

Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE



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Orchid
Photo by Berkley Driscoll

TickerTape - News in Brief

Survey launched to assess health and wellbeing of young people during lockdown

The survey has been designed by the borough's Youth Council in partnership with Achieving for Children and the Council's Public Health Team. The Youth Council is made up of young people from schools across the borough. It is targeted at 11-17 year olds who live or go to school in Richmond upon Thames and looks at areas such as how lockdown has impacted them, learning at home or at school, mental health and healthy lifestyles.

The survey's findings will be used to shape and inform recovery support in Richmond upon Thames, as restrictions start to be lifted.

As an incentive, participants will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 voucher. In addition, the school who submits the greatest number of entries will win £500 towards student wellbeing related activities.

Complete the survey [HERE](#)

Six playgrounds have been upgraded ready for the summer holidays!

Tangier Green (North Sheen), Raleigh Road Recreation Ground (North Sheen) and Heathfield Recreation Ground (Twickenham) have all had new trim trails installed, which encourage fun and active play.

Moormead Recreation Ground (Twickenham) has had its seesaw replaced, Diamond Jubilee Gardens (Twickenham) has had a new carousel installed and Palewell Common (East Sheen) has had a 'Union' installed, which is a series of spinning poles that create balancing challenges.

Families - don't miss out on free summer meals

Last month, the Government announced that they would be funding the scheme that provides vulnerable and low-income families with vital vouchers for food over the traditional six-week summer break, having previously ruled it out.

With the coronavirus pandemic having had a massive effect on employment, it is expected that more families will be eligible to claim for free school meals than before.

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COVID-19

By Teresa Read

Airborne Transmission of COVID-19: This week it has been announced by scientists in a number of countries that there is evidence that the virus may spread in the air: through very small particles that float around for hours after talking or breathing out (for example, during choir practice, in restaurants or in fitness classes).

The continued use of masks, as well as social distancing, is advised.

Air Travel: “As countries begin to reopen borders and resume air travel, including commercial flights, the World Health Organization urges governments to take effective measures, including entry and exit screenings and the practising of hand hygiene, cough etiquette and physical distancing measures, to mitigate the risk of a surge in COVID-19 transmission due to the resumption of commercial flights and airport operations .”

The World Health Organisation has urged travellers to wear masks on planes and keep themselves informed as Covid-19 cases surge again in some countries.

“If it’s anywhere, it’s everywhere and people travelling have to understand that.”

Local Statistics

The In Your Area website gave the following statistics for COVID-19 on Friday 10th July: 535 confirmed cases in Richmond upon Thames, 738 in Kingston-upon-Thames, 1064 in Hounslow. Updates are also available from the BBC on their Coronavirus UK Map.

Number of Deaths from WHO Situation Reports:

At the time of writing the World Health Organization Situation Report for Friday 10 July 2020 gave the following details for countries with high death rates: 131,884 in the USA, 67,964 in Brazil, 44,602 in the UK, 34,926 in Italy, 32,796 in Mexico, 29,886 in France, 28,401 in Spain, 21,604 in India, 12,305 in Iran, 11,133 in Peru, 11,017 in the Russian Federation, 9,781 in Belgium, 9,054 in Germany, 8,737 in Canada, 8,586 in Peru, 6,682 in Chile, 6,128 in the Netherlands, 5,500 in Sweden, 5,300 in Turkey, 5058 in Pakistan, 4,648 in China, and a total of 551,046 deaths worldwide.

Can people wear masks while exercising?

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



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

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

16 June 2020

#Coronavirus

#COVID19





Don't forget the looming deadline for the council's consultation on Parking and Servicing for the Twickenham

Riverside Development. You can see all the information and submit your views [HERE](#). Consultation closes Sunday 12th July. It's not made very clear, and not shown on any plan, but note the provision "*consideration is being given to providing a new loading bay in King Street on its south side near to Water Lane*", i.e. the Santander corner; this might not be compatible with the aim to have a clear sightline from King Street to the river.

