles by non-residents, including all-day commuters and short and long stay parking.



The consultation seeks to establish the preferred hours of operation of seven new CPZs in the Teddington and Strawberry Hill area, while also seeking to establish whether parking controls should be introduced in other parts of the areas concerned. The seven new CPZs were approved by the Council's Transport and Air Quality Committee in January 2021.

Residents living in the immediate vicinity have been written to regarding the consultation.

**The consultation run from Friday, 24 September until Sunday, 24 October 2021.**

CLlr Alexander Ehmann, Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Services Committee said:

“Having listened to the concerns of residents, the Council has launched a further parking consultation to establish the detail of proposed parking controls.

“The initial consultation made clear that these controls were desired and the Council has now made its final proposals for the area.

“I would encourage all residents living in the area to share their feedback on the detail of these plans and contribute to the effective deployment of these parking controls.”

View the [full proposals and have your say](#).

# Strawberry Hill House: the home of all things gothic

Dare you take the Gothic Twilight Tour? (Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 October)

**As Halloween approaches, where better to experience the very place that inspired the genre of gothic literature and the Goth sub-culture, than Strawberry Hill House in Twickenham?**

Gothic or horror fiction is often believed to have begun during a stormy night in 1816, when Lord Byron suggested a competition between Percy Bysshe Shelley, his wife Mary Shelley and Byron's physician John Polidori to write the best ghost story. Mary famously wrote *Frankenstein*, while Polidori created *The Vampyre*, the progenitor of the vampire genre that later inspired Bram Stoker's defining *Dracula* (1897).

However, more than 50 years before that remarkable night on the shores of Lake Geneva, Horace Walpole's *The Castle of Otranto* was published in 1764 and is surely the precursor to our ongoing enjoyment of so-called gothic books, films, art, and music.

The novel begins with the dramatic and somewhat Monty Python-esque death of Conrad, who is killed by an enormous helmet that inexplicably falls on him before his wedding day to Isabella. This fatal episode sets Conrad's father, Manfred, on his ill-starred journey, as he attempts to stave off the ancient prophecy, "that the castle and lordship of Otranto should pass from the present family, whenever the real owner should be grown too large to inhabit it."

In a bid to keep Otranto and continue the familial line, Manfred resolves to divorce his wife, Hippolita and marry the young and beautiful Isabella. Of course, his plan does not go well...

Other aspects of the novel feature moving portraits, bleeding statues, secret passages, trapdoors and various unexplained noises and goings-on. All of which became essential elements of gothic and horror storytelling.

Such was the novel's success that it inspired a slew of stories copying its style, including Clara Reeve's *The Old English Baron* (1778) and MG Lewis's *The Monk* (1796), Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey* (1803) also employed gothic themes for comic effect.

Walpole's novel was inspired by a nightmare he experienced at his own 'gothic castle' Strawberry Hill and his fascination with medieval history. Moreover, Walpole gave the novel a subtitle 'A Gothic Story' and in so doing, created the literary phenomenon.

Built in 1749, Strawberry Hill was one of the first expressions of a revival in a burgeoning taste amongst the wealthy for gothic architecture. The exterior and interior of the house reflect how Walpole was influenced by medieval castles and cathedrals. So much so that, in true gothic style, experts believe that the designs of the chimney-places were based on tombs inside Westminster Abbey.

Horace Walpole thought of his gothic castle as a building with a personality of its own, full of relics (items associated of people from the past to give account of themselves) and the perfectly designed stage for his visitors to experience his treasures and their stories, some of them uncanny some of them macabre. Only by coming to the house can you feel Horace's theatrics and presence drawing you through the dramatic rooms. "From 1747 Walpole started to acquire pseudo-ancestral objects and curiosities, which gave Strawberry Hill the desired gloomy and historical atmosphere" says Strawberry Hill Curator Silvia Davoli, Curator

Even in the daytime, the house has what Horace called 'gloomth' - with the interplay of light and dark, colour and shadows.

This Halloween (Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 October at 6.30pm & 7pm) we invite you to take a Gothic Twilight Tour and discover the home of the Gothic. Tour Horace Walpole's castle, where our expert guides will share stories of the gothic at this most spooky time of year - this will include the stories behind some of the macabre treasures that once filled Strawberry Hill House...

For more information and to book tickets for the Gothic Twilight Tours visit [www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/](http://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/) Twitter [@strawbhillhouse](https://twitter.com/strawbhillhouse) / Facebook [@StrawberryHillHouse](https://www.facebook.com/StrawberryHillHouse/) / Instagram [@strawbhillhouse](https://www.instagram.com/strawbhillhouse)



**STRAWBERRY HILL**  
House & Garden

# Hampton North Ward News

Councillors Geoffrey Samuel and Kate Howard

## BURTONS ROAD

A year ago the Council devised a scheme to address a traffic problem in this road. In a local consultation 14% of respondents supported the scheme but this fell to 0% in five roads. 49% of residents in Burtons Road were in favour. The Council then introduced the scheme. We have received numerous complaints ever since e.g. the scheme is ill-designed; it has had unacceptable consequences for near-by roads. It is too complicated; the signage is poor and unclear. The Council has so far received just over £500,000 in penalties. One local resident in Burtons Road has received three tickets! Now local residents in our ward and also in Fulwell & Hampton Hill have raised a petition with over 1300 signatures which we support and helped the local team to deliver to York House. Under the Council's procedure this will spark a short debate at Council on 28th September. A full report in our next Newsletter

## TWO OPEN SPACES

Outside 2-4 **Hanworth Road** is a pleasant well-kept small green with a newly planted tree. Immediately opposite, outside 1- 3a, is a scruffy, unkempt green with a dead tree. We drew this unacceptable situation to the Head of Parks – for action!

## GIVE US YOUR VIEWS

- A resident feels that speed in **Hanworth Road** is, at times, so high that traffic calming is needed. Do you agree?
- We are supporting a disabled resident in **Hawley Close** who finds it difficult to walk because of the state of the pavements. Tell us of any road near you where the pavement could be dangerous for an elderly or disabled resident
- £10,000 is available for the ward under the Local Area Fund: how would you like it to be spent?

## OUR QUESTIONS at THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

- When can residents expect a resumption of the classes, courses and activities at **The White House**?
- Will the Council consult residents on “NoMowMay” as an alternative to the present controversial scheme?
- When will the Council provide the crossing that many residents have requested in **Broad Lane**?
- How soon will the Council consult residents on the proposal to deal with traffic/parking in **Hanworth Road**?

Answers in our next edition

## REFUSE/RECYCLING/GARDEN WASTE

We are following up every complaint about missed collections, failure to provide a catch-up, the state of the recycling centres and the condition of the Green waste service. Please report every failure directly to the Council [and to us]

## PLANNING ISSUES

We are supporting residents in a number of cases where a proposed development would be incompatible with the character of the road. We have heard of too many cases where residents' lives have been disrupted by the excessive noise during building works – and are following this up. We are not happy that officers are requiring a flat roof in an application in **Albury Close**. Residents are understandably concerned when an unpopular development is passed as 'Permitted Development'. We want greater consultation with residents especially when an 'amended' proposal is submitted.

## SHORTER ITEMS

- Many reports of blocked drains and gullies: let us know if there is a problem near you
- At our request officers are acting on an abandoned car in **Wordsworth Road**
- We have assisted a resident in **Maple Close** unhappy with the service from RHP
- We have asked Nick Rogers, our GLA member who is transport expert to object to proposals that adversely affect the train service.
- The new pitch on **Hampton Common** is, fortunately, further away from residents in **Morland Close** – but we still want to know the cost!
- The Council held an on-line Community Conversation a few days ago open to every resident of Hampton and Hampton North wards: 71 registered for the event: 33 actually attended
- We have supported the proposal to rename the open space **Arundel Close Wildlife Site**.
- We have referred to officers complaints about the maintenance of **Teddington** and other Cemeteries
- We are happy to provide details and a briefing on the plans for Twickenham Riverside for any interested resident.
- We complained on behalf of local residents when paint was spilled over the pavement in **Longford Close** and not removed.
- We acted immediately when a section of the hedge in **Old Farm Road** was removed.

Keep in touch with us by phone or [gjshn@btinternet.com](mailto:gjshn@btinternet.com): tell us of issues which concern you: we are both here to help

# The Duchess of Malfi

by **John Webster**

Adapted and directed by John Buckingham

Richmond Shakespeare Society



at the Mary Wallace Theatre

**Mary Wallace  
Theatre**

The Embankment  
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affiliated to Arts Richmond



*A woman's desire to choose love unleashes a nightmare.*

## Kew

### Happy Birthday to Kew Village Market

unbelievably 10 years old this month! From just 17 stalls at our launch on the sunniest of October days, now there are over 45 independent traders selling their own (often award-winning) produce – for the full list of Sunday's stalls please see [HERE](#).

Ten years is a marvellous milestone and while we'd love to mark it with fizz and fireworks sadly, we don't have the cash, (no) thanks to Covid. Instead, we're celebrating by giving what we can to charity. KVM cheques will be presented to local good causes by Cllr J-F Burford – very fittingly because without J-F, whose idea it was, there would be no Kew Village Market.

As it happens, the KVM team have already had a birthday present – to their surprise and delight they've just heard they've been nominated for The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service 2022, the highest award given to voluntary groups across the UK. The winners won't be announced until next summer, so there's no holding of breath, but to be nominated is a fantastic fillip.

Our birthday music on Sunday comes courtesy of Hanwell Ukulele Group (aka HUG) who'll be strumming their hearts out in our sunshine-yellow music marquee, followed by the Joe Card Band. So do come and join the party – fingers crossed for an even sunnier October day 10 years on!

Looking forward to seeing you on **Sunday 3rd October, from 10am to 2pm**

## Barnes

### Volunteer at London Wetland Centre

London Wetland Centre, based in Barnes, is part of a charity that does conservation work all around the world.

The Wetland Centre are running a new event which they hope will attract new visitors to learn about wetlands, and also raise valuable funds. This is called Illuminature, and is a beautiful light trail around the centre. They need volunteers to help to steward this event!

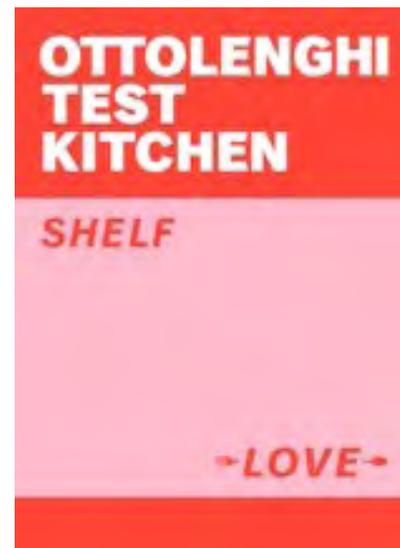


Illuminature runs in the evenings from October to January.

