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TickerTape - News in Brief

South Western Railway

Altered train services and buses replace trains in the New Malden area **Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 September**

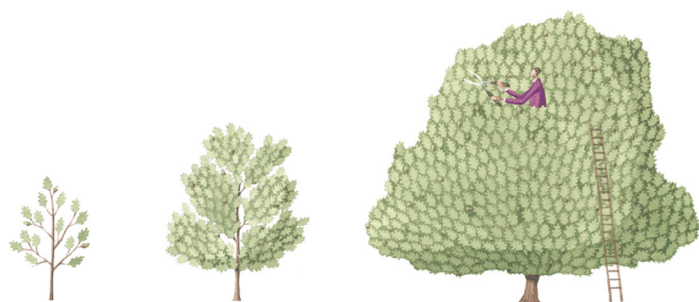
The lines in the New Malden area will be closed all weekend due to maintenance work.

Saturday

- **London Waterloo to Reading** services will be **revised**.
- **London Waterloo to Windsor** services will be **revised**.
- **London Waterloo to Shepperton** services will be **revised** and will be diverted between **Clapham Junction and Kingston via Richmond**.
- **London Waterloo to London Waterloo via Wimbledon and Kingston** services will **not** run.
- **London Waterloo to Hampton Court** services will start from **Surbiton**.

Sunday

- **London Waterloo to Shepperton** services will be **revised** and will be diverted between **Clapham Junction and Kingston via Richmond**.
- **London Waterloo to London Waterloo via Wimbledon and Kingston** services will **not** run.
- The afternoon and evening **London Waterloo to Kingston via Hounslow** services will **not** run.
- **London Waterloo to Hampton Court** services will **not** run.



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Buccleuch House - Richmond

By Alan Winter

A house in Richmond that hasn't existed for some 90 years but postcards from the early part of the last century allow us to see what our forebears saw.

The most attractively situated house on the river-side at Richmond was once Buccleuch House. Built originally as Montagu House (or Richmond House) between 1761 and 1763 for George Brudenell, the Earl of Cardigan and Duke of Montagu.



The estate passed down through the family to the Dukes of Buccleuch. The 5th Duke of Buccleuch acquired the neighbouring Lansdowne House in 1863, demolished it, and combined the gardens.

It stood on the right bank, below the famous Terrace, a little way above Richmond Bridge. Built by the Duke of Montagu, it came to the Duke of Buccleuch at the end of the 19th century; and here in 1842 her Majesty the Queen and Prince Albert were magnificently entertained. The estate was acquired in 1886 by the Richmond Vestry, who re-sold the house and part of the grounds, and converted the remainder into "The Terrace Gardens."

The gardens were opened to the public on 21 May 1887 by Princess Mary.

As Buccleuch had been president of the Royal Horticultural Society, the gardens were deemed to be of good design and thus were left largely as they were.

At one time the residence of Sir Whittaker Ellis who became the first Mayor of the borough of Richmond. He had previously served as the Lord Mayor of London in 1881-82.



Today the Terrace Gardens and Buccleuch Gardens (collectively known as Terrace and Buccleuch Gardens) is a public park and made up of the grounds of three estates. The grounds of Buccleuch House and Landsdowne House were initially consolidated by the Duke of Buccleuch in the 1860s and became a public park in 1887. The grounds of neighbouring Cardigan House were added in the 1920s. None of these houses is still standing but the layout of their gardens is still very much in evidence.



The three postcards show Buccleuch House between 1900 and 1925.

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Lib Dem Cuts Hit Richmond's Most Vulnerable

By James Knight



Richmond's Liberal Democrats went into May's election promising to protect vulnerable residents while finding £30 million of savings through "transformation". The detailed plans now reveal a rather different picture, with almost two thirds of the savings concentrated in Adult Social Care and Public Health, Children's Services and Housing." Voters were promised transformation, not cuts to vital services

The Liberal Democrat manifesto was open about the need to save money. It promised a "wide-reaching transformation programme" saving around £30 million a year by 2029, but presented this largely as a programme of efficiency and modernisation: using digital technology and AI, eliminating duplication, improving productivity, intervening earlier and making better use of Council property.

Alongside this came strong assurances. The manifesto promised to "protect vital services", "protect and invest in SEND services" and protect and build upon services for adults requiring care. Council leader Gareth Roberts had been equally explicit, saying in February that the Council's responsibility was to "protect the most vulnerable in our community", while deputy leader Jim Millard described the programme as delivering "efficiency savings".

Now the £30 million has risen to £39 million

The detailed programme now before councillors is harder edged. The annual savings target has risen to £39.23 million, with £13.54 million from Adult Social Care and Public Health, £7.66 million from Children's Services and £3.22 million from Housing.

Together, those three departments account for £24.42 million, or around 62 per cent of the entire savings programme. They provide services used by older and disabled residents, people with learning disabilities and mental health needs, children in care, families with SEND and people facing homelessness.

What was known before the election?

The transformation programme itself was not created after May's election. Richmond had already allocated £1.5 million to a Transformation Programme Delivery Fund in September 2025, and by February 2026 the Council's Budget Book was explicit that the work would go "beyond traditional efficiency measures". It identified reviews of "thresholds, structures and processes" in Adult Social Care and Children's Services, as well as commissioning strategies.

What is less clear is how much of the detail now before councillors had been settled by polling day. The September papers describe a diagnostic process, supported by external expertise, which developed the programme into six portfolios and detailed business cases. The resulting programme now identifies £39.23 million of recurring savings, including £13.54 million from Adult Social Care and Public Health and £7.66 million from Children's Services.

The published papers examined by the Tribune do not establish that those final figures, or proposals such as reducing average care package sizes and some supported living placements, had been agreed before the election. But they do establish that a substantial transformation programme was already under way and that potentially significant changes to social care and children's services were being contemplated before voters went to the polls. What remains unclear is when the political leadership first saw the detailed savings proposals, and how much of that information was available when the manifesto was written.

£13.5 million to come from adult social care

The largest savings are being sought from Adult Social Care. Richmond says its objective is to help people remain independent and prevent or delay the need for expensive care, but the detailed programme extends well beyond administrative efficiencies.

The proposals include reducing some supported living placements and reducing average care package sizes, alongside changes to services for people with learning disabilities, staffing and operating models, commissioning and greater digital automation.

The Council remains legally obliged to meet eligible statutory care needs. Nevertheless, when a programme seeking millions in savings also reviews the thresholds and processes through which vulnerable people receive help, the consequences deserve close scrutiny.

£4.2 Million from children in care

Children's Services must find another £7.66 million, including £4.22 million associated with children in care. The programme seeks to reduce reliance on expensive residential placements and make greater use of foster care, kinship care, special guardianship and, where appropriate, keeping children with or returning them to their families.

There can be compelling reasons for doing this. A child who can safely remain within a loving family should not be placed in institutional care merely because that is how the system has

traditionally operated. But when fewer and less expensive placements are also expected to generate millions of pounds in savings, it becomes particularly important that decisions about vulnerable children continue to be driven by welfare rather than the balance sheet.

SEND was promised protection and investment

The manifesto made an especially clear promise to families with children with special educational needs: “Protect and invest in SEND services.” It promised stronger early support and more specialist school places.