Meanwhile, the council is working furiously behind the scenes to 'improve' on the dire Hopkins design for the riverside, obviously without any input from residents or even the Stakeholder Group.

TwickerSeal did an online search for Twickenham Riverside and this rather interesting design popped up. It must have been from an early Roman occupation; at least it seems to include a Lido, so they got something right!



Borough View

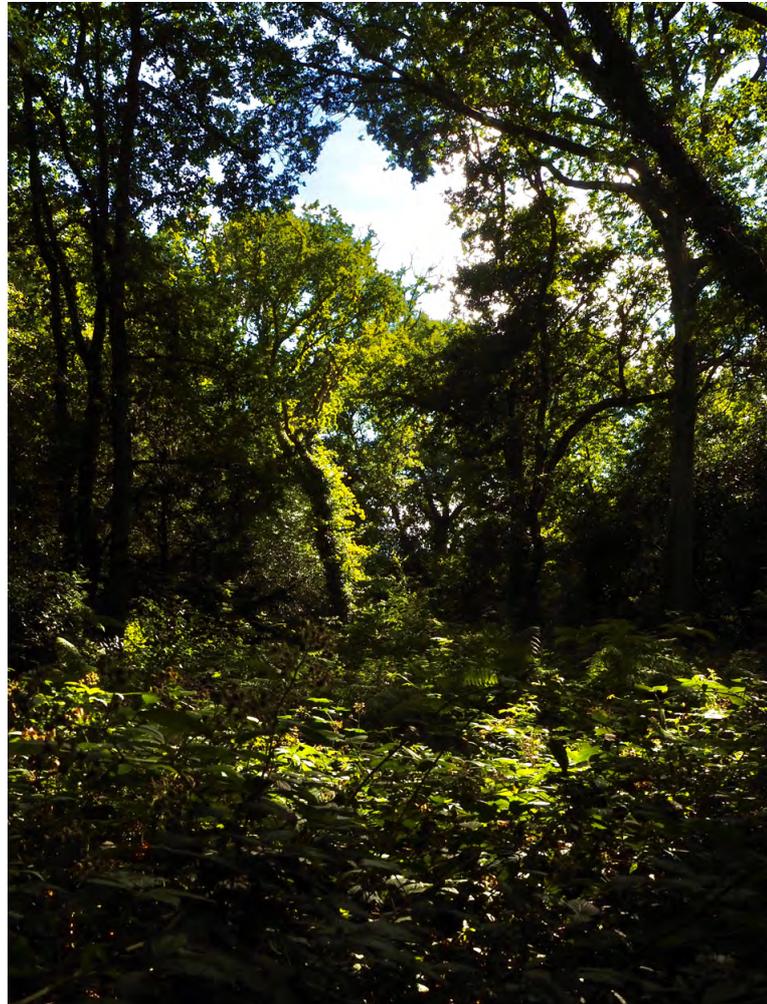
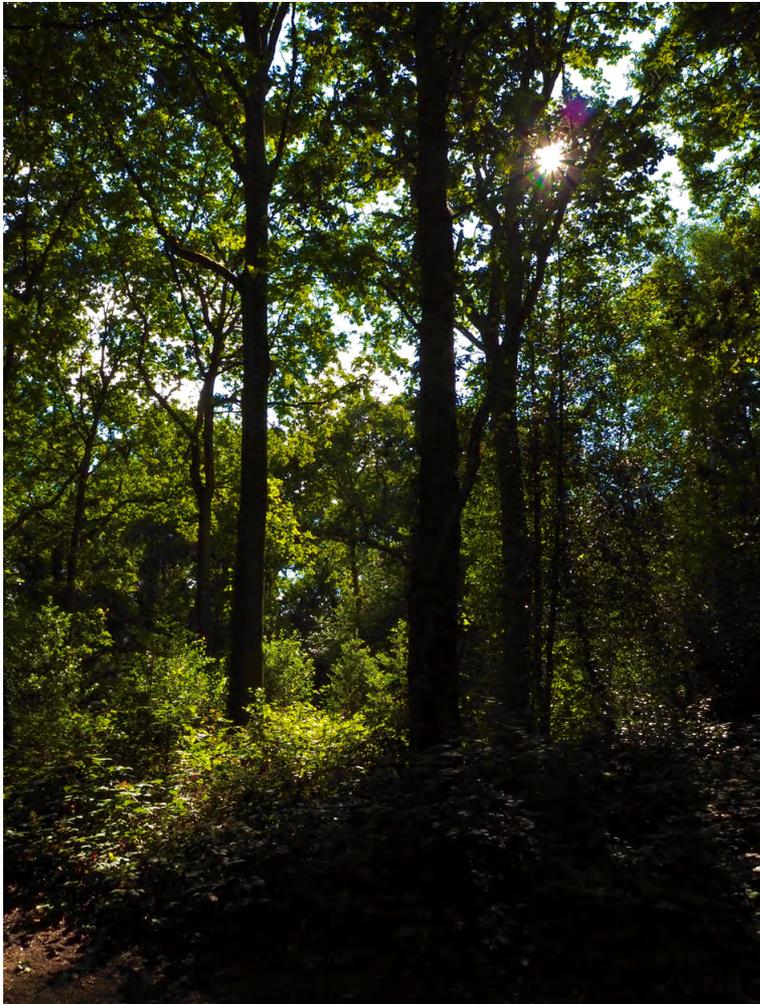
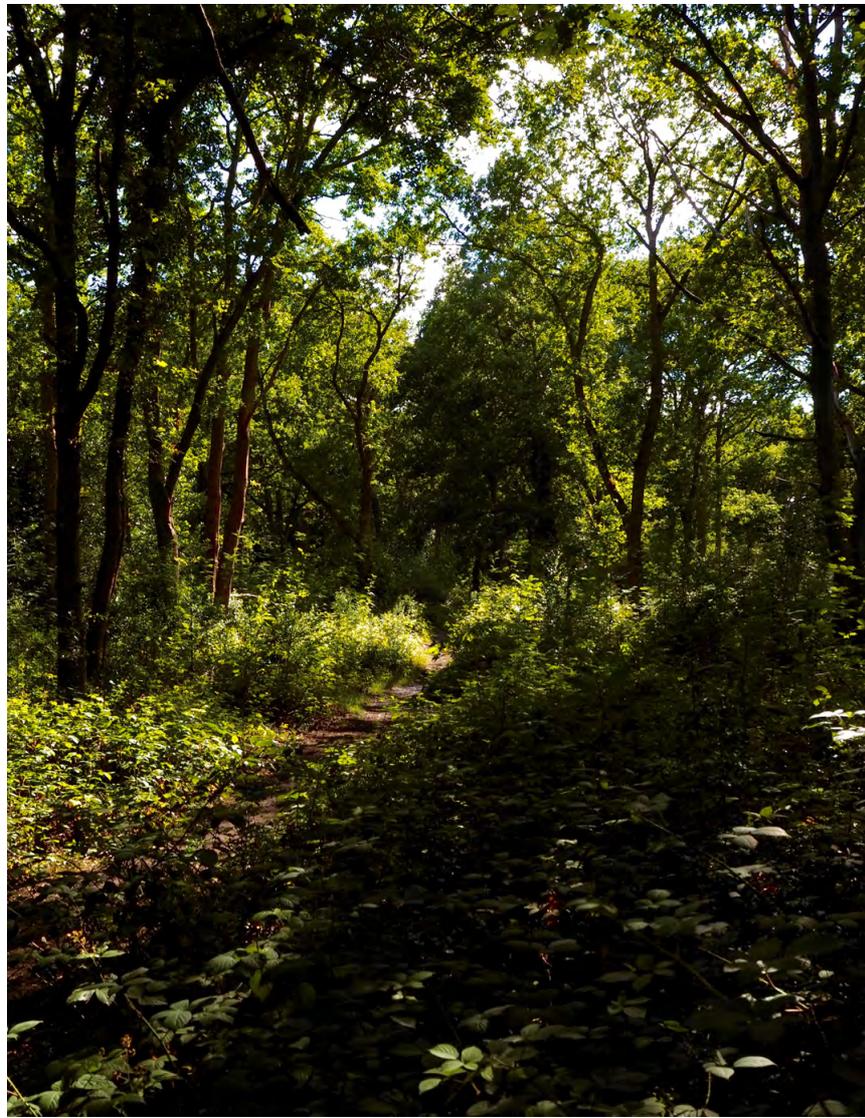
By Graeme Stoten

‘East Sheen Common’

Sheen Common was once part of the extensive common land extant before the formation of Richmond Park. In 1845 the Parish pound was moved to the common, and the East Sheen Common Preservation Society eventually purchased the freehold in 1880.

Now owned by the National Trust and leased by Richmond Council, East Sheen Common mainly consists of rich woodland, cricket club and tennis courts much frequented by local residents, families and dog walkers.

Here, the late afternoon sun light breaks through the canopy to reveal it's hidden treasures.



PART 187.

THE CINEMA IN EAST SHEEN

In the 51 years between 1910 and 1961, the busy junction on Upper Richmond Road West (South Circular Rd) and Sheen Lane was home to a cinema which became a well-known landmark in the area. Located at 143 Sheen Lane, SW14 the cinema went through several name changes in its lifetime.

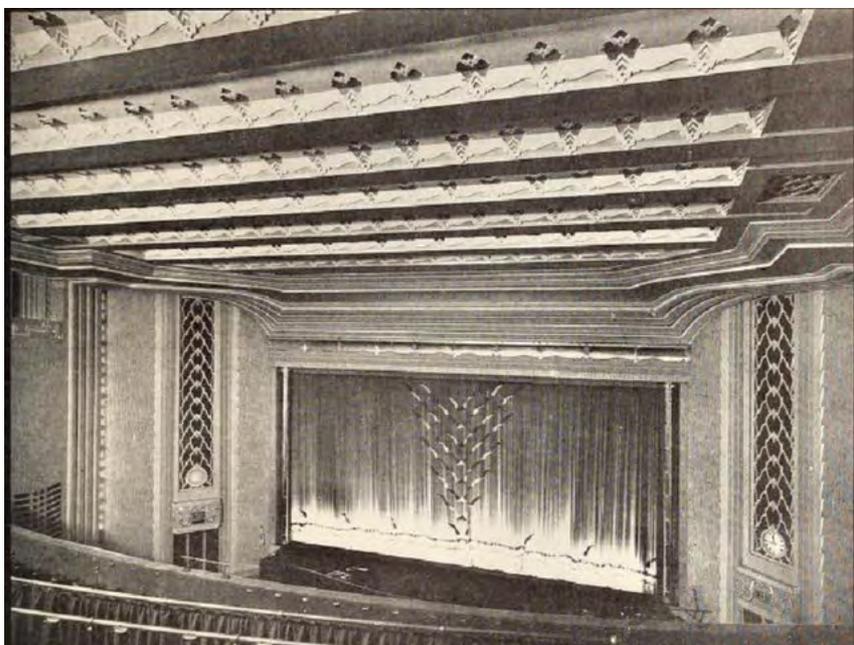
We have featured Joe Mears in this column several times over the last few years. Quite simply he was part of a very successful family living in Richmond. They were entrepreneurs who added to the West London scene in many ways. Steam and motor launches on the Thames. Horse and carriages and then motor coaches, and probably their longest lasting achievement in founding and establishing Chelsea Football Club.

Joe focused on the early days of cinema. He demolished his 1910 built Picturedrome in 1929. He then commissioned the architectural firm Leathart & Granger to design another luxury Kinema to add to his chain, which at that time included Kinema's in affluent districts of London, at Richmond (still operating as the Odeon cinema today), Kensington and Twickenham (both now demolished).



The Sheen Kinema shown in our first postcard opened on 22nd December 1930 with Joe E. Brown in "Hold Everything" and Kenneth MacKenna in "Crazy That Way". The facade of the Kinema had a decorative stone bas relief sculpture on each side of the entrance, depicting Art Deco style figures designed by sculpture Eric Aumonier. The name 'The Sheen' was placed in a central

vertical lightbox over the entrance. Inside the beautiful Art Deco style auditorium, seating was provided in stalls and circle levels. There was a Holophane lighting system which had over 600 combinations of colours to illuminate the space. The Sheen Kinema was equipped with a Christie 2Manual/8Ranks organ, the organ console was on the left of the orchestra pit.



The second image is a photo taken of the curtained screen and auditorium on opening day.

Our last postcard is an animated shot which features a busy cinema as well as great images of cars from the 1930s and early 1940s. This was published by the well-known postcard firm of Raphael Tuck and sons.

As all the chains' Kinemas had their location as their name, they were required to be re-named at the beginning of World War II in case German parachutists ever came upon them and could pinpoint their location. The Sheen Kinema was re-named Empire Cinema from July 1940.

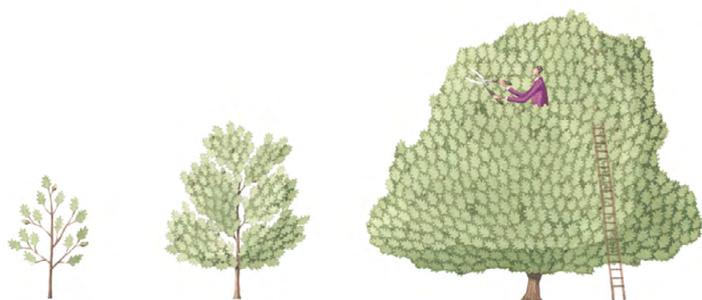


It was taken over, together with the rest of the Joseph Mears Theatres Ltd. circuit, by Oscar Deutsch's Odeon Theatres Ltd. chain on 3rd January 1944. It was re-named Odeon on 17th June 1945.

The Rank Organisation closed the Odeon on 3rd June 1961 with James Robertson Justice in "Very Important Person" and "Jet Circle". The building was demolished a month later in July 1961, and an office block with some retail use named Parkway House was built on the site.

All previous articles in this weekly local postcard column are accessible by visiting www.twickenhamtribune.com Just go the archive editions which start in 2016.

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



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RFS The Best of our Recent Historic Screenings

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UNTOUCHABLE

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

RFS Context: UNTOUCHABLE was 713th film screened by RFS on 29th October 2013.

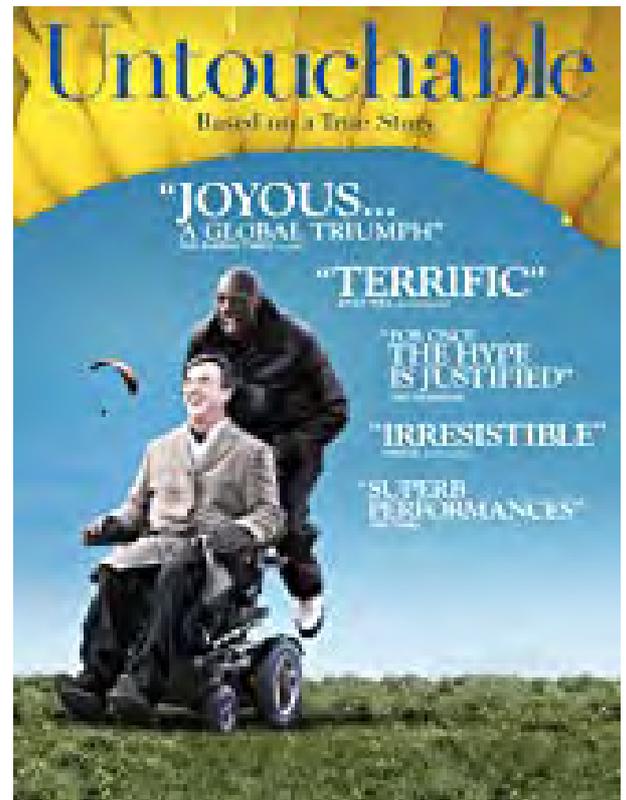
Untouchable was the joint top ranked film of Season 51, it got an approval mark of 97% from those attending (It was the joint top film with **A Hijacking**, which has already featured in our Best of our Recent Historic Screenings as Issue 3; from season 51 we have also already featured its second and third ranked films **A Royal Affair** and **The Angels' Share**, as **Issues 6 & 9** respectively). **Untouchable** can be streamed from Amazon Prime and the discs are available from Amazon and others.

UNTOUCHABLE (Les Intouchables)

Country: France 2011
Directors: Eric Toledano & Olivier Nakache
Screenplay: Eric Toledano, Olivier Nakache & Philippe Pozzo di Borgo
Editing: Dorian Rigal-Ansous
Music: Ludovico Einaudi
Cinematography: Mathieu Vadepied
Running Time: 112 mins., colour
Language: French

Leading Players:

Francois Cluzet (Philippe)
Omar Sy (Driss)
Anne Le Ny (Yvonne)
Audrey Fleurot (Magalie)



Just as the Paralympics have changed perceptions about disability, cinema is pushing at the same boundaries with '**Untouchable**', an uplifting comedy drama about the friendship that develops between a wealthy quadriplegic, Philippe, and his carer, Driss, an ex-convict.

Based on a true story, the friendship between the two men develops after the millionaire's paragliding accident. The Senegal-born ex-convict becomes his carer despite stealing a Fabergé egg during his job interview, and the pair are drawn together by honesty, humour, fear and friendship

Untouchable is both heartbreaking and, at times, very funny. The two men discover that they both have disadvantages in life – one a physical disability, the other socioeconomic. The film confronts the emotional and physical implications of paralysis, and the way that society makes disabled people invisible or “untouchable”.

It has struck a chord with the public perhaps because we live in a time of global crisis, said Eric Toledano, who wrote and directed **Untouchable** with Olivier Nakache. The film redefines our heroic image, from yesterday's “superhero” to “two simple people who can accept the fragility of their lives”. “We just tried to make love with this story ... the humour saves these two people. It's a kind of British humour. The British can joke about everything, even misery.

Gabriele Cullen / The Guardian (amended)

Summer Cycle

Hop on your bike for an evening at Kew.

Join us to celebrate summer with a magical evening bike ride.

This is a unique opportunity for you to bring your bike and explore Kew's most beautiful spots.

Our Botanic Gardens come alive on two wheels. Bicycles aren't usually allowed in the Gardens, so this is a chance to see Kew from a new perspective and leisurely explore the Gardens with friends and family.

Take in the enchanted woodlands and beautiful blooms; stop for a picnic or summer drink and listen to live music; smell the aroma of the Rose Garden as the sun begins to set.

Date: 13 August 2020

Time: 5.30pm - 8:30 pm (last entry 7.30pm)

Location: Entry via Elizabeth Gate, Kew Gardens

Find more information [HERE](#)



Summer cycle © RBG Kew

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The Most Famous Ice Rink in the World

Feature by The Richmond Environmental Information Centre (REIC)

The story of the Ice Rink in East Twickenham seems to be one that will never die. Loved by thousands of skaters over the years, made famous by Torvill and Dean and then its closure - shrouded in mystery. At the moment the rink is a hot topic of conversation on the Strawberry Hill Nextdoor social networking site [THE GREATEST ICE RINK IN THE WORLD - WERE YOU THERE?](#)

A few years ago, the Richmond Environmental Information Centre (REIC) produced [the book: The Most Famous Ice Rink in the World](#), the result of two years of research in the archives as well as interviewing and recording the stories of skaters from far and wide - funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The REIC also possesses an exhibition of many original photographs which tell the story of the ice rink throughout the years; we have taken these boards to many of the talks we have given to various organisations. Of course, the REIC, a registered charity, has signed permissions from contributors and copyright holders including those who have been interviewed and filmed; we have a large folder full of original, and many exciting, written contributions.

The book also has a collection of some of the photographs donated to the project; other photographs are on the [REIC website](#) including one special photograph given to the REIC by Torvill and Dean, who said *"The memories of the 70s and 80s are many and it was here Margaret Thatcher came to see us skate, great memories."* We are very grateful to Torvill and Dean for their support of the project.



The IceRinx website domain name was originally owned by Richard Meacock who tirelessly campaigned to save the rink in East Twickenham and as a tribute to Richard (we discovered and have read his many diaries) we saved his [original website](#) with permission from his solicitor who was an REIC member. Meacock's papers were a great source of information of what really happened to the rink and Council minutes, known as the "Secret Minutes", tell their own illuminating story!

And a rink for Twickenham? As always, the REIC members were keen to re-enact what they had been writing about and two members brought successful community ice rinks to Twickenham for three years but dogged by red tape and conflicting interests there has not been a festive rink for a few years.

It has also come to our notice at the REIC that there seems to be another ice rink book in the pipeline. An email was received yesterday: *"It is more the content from the REIC website ([www.icerinx.com](#)) about the Ice Rink which I would like to use, including some of the images"*. It was said that the book is *"well advanced now"*. Perhaps it would have been appropriate to write to the copyright holder at the outset.

But that is the ice rink in Twickenham - there are many twists and turns.





MARBLE HILL REVIVED



WILD FLOWERS AT MARBLE HILL



At Marble Hill Park we are working to improve wildlife habitats in many ways. This includes enhancing grasslands and encouraging more native wildflowers to flourish in an area of the park near Orleans Road. In July we will spread cuttings from the rich meadow near Ham House by the ‘green hay’ technique. We will protect the area with a rope boundary marker and we ask everyone to leave the meadow to develop and to keep dogs outside.

More information: www.english-heritage.org.uk

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Marble Hill Horticultural Marvels

Ham Hay Moves to Marble Hill

Here at Marble Hill Park we are expecting a rather unusual delivery. On Tuesday 21st July (weather permitting), freshly-cut hay from Ham House Meadows will make its way across the river to us where it will then be spread over an area of carefully-prepared land in the south-west corner of the park. If you happen to be around on the day it will be quite a sight: shire horses from Operation Centaur cutting the hay over at Ham, National Trust staff and volunteers raking it up, Hammerton's ferry taking it over the river, and a team of English Heritage volunteers spreading it out.

This huge effort is all part of Marble Hill Revived's commitment to enhancing the grasslands in the park, and to improving the biodiversity of the area for wildlife. At present, large areas are covered in amenity grassland, dominated by swathes of coarse grasses which provide little value for nature. This year you may have noticed we have been leaving areas of grass around the margins to grow longer and flower. This in itself brings benefits. Along the edge closest to the river, stands of thistle, dock and nettle in amongst the grasses provide food for numerous insect species including butterflies, moths and bees. The tried and tested technique of spreading green hay is a further means of enhancing the grassland by increasing the diversity of species. By using local hay from Ham we hope that some of the native plants that thrive there, just a short ferry ride away, will also thrive here at Marble Hill.

The enhancement of the grassland is also about restoring what has been lost. Once a common sight, species-rich meadowlands have virtually disappeared across the UK, with an estimated 98 per cent lost in the past 50 years. The grasslands at Ham House Meadows now sadly represent an increasingly rare surviving fragment of a lost landscape. If you are familiar with the area (between the river and the house and west towards Ham Street) you will know how precious it is. At this time of year the meadows are buzzing with life: the sound of grasshoppers fills the air and meadow brown butterflies flit about in abundance. The vegetation is a colourful tapestry of flowering plants such as Lady's Bedstraw, Knapweed, and Yarrow, interspersed with a wide variety of delicate grasses including Yorkshire Fog, Red Fescue and Meadow Foxtail.

Restoring or enhancing grassland on a large scale is a long-term project and is dependent on many factors such as reducing the fