

# Twickenham & Richmond Tribune



20th anniversary memorial for Amelie Delagrangue, Twickenham Green  
Photo by Berkley Driscoll

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# TickerTape - News in Brief

## Summer bank holiday waste and recycling collections

There will be no changes to the schedule of waste and recycling collections following the summer bank holiday on Monday 26 August.

We will continue to collect residential waste on your [usual collection day](#). You can find out your collection day by downloading the free [My Richmond app](#).

[Townmead Road Reuse and Recycling Centre](#) will remain open, and residents will need to book a slot in advance. Slots will be limited over the bank holiday weekend, so it is advised to book early.

## Hop aboard the Mayor's fish and chips cruise

This September, residents are invited to join the Mayor of Richmond for an unforgettable experience aboard the Southern Belle along the River Thames.

Tickets include a fish and chips lunch and a complimentary drink at the bar.

Event details:

- **Date:** Wednesday 11 September 2024
- **Time:** 11.45am to 4pm
- **Location:** St Helena Pier, Richmond
- **Price:** £35

The boat is not wheelchair accessible.

[Book your tickets](#)

The Mayor regularly holds events to raise funds for his chosen charities - [find out more about the Mayor's charity events](#).



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# Local Picture Postcard Column - Part 263

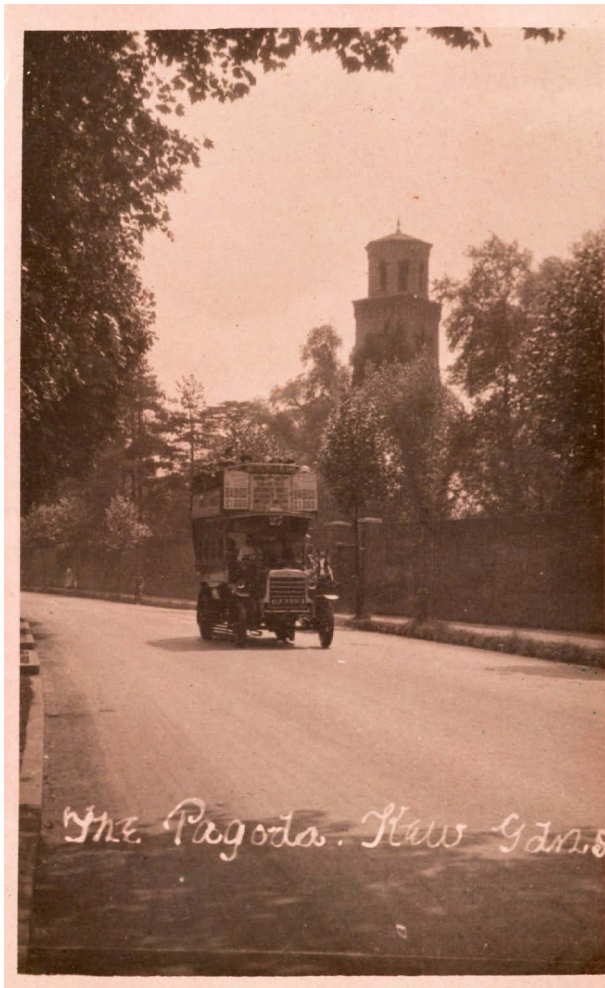
By Alan Winter

## Kew Gardens – The Great Pagoda

At the end of the 19th Century when picture postcards first appeared, publishers soon realised that they sold in greater quantities if the picture was of familiar landscapes and buildings and were for sale where tourists visited.

The most popular postcard of Kew Gardens was then and probably still is now of the great Chinese Pagoda positioned by the Lion Gate.

Our first postcard this week is an artist's painting showing an early car in the Kew Road passing the Lion Gate with the Pagoda in the background c1905.



We then move to a real photographic card of an early 27 bus travelling along Kew Road but the tower in the background is the water tower by Victoria Gate and not the Pagoda.

The third postcard is an air view taken in the 1920's over the gardens with the Pagoda quite dominant.

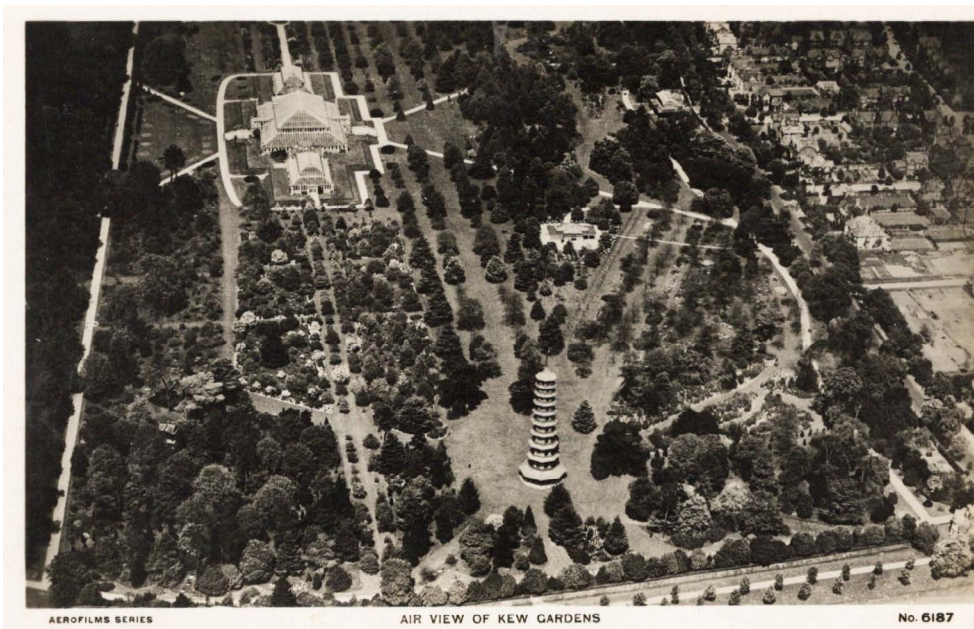
Kew's Pagoda was completed in 1762 as a gift for Princess Augusta, the founder of the Gardens. It was one of several Chinese buildings designed for Kew by Sir William Chambers, who had spent time travelling and studying the architecture of East Asia. His designs for the Great Pagoda were influenced by prints he had seen there of the famous Porcelain Pagoda at Nanjing. A popular 'folly' of the age, it offered one of the earliest and finest bird's eye views of London – which you can enjoy today.

The Great Pagoda was the largest and most ambitious building in a 'royal circuit' of 16 structures displaying architectural styles from around the world built in the

royal garden at Kew.