SEND reform now sits within the wider transformation programme while Richmond faces projected Dedicated Schools Budget deficits of at least £12 million across 2026/27 and 2027/28. The papers do not attribute a specific proportion of the £7.66 million Children’s Services savings to SEND, but families are entitled to ask what “reform” will mean for the support their children actually receive.

Echoes of the Coalition Years

The Liberal Democrats have long contained a tension between social liberals, who emphasise public provision and economic liberals, who are more comfortable with markets and a smaller state. During the Coalition years, the economically liberal “Orange Book” wing around Nick Clegg and David Laws became particularly influential and helped underpin the party’s support for austerity.

The consequences included deep reductions in local government spending. Between 2009/10 and 2014/15, net social care spending per person fell by 16.7 per cent, although social care was protected relative to many other council services.

That the parallel is intriguing. A Liberal Democrat manifesto promising to protect vulnerable residents has been followed by £24.42 million in savings from Adult Social Care and Public Health, Children’s Services and Housing. Has the same tension resurfaced in Richmond, with the economic imperative to cut prevailing over the social liberal instinct to protect?

What “transformation” really means

There is a legitimate case for reform. Prevention can be better than crisis intervention. Independence can be better than unnecessary institutional care. Family based care can be better for children than residential placements. Better commissioning and technology can undoubtedly save money.

But that was also the reassuring face of transformation presented to voters: technology, efficiency, prevention and better services. The detailed programme reveals the harder choices behind it: smaller care packages, fewer supported living placements, millions in savings associated with children in care, and reviews of the thresholds and processes through which vulnerable residents receive support.

The Liberal Democrats were entitled to argue for those choices. But they also asked voters to endorse a manifesto promising to protect vital services and the vulnerable. With the transformation programme already under way before polling day, the question is not simply whether these reforms are justified, but whether voters were given a sufficiently clear picture of what they could mean before they cast their ballots.



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Only two years ago, shortly after his re-election, Khan said London's Green Belt was "as important today as it has always been" and reiterated his "brownfield first" approach. He subsequently warned that de-designating Green Belt could become a "slippery slope", saying: "I think it is important and I think we have to protect it."

Here in Twickenham, the issue is close to home. The Mayor's own Planning Data Map shows designated Green Belt around Hampton, including land around Hampton Waterworks and neighbouring Kempton Park.

Richmond has not been allocated a greenfield housing target in the current draft. But once the principle of releasing London's Green Belt for development is established, what happens when future housing targets rise and pressure mounts for even more land?

We need more affordable and family-sized homes, but they should be built in the right places and supported by schools, healthcare and transport.

The Green Belt prevents urban sprawl and helps keep communities distinct. Once Green Belt land is developed, it is extremely difficult to restore.

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From The Royal Parks

Please note that essential resurfacing works will be taking place on **Wednesday 23 September** to the road between Hampton Hill Gate and Upper Lodge Mews.

It is intended that these works will take place between 9.30am and 4.00pm.

The Hampton Hill vehicle park gates will be closed during this time, and the pedestrian gates will remain open throughout, with traffic management closure and signage guiding any pedestrians/ cyclists away from the works.

We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause.

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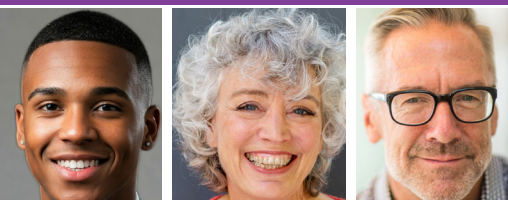
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The evening is organised by Richmond's **Volunteer Service**, part of **Richmond CVS**, which supports local voluntary and community organisations and helps residents connect with rewarding volunteering opportunities. They also provide a range of training and support, specifically designed to help local organisations and their trustees and volunteers.

Tickets are free, with advance registration strongly encouraged, and include a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink, alongside talks and networking.

If your interest has been piqued, register now to join an inspiring evening on **Wednesday 14 October 2026**.

Find out more and book your ticket at www.richmondcvcs.org.uk



Richmond Under Pressure Over Housing and £397,000 Leisure Subsidy

By James Knight



Richmond Council is pushing back against a proposed 31 per cent increase in its housing target while considering whether to transfer five council-run sports centres to an outside operator after councillors were told they currently require a £397,000 annual subsidy.

The Environment, Sustainability, Culture and Sports Committee also questioned how the Council measures the success of its programmes, while a reported £337,000 budget underspend would become a small overspend once transport spending is removed.

New housing target “not achieved” in past ten years

The Mayor’s draft London Plan proposes increasing Richmond’s housing target from 440 to 540 homes a year. Planning officer Daniel Goodman told councillors: “The Draft Plan proposes Richmond’s housing target of 540 homes per year. That’s a 31% increase on the current target, which is currently 440.”

He added: “For context, the proposed annual target has not been achieved in any of the past 10 years, and only three times in the past 25 years, so we have to be really careful about accepting a much higher target.” He also warned that “national policy weakens the influence of a local plan where delivery falls below these targets, for example through the Housing Delivery Test.”

Committee chair Cllr Julia Neden-Watts pointed to developments which Richmond had approved but developers had not built, saying there were “schemes that have been consented by Richmond as the local planning authority” which had not proceeded. She added: “It’s very unfortunate that Richmond is then shown to be not meeting its housing delivery target.”

Seven storeys is “tall” in Richmond

The draft London Plan would also define a tall building as at least 30 metres, or around ten storeys, compared with Richmond’s current Local Plan definition of 21 metres, or around seven storeys.

The change would become particularly important when Richmond’s Local Plan is next updated, because the borough’s plan must be in general conformity with the London Plan. Mr Goodman warned that the London Plan “can limit the choices available locally in the future”. He told councillors: “This means none of the existing tall building zones in Richmond would qualify as tall buildings under the new definition in the London plan.” He added: “And what’s key here is that 7 storeys is tall within Richmond’s context.”

The issue could become more significant when Richmond next updates its Local Plan. London boroughs are required to ensure their local plans are in general conformity with the London Plan,

while Richmond's failure of the Housing Delivery Test already means the national presumption in favour of sustainable development applies.

“Why couldn't we achieve the same results ourselves?”

Five sports centres directly operated by Richmond Council currently require a £397,000 annual subsidy. Officers are considering whether they should be brought into the GLL contract which already covers the borough's two main swimming facilities.

Assistant Director for Culture and Leisure Tom Alexander said the Council's own business plan could reduce the subsidy to around £100,000 by year five, but would require “something like a 60% increase in products and sales”.

Cllr Clare Vollum questioned why an outside operator could apparently perform so much better: “It seems surprising that they can do it so much better than the council can. I can't quite see why, if we didn't have the right management and the right people in post, why we couldn't achieve the same results ourselves.”

Mr Alexander cited GLL's purchasing power, marketing and specialist leisure expertise, but added: “And dare I say, if it was that easy for us to have done it in-house, we wouldn't have a half a million pound nearly subsidy sitting there at the moment.”

Vice-chair Cllr Elizabeth Gant pressed him further, asking: “What makes you so confident that GLL will indeed get better financial results... than the Council would?”

Mr Alexander said the performance since GLL took over the two main sites was “credible and demonstrable”, adding: “What we've seen is credible and demonstrable, which makes us think it's certainly worth exploring.”

“Is anybody actually coming along?”

The committee was also asked to endorse the next stage of Richmond Moves, the Council's physical activity strategy, with officers highlighting programmes for women and girls, older residents, disabled people and other groups.