If you think you might be interested, visit the [WWT website](#).

## OTTOLENGHI TEST KITCHEN: SHELF LOVE

I've long been a massive fan of Yotam Ottolenghi's recipes, and I'm delighted to be able to share some information about his latest tome – published this week and the first in an innovative new series. All the signature Ottolenghi touches are here – big flavours, veggie-forward dishes, diverse influences – but distilled for maximum ease and versatility. The series of books will share the Test Kitchen's tried-and-tested recipes, with ways to tweak and modify them using the ingredients you have to hand. Designed in an interactive notebook style, they feature suggestions to adapt, spaces to write notes, and great photography.



Whether they're conjuring up new recipes or cooking for themselves at home, the Ottolenghi Test Kitchen team does what we all do: raid their kitchens. But then they turn whatever they find into approachable, uplifting creations with that special 'Ottolenghi' twist. This series was inspired by the OTK team's own experience in lockdown, when were all standing in front of our kitchen shelves, cupboards and fridges, wondering what on earth to cook with what we've got; how best to use a can of chickpeas or a bag of frozen peas, avoiding an extra trip to the shops. The dishes pack the punch we expect from Ottolenghi, but with extra flexibility to make them our own.

Cleverly designed by Caz Hildebrand, the format is notebook-style with sections to adapt and spaces to scribble on. *Ottolenghi Test Kitchen: Shelf Love* by Noor Murad and Yotam Ottolenghi (Ebury Press, £25) Photography by Elena Heatherwick.

Here are a couple of recipes to whet your appetite, to inspire you (and encourage you to add the book to your Christmas wish-list!)

### **ZA'ATAR SALMON AND TAHINI** Serves 4

"If you haven't yet paired fish with tahini, then you're in for a real treat. This version combines tahini with herbaceous za'atar and sour sumac, our ever familiar but much treasured test kitchen staples. We strongly recommend using creamy, nutty tahini that's sourced from countries within the Levant. Eat this shortly after cooking, as cooked tahini doesn't sit or reheat very well."

**Prep time:** 5 minutes **Cook time:** 20 minutes

4 salmon fillets (600g), skin on and pin bones removed  
2 tbsp za'atar  
2 tsp sumac, plus ½ tsp extra for sprinkling  
60 ml olive oil  
250g baby spinach  
90g tahini  
3 garlic cloves, crushed  
3 ½ tbsp lemon juice  
1tbsp roughly chopped coriander leaves  
salt and black pepper



1. Preheat the oven to 220 ° C fan.
2. Pat dry the salmon and sprinkle with salt and pepper. In a small bowl, combine the za'atar and sumac, then sprinkle this all over the top of the salmon to create a crust.
3. Place a large ovenproof sauté pan on a medium-high heat and add a tablespoon of oil. Once hot, add the spinach and a pinch each of salt and pepper and cook for 2–3 minutes, until just wilted.
4. Top with the salmon, skin side down, and drizzle the top of the fish with 2 tablespoons of oil. Bake for 5 minutes.
5. Meanwhile, in a small bowl whisk together the tahini, garlic, 2½ tablespoons of lemon juice, a good pinch of salt and 100ml of water until smooth and quite runny.
6. When ready, remove the pan from the oven and pour the tahini all around the salmon (but not on the fish at all). Bake for another 5 minutes, or until the fish is cooked through and the tahini is bubbling. Spoon over the remaining tablespoon each of lemon juice and oil and top with the coriander and extra sumac.

### **STICKY MISO BANANAS WITH LIME AND TOASTED RICE** Serves 4

“This dessert ticks all our flavour boxes – sweet, salty, tangy and umami – and all our texture boxes – sticky, crunchy and creamy. The bananas you use should have almost completely yellow skin, with only the tiniest bit of brown spotting.”

**Prep time:** 5 minutes **Cook time:** 30 minutes

- 40g unsalted butter
- 70g light soft brown sugar
- ½ tsp ground star anise
- 3 tbsp crème fraiche
- 1½ tbsp white miso
- 4 medium bananas (medium ripe), peeled and halved lengthways
- 1 lime: finely grate the zest to get 1 tsp and then juice to get 1½ tsp

#### **TOASTED RICE TOPPING**

- 1 tbsp Thai sticky rice (raw), or jasmine rice
- 2 tsp black sesame seeds
- ½ tsp ground star anise

1. Set the oven to its highest grill setting.
2. Make the topping. Toast the rice in a small frying pan on a medium heat for 12–15 minutes, shaking the pan from time to time, until deeply golden. Blitz in a spice or coffee grinder until fine, then transfer to a small bowl. Return the pan to a medium-high heat and add the sesame seeds. Toast for 1 minute, then stir into the rice bowl along with the star anise. Set aside.
3. Put the butter, sugar, star anise and half the crème fraiche into a large, ovenproof cast-iron pan (or a large sauté pan) on a medium heat. Stir the mixture frequently, until the butter has melted and
4. the sugar has dissolved, then, off the heat, whisk in the miso until smooth. Add the bananas, cut side up, using a spoon to coat the tops with some of the caramel, then transfer to the oven and grill
5. for about 8 minutes (this will vary, depending on your grill, so check them at the 7-minute mark), or
6. until the bananas have softened and are lightly browned.
7. While the bananas are grilling, mix the remaining crème fraiche with the lime juice. When ready,
8. spoon this all over the bananas, then sprinkle with the lime zest and a tablespoon of the rice topping. Serve immediately and directly from the pan, with the extra rice topping alongside



# Answers to Covid. FAQ's for travel nerds

Travel news by Bruce Lyons

Even though it is now over 2 weeks since the U.S. Government told us all that early November would be the opening date for double vacc'd travellers we still don't know when Early November is.

Another thing. Malta (which is a Green destination) and OK for double vacc'd travellers Do not let unvaccinated kids in!! Something to watch out for, it has caused more than a few problems, surprise, surprise.

What else? We are finding many potential travellers are wary of Green countries on the "Watch List"

And it will be good to have reached the 4th of October when the world is all the same EXCEPT for the REDS. This will make it easier to understand the rules – as far as England is concerned. However!

You still have to look very carefully at the host countries protocols. Check and check again "a stitch in time" as they say.



All that said, almost every day the options to travel widen – even today Croatia and Turkey both announced that for double vacc'd travellers there is no longer a requirement for a negative PCR to be shown on arrival.

This week the FCO also relented and changed the status to OK to travel for Sri Lanka, Maldives Turkey and Egypt. Which makes it possible for a wide choice for October Break. Egypt is excellent for warmth, coral snorkelling, excellent Diving and amazing Culture on Nile Cruises. Turkey

is excellent value this October too. For an exotic Island Maldives has it all and for nature, beaches, culture, Sri Lanka is the perfect choice.



Not exactly "The World is Your Oyster" yet but a lot more than a week or two ago. Top Choices this Week are Greece for ease and good value, Iceland for Interest & Red Sea for Heat!

Now's the time to get a bit of R & R before our damp, cold and dark winter descends. Looking for an adventure trip then try Jordan, Morocco & Iceland are also all easy on protocols and good fun.



## Grand Opera Gala

Instant Opera, Richmond Theatre

“To wake the soul with tender works of art”. Alexander Pope’s words, inscribed over the proscenium arch at Richmond Theatre, rang true as the theatre reopened to the public after 555 dark days. There was a feeling of elation that “the most completely preserved Frank Matcham theatre” was back. So it was with a great sense of occasion, and a palpable excitement, that the audience took its seats for the *Grand Opera Gala*. Appropriately the honour of being the first production back on the baize went to a local production company, Instant Opera.



Sullivan’s lively overture to *HMS Pinafore*, with an augmented Instant Opera Orchestra, under the baton of Olive Till, made for a dynamic start. The Instant Opera Chorus provided a supportive vocal base for the set-pieces, characterising the narrative of the operas.



Highlights included excerpts from Verdi’s [\*La Traviata\*](#), featuring St Petersburg-born soprano Ilona Domnich as the society courtesan Violetta Valéry, the fallen woman of the title. Outstanding Indian tenor Anando Mukerjee drew sustained applause as Don José, the hapless corporal in Bizet’s [\*Carmen\*](#) with his

Flower Song, José’s love song to Carmen. The title role of [\*Carmen\*](#) is gift for a mezzo, and Anna Loveday punched in all the firecracker vitality of the Andalusian gypsy girl, entrancing José with her *Seguidilla*. In Donizetti’s [\*Lucia di Lammermoor\*](#), soprano Camilla Jeppeson’s ardent expression spoke of Lucia’s painful dilemmas. The richly smooth bass of Tobias Odenwald gave a remarkable portrayal of the elderly general in Tchaikovsky’s [\*Eugene Onegin\*](#) in Prince Gremin’s compelling testimony to love.

Stationed downstage like a music-hall chairman was compere, Daniel Wain, gorgeously louche in a velvet smoking jacket. Wain is more thespian than opera buff, so his occasional inaccuracies were more than forgiven by his huge enthusiasm, and his ready wit. He introduced himself as the “Ring-master” ... “except that there was no Wagner on the programme”. His political barbs might not alienate a Richmond audience, but his negative use of the “B-word” ... .. bagpipes, might have upset the SNP!



Read Mark Aspen’s review at [www.markaspen.com/2021/09/30/grd-op-gala](http://www.markaspen.com/2021/09/30/grd-op-gala)

Photography by Robert Piwko, MAD photography and Jon Lo



## Jessica Cale and George Ireland

Opera Live at Home, online from 28 September

It must be quite daunting to sing into a webcam; even if you can make out the faces of the audience; they're surely postage stamp-sized. But as soprano and pianist alike reflect later, performing takes them half out of their surroundings and into the world of the opera itself. Mind you, Jessica Cale and George Ireland are coming live from the St Pancras Clock Tower, which seems a suitably dramatic venue.



By concentrating on soprano arias, Opera Live at Home's recital juxtaposes lone women from across the repertoire. It would be too easy to suggest that they were all as a result lost or abandoned characters, though there is a common theme of isolation. But in their different responses to solitude, we see a great variety of female agency, their modes ranging from lament and vengeance to playfulness and daring.

Cale proves more than capable of these transitions between moods. The bitter 'L'empio rigor del fato' from Handel's [\*Rodelinda\*](#) is followed by the initially calm 'How beautiful it is' from Britten's [\*The Turn of the Screw\*](#). But this contains its own abrupt change of tone, in which Cale's singing is effectively supported by Ireland's suddenly staccato piano.

After the haunting change of gear in the [\*Britten\*](#), there is a lighter touch to Ireland's introduction for Micaela's 'Je dis que rien' from [\*Carmen\*](#), signalling something of the comic that compere Helen Astrid mentions in her assured commentaries.