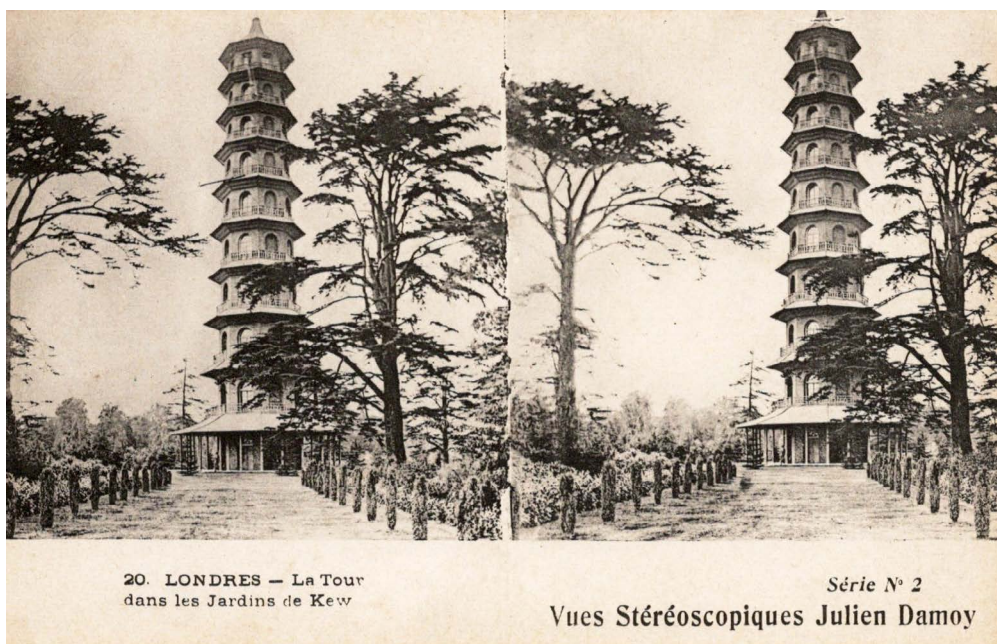
Once completed in 1762, the 163ft tall building was so exotic that a suspicious public were unconvinced it would remain standing.

Pagodas are revered in traditional Chinese culture as the repository of relics or sacred writings and as place for contemplation. The Kew Pagoda was inspired by the porcelain Pagoda at Nanjing – one of the wonders of the medieval world – and is not designed as a religious monument; rather it was intended to be a window for the British people into Chinese culture.



The Great Pagoda at Kew was originally far more colourful than it is today and was once adorned with 80 'iridescent' wooden dragons, which were removed in 1784 when repairs were undertaken to the building's roof.

None of the original 80 dragons appear to have survived, beginning a 200-year hunt to rediscover and replace them.



In 2015 Historic Royal Palaces embarked on an exciting conservation project to return the Great Pagoda at Kew to its former splendour. A major part of this was the reinstatement of 80 brightly coloured wooden dragons that once adorned the Pagoda's exterior.

Finally in 2018, 80 new dragons now adorn the Pagoda once more.

The last postcard this week is a Stereoscopic view-card of the Pagoda which was published in France before the First World War.

My search for old postcards continues. I am always looking for old postcards and old photograph albums etc. The postcards can be British or Foreign, black and white or coloured and of places or subjects. If you have any that are sitting unwanted in a drawer, in a box in the loft or in the garage or under a bed, please contact me on 07875 578398 or [alanwinter192@hotmail.com](mailto:alanwinter192@hotmail.com) I would like to see them and I pay cash!

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# Twentieth anniversary of Amelie Delagrangé commemorated with new safety pilot

From Richmond Council

On Sunday, Richmond residents gathered on Twickenham Green to mark the 20th anniversary of the murder of Amelie Delagrangé. The memorial event, attended by residents, council members, and representatives from various organisations, also served to showcase how we are working to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG).

At the memorial, we announced a new pilot project to light the path across Twickenham Green, a measure designed to make residents feel safer crossing the park. This initiative, developed in collaboration with the Metropolitan Police, is a significant step forward in improving public safety in the borough. The commemorative lighting is scheduled to be installed by Autumn 2024 and will be piloted for 12 months, with a review after six months to assess its impact.

Councillor Gareth Roberts, Leader of the Council said:

*“The loss of Amelie Delagrangé shook our community and the country, and we still feel the impact of her loss today. As result of that senseless act and all the tragedies that have occurred across the country since, we have worked tirelessly to deliver on our promise to make the borough a safer environment for everyone. That’s why I’m pleased to support this lighting project in tribute to Amelie’s memory and as a sign of our continued effort to prevent tragedies like this from happening in the future.”*



The event included speeches from Councillor Roberts, White Ribbon Champion Councillor Katie Mansfield and DCI Colin Sutton, the lead investigator on Amelie’s case. The event was also marked by a performance from the Voices of Hope’s Sisterhood Choir who brought the community together in song, symbolising the borough’s resilience and hope for the future.

Recent reports have highlighted alarming statistics, including a 37% increase in recorded VAWG offences since 2018 and one in six homicides in England and Wales being linked to domestic abuse. The event underscored the broader national conversation on VAWG, with councillors emphasising the importance of the memorial and the need for continued vigilance and action.

Councillor Katie Mansfield said: *“In recent years, the borough has made strides in tackling VAWG. Richmond Council has rolled out various initiatives, including the Safe Space Marquee and bystander training programs, to support victims and educate the community. However, we must continue to raise awareness, challenge problematic views, and support each other to ensure such tragedy never happens again. This memorial is a symbol of our resilience and our commitment to a safer future by working together to make a difference.”*

We prioritise the safety and wellbeing of women and girls in the borough. The pilot lighting project and ongoing initiatives such as the Safe Space Marquee which operates on Friday and Saturday nights at Richmond Station, demonstrate our commitment to this cause. The community’s support and involvement remain crucial in the borough’s effort to prevent VAWG.

You can find out more about [how we are tackling VAWG](#).

# Still going strong after 250 years

By Doug Goodman

On Tuesday celebrations were held in Richmond to mark the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its iconic bridge.

In August 1774 construction began on a bridge to replace the ferry to allow pedestrians and horse-drawn traffic to cross between Surrey and Middlesex.

Hosting the riverside commemoration was Anna Bromley, marketing manager for 'Be Richmond'. With the theme 'Richmond in Bloom' the aim is to celebrate the borough's great history and natural beauty in an engaging and fun way, she explained. Cllr. Kuldev Sehra, Deputy Mayor, said that it was important to promote the delights of Richmond and its heritage. "We are proud of our borough as a place to work and live in and to explore", he said. After the ceremony guests were invited on board The Royal Jubilant to view the bridge from mid-stream. The traditional rowing barge was built in a workshop beneath the bridge in 2001 for The Queen's pageant. Amongst the media were ITV news and Radio Jackie and both carried reports that day.



Early image of Richmond Bridge



Richmond Bridge



Cllr and Deputy Mayor Kuldev Sehra



The Royal Jubilant



The Deputy Mayor Cllr. Kuldev Sehra with Anna Bromley Marketing Mgr. 'Be Richmond'



'Be Richmond'

## Toll Bridge

The final cost of building the bridge, when it opened in 1776, was £12,713. Pedestrians paid a half penny and a large coach two shillings and sixpence. The toll was removed in 1859 and the booths were replaced by iron benches which still exist. Due to a huge increase in traffic in the 1930s, the bridge was widened in 1937 at a cost of £73,000. The work was carried out with great care and looking at the bridge today it's easy to believe that the entire structure was built in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Richmond Bridge remains London's oldest over the tidal Thames.

Next time you approach the bridge stop and admire the five graceful arches and think of the skilled craftsmen who created Richmond's most famous site.



# Come along to charity bike sale in Barnes

From Barnes Charity Bike Sale

If you are looking to buy, sell or donate a bike, then you're invited to come along to the Barnes Charity Bike Sale at St Mary's Church.

You will be able find a wide variety of bikes at good prices whilst supporting local charities.