But Cllr Vollum questioned how success was being measured. After hearing that people had been trained to be dementia friendly, she asked for figures showing how many people with dementia were actually using the services. She said: “It's one thing to have everybody friendly, but is anybody actually coming along? So that would be a good measure to have.” The request highlighted the difference between recording programmes and accreditation and demonstrating whether they are actually reaching their intended residents.

Splash pad request as existing fountain remains broken

Rosie Ryan presented a 573-signature petition calling for a children's splash pad at Kneller Gardens, while Cllr Katie Mansfield raised the shortage of play facilities for families north of the A316 in St Margarets and North Twickenham.

The discussion then revealed problems with an existing children's water feature in Hampton North. Cllr Gant told the committee: “It broke down in May, just before the first heatwave, and unfortunately it's been broken down ever since because they've had to backorder a new motor from overseas.” She said it had been unavailable “in this hottest of summers, which has been a source of huge frustration for us”. Cllr Neden-Watts asked officers to investigate whether repairs could be accelerated, saying: “I'm sure it's something we'll look into and see if repairs can be hastened along a little bit because that's a bit unfortunate, isn't it, frankly?”

The exchange leaves the Council with a more immediate question as it considers requests for new water-play facilities: why was an existing one allowed to remain out of action throughout the summer, and what will be done to prevent the same problem happening again?

Park visitors warned to 'steer clear of deer' during the rut

From The Royal Parks

The Royal Parks has joined forces with the RSPCA and the British Deer Society to launch a safety campaign ahead of the autumn rut, warning visitors about the serious dangers of getting too close to deer.

The rut is now underway in **Richmond Park and Bushy Park**, when stags compete to mate with females. Rising testosterone levels can make them especially unpredictable, less tolerant, and potentially aggressive. Rutting deer can be impressive to witness, but visitors should remember that these are large, powerful wild animals: stags can weigh more than 150kg and run at speeds of up to around 40mph.

The joint safety campaign follows a serious incident in Richmond Park in August, when a stag attacked a man after approaching his picnic. The stag was subsequently put down after he was deemed to have learned to associate people with food, creating a danger to visitors, and making the behaviour unlikely to change.



It is forbidden to feed deer in the Royal Parks, but this summer, numerous highly concerning videos of people approaching and feeding deer circulated on social media. The deer can find all the food that they need naturally; unsuitable foodstuffs fed to them by visitors may damage their specially adapted digestive systems and have been known to cause death. Feeding can also cause deer to lose their natural wariness and associate people with food, making them more likely to approach visitors, which could cause a serious incident leading to injury or even death.

Staying safe around deer

During the deer rutting season, which runs from September to November, visitors to Richmond Park and Bushy Park are reminded to:

- Keep at least 50 metres away from deer.
- Never feed deer, even if they approach you or appear to be seeking food.
- Always keep dogs on a lead and at least 50m from deer. During the rut, walk them elsewhere to avoid confrontation with deer that may see them as a threat.
- Never approach, touch or attempt to photograph a deer at close range.
- Never place yourself between deer, particularly during the rut.
- Move away calmly from approaching deer, giving the plenty of space. Use a solid obstacle (e.g. a tree) as a barrier if it shows threatening behaviour.
- Do not block a deer's path or try to make it move.
- Follow signs and instructions from The Royal Parks staff and Volunteer Rangers.



Paul Richards, Richmond Park Manager at The Royal Parks, said:

"We want everyone to enjoy the spectacle and privilege of seeing the deer during the rut. But they are wild animals and can become aggressive and unpredictable during this season. It is critical that people keep at least 50m away from deer to avoid spooking them. There is a very real risk that if the deer become stressed, someone too close by could get seriously hurt or even killed.

"The safest way to enjoy deer is always to observe them from a distance, keep dogs on leads or walk them elsewhere during the rut and never feed them. The message is clear: stay safe during the rut; 'steer clear of deer.'"

Kate Allberry, Scientific and Policy Manager at the RSPCA, said:

"The autumn rut is an important part of a deer's life, and it can be fascinating to witness. But it's important to remember that deer are wild animals, and to give them the space they need to behave naturally.

"Feeding or approaching deer can affect this natural behaviour, not only risking causing them stress, but it can also cause them to become less wary of people and associate us with food. This can put both deer and people at greater risk, and in some cases, can have tragic consequences for animals.

"By appreciating wild animals from a safe distance, people can help protect their welfare while also keeping themselves and others safe."

Charles Smith-Jones, Technical Adviser to the British Deer Society, said:

"While some deer may appear calm around people, they remain wild animals and can react unpredictably if they feel threatened or pressured. Approaching deer too closely, attempting to touch them, or encouraging them to take food from your hand can put both people and deer at risk.

"Getting too close to rutting animals may not only put people at risk but can also disrupt or even halt natural behaviour at a time that is crucial to the deer's reproductive cycle and well-being. We would always encourage people to enjoy these remarkable animals from a distance and give them the space they need to behave naturally."

Experts from the British Deer Society will have an engagement stand in Richmond Park on 11 October 2026*, alongside The Royal Parks Volunteer Rangers, to speak with visitors about deer behaviour, the autumn rut and how people can safely enjoy the park alongside these wild animals.



Celebrate 100 Years of The Poppy Factory in Richmond

From The Poppy Factory

Join The Poppy Factory as it celebrates its centenary in Richmond with a series of special autumn events.



The charity will host an afternoon tea at the visitor centre of its historic factory building in Petersham Road, where guests will enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour and meet today's factory team making hand-crafted remembrance wreaths.

Refreshments, freshly baked cakes and scones will be served to guests at the September 24 event, which will raise funds to help veterans and family members make progress on the path to employment.

Tickets cost £50 and are available on the [Poppy Factory website](https://www.poppyfactory.org/).

The event will be followed on Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 September with a unique celebration weekend at Hampton Kempton Waterworks Railway.

The railway's historic Darent locomotive, first commissioned in 1903, will take visitors around the picturesque Hanworth Loop track, with a specially recorded audio commentary about the story of The Poppy Factory and a display of the giant wreaths that are used in Remembrance services each November.

A lunchtime cavalcade of historic trains will help mark the occasion and there will be cakes, refreshments and limited edition gifts on offer.

Book tickets for the [Poppy Factory centenary weekend at Hampton Kempton Waterworks Railway](https://www.hamptonkemptonwaterworks.co.uk/).

The Poppy Factory is also running ticketed discovery sessions in its visitor centre throughout September, October and November.

Funds raised through centenary events will go towards The Poppy Factory's national Veteran and Family Services, which last year supported more than 1,200 veterans and family members on the path to employment.



**THE
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FACTORY**

Next Week at Richmond Council

By James Knight



Three Richmond Council meetings take place next week, with decisions due on a disputed Teddington accessway, growing pressure on special educational needs funding and a £39 million savings programme requiring another £18 million from Council reserves.

Planning Committee

Wednesday 23 September, 7.00 pm
York House, Twickenham

A dispute over an alleyway in Teddington comes before councillors after four neighbours objected to plans to incorporate part of the accessway alongside 49 Winchendon Road into a private garden.

Neighbours say the passage has historically provided rear access to several properties and claim long-standing rights to use it. The applicant's title documents show the land within his ownership, but the Council says disputes over ownership and rights of way are civil matters rather than planning considerations.