In Cleopatra's aria from [\*Handel's Giulio Cesare in Egitto\*](#), Cale conveys the Queen of the Nile's own transition from reflective to vengeful. She imbues 'Quando m'en vo' from [\*La Bohème\*](#) with the joy and vivacity it deserves, whereas Susanna's aria from act four of [\*Figaro\*](#) makes for a more wistful ending to the bill than may have been planned, but there's no disguising the emotion here either.



Read Matthew Grierson's review at [www.markaspen.com/2021/09/29/jess-cale-geo-ireland](http://www.markaspen.com/2021/09/29/jess-cale-geo-ireland)

Photography by Emma Brown



## Are You Going to Do That Little Jump?

by Robert Gillespie

Nightwork pp.267, available from 1<sup>st</sup> October

TW3 is not that part of the world known as Hounslow ...read on.

Robert Gillespie is a great raconteur, whose reminiscences are retold with realism. He has spent a life rubbing shoulders with the great, the good and the not so good, from Donald Wolfit, Cyril Cusack, Roy Kinnear or Julie Walters to eastern European spies.



Gillespie is an accomplished word-smith and creator of images that stick in the mind. As such this, his second autobiographical book of working with theatre folk past and present, makes a good coffee table read, especially as it is written in short chapters enabling the reader to dip in and out at leisure.

His entertaining anecdotes of his time in repertory in the 1950's and 60's raises many a smile and occasional eyebrow; coping with the word-learning process, paraphrasing when the playwrights' words evade the memory, performing, rehearsing and word-learning, and all at the same time. As he puts it, "An eye-opener. ... crude characterisation, obvious paraphrasing and a sense of forced energy floating on chronic fatigue".

There is an affectionate section *The Last of the Dinosaurs*, the Actor-Managers such as Donald Wolfit, Robert Atkins and Anew McMaster with a critique of their productions and attitudes. The whole book shines with many photographs of that period and others.

His connections to the spy scandal of the 1960's, *The Petrov Affair* is intriguing, plus attitudes to religion, writing for *That Was The Week That Was* (known as TW3), and his Hungarian background



We may share his joy in revealing the peccadilloes of the great actor-mangers of the past, relive his terrors of performing love scenes to an audience of children, or laugh at his tales from the green room. However, Gillespie's attitudes towards the theatre arts range from flippancy to deep conviction. Here they spelt out by an objective insider.

If you fancy a sly peep those red velvet curtains, then this is the book for you.

Read Patrick Adams review at [www.markaspen.com/2021/07/08/jump](http://www.markaspen.com/2021/07/08/jump)

Photography by Paul Warrington

# HUSBAND and WIFE PLAY ILL-FATED LOVERS IN WEBSTER'S THE DUCHESS of MALFI at THE MARY WALLACE THEATRE

A rare occurrence for a real-life married couple to appear as husband and wife on stage, but Amy and John Dodero will be playing the doomed Duchess and her lover in Richmond Shakespeare Society's presentation of an updated version of John Webster's acclaimed THE DUCHESS of MALFI at the Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham's Embankment (next to the Barmy Arms).

THE DUCHESS of MALFI is the best-known Jacobean tragedy by a playwright generally regarded as Shakespeare's greatest rival. When the recently widowed Duchess elects to take the manager of her household as lover and new husband, disobeying her brothers and transgressing class boundaries, she evokes their fury and a terrible process of revenge, retribution and murder is set in motion.

Join us in this tragedy of passion, betrayal and retribution at the Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham's Riverside **from October 23rd - 30th.**

Tickets are available online currently at [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk) - or on 07484 927662 from October 11th.

Photos show Amy Dodero and John Dodero

Photo credit - Jessica Warrior.



## Half term Halloween panto announced for Teddington Theatre Club

Cinderella Meets The Monsters will be the Halloween panto at the Teddington Theatre Club this half term, for kids of all ages.

Join the Teddington Theatre Club this half term for a fun-filled pantomime - but this time Halloween-ified! Cheer Cinderella, laugh at the ridiculous Ugly Sisters and hiss the Wicked Witch Stepmother as the theatre club spookily re-imagine the best-known rags to riches story ever told.

Watch this creepy traditional fairy story play out amid all the pantomime conventions you'd expect including bad jokes, plenty of audience participation, glitz, glamour, glorious gags, plus a few surprises!

The Panto will run from 27 to 31 October.

Please note, there will be a relaxed performance on the first night. View more details [HERE](#)



# REMEMBER! SPUTNIK

By Doug Goodman

On October 4th 1957 the space race began. Sixty four years ago The Soviet Union launched the first man-made object into space – Sputnik 1. Sputnik means companion or fellow traveller in Russian and its launch surprised the world. It was a simple polished metal sphere just 23 inches in size, weighing 184 pounds and orbited the earth for three weeks before the batteries died. The satellite travelled at 18,000 miles per hour and completed an earth orbit in just over 90 minutes.

America was left behind in the space race and poured vast resources into its own programme in order to catch up. Another Soviet triumph occurred when Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space in April 1961. His capsule Vostok 1 completed one earth orbit and he became an international hero.

From a tiny satellite sending radio signals to earth to a walk on the moon and space craft landing on distant planets, we've come a long way since October 4th 1957.



Soviet Souvenir



Gagarin, First Man in Space



Match Boxes of Gagarin



Soviet Leader Khrushchev with Cosmonauts in 1963

# St Mary's University

## 82-Year-Old Priest Enters Final Ten Half Marathons of Epic Challenge

Music loving priest Prof Monsignor Vladimir Felzmann, AKA Fr Vlad, has today started walking the final ten half marathons of his epic challenge of completing 52 laps of the Sir Mo Farah Athletics track 83 times over the coming year to raise £500,000 to replace the St Mary's University, Twickenham Chapel Organ.

Fr Vlad set himself the challenge to combine his love for music and sport. Having originally come to the UK as a refugee from Czechoslovakia after World War Two, sport has been a key part of Fr Vlad's life. He found when joining a British school for the first time that through competitive athletics and playing football he was able to make friends when he couldn't speak English.

[Speaking to Adrian Chiles on Radio 5](#) earlier in his epic challenge, Fr Vlad said, *"It was sport that enabled me to get inserted into society, I realised if I could do sport then I began to belong."*



The two numbers in the challenge represent special significance to Fr Vlad. He will be completing 52 laps, to celebrate his 52 years as a priest, 83 times to celebrate his 83rd year of life. So far Fr Vlad has raised over £50,000 from a range of supporters. People wishing to donate to his challenge can do so on his [JustGiving website](#).

With 52 laps of the Sir Mo Farah Athletics Track coming in at 20.8km, just 300m short of a half marathon, Fr Vlad has completed each of his track sessions in around four hours. So far through the challenge he has completed 1497.6km, just over the distance from London to the Vatican City.

Overlooking the main Piazza, the Chapel is at the

heart of the St Mary's University life. With Mass said there daily for the local and University community, it is also an important venue for Christian communities.

In recent years the Chapel has welcomed Pope Benedict XVI, Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople of the Eastern Orthodox Church Bartholomew I of Constantinople, former Archbishop of Canterbury Rt Rev Rt Hon Prof Baron Rowan Williams, and the then Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland Rt Rev Richard Clarke.

The University wants to expand and enhance these current uses, while also breaking new ground in pursuing linkages between music and disciplines such as theology and drama. St Mary's will also utilise it in extending our outreach to local schools, unlocking the Chapel's full potential as a resource for music, art, and religious education.

Fr Vlad, who volunteered at the London 2012 Games as a Chaplain, has been passing the time completing his challenge by being joined by St Mary's students, staff, and alumni for laps of the track.

Speaking of the challenge so far, Fr Vlad said, *"I believe in St Mary's University, I believe in the organ's Apollonian music opening people to the presence of God, so I committed myself to walking the talk of my faith. Now that all restrictions have been lifted and the new term has started, I am looking forward to being joined by more staff and students of St Mary's as I complete my challenge."*

Composer and Conductor Sir James MacMillan CBE said of the challenge, *"There is something wonderful and life-enhancing when a commitment to musical excellence, a concern for beauty in the liturgy and a deep knowledge of and education in the arts all come together. These aspirations have always been dear to me."*

*"Therefore, I am delighted that St Mary's University is demonstrating ambition in all these fields as it approaches the celebration of its 175th anniversary. Central to this determination is the desire to give new life to the place of the organ and the profound music it can make in the University Chapel, both in liturgical and concert contexts. The renewal of this instrument would be a significant step forward and I am delighted to lend my support to this appeal."*



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# The Mulberry Centre receives The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Mulberry Centre, a registered charity based in Isleworth, has been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK.

On Monday 27 September, representatives of The Mulberry Centre, Raj Athwal, Executive Director, and Jane Kelly, Founder Patron and Trustee, received the award crystal and certificate from Sir Kenneth OIisa OCE, Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London.

The Mulberry Centre is one of 241 charities, social enterprises and voluntary groups to receive the prestigious award this year. The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is additionally giving a special designation to QAVS awardees that provided impactful support to the community in response to the pandemic last year - either by managing a significant increase in their usual work or providing extra support in other ways.



The Mulberry Centre was selected for this designation and received this special thank you. The team received a slightly modified crystal with the words 'With special recognition - COVID-19' included in the engraving.

The Mulberry Centre provides support and information for anyone affected by cancer including those diagnosed with cancer, carers, and those bereaved by cancer. They provide free services offering practical ways of enhancing the physical, psychological, and emotional well-being of visitors.

The Centre is supported by over 140 volunteers in a variety of roles, which include delivering services to clients, looking after the building and garden, providing administrative support, fundraising, and raising awareness of their work in the community

# TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE

Autumn 2021

## DIAMOND JUBILEE GARDENS— NOW UNDER THREAT OF C.P.O.



**STOP  
the LibDem  
Compulsory  
Purchase of  
your DJG**

This enclosed, safe and secure events area will be relocated. Riverside flats will replace the children's playground, toilets and the Café Sunshine which supports people with special needs. The Conservatives protected the DJG with a 125 year trust but now it will be relocated in an area with traffic and on a flood plain under LibDem plans. They are threatening to **impose a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) – supported by all three LibDem Riverside Councillors**—on the site. This would have been activated last November had it not been for a last minute change of heart following objections from opposition councillors. We continue to oppose this move.

You only have until September 24th 2021 to make your views known at:  
[http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/Planning\\_Search.aspx](http://www2.richmond.gov.uk/PlanData2/Planning_Search.aspx)  
and when the prompt box comes up type in the number: **21/2758/FUL**

**NO  
to five storey  
buildings in  
Wharf Lane**

### STOP THIS FIVE STOREY OVER- DEVELOPMENT

Low-level buildings have always been residents preferred choice for what will be built on this site yet the LibDems are pressing ahead with a plan which will dominate this riverside site.