Event details:

- **Date:** Saturday 14 September 2024
- **Time:** 9.30am to 12 noon
- **Location:** St Mary's Church, Barnes, SW13 9HL

Residents who have a bike to sell or donate are also welcome to bring your bikes on the following drop-off days.

- **Date and time:**
  - Saturday 24 August - 10am to 12 noon
  - Thursday 5 September - 5 to 7pm
  - Saturday 7 September - 10am to 12 noon
- **Location:** St Mary's Church, Barnes, SW13 9HL

[You can now register your interest.](#)

The team of volunteers will check, repair, and sell the bikes for charity. Since 2006, the Barnes Charity Bike Sale has repaired 1,770 bikes and raised over £100,000 for the charities it supports.

Our [climate action microgrant awards](#) between £100 and £500 to community groups, schools, individuals or non-profits to run events, activities and initiatives that promote

positive behaviours in the community around climate change and sustainability.

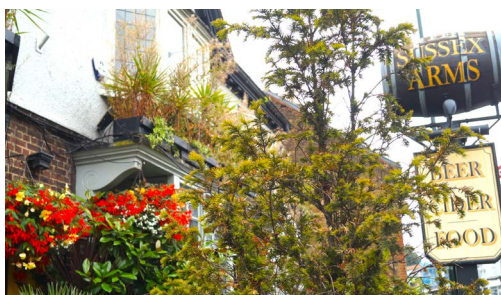
If you're looking to explore your passion in repairing and crafting, the [Library of Things](#) in Twickenham can be very useful. They have drills, staple guns and a range of tools available to borrow. You can also enjoy a 10% discount off your first rental using the code TAKE10.



# Blooming Beautiful

By Doug Goodman

Twickenham is looking very colourful in mid August thanks to the dedication and efforts of local pubs, shops and organisations. Our flower-filled town always looks good at this time of the year but just now it's at its best with hanging baskets and flower arrangements displayed in every available location. There's nothing more welcoming than entering a pub beneath a profusion of plants and blooms and ordering a beer – a pint of flowers' perhaps. It's encouraging to watch visitors photographing the colourful displays especially those in Church Street which looks magnificent.



# Step Up and Shape the Future of Richmond's Charities

The Richmond CVS Trustee Recruitment Evening is back this month, and it's the biggest yet!

Over 30 groups will be on hand to introduce you to their work and trustee opportunities in the Atrium and Theatre at Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College (RHACC) between 6pm and 8.15pm on Wednesday 25 September.

As part of their work as the go-to support for local voluntary or community organisations, this annual free information and speed matching event is for anyone aged 18+ who is interested in finding out about volunteering and is curious about skilled or strategic roles.



The event is organised by the Richmond Volunteer Service, a team within Richmond CVS, who are here to guide you in learning about local groups that could be looking for just the skills you offer. If you've been looking for a really valuable way to 'give back' with your professional experience, trusteeship could be for you.

You can register now and informally speak

to a range of great causes under one roof, as well as gain valuable information about others. Amongst the stallholders will be those working in areas such as advice, arts, care, children, disability, health, education, history, heritage, neighbourhood support – to name just a few. It's a fantastic way to get a flavour of what you could get involved with, as well as gaining an insight into the diverse groups that make our community so special, and maybe enjoy a free glass of wine too!

Whether your interest has just been piqued or you've already been considering some local volunteering, whether you're in work or retired, you could be inspired at this "excellent event" (in the words of a 2023 attendee).

If you're in the area, or you'll be passing at the end of your day, register for a place to visit at [www.richmondcsvs.org.uk](http://www.richmondcsvs.org.uk).



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# MAYOR'S Fish & Chip Cruise

**Wednesday 11 September 2024 from 12pm\* to 4pm**

Join the Mayor of Richmond for a scenic cruise aboard the New Southern Belle along the Thames. Tickets are just £35 and this includes a Fish and Chip supper and a complimentary drink on arrival. Arrive at St Helena Pier at 11.30am to board by 11.45 and leave promptly at 12pm. We return at 4pm.

**Note - tables and seating is limited not everyone will be seated at a table.**

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## August Food News

Marks & Spencer in Teddington has reopened, after undergoing a full makeover to deliver a better shopping experience for customers. The transformed, fresh, market-style M&S Food offers fresh seasonal produce, an in-store bakery serving a selection of bread and pastries including Collection Sourdough - each loaf made through a 30-hour process. There's also a dedicated Flower Shop and Wine Shop, as well as Click & Collect point for online orders – and lots of M&S' newly launched products.



Do take time to vote for those companies making waves in sustainability in seafood with the **Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)**. It's the world's most recognised ecolabel seafood and it can be seen on everything from tinned fish to tuna steaks. And for the first time, the **MSC UK Product of the Year Award** at this year's MSC and ASC UK Awards will be judged exclusively by a public vote... so you can vote! What's more voters could win a paddleboard from B-Corp certified Red as first prize, as well as either a £200 or £100 voucher for Cornish-based clothing company Finisterre, as second and third prizes. Voting is now open until the end of the day on Friday 30 August. To participate, you must visit <https://www.msc.org/uk/awards/product-of-the-year-2024> for the chance to help crown the winner and perhaps be a winner yourself..

If, like us, you're a fan of beans, you'll be pleased to hear that **Bold Bean Co**, the company that's shaken up the pulse market, has recently added queen borlotti beans to its range. Grown in Northern Italy, the beans can be eaten straight from the jar, and used in a wide variety of dishes as a substitute for meat, offering an excellent source of protein in its own right. They lend themselves particularly well to Italian recipes, but are so versatile and delicious you'll have fun experimenting with your own recipes. Jars of Bold Bean Co's borlotti beans (£4) available from [boldbeanco.com](http://boldbeanco.com) and independent retailers.



Liven up your food with new **Heinz X Morley's Fried Chicken Sauce**.

Developed with **Morley's**, the cult South London fried chicken institution, the then limited-edition sauce set the internet on fire last year. Due to popular demand and social media hype, the sauce is back. Made with tomatoes, paprika, onions, and a hint of chilli, this blend of sweet and spicy flavours can be used to elevate a range of cuisines from burgers, halloumi and rice, lamb, pizza and, of course, chicken. It also makes a great dip, but I warn you, it's very moreish! Widely available now, at around £3.39

**Biotiful Gut Health**, the UK's leading Kefir brand, has launched a range of **Delightful Kefir Drinks**. This new range offers a naturally delicious drink that combines mainstream dessert-inspired flavours with healthy Kefir full of live cultures. Available in three flavours: Banoffee Pie; Caramelised Biscuit and Lemon Drizzle, all three are a source of calcium and vitamin B12 for gut health and immunity support, as well as being high in protein and low in fat. RRP of £2.25 for a 500ml bottle, from Ocado.



## Summer Drinks Update

I can't believe the August bank holiday is looming already! This summer seems to blow hot and cold - as I type this it feels quite autumnal, but warmer weather is hopefully on its way again soon - at least by the end of the month.

During our brief summer, I've been finding some great summer drinks for you:



**Pomello Aperitif** is an alcoholic liqueur (18% ABV) that incorporates the flavours of pomelo (a variety of grapefruit) and elderflower. It's delicate and slightly sweet, but has a gentle bitterness too, and great for cocktails including a spritz, a margarita, a martini and even just with soda or tonic. It's very versatile and offers you 'summer in a glass'. Around £27 a bottle from [www.pomello.world](http://www.pomello.world), Drinks Supermarket, the Whisky Exchange and other fine wine stores.