Officers recommend approval, while Planning Committee chairman Cllr Jonathan Cardy has called the application in because of concerns about loss of amenity. Councillors must therefore decide whether closing the accessway causes sufficient harm in planning terms, rather than resolving the underlying legal dispute.

The committee will also consider a small extension at the home of Cllr Jeremy Davis in Morley Road. There were no objections and officers recommend approval. It comes before committee because the applicant is a Richmond councillor.

Schools Forum

Thursday 24 September, 1.30 pm - York House, Twickenham

Richmond's growing special educational needs bill will be under scrutiny when the Schools Forum considers its latest financial position and SEND reforms.

The Council expects around £7 million from the Government's High Needs Stability Grant, which would substantially reduce its accumulated Dedicated Schools Grant deficit. But underlying pressures remain, with further deficits projected as demand for specialist support continues to rise.

The central question is whether reforms intended to provide more support in mainstream schools and intervene earlier can control rising costs while ensuring children continue to receive the help they need.

Finance, Policy and Resources

Thursday 24 September, 7.00 pm - York House, Twickenham

The week's biggest decisions come on Thursday evening, as councillors consider the Council's transformation programme, longer-term finances, capital spending and borrowing.

The Transformation Programme identifies £39.23 million in recurring annual savings by 2029/30, with councillors asked to draw another £18 million from reserves to deliver it. The Council says the programme will redesign services, make greater use of technology and focus on prevention. Critics see "transformation" as a euphemism for cuts, particularly because the detailed proposals extend into adult social care, children's services and housing. The key question is how much can be saved through genuine efficiency and how much will ultimately change the services residents receive.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy shows the scale of the wider problem. The Council says government funding changes will reduce its annual funding by around £29 million by 2028/29, while it still forecasts a £19.3 million gap in 2027/28, even assuming the maximum 4.99 per cent Council Tax increase and the planned transformation savings.

Councillors will also consider a revised £233.9 million capital programme covering projects including Twickenham Riverside, housing, highways and decarbonisation. The programme is expected to leave an underlying borrowing requirement of £124.7 million.

The Treasury Management report provides another sign of tightening finances. Cash balances are forecast to fall from £56 million to around £20 million during the year, with approximately £24 million of external borrowing expected as the Council can no longer finance all of its capital spending from internal resources.

Finally, Richmond town centre businesses are heading towards a vote on whether the Be Richmond Business Improvement District should continue for another five years. A separate proposal for an Accommodation BID covering hotels and other visitor accommodation will not yet proceed to a ballot after consultants found insufficient evidence of support.

With £39 million of savings, £18 million from reserves, a £234 million capital programme and new borrowing all before the same committee, Thursday's meeting provides an unusually revealing snapshot of **Richmond Council's financial position and the choices it faces over the next few years.**

September Food and Drink News

It's now downhill to Christmas. Or so it seems, as there are so many Christmas product showcases for me to check out. However, it is still September, and with hopes of an Indian summer (running through to the end of October please!), here are some food and drink products I've recently discovered.

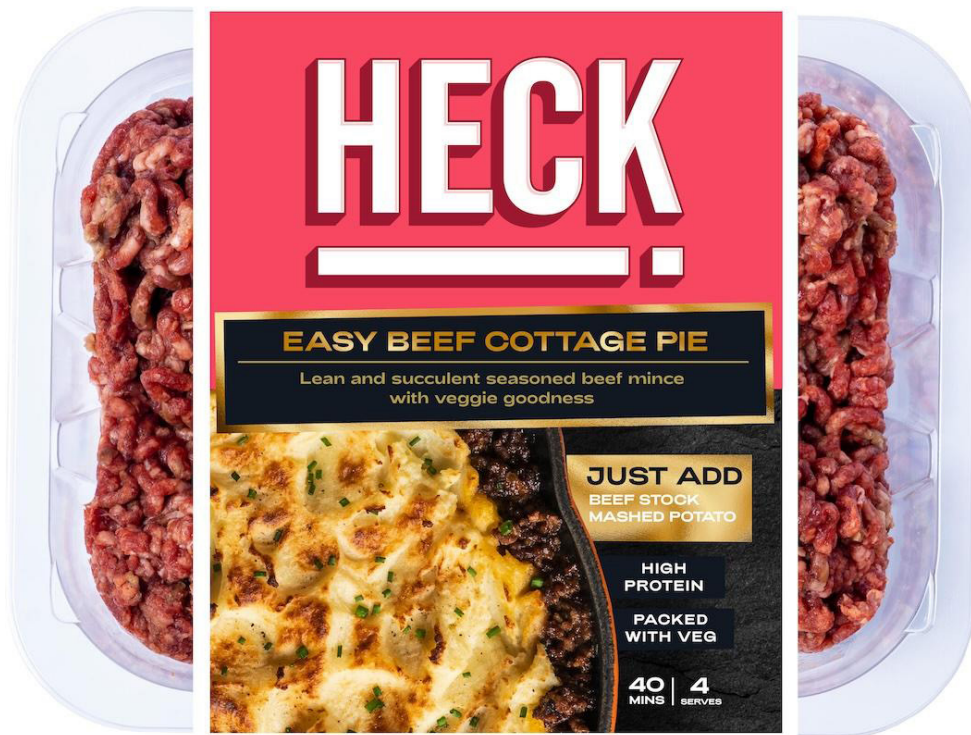
Benefit Juice has relaunched its range of fruit and vegetable juices with a new look and revamped flavours. There is a trio of juices; **Cleanse**, **Enrich** and **Vitality**, offering specific benefits: one 150ml glass now includes 6g of fibre, 100% of the daily recommended allowance of vitamin D, as well as vitamins C, E and K, folate, potassium and beta-carotene, naturally found in the fruits and vegetables in the juice. Enrich is a zesty blend of carrot, mango & ginger, while Vitality is beetroot, raspberry and grape. Cleanse, pure prune juice, (available in both concentrate and Not From Concentrate), retains its same taste and flavour profile, with a fresh look. I've only tried Enrich and Vitality so far - both good, but Vitality is my favourite (I think it will also be a great cocktail ingredient!) Available from Waitrose at £3.95 for 900ml.



Designed for quick lunches, easy evening meals and at-home fakeaways, each **Spice Tailor** kit comes with sauce and spices already sorted. You can then customise your bowl with favourite additions, from crunchy vegetables and tofu to chicken or prawns. The company has just launched two delicious new **Pan-Asian Noodle kits**, helping you to create restaurant quality Pho and Yakisoba bowls in just 10 minutes. Each kit serves two, is suitable for vegetarians and has no artificial flavours, colours or preservatives. They are available in Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Ocado at £3.95 rrp.

By heck those **Heck!** Folk have been busy recently! Putting a lighter spin on a British classic, its new **Chicken Cumberland Sausages (340g £3.50)** bring together all the peppery, herby flavours of a traditional Cumberland recipe, swapping pork for chicken, but keeping the savoury satisfaction of the nation's favourite banger.