**You will lose access to the gardens for more than TWO years while work is undertaken !**



Image from Richmond Council / Hopkins Architects documents

### LACK OF TRANSPARENCY OVER COSTS

Are you aware that this scheme is going to cost upwards of £40 million? And still the LibDems refuse to confirm the costs of destroying the gardens. And then there's the additional £600,000 to cover the Compulsory Purchase Order.

### MIXING TRAFFIC AND PEOPLE ON A FLOOD PLAIN.....

The proposed scheme means there will be no event space which is free from traffic and flooding. Would YOU visit an event space with a road for HGVs running through the middle of it? Servicing and deliveries for existing residents will be directly next to the new grassed terrace. Whilst the vast majority of parking will be removed, cars and lorries have not been. **THIS IS NOT A VEHICLE FREE DEVELOPMENT.** And this has all been proposed with no external safety audit of how it will work in practice. A far cry from the promised 'riverside park'.

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We want more  
investment in  
Twickenham as  
a whole**

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# You must act NOW if you want to stop this overdevelopment of TWICKENHAM RIVERSIDE

**ACT NOW**  
Make your views known

**COUNCIL LEADER RENEGES ON PREVIOUS DEMAND.** In previous plans for the site, the leader of the LibDems demanded that there should be no **separation between residents of Affordable Housing and exclusive private flats**, yet this scheme seeks to do just that. We say no to separate blocks.



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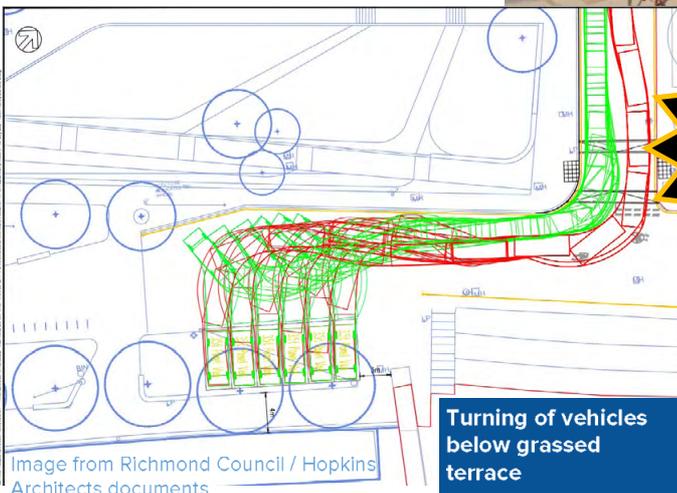


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**NO to segregated living !**

There's been **NO SAFETY AUDITS** for the turning circles at the bottom of Water Lane and Wharf Lane— External auditors have already raised major safety concerns about the proposed two-way traffic layouts for Water Lane and Wharf Lane. They recommend keeping both roads one way. We agree !

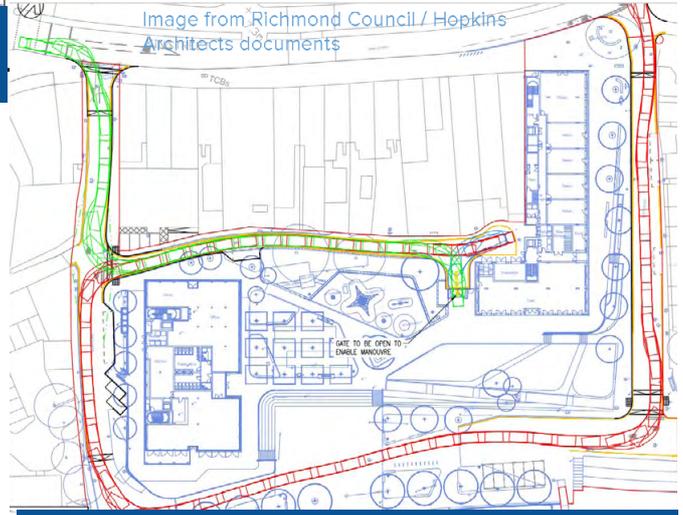


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Red shows the route for HGVs through the only event space

**NO DAYTIME ZONE D PARKING SURVEY UNDERTAKEN BEFORE REMOVAL OF SPACES**—and what residents were not told was that there are already 533 more Residents' Permits issued than spaces provided and with this plan even more spaces will be lost. We are also concerned about the loss of short-term parking, particularly vital for those with mobility issues.

**WHERE is the safety audit?**

**DO WE REALLY NEED ANOTHER PUB?** Where's the imaginative idea to turn Twickenham Riverside into a must visit local destination, certainly not another pub?

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# Emergency care metrics are crucial for improving patient safety and experience

The latest Hospital Episodic Statistics (HES): [Hospital Accident and Emergency Activity 2020-21](#) published today by NHS Digital and NHS England show that attendance rates in the most deprived areas of England were almost double the attendance rates in the least deprived areas.

The data show in 2020-21 in the most deprived areas of England there were 39,161 attendances per 100,000, while in the least deprived areas this figure is almost halved to 20,784.

Dr Katherine Henderson, President of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, said:

*“The pandemic has highlighted the scale of health inequalities across the country. The data show that those from the most deprived area are almost twice as likely to visit their Emergency Department than those from the least deprived area. We welcome NHS England’s willingness to engage on the issue and address health inequalities, but we must see real action taken. We also look forward to the formation of the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and would welcome the opportunity to input into their agenda.*”

*“The health inequalities are clear and tackling them will be a serious challenge. On a fundamental level, if the government is serious about levelling up and tackling these inequalities, the first steps must be to fund and support local authorities and Integrated Care Systems and invest in preventative health. The scale of health inequalities means tackling homelessness; immigrant health; domestic violence; and youth violence. While supporting those with; mental health illnesses; learning disabilities; and both drug and alcohol addiction.”*

There were also 1.39 million reattendances in 2020/21 which is equal to 10.4% of all unplanned attendances. This is the highest figure on record and up 1.7 percentage points when compared to the previous year 2019/20.

Dr Henderson continued:

*“It is also deeply concerning that one in ten patients reattended the Emergency Department (ED), it is vital that patients have the appropriate information and support available to manage their condition following their visit to the ED. We need better data on this issue to understand what is driving people to reattend.”*

In 2020/21 302,784 patients stayed in an Emergency Department for 12-hours or more from time of arrival, this is 21 times higher than the 12-hour figure from decision to admit, which is 14,150.

Dr Henderson continued:

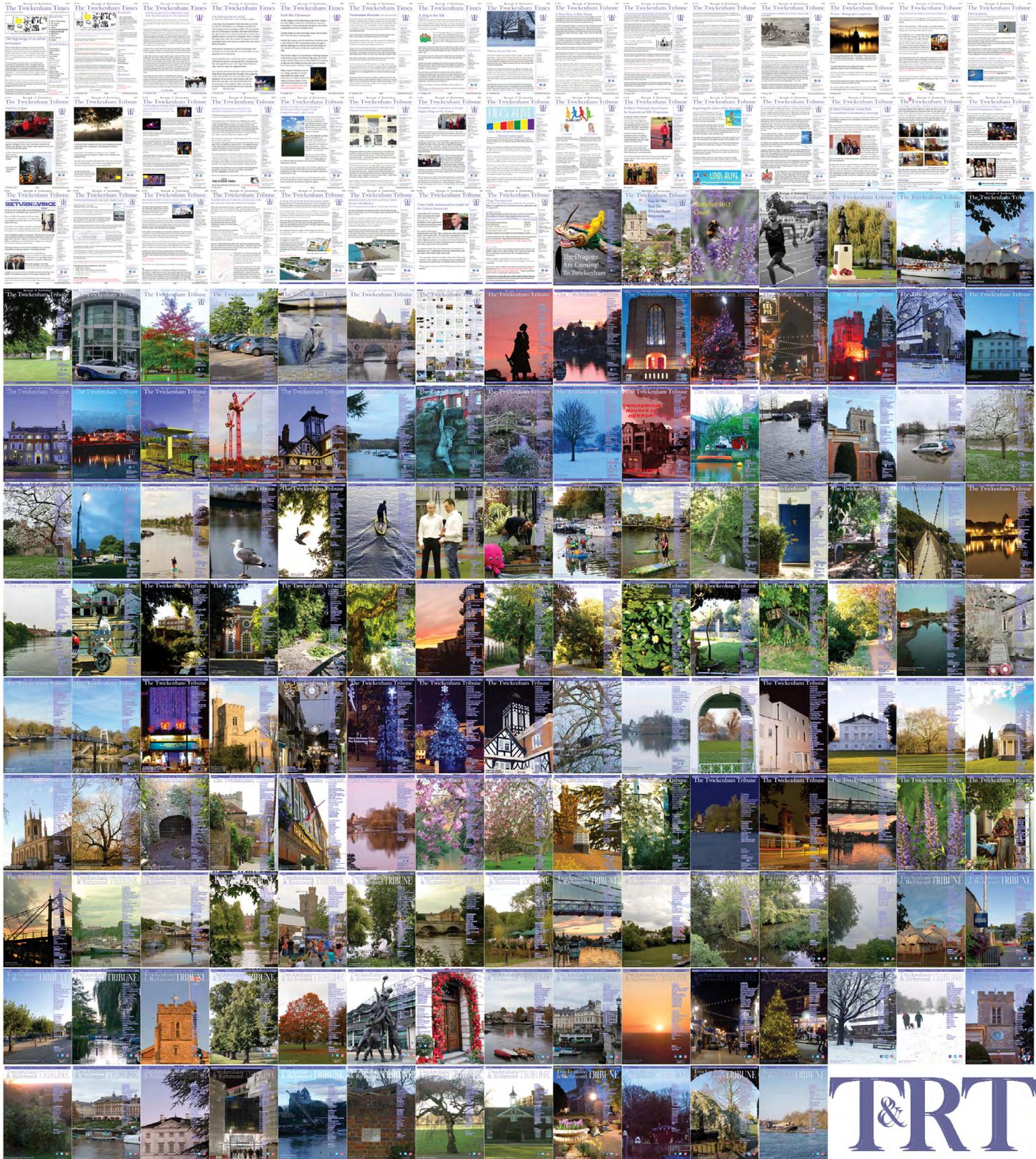
*“Utilising the right metrics in Emergency Departments is crucial to improving patient safety. It is vital that we measure health equalities, reattendances, and 12-hour stays from time of arrival across the country. Analysing these metrics will help us, NHS England and the government to take effective action to support the patients, communities and areas that need it most. That means fewer reattendances, closing the gap on health inequalities, reducing long stays, and improving the patient experience.*”

*“This data paints a very real picture of the state of health and the state of healthcare in this country. We welcome the engagement of NHS England and the government’s agenda on these matters, but we must now see the tangible actions taken to tackle these issues.”*



**The Royal College of  
Emergency Medicine**

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