**Aluna Tropica** gives a true taste of the tropics and will delight rum aficionados, as well as convert anyone who says they're not a rum fan. A blend of premium rums from Sri Lanka, the Caribbean and South Asia, this golden drink bursts with flavours of pineapple, lemongrass and almonds, finishing with honeyed spice. It really is most unusual, and it will take you on a flavour journey to the tropics. £32 a bottle from [alunacoconut.com](http://alunacoconut.com).

**Tesco Blood Orange Spritzi** is a ready-made take on the classic Aperol Spritz and it's surprisingly good. It's fruity and refreshing, made with wine and natural blood orange flavourings. This aromatic aperitif is a combination of blood orange and bitter herbaceous flavours for a refreshing zesty drink that's great for sharing. Serve over ice with a slice of orange. And it's stonkingly good value at just £5 a bottle.



Canned wines are great for any summer occasion and for those not wanting to commit to a full bottle, they offer a great compromise as well as a range of different wines. **Asda** has launched its first range of wine cans, **Pica Pica**, with six varieties available: two white, two rosé and two sparklings. They're very drinkable indeed, and reasonably priced at just £2.50 for a 250ml can (a third of a bottle and equivalent of a 'large glass' in a bar or restaurant). Choose from Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier, White Zinfandel, Pinot Grigio Rosé, Sparkling White or Sparkling Rosé. The Pica Pica range also has two canned wine cocktails: Cassis & Sparkling Wine Spritz or Elderflower & Mint Wine Spritz - and they're only £2 a can.

**Niche Cocktails** has created a range of premium canned cocktails that taste just as good, if not better, than those you'd make from scratch. Simply pour straight into a glass. Whether a gin buff, whisky fiend or rum fan, you can choose from 3 or 6 can packs. Negroni, Blood Orange Old Fashioned and Manuka Honey Whisky Sour are perfect for those who like robust cocktails, whilst its Matcha Mojito, Mocha Martini and Brazilian Lime Margarita are great choices. Niche Cocktails are available to order online [www.nichecocktails.co.uk](http://www.nichecocktails.co.uk)





A glass of rosé is, to me, the very essence of summer drinking and I really enjoyed trying **Screaming Devil Côtes de Provence Rosé**. With white peach, bright mango, and passion fruit aromas, along with some rhubarb notes on the nose, a vibrant palate, fresh and saline, zesty length, and intense aromas. It's perhaps a cheeky take on the ubiquitous Whispering Angel, but I love the name and it's fabulous with a summer salad - and priced at £15 a bottle, from Ocado, or on offer at £10 at Asda. or Amazon.

A refreshingly different and lower alcohol long drink alternative to a G&T is the P&T (port & tonic), especially when made with **Graham's Blend N°5**. This is the only white port crafted for mixing, and made solely with aromatic Malvasia Fina and Moscatel Galego grapes. It's medium-dry and has fresh citrus notes plus a touch of orange blossom. It's fabulous over ice, topped up with tonic and served with a slice of lemon and a sprig of fresh mint. Around £28 a bottle from Waitrose Cellar, Master of Malt and other fine wine shops.



If vodka's your chosen tippie, then do try this deliciously smooth **X MUSE** (pronounced tenth muse). It's the first-ever blended barley vodka from Scotland, made using two specific varieties of heritage barleys - Plumage Archer and Marris Otter - grown in the UK, distilled separately and prized for their complex flavour. Also the purest water, drawn from an ancient aquifer at Scotland's Bonnington Estate. X MUSE is really smooth, rich and complex enough for straight-up sipping (ideally on the rocks) as well as being a great essential component of cocktails and martinis. It is rather special and, not surprisingly, not cheap at £55 from [xmusevodka.com](http://xmusevodka.com) and Selfridges, Harvey Nichols, Master of Malt and The Whisky Exchange.

Sometimes we hanker after an indulgent treat, especially after a meal. Some summer drinking ideas from premium drinking chocolate brand **Cocoa Canopy** are just perfect for sipping in the sunshine. How about a



**Mochatini?** It is the 'go-to' for fans of Espresso Martinis and it delivers on rich, chocolatey goodness. There's a recipe on the link [here](#) where you can also buy these delicious chocolate beads (available in five different blends) that you just melt with a dash of boiling water, then whisk and add cold milk. In your cocktail shaker, add a handful of ice, 30 ml of coffee liqueur, 30 ml of vodka, one shot of espresso, and the melted chocolate. But of course you can also make a really fabulous chocolate milk shake for anyone wanting to avoid alcohol!



On the subject of cocktails, how often do you need just a little hint of a herb or spice and find that you don't have it to hand? When looking for a hint of mint perhaps, or a touch of cardamom or ginger, I find that these little bottles of Great Taste Award winning concentrates from **Spice Drops** are perfect. You can so easily add that extra flavour bomb to your cocktail - from around £4 a bottle, depending on the variety, from Ocado.

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# Bruce's 90th Birthday

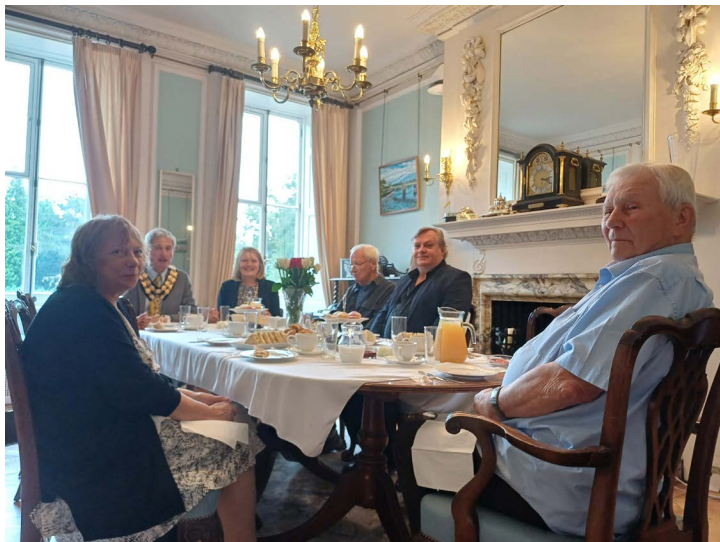
By Shona Lyons

This afternoon we were invited to Tea with the Mayor Richard Pyne and his wife Helen, Mayoress of the Borough.

We were allowed to invite our good friends Berkley Driscoll & Teresa Read & Peter & Vasanta Pearce.

It was very nice and in the really lovely setting of York House and we had views to the really lovely York House sunken garden behind.

We were invited to mark Bruce's 90th Birthday and his many years of community work.



# Just buzz off...

By Deep Patel

~ Through the Eyes of a Twickenham Shopkeeper ~



Summer is passing fast and you may start to notice an increase in wasps buzzing around your garden...This has been a talking point in my shop this past week with customers pondering about all sorts of wasp related issues...from what they eat, to what their purpose is...those who know me will know my passion for promoting compassion and kindness towards all life forms, big...or small...all in the interest of co-existence and of course...good karma...so this week I will answer your most asked wasp questions...Firstly why do people hate wasps but love bees?

Well, we are all very aware that bees are absolutely vital to the existence of mankind due to the fact that they pollinate so heavily, however did you know that *Vespula Vulgaris* (the fancy name for wasps) also contribute to pollination? An estimated 14% pollination is down to them! Don't hate them so much now do you...!