Not content with that, **Heck!** has also launched a range of ready-to-cook, seasoned and veggie-packed minces that give time-pressed cooks a head start on three of the nation's favourite midweek meals - spag Bol, cottage pie and chilli. With most of the prep done, all you need to do is add a couple of store cupboard ingredients to get a satisfying and nourishing meal on the table in no time. The trio is high in protein and gluten-free. **Easy Chicken Chilli Con Carne Mince** combines lean chicken breast and thigh with

red pepper, kidney beans, onion, seasoning and a bold blend of warming spices. (500g / £6). High in protein, low fat, source of fibre, gluten-free. Available from Asda. Combining beef and pork for a rich, authentic flavour, **Easy Beef & Pork Bolognese Mince** is already seasoned and packed with lentils, tomato and herbs, just add pasta, tinned tomatoes and a sprinkling of Parmesan (500g / £6). High in protein, source of fibre, gluten-free. Available from Tesco and Asda. **Easy Beef Cottage Pie Mince** combines lean British beef with peas, carrots, onion, tomato puree and seasoning, to create a rich, flavour-packed filling. Just add beef stock and mashed potato (500g / £6). High in protein, gluten-free. Available from Tesco.

Still on a meaty theme, the award-winning premium meat snacking brand, **The Mad Butcher**, has expanded its range with the launch of **Serrano Chips**, deliciously crisp slices of cured Serrano ham that bring a gourmet Spanish flavour twist to snacking. Made with just two ingredients - Serrano ham and salt - these light and crunchy meat chips contain no artificial flavours or additives and are oven baked rather



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Maldon Salt, loved globally by chefs, home cooks and foodies, has launched **Sicilian Fine Sea Salt**. Sicilian Fine Sea Salt enhances a wide range of dishes, from freshly baked breads and crispy fries, to indulgent desserts. Sicilian Fine Sea Salt has been chosen for its clean, balanced flavour and the remarkable delicacy it acquires through a traditional harvesting process. Collected in large open pools and naturally dried in the coastal breeze, it offers a texture noticeably finer than typical table salt. This fine texture

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Tony's Chocolonely has a new **Popcorn Crunch bar**: a wickedly sweet and salty popcorn hit that combines favourite film snacks – chocolate and popcorn – into one chunky bar. Packed with roasted, caramelised corn pieces and coated in Tony's milk chocolate, the new bar delivers a perfect hit of crunchy texture and popcorn flavour, taking you straight back to your favourite cinema. Made with 100% traceable cocoa beans sourced through [Tony's Open Chain](#) initiative, Tony's uses its 5 Sourcing Principles to support cocoa farmers in earning a living income and building long-term partnerships. The new Popcorn bar is in Sainsbury's, ASDA and online at tonyschocolonely.com. RRP: £4



As the days grow shorter, our desire for a sparkling wine that reminds us of the very essence of summer becomes irresistible. Step forward

Bouvet Ladubay Saumur Rosé Brut; a vibrant and elegant sparkling wine. 2026 marks a significant milestone for Bouvet Ladubay, celebrating 175 years since its founding in 1851 by Célestine Ladubay and Étienne Bouvet. Bouvet Ladubay Saumur Rosé Brut is predominantly made from Cabernet Franc grapes, one of the Loire Valley's signature varietals, and spends 12 months ageing on lees to develop a creamy yet fresh palate. The traditional method of winemaking gives the wine its fine bubbles and elegant structure, harmonising with vivid aromas of ripe strawberries, red fruits, peach, and delicate floral notes. On the palate, the sparkling rosé has lively acidity, creamy texture, and a lingering fresh finish. Available at £15 a bottle (£11 for a mix of six) exclusively from Majestic, Bouvet Ladubay Saumur Rosé Brut offers exceptional quality and value. Worth stocking up for Christmas, methinks.

TERRÉA: TREAT YOUR HOME TO SOME LUXURY

From Alison Jee

We tend to choose luxurious products for our bodies: haircare, perfume, skin products and lots more. But when it comes to the home, most of us use ubiquitous brands that we pick up from the local supermarket, or order online along with our groceries. I want to let you into a secret - I've discovered a company that has a range of products that combine performance with a rather sensorial experience through fragrance, texture and thoughtful design. It's called **Terréa**

Positioned at the intersection of home care, lifestyle and wellbeing, it is a range of products for the following: Fabric Care; Home Cleaning; Dish Care and Home Fragrance. I've tried a few of the products and I can tell you that it feels rather decadent and indulgent to use such premium products in the home. The products are stylishly presented in a range of fragrances. For example the home fragrance mist has a very fine diffuser and disperses evenly into the air without any wet spots. Spray it onto your soft furnishings and there is a long lasting fragrance that is subtle, yet with a delicate aromatherapy note. You can freshen up your wardrobe too, just by spraying some onto the interior of the doors. And talking of wardrobes, there are scented wardrobe hangers or drawer cards - they'll make a lovely gift.

The laundry care range has ironing water, laundry liquid, as well as a fabric conditioner that is awesome - I keep it for bedding and it keeps its fragrance well. There is something rather special about sliding into freshly laundered bedding with such an elegant scent. I've yet to try it on my winter woollies but I'm told the formula helps preserve delicate fibres and is ideal for garments like merino wool, ensuring a polished handfeel that doesn't feel coated. It also reduces static cling. I wonder if it deters moths though?



There is even a washing up liquid - Dish Calm - that froths up well. It's a silky liquid with controlled foam and a swift, clear rinse. The fragrance is like a secret for the person lumbered with the washing up!



And wait for it - there is a floor cleaner. Who knew that such a boring, mundane task could actually be pleasant? What's more, it's a no-rinse one, making life much easier.

These luxurious products don't come cheap, of course, but it's worth noting that many are refillable (pouches available online too) and there's free UK delivery on orders over £60. More information at terrea.co.uk

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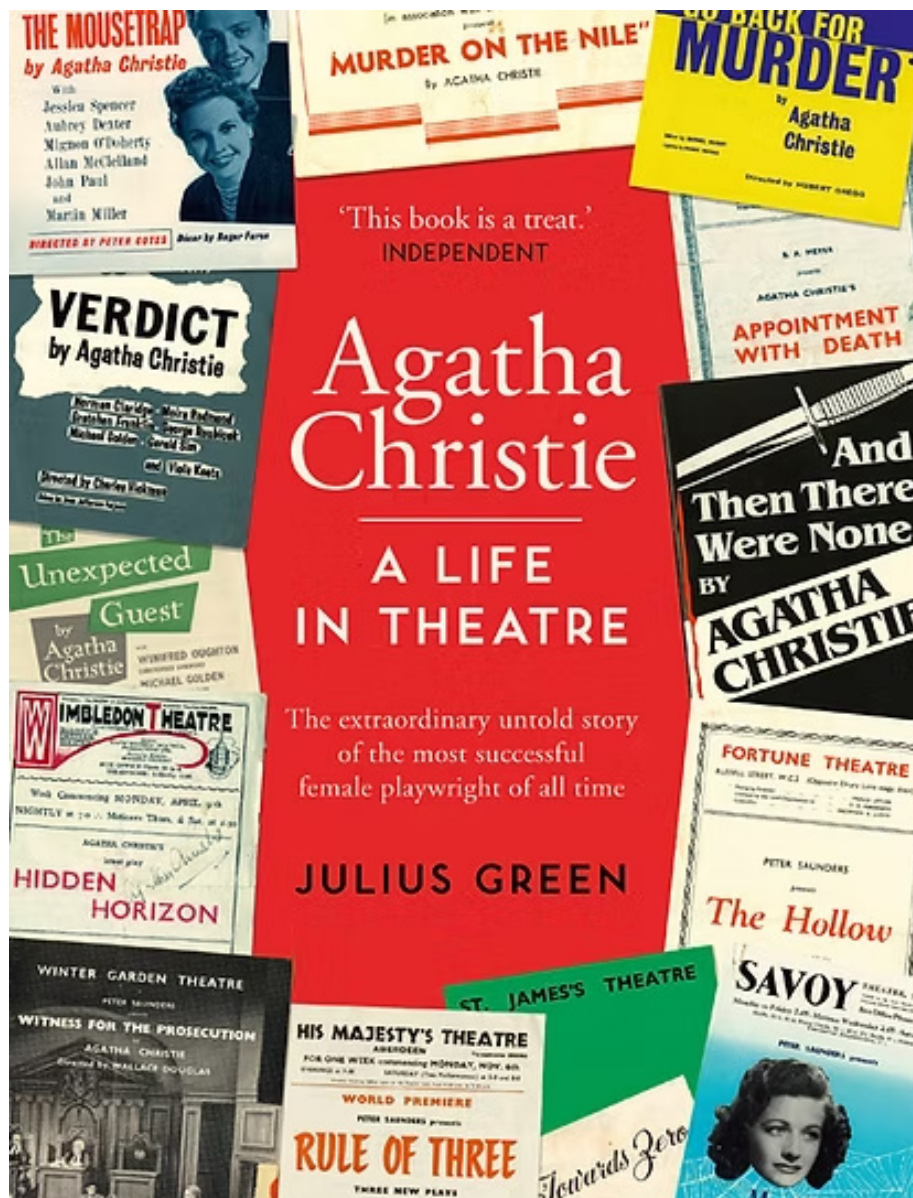