We all have some very irrational prejudices regarding certain sections of the natural world...rabbits are seen as cuddly, whilst rats are seen as vermin, butterflies are seen as good whilst moths are seen as bad, frogs are seen as nice but toads...not so much, bees are seen as wonderful whereas wasps are seen as one of the most hated insects of all time!

However, most queen wasps will emerge in spring when their only source of food is the nectar from plants, so to start with, wasps are indeed pollinators, just like bees and other insects!

The queen makes her initial nest from chewed up pieces of wood and saliva (I think I'll stick to cement and bricks thank you very much). The worker wasps then feed the larva and are rewarded with a sweet liquid secreted from the larva that keep the worker wasps happy (you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours).

So, what is the reason we are seeing so many more wasps in late August? Well, once a lifecycle is complete, the queen leaves the nest she created leaving behind the drones and workers who no longer have the luxury of feasting on the sweet secretions of the larva (this sounds completely disgusting right? Like us living off the sweet sweat of our children...this is disgusting...yuk...but clearly not if you are a wasp). So, no more access to these sweet secretions means they have to find alternative sources to get their sweet fix through late August, so they come to find us whilst we are trying to enjoy the last of the summer BBQs and picnics in the parks...attracted by our sweet fizzy drinks, cakes and jam sandwiches (you know you love them). To try and avoid this, I tell customers in my shop to wear white when they are going on picnics or red...wasps cannot see these 2 colours so they stay away...wearing citrus-based fragrances, perfumes and aftershaves not only makes you smell fresh, but keeps bees, wasps and mosquitoes away too...they cannot stand it! Try to keep sweet foods and drinks covered up also. Planting things like mint plants also keeps them away as they hate mint!

All this aside, I was telling my customers not to hate wasps this week. I was reminding customers, wasps are important insects too, they should be treasured and their late summer transgressions tolerated really. They hardly sting, only in self-defence, when provoked, generally they couldn't care less about humans, they are just after us for a sugar fix (sounds like what some of my customers said about their ex-wives). Please don't kill wasps, it is a senseless reaction that could make things a lot worse because an injured wasp emits pheromones that alert other wasps to danger which in turn could trigger an aggressive response...as with so many of our interactions with nature, leave it alone...and it will leave you in peace (and obviously you will maintain good karma).

So, remember...always BEE kind to the wasps instead of telling them to BUZZ off...celebrate their existence and life in general...we are on this planet together...to love each other.

***Remember...***

***“Don't judge a life by its cover...”***

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From OSO Arts Centre

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You can [find out more about the autumn shows and events](#).

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# Richmond upon Thames College Students Celebrate Success with GCSE and Level 2 Vocational Course Results

Students at Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges are celebrating their excellent achievements, as results for GCSE and Level 2 vocational qualifications have been released.

Across the college group there have been hundreds of students sitting a range of GCSE subjects and results are up on last year with high grades in many areas. This includes many students who have benefitted from the opportunity to improve their GCSE English and maths grades after joining college from school last year.



BTEC and UAL Level 2 vocational qualifications also saw strong results which is testament to the efforts of our industry specialist staff who provide students with the skills and knowledge they need for progression routes to Level 3 or for their move into employment to start their first career.

These GCSE and Level 2 results enable students to access excellent opportunities to progress onto higher Level 3 qualifications including A-Levels, T-Levels, vocational career-focused courses and into apprenticeships. This set of results also complements the excellent [A-Level and Level 3 results achieved this year](#).

## **Gavin Hughes, Principal, Richmond upon Thames College, said:**

“I am extremely proud of the students achieving well above national average for their GCSE results. It’s also lovely to see how many students have appreciated the support our staff provide to help them achieve their future career goals.”

## **Celebrating the results Keith Smith CEO, HRUC said:**

“We are so proud to be a part of our students’ journey, enabling them to take the next steps towards their future goals. Our colleges offer a fantastic opportunity for students to come from a range of different backgrounds, progress at college and go on to extraordinary things. Students have worked so incredibly hard to gain these qualifications and my congratulations to them all. Their achievements are also testament to the support of our incredible staff who go the extra mile to ensure students can do their very best and move onto the higher-level courses and careers they want to pursue.

Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge College really is the place for students to thrive and progress and I am delighted to see that in these results. I am also excited for the opportunities that lie ahead for our Level 2 achievers as they go onto their choice of A-Levels, T-Levels, Level 3 vocational qualifications, apprenticeships or venture into their first career.”

For students receiving their results who don’t necessarily have the grades needed to start the course they want, there are lots of courses, apprenticeship and progression opportunities available. Our advice and enrolment sessions are available to help and you can drop in without an appointment during the dates and times [here](#).



# The Richmond upon Thames School Celebrates Outstanding GCSE Results

Congratulations to our students, staff, and parents on your monumental achievement. You have achieved an outstanding set of results that I know you will all be immensely proud of. As students embark on pastures new, whether on the campus at our RTS Sixth-Form Plus or further afield, they carry with them the fruits of their hard work.



We are delighted with this year's results, with 83% of students achieving a Grade 4 or above in Maths, 82% in English, and 74% of students achieving a Grade 4 or above in both English and Maths, with 60% at Grade 5 or above.

These results reflect the hard work and determination of the students, staff, and their families.

Ms Kelly Dooley, Head Teacher, said:

*"They all leave RTS as resilient, courageous, and ambitious young adults. Their time here has been a journey of striving to become the very best version of themselves, and now they move forward, full of excitement about whatever challenge lies ahead."*



*While many students will remain with us on campus at RTS Sixth-Form Plus, others will move on to a variety of post-16 options, and we wish them well in their next chapter. It is important that we celebrate every individual student's performance and highlight a few exceptional accomplishments. Just a few of these include Layla, Georgia H, Lottie, Magdalena and Rishi who all achieved 9 Grade 9-7s. In addition, Charlie W has been accepted on a rugby scholarship at Millfield School, Nevaeh will be studying Sports Science and Exercise at Kingston College; Noah B has been awarded a scholarship to study his A-Levels at Gordon's School via the Harlequins ACE Programme; and Alex S is going to study at Global Academy."*

*"As our 3rd cohort of students receive their GCSE results I'm struck by the continued growth seen across all areas of the school. That the hard work of the students and staff has been rewarded with these excellent results reinforces the ethos and approach of RTS. On behalf of the Trustees I want to offer my congratulations and best wishes to all our students as they embark on the next stage of their journey and to our staff, a heartfelt thank you for the incredible job they have done. I am immensely proud to be associated with RTS." - Jason Hughes, Chair of Trustees.*

As we reflect on and celebrate the successes of this year, we are reminded of the steadfast commitment of our entire school community. Together, we look forward to supporting our students as they continue to grow and achieve in the next exciting chapter of their lives.



**The Richmond  
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# Richmond students celebrate GCSE results

From Richmond Council

We extend our congratulations to students in Richmond upon Thames who received their GCSE results today.

This year's GCSE results reflect the continued hard work and dedication of students across the borough, with local performance remaining strong in most subjects.



Councillor Penny Frost, Chair of the Education and Children's Services Committee, said:

“Well done to all the students who collected their GCSE results today.

The resilience and hard work demonstrated over the past few years have truly paid off.