AGATHA CHRISTIE – Playwright

The Mary Wallace Theatre. September 21st at 7.45

Although globally renowned for her mystery and crime novels, Agatha Christie has been less appreciated for her contribution to the stage. In fact, Christie wrote 20 original plays, the best known of which are surely *THE MOUSETRAP* and *WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION*. Moreover, she was the first (and only) female playwright to have had three plays running concurrently in London's West End*.

In our latest of **RSS ALIVE! TALKS** at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Christie's biographer Dr Julius Green will redress the balance with "AGATHA CHRISTIE: The Most Successful Female Playwright of All Time" on Monday, 21st September at 7.45.



Tickets £7 and can be booked at www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk

Find the Mary Wallace on Twickenham's Embankment, close to the Barmy Arms.

*(Incidentally, Noel Coward and Somerset Maugham achieved four, Alan Ayckbourn five, while Andrew Lloyd-Webber topped them all with six. Oscar Wilde lags behind with two.)

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St Mary's University

St Mary's backs national ambition for real-world experience and lifelong careers support

The Future Jobs Roadmap sets out a national plan for universities, employers and government to better support graduates into work. It commits universities to giving all undergraduates access to meaningful work-based learning by 2035, with a milestone of 50% by 2030, alongside a universal lifetime entitlement to careers support and closer employer partnerships. The roadmap is expected to benefit the 1.4 million undergraduates studying in England each year by the 2030s.



St Mary's University, London, says the ambitions in the Roadmap already sit at the heart of its approach to teaching and student support.

Many programmes at St Mary's have either built in work experience or optional modules to gain experience in a professional setting within the wider community. It is planned for all courses to have access to work-based learning by 2030. University initiatives, such as Be SMART and Employability Confident, offer paid internships to support students in gaining valuable work experience while earning.

Employability support continues beyond graduation. St Mary's provides lifelong

careers support, helping graduates with their first career steps as well as career changes, developing new skills and navigating future transitions. Its alumni community now includes more than 40,000 graduates worldwide.

The University is also part of an international consortium of Catholic universities promoting service-learning to form agents of social change. In practice this is made up of community placements, where students complete 50-hour work placements in schools, charities, or non-profit organisations, coupled with hands-on volunteering and interactive classroom learning around societal issues such as poverty and discrimination, and prejudice.

The University's approach is reflected in its graduate outcomes, with 96 per cent of St Mary's graduates in employment, vocation or further study within 15 months of graduating.

Jo Blunden, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, at St Mary's University, said:

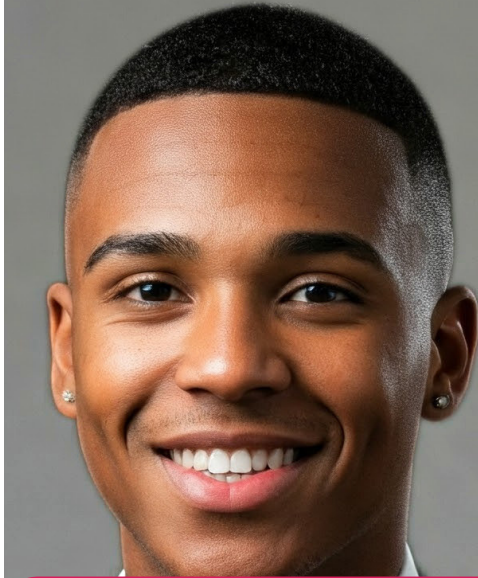
"Students need more than a degree to prepare for the world of work. They need opportunities to apply what they learn, develop confidence and build the experience and connections that will help them navigate a changing jobs market. "At St Mary's, our responsibility does not end at graduation - we help our students build their futures and continue to support them throughout their professional lives. We welcome the ambition set out in the Future Jobs Roadmap and look forward to playing our part in making meaningful work experience accessible to more students."



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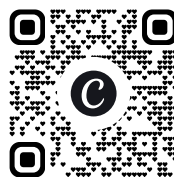


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Historic Kneller Hall to begin a new chapter as Radnor House becomes Kneller Hall School

From Dukes Education



A major new chapter in southwest London education is taking shape, with Kneller Hall School set to open in September 2027 as the new home of Radnor House Twickenham.

Set within the historic 30-acre Kneller Hall estate in Whitton and Twickenham, the co-educational school for pupils aged 4–18 will combine a remarkable heritage setting with ambitious new facilities. As Dukes Education's first purpose-built school in England, the development will offer pupils access to one of the largest areas of green space of any London day school.

The move also brings a new purpose to one of west London's best-known historic sites. Named after the celebrated portrait artist Sir Godfrey Kneller, the estate later became home to the Royal Military School of Music, where generations of Army musicians trained for more than 160 years. Now, the site is being reimagined as a place for a new generation to learn, grow and prepare for the future.

Kneller Hall School has been formed through the coming together of Radnor House School and Radnor House Prep, creating a seamless all-through education from age four to 18. Pupils already within the school will be able to progress from Junior to Senior School without sitting the external 11+, giving them greater continuity and allowing them to focus on learning, confidence and personal development.

At the heart of the new campus will be a wide range of specialist facilities, including science laboratories, design and technology suites, performing arts spaces, enhanced sports provision and extensive outdoor learning areas. A dedicated Forest School and Nature Reserve will also form part of everyday school life, while more than half of the estate is designated Metropolitan Open Land.

Principal Amy Cavilla said the setting will give the school the opportunity to build on its existing strengths while creating new possibilities for pupils. *"Kneller Hall gives us the space to broaden what education can look like day to day – combining high academic expectations with creativity, sport, outdoor learning and time to think. The setting may be changing, but the principles that define our school remain the same: knowing every child as an individual, encouraging ambition and creating an environment where pupils can achieve highly without unnecessary pressure."*

The new school builds on the established success of Radnor House Twickenham, which has delivered strong academic outcomes for more than a decade. Its A-level results place it among the top 1% of schools in England for value added, reflecting an approach centred on individual progress, strong teaching and pastoral support.

With excellent transport links, Kneller Hall School will serve families across Whitton, Twickenham, Richmond, Surrey and the wider southwest London area.

Families interested in finding out more can visit the school at its **Open Morning on 3 October 2026**. Register to attend and discover more about the plans for Kneller Hall School, meet the team and explore the vision for its future.

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Heathfield PTA Create Better Outdoor Spaces for Students

From Heathfield PTA

Friends of Heathfield Schools' Partnership (FOHSP) PTA has received a donation of £440 from Tesco Twickenham, following a successful year-long partnership that has supported parent fundraising events and paid for enrichment activities for the students.

The donation, presented by representatives from Tesco's Mogden Lane, Twickenham, will help fund long-lasting composite seating across the school's playgrounds. This autumn term, three backless benches will be installed in the reception playground and two curved benches in the Junior playground.

The partnership has been supported by Hira Parmer, Tesco Twickenham's Community Champion, who has worked closely with the PTA to understand its priorities and identify ways Tesco can support the school community.

Established in September last year, the FOHSP PTA has raised more than £10,000 in its first year. This has funded a range of activities and experiences for pupils, including dance workshops, hatching ducklings, the Year 6 leavers' disco and a visit from Santa Claus at Christmas, and will contribute towards the refreshed outdoor seating.

Vanessa Thornton, Vice-Chair of Friends of Heathfield Schools' Partnership, said: *"For a new PTA, having a partnership with a local business has been invaluable. It's not just about the generous donations - it's about having someone who genuinely wants to get involved and help us make a difference."*

Helen Child, Co-Headteacher of Heathfield Infant and Junior School, said: *"Thank you so much - the donations have supported a number of PTA events throughout the year. It was brilliant to host a parent teacher quiz night, even if the teachers' table did rather embarrassingly finish last! Events like these bring people together and raise funds that allow us to do really special things for our students. The money donated today will go towards our benches, which our children will really enjoy - nice and relaxing in the afternoon when they're outside."*

Hira Parmer, Community Coordinator from Tesco Twickenham, said: *"We've loved supporting Heathfield over the past year. Whether it's helping with fairs, supplying donations or supporting fundraising events, it's been a pleasure to work with such a dedicated group of parents, staff and pupils. We're delighted our donation will help create something that children can enjoy for years to come."*

The partnership is set to continue this autumn, with Tesco supporting two Heathfield dads who are taking on the Cabbage Patch 10-mile race to raise money for the PTA. The pair have already raised almost £500 and are aiming to reach £1,000 to contribute to the bench campaign.

People can donate to the fundraising efforts here: [Jonny & Clyde's 10 Mile Run with the Cabbage Patch 10](#)



Representatives from Tesco with Co-Headteachers David Colenso and Helen Child, with PTA Co-Chair Josh Leverton and children from Heathfield school



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Rugby mental health charity founder tackles 260km bike ride towing 30kg water butt

Rob Shotton, Co-founder of rugby mental health charity LooseHeadz, will set off on a gruelling 260km-plus cycling challenge next week, towing a 30-litre water butt as he visits 60 rugby clubs across London in six days. Challenge to conclude at **Twickenham** ahead of Red Roses v Black Ferns; he will be visiting Barnes RFC, London Welsh RFC, London Scottish RFC, Richmond RFC, Teddington RFC, Old Hamptonians RFC, Harlequins (Stoop), and Twickenham Stadium on his way to score a try on their pitches

Shotton, who hasn't cycled seriously since breaking his back in a bike accident 11 years ago, will begin The Offload Challenge at The Alma in Wandsworth on Monday 21st September, cycling between clubs, scoring a try at each venue and finishing at Twickenham Stadium on Saturday 26 September, ahead of England's Red Roses v Black Ferns fixture.

The challenge will see Shotton pull a trailer carrying 30 litres of water throughout the route. At every club, half a litre will be poured away, with the final aim being to arrive at Twickenham with the barrel empty.

The water butt symbolises the unseen weight that people can carry with their mental health. Every club taking part will empty a small amount of water, representing a shared commitment that people in the rugby community should not have to manage their struggles alone.

Shotton will be joined at various stages of the route by rugby names including former England internationals Anthony Watson, Kyran Bracken, Andy Gomarsall, Danny Care, Ugo Monye, David Flatman and Topsy Ojo, as well as former Red Roses player Fiona Stockley. The guests will help recreate tries from their own rugby journeys at selected clubs.

Rob Shotton, Co-founder of LooseHeadz, said: *"The last time I properly got on a bike, I broke my back. So, naturally, I have decided to spend six days cycling more than 260 kilometres around London, towing a water butt behind me and trying to score at 60 rugby clubs."*

"I am not a cyclist - in fact, I hate bikes - and I know this is going to be a really tough challenge. But it is meant to be difficult, because it represents something that too many people in rugby and beyond know well: carrying a weight on your own for too long."

"LooseHeadz exists because people can struggle in silence, often believing they have to deal with everything alone. The water in the butt represents that burden. At every club, we will pour some of it out together."

"By the time we reach Twickenham, I want the butt to be empty because the rugby community has chosen to carry that weight together. We will be joined by some brilliant former players along the route, but the real point is that every player, coach, volunteer and supporter can play a part."

Donate to Rob's Offload Challenge [here](#)



Women & Girls Rugby Open Day in Kew on Sunday 20 September

London Welsh Women's Rugby Club

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- U13-U18: 10:30-11:30

Women's Session

- Adults (all levels): 11:30-12:30

It's a fun, friendly club with brilliant coaches, a welcoming atmosphere, and lots of beginners. If you've ever thought about trying rugby, or want your daughter to, this is the perfect lowpressure way to try it out.

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Red Roses Team to Play Canada

Rugby World Cup-winning duo Jess Breach and Alex Matthews return to the starting XV as head John Mitchell makes nine changes for the first of three Test matches against Canada in the WXV Global Series.

An ever-present in the 2025 Rugby World Cup, Breach is back on the wing while Matthews – a two-try hero in the final victory over the Canadians – resumes her role as vice-captain from Number 8.

Hooker Bryony Field scored on her international debut last weekend in the win over Australia and earns a maiden start in an all-changed front row, including Hannah Botterman and Maud Muir. Morwenna Talling is also back amongst the starting contingent from the second row.

Lucy Packer - another try scorer against the Wallaroos - is named at scrum-half with fly-half Zoe Harrison outside her. Helena Rowland is reinstated to the midfield alongside captain Megan Jones.

Three Exeter Chiefs players – Claudia Moloney-MacDonald, Maddie Feaunati and Flo Robinson – are in the squad as the Red Roses prepare to play at their club stadium, Sandy Park, for the first time since defeating Canada there in September 2023 by a 50-24 scoreline.

The squad contains 974 England caps while 14 players in the matchday 23 were involved in the 2025 Rugby World Cup final triumph at Allianz Stadium.

“This is the first Test of an exciting three-Test series between the number one and number three teams in the world,” Mitchell said.

“You need rivalries in our sport and our rivalry with Canada is one that has evolved to a great level. They are a well-coached team who will bring a different challenge to the one Australia presented. We will be expected to raise our standards.”

Red Roses team to play Canada

15 Ellie Kildunne (Bristol Bears, 63 caps)
14 Jess Breach (Saracens, 57 caps)
13 Megan Jones (Trailfinders Women, 39) – captain
12 Helena Rowland (Loughborough Lightning, 52 caps)
11 Claudia Moloney-MacDonald (Exeter Chiefs, 41 caps)
10 Zoe Harrison (Saracens, 71 caps)
9 Lucy Packer (Harlequins, 45 caps)

Replacements

16 May Campbell (Saracens, 6 caps)
17 Mackenzie Carson (Gloucester-Hartpury, 29 caps)
18 Sarah Bern (Bristol Bears, 85 caps)
19 Delaney Burns (Bristol Bears, 7 caps)

1 Hannah Botterman (Bristol Bears, 63 caps)
2 Bryony Field (Saracens, 1 cap)
3 Maud Muir (Gloucester-Hartpury, 54 caps)
4 Morwenna Talling (Sale Sharks, 30 caps)
5 Lilli Ives Champion (Loughborough Lightning, 8 caps)
6 Abi Burton (Trailfinders Women, 9 caps)
7 Sadia Kabeya (Loughborough Lightning, 32 caps)
8 Alex Matthews (Gloucester-Hartpury, 82 caps) – vice captain

20 Maddie Feaunati (Exeter Chiefs, 28 caps)
21 Marlie Packer (Harlequins, 117 caps)
22 Flo Robinson (Exeter Chiefs, 5 caps)
23 Holly Aitchison (Sale Sharks, 50 caps)



Brentford 3 Chelsea 0: Anthony, Thiago and Carvalho on target as Bees make best start to a Premier League season

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Jaidon Anthony, Igor Thiago and Fábio Carvalho were on target as Brentford claimed the west London derby spoils with a 3-0 victory over Chelsea at Gtech Community Stadium.

Anthony broke the deadlock shortly after the hour mark, Thiago doubled the Bees' advantage on 80 minutes and substitute Carvalho added a third in the final seconds. The victory secured Brentford's best five-game start to a Premier League season, with Keith Andrews' side collecting nine points to surpass their previous best of eight in 2021/22.

The Bees boss made two changes to the side that started the previous Premier League game against Bournemouth.

Michael Kayode replaced Aaron Hickey at right-back, while Mikkell Damsgaard came into midfield in place of Mamadou Sangaré.

Former Bee Jordan Henderson started for the visitors.

The first chance fell Chelsea's way on nine minutes. Keane Lewis-

Potter was unable to clear Pep Chavarria's deep cross from the left, allowing Danny Welbeck to bring the ball under control and lay it off for Pedro Neto. The winger's first-time strike was palmed away by Caoimhín Kelleher.

Morgan Rogers seized the loose ball and drove towards goal but scuffed his shot.

Midway through the first half, Michael Kayode's long throw bounced through to Lewis-Potter, whose volley was blocked by Cole Palmer.

After Damsgaard conceded a free-kick on the edge of his own box, Rogers got the ball up and over the wall, although his attempt lacked power and was comfortably held by Kelleher.

Damsgaard sent the ball down the channel in search of Thiago. The striker held it up



brilliantly under pressure from Levi Colwill and picked out the advancing Yehor Yarmoliuk. The midfielder's low drive from distance was dealt with by Martínez.

Lewis-Potter then cut inside and played a short pass to Damsgaard, who fired over the crossbar from 20 yards.

Chavarría motored down the left and cut the ball back for Rogers, only for Schuster to block his goalbound strike.



After Janelt's attempt was blocked, Thiago teed up Lewis-Potter, who fired straight at Martínez.

In the first action after the break, Kevin Schade found Thiago, who moved the ball on to Yarmoliuk. Anthony met the Ukrainian's cross and headed against the crossbar, although the assistant's flag was raised for offside.

Damsgaard and Janelt combined deep inside Chelsea territory, with the former sending a beautiful low cross with the outside of his boot narrowly beyond Anthony in the six-yard box.

Damsgaard produced a clever turn to escape his marker and lifted the ball towards Schade on the shoulder of the last defender. Fofana won the aerial battle and headed clear, before Thiago met the bouncing ball first time and sent it over the crossbar.

Neto then broke down the left and took aim from a tight angle, only to fire over.

Brentford made the breakthrough on 61 minutes with a well-executed set-piece routine. Damsgaard whipped a corner to the back post, where Schuster nodded the ball back across goal for [Anthony](#) to head in his first Brentford goal from close range.

Chelsea went close on 68 minutes. Schuster made first contact with an in-swinging corner, although Colwill was unable to react quickly enough to turn the loose ball towards goal.

Palmer spun away from Mamadou Sangaré inside a crowded penalty area, with his strike taking a deflection and going behind for a corner.

Brentford doubled their advantage on 80 minutes. Damsgaard released Schade beyond the Chelsea backline and, after the forward's attempt was kept out by Martínez, [Thiago](#) stole in to convert the rebound and open his account for the Premier League campaign.

The striker raced towards the corner, whipped off his shirt in celebration and then embraced Andrews, [who had sung his praises during Thursday's pre-match press conference.](#)

[Carvalho](#) put the gloss on an impressive victory in the final seconds. Schade's low cross from the left took a slight nick off Josh Acheampong and ran through to the substitute, who timed his arrival at the back post to perfection before converting from close range.

The victory extended Brentford's unbeaten Premier League run at Gtech Community Stadium to eight matches, stretching back to February.

Brentford (4-3-3): Kelleher; Kayode (Hickey 69), Ajer, Schuster, Lewis-Potter (Diouf 81); Janelt, Yarmoliuk (Sangaré 69), Damsgaard (Carvalho 87); Anthony (Ouattara 81), Thiago, Schade
Subs not used: Balcombe, Henry, Wilson, Fredrick

Chelsea (3-4-2-1): Martínez; Fofana (Acheampong 71), Lacroix, Colwill; Neto (Estêvão 87), Henderson, Barco (Nicoll-Jazuli 87), Chavarria; Palmer, Rogers; Welbeck (Quenda 71)
Subs not used: Penders, Gusto, Hato, Lavia, Gittens

Attendance: 17,193

Andrews: I loved everything about us

Head coach Keith Andrews was full of pride after watching his side secure an emphatic west London derby victory.

"I feel like I've played – I feel like I've kicked every ball," he said. "I really enjoyed us tonight. We had to show different attributes: grit, resilience, passion and enthusiasm.

"We had a positive mindset to take the game to them and scored in different ways. We defended resiliently again.

"I just loved us tonight. I loved everything about it."

Anthony: First Brentford goal an 'unbelievable feeling'

Jaidon Anthony was delighted with Brentford's second-half display and described scoring his first goal for the club as an "unbelievable feeling".

"I'm really happy," he said. "Especially in the second half, I thought we were unbelievable. We really got after them. 3-0, we couldn't ask for much more.

"[Andrews] instils a lot of belief in us through how we work and operate. At half-time, he just wanted us to increase the intensity and keep believing. I thought we did that.

"I don't score too many headers! Fab [Carvalho] told me a couple of days ago that I was going to score, so I'm really happy with that one. It was an unbelievable feeling."



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