The results we

see today reflect the dedication of our young people, their teachers and the support of their families.

While this year's results may not have been what some hoped for, it's important to recognise the extraordinary efforts made under tough conditions. Every student should be proud of their accomplishments, and I encourage them to look ahead to the next steps in their journey.”

We remain committed to supporting students during this transition period. For those feeling stressed or anxious about their results, we encourage young people to access the free, safe, and anonymous [online support available at Kooth](#).

For students who did not receive the grades they hoped for, we offer support through Achieving for Children via the Summer Support helpline. You can talk to a qualified careers adviser on 07540 156905 or 07864 612857.

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# Brentford sign Sepp van den Berg

Brentford has signed Sepp van den Berg from fellow Premier League side Liverpool; the defender has put pen to paper on a five-year contract; Thomas Frank:

“Sepp is composed on the ball in the build-up and in the decisive defending actions”

Written by Brentford Football Club

**Brentford has agreed a deal with Liverpool for the transfer of Sepp van den Berg.**

The 22-year-old defender has put pen to paper on a five-year contract.

Van den Berg joined Liverpool from Eredivisie club PEC Zwolle in 2019.

He made four senior appearances for the Reds and spent time on loan at Preston North End, Schalke and Mainz.



*“I’m very pleased that we have managed to sign Sepp,”* said head coach Thomas Frank.

*“I think this is a great signing for the club and the team.*

*“Sepp is a centre-back with a good level and he has the potential to develop even further.*

*“He fits our culture and the way we want to play: he is quick, he reads the game well and is composed on the ball in the build-up and in the decisive defending actions.*

*“Sepp is a great character, and I am convinced that he will fit in well with the group and help us to push forward.”*

After progressing through the youth ranks at Zwolle, van den Berg made his first-team debut in March 2018.

Van den Berg made a further 21 appearances for Zwolle before joining Liverpool in June 2019.

He went on to make four first-team outings during his debut season at Anfield, in the FA Cup and Carabao Cup, and was on the bench for the FIFA Club World Cup final as Liverpool beat Flamengo 1-0 in Qatar in December 2019.

In February 2021, van den Berg headed out on loan to Sky Bet Championship side Preston North End.

He impressed in his 16 appearances and returned to Deepdale for the 2021/22 campaign.

Across two loan spells with Preston, van den Berg made 66 appearances and showed his versatility by playing at both centre-back and right-back.

The next step in the defender’s development was in the Bundesliga with a loan at Schalke 04 for the 2022/23 season.

Having played nine games for Schalke in a campaign disrupted by an ankle injury, van den Berg returned to Germany’s top flight for the 2023/24 season, on this occasion linking up with FSV Mainz 05.

Van den Berg played 35 games in all competitions and scored three goals, including an equaliser in a 1-1 Bundesliga draw with Borussia Dortmund.

After accruing 10 caps and three goals for Netherlands Under-19s, van den Berg made his debut for Netherlands Under-21s in a 5-0 win over Wales in October 2021.

In total, he has represented Netherlands U21s on eight occasions.



# Match Preview: Liverpool v Brentford

**Analysis, team news, match officials and more. Here's everything you need to know ahead of Brentford's Premier League game against Liverpool on Sunday (4.30pm kick-off GMT)**

Written by Brentford Football Club

Brentford head to Anfield on Sunday to take on Liverpool (4.30pm kick-off GMT), in a game that will be broadcast live on *Sky Sports*.

Both sides were victorious on the opening weekend of the Premier League season. The Bees beat Crystal Palace 2-1, while Liverpool – in their first competitive game under new boss Arne Slot – won 2-0 at newly promoted Ipswich Town.

Fábio Carvalho and Sepp van den Berg are set for a quick reunion with their former team-mates, with both players having swapped Merseyside for west London this month.

Analysis, team news, match officials and more. Here's everything you need to know ahead of the fixture.

## Pre-match analysis

Richard Cole, Playmaker Stats: Brentford must maintain efficiency in front of goal to break Anfield hoodoo

After kicking off the season with a 2-1 victory over Crystal Palace courtesy of Yoane Wissa's winner, the Bees now face a difficult trip to Anfield.

For the most part, Thomas Frank's side haven't enjoyed their games against Liverpool since making their Premier League bow.

In fact, Brentford have defeated the current Carabao Cup holders just once in recent years: a 3-1 victory at Gtech Community Stadium when Wissa and Bryan Mbeumo were both on the scoresheet – just like they were against Palace on Sunday.



Things have certainly been more difficult at Anfield, with Brentford yet to register a Premier League goal at the stadium.

With Jürgen Klopp gone, things could be different - but Liverpool looked good in their opening top-flight win over Ipswich Town last weekend and also in pre-season under new boss Arne Slot.

After defeating Arsenal (2-1) and Manchester United (3-0) in friendlies this summer, Slot oversaw a confident performance over the newly promoted Tractor Boys at Portman Road.

While much has been made about the Reds' lack of incomings so far this summer, Slot has an incredibly talented squad at his disposal that still has plenty of depth.

Against Ipswich, Liverpool controlled the game, amassing 62 per cent of possession and making 480 passes in total. It took a while for the first goal to arrive, though, with Diogo Jota eventually giving Liverpool the lead an hour into the game with Mohamed Salah making it 2-0 shortly after.

Those goals were two of Liverpool's 18 shots in total at Portman Road; only Southampton (playing against 10 men) managed more shots (19) than Slot's side across the opening Premier League gameweek.

By comparison, Brentford had 10 efforts in their game against Palace, [although the Bees were more efficient in front of goal.](#)

Mark Flekken had a good game at the weekend, with only Bournemouth's Neto making more saves (7) than the Dutchman. He may need to do the same again.

Another curiosity from the first weekend is that Liverpool committed more fouls (18) than any other team. Brentford committed just six and Liverpool's aggression under Slot is something the Bees will need to be wary of.

Of course, one major plotline behind Sunday's clash is Fábio Carvalho and Sepp van den Berg returning to their former club.

Portuguese forward Carvalho featured 21 times for the Reds, scoring three times.

The 21-year-old made his debut for Brentford as a late substitute for Mathias Jensen and the attacking midfielder will hope to make an impact against his former club either from the start or off the bench.

One perhaps unexpected string to Carvalho's bow is the threat he can pose from corners. The Bees' new recruit scored three of his nine Championship goals on loan at Hull last season from attacking corners and his ability to find space and capitalise on loose clearances is a quality that Thomas Frank will no doubt look to exploit this season.

### Scout Report

Initial signs are good as Slot looks to make his mark at Liverpool

There was bound to be a time when Liverpool dropped out of the Premier League title race after four straight top-three



finishes between 2018/19 and 2021/22. That happened in 2022/23, when they just about managed to scrape fifth.

But the Reds were right back in the Premier League title race last term.

In the midst of a rare three-horse battle with Arsenal and Manchester City, the Reds won 12 and lost just one of their first 19 games leading up to Boxing Day, when a 2-0 win at Burnley took them top of the table for the first time.

They started 2024 with seven wins in eight in the league, an extra-time win over Chelsea in the Carabao Cup final and progression to the quarter-final of both of the FA Cup and the Europa League. A quadruple was still very much on the cards at the beginning of March.

What no doubt spurred them on was the desire to bid farewell to Jürgen Klopp in the best way possible, after the German announced in January he would leave at the end of the season, after a nine-year spell.

“This club, especially with the team we have and all the super things we have, needs a manager in his top game and top level. I cannot be that any more,” he said when the news broke. Only Bob Paisley, Tom Watson and Bill Shankly have managed more than Klopp’s total of 491 games.

It was not to be, though. Liverpool held onto top spot in the Premier League until early April, after which time Arsenal took over, before Man City eventually held firm to retain the trophy, nine points better off than the Reds.

They were beaten 4-3 by arch-rivals Manchester United in an FA Cup quarter-final epic at Old Trafford, then 3-1 on aggregate by eventual Europa League winners Atalanta.

“It doesn’t feel like an end. It feels like a start,” said Klopp, addressing the Anfield crowd after the win over Wolves on the final day. “Today, I saw a football team playing full of desire. That’s one part of development. That’s what you need.” Most notably, though, he gave his blessing to Slot by singing his name during his farewell speech.

Aside from the retirement of Thiago Alcantara and the release of Joel Matip, [as Richard Morgan tells us](#), Liverpool’s squad is much the same as last year.

There have been no major incomings at the time of writing, yet no major outgoings either - barring the sale of Fábio Carvalho to Brentford, of course.

But that does not seem to have bothered too many, who know the squad at Slot’s disposal is already of the quality many can only dream of.

Pre-season was positive – with wins over Manchester United and Arsenal in the USA – and, crucially, Mohamed Salah looks to be back to his electric best.

The Egyptian scored just three times in his final 11 league games last season, but already has one goal and one assist to his name after a stellar showing against newly promoted Ipswich Town last weekend, cementing him at 10th on the list of the Premier League all-time top scorers with 158; six more goals will take him clear of Reds legend Robbie Fowler.

If Liverpool can add another midfielder before the transfer window slams shut, Slot will receive a huge boost as he looks to challenge at the top during his first season in England.

Regardless, the initial signs are good and there is widespread hope the Dutchman can collect the baton and pick up where Klopp left off.

## In the Dugout

Arne Slot

Arne Slot had a long playing career in his native Netherlands, which spanned 18 years from 1995 to 2013.

He was a goalscoring midfielder – once capped internationally at U19 level - who scored 100 league goals in 462 appearances, over 300 of which came during spells at PEC Zwolle and NAC Breda.

During the three separate periods spent at Zwolle, he won the Eerste Divisie – the Netherlands’ second tier - in 2001/02 and 2011/12.



After retirement, Slot moved into a coaching role within PEC Zwolle’s youth academy, before four years at Cambuur, first as assistant to Henk de Jong, Marcel Keizer and then Rob Maas, then as joint head coach with Sipke Hulshoff. The pair guided Cambuur to a third-place finish in the Eerste Divisie in 2016/17, which secured a play-off spot, though they were defeated 3-2 on aggregate by MVV Maastricht.

Slot left Cambuur in the summer of 2017 to take up the assistant role at AZ Alkmaar and he was handed the head coach role two years later. His first and only full season in charge was disrupted by Covid but, when the season was abandoned on 24 April 2020, his side were joint top with Ajax.

He lasted less than eight more months in the role before he was reportedly sacked for a lack of focus after agreeing a deal to take over at Feyenoord in 2021. It was in Rotterdam that he really started to make a name for himself.

In 2021/22, Feyenoord finished third in the Eredivisie and as UEFA Conference League runners-up.

The following season, they won the league for the first time in six years, reached the semi-final of the KNVB Cup and the quarter-final of the Europa League.

And in 2023/24, they finished as Eredivisie runners-up and won the KNVB Cup.

In all, he won 98 of his 150 games in charge at De Kuip, before being named as Jürgen Klopp’s successor in April.

## The Gameplan

With *Sky Sports*’ Richard Morgan

*Sky Sports*’ Richard Morgan explains how Arne Slot is likely to set up his Liverpool side at Anfield on Sunday:

“Much how Klopp would have, in a 4-3-3 shape, with Ibrahima Konaté likely to come in for Jarell Quansah in the heart of the Reds backline after coming on to replace the England defender at half-time at Portman Road.

“Other than that, expect the home side to line up exactly as they did against Ipswich in terms of formation and personnel.”

Last time out v Ipswich: Alisson; Alexander-Arnold, Quansah, van Dijk, Robertson; Gravenberch, Szoboszlai, Mac Allister; Salah, Jota, Díaz

[Read our full interview with Richard Morgan here.](#)





# Mpox – African Region

## Situation at a glance

On 14 August 2024, the WHO Director-General determined that the upsurge of mpox in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and a growing number of countries in Africa constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) under the International Health Regulations (2005) (IHR), the highest level of alarm under the IHR.

Here we describe the latest countries in the region newly reporting cases since the start of the multi-country outbreak in 2022. The clade Ib MPXV outbreak, which began in September 2023 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is having an increasing number of cases in the country and also expanding to neighbouring countries. Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda have each reported their first mpox cases. Several of these cases have travel links to eastern parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and each of these countries has identified clade Ib monkeypox virus (MPXV).



Based on available epidemiological data, this clade has been spreading rapidly among adults through close physical contact, including sexual contact identified within networks of sex workers and their clients. As the virus spreads further, the affected groups are changing, with the virus also taking hold within households and other settings. Additionally, Cote d'Ivoire is reporting cases

of clade II mpox for the first time since the start of the multi-country outbreak in 2022.

Described below are the latest countries in the African region newly affected by mpox, either clade I or clade II, since the start of the multi-country outbreak in 2022. Additional countries in the region are continuing to report cases, please refer to the [latest situation report published](#) for an update on these countries including the latest epidemiological trends.

## Central and East Africa

### Burundi

On 25 July 2024, the Ministry of Health of Burundi declared an outbreak of mpox following the confirmation of three cases by the National Reference Laboratory of the National Institute of Public Health. These cases were identified on 22 July; one case from Kamenge University Hospital, a second case from Kamenge Military Hospital, and the third case from Isare Health District. They reported symptom onset on 24 July including fever, joint pain, and a widespread rash. Samples collected during a multidisciplinary investigation tested positive for mpox on 25 July with PCR. These are the first confirmed mpox cases ever identified in Burundi.

As of 17 August 2024, there had been 545 alerts of mpox cases since the outbreak declaration, of which 474 suspected cases (86.9%) had been investigated and validated. Of 358 suspected cases tested, 142 (39.7%) tested positive for MPXV. Genomic sequencing analysis has confirmed clade Ib MPXV. No deaths were reported as of 17 August.

Confirmed cases have been reported from 26 of the 49 districts (53.1%). The most affected district is Bujumbura Nord, an urban area, with 54 of the 142 confirmed cases (38%). No deaths had been documented at the time of reporting.

Males account for 55.6% of the cases and females for 44.4%. Children under the age of five years make up 60.3% of the cases, followed by those aged from 11 to 20 years (42.6%), and those aged from 21 to 30 years (38.2%).

## *Kenya*

On 29 July 2024, the Ministry of Health confirmed a case of mpox in Taita Taveta County bordering Tanzania. The patient is a 42-year-old Kenyan male residing in Kiambu County (neighbouring Nairobi). The case has a history of travel from Kampala, Uganda, to Mombasa, Kenya, and at the time of identification, the patient was travelling to Rwanda through Tanzania.

As of 13 August, a total of 14 suspected cases had been identified, one case had tested positive for MPXV Clade Ib, 12 suspected cases had tested negative, and the test result for one case was pending. This is the first mpox case ever identified in Kenya. No deaths had been reported as of 13 August.

## *Rwanda*

On 24 July 2024, IHR National Focal Point (NFP) for Rwanda notified WHO of two laboratory-confirmed mpox cases in Rwanda, and on 27 July, the Ministry of Health declared an outbreak of mpox in the country. The cases included a 33-year-old female (case 1) who frequently travels to the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and a 34-year-old male (case 2) with a recent travel history to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Case 1 was identified at a point of entry (PoE) and isolated in Rusizi district, and case 2 was identified at Kibagabaga hospital of Gasabo district. Both cases were reported to be in stable condition and under continuous medical follow-up. These are the first confirmed mpox cases ever identified in Rwanda.

As of 7 August 2024, four confirmed mpox cases and zero deaths had cumulatively been reported by the country. Among the two new cases, one is a 34-year-old male, residing in Gasabo District in Kigali. His symptoms started on 15 July 2024 with fever, swollen lymph nodes, sore throat, and rashes on the arms, face and genitals. He had travelled back from Burundi on 12 July 2024 and is currently in isolation. Five close contacts are under follow up. The other case is a 39-year-old Rwandan male, resident of Kicukiro District with travel history to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He had similar symptoms, along with headache, which started on 12 July 2024. Four of his close contacts have been identified and they are under follow up. Sequencing analysis has confirmed MPXV Clade Ib.

## *Uganda*

In June and early July 2024, Kasese District enhanced surveillance for mpox disease along the border with the Democratic Republic of the Congo in light of reported increasing cases in the neighbouring country. Following the orientation of screeners at the Bwera point of entry and Bwera Hospital, six suspected cases were identified on 11 July. Samples were collected for laboratory testing from the suspected cases, two of which tested positive for MPXV Clade Ib on 15 July. The first of the confirmed cases is a 37-year-old female and the second case is a 22-year-old female national of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These are the first mpox cases identified in the country. Both cases had onset of symptoms on 11 July and were confirmed by a PCR test at the Uganda Virus Research Institute on 15 July 2024.

Investigations revealed that transmission occurred outside Uganda and no secondary transmission has been linked to the two cases as of 12 August 2024. By the same date, 39 suspected cases had been reported. Furthermore, 37 contacts of the confirmed cases were under follow-up. No deaths have been reported as of 20 August.

## **West Africa**

### *Côte d'Ivoire*

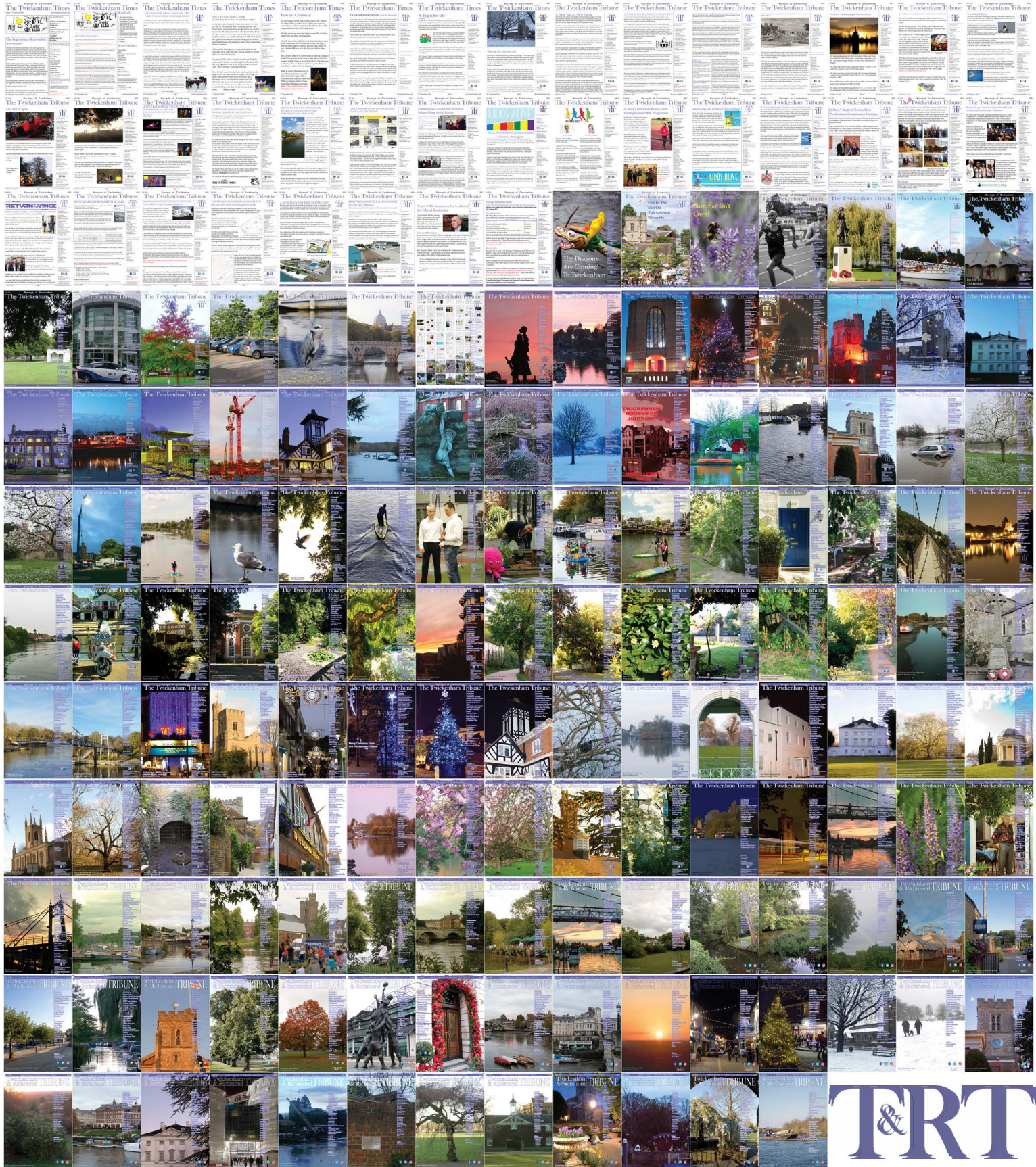
In July 2024, Côte d'Ivoire confirmed two non-fatal cases of mpox. The first case is a 46-year-old patient who consulted a doctor on 1 July with a fever, headache and skin rash, in Tabou district, San Pedro region, on the border with Liberia. Mpox was confirmed by the Institut Pasteur de Côte d'Ivoire laboratory on 3 July and again on 14 July by the Institute Pasteur in Dakar. The second case is a 20-year-old patient, in the Koumassi health district in Abidjan, who presented with skin rash and oral mucosal lesions on 14 July. No epidemiological link between these first two cases has been identified.

As of 7 August 2024, seven mpox cases had been confirmed in three health districts: Koumassi (one case), Tabou (one case), and Yopougon-Ouest-Songon (five cases). Four of the confirmed cases (57%) are male, and all seven cases are above 15 years of age. Forty contacts have been identified and are being followed up. The country has previously reported mpox, but no cases had been notified since the start of the multi-country outbreak in 2022. The newly detected cases in 2024 belong to clade II MPXV.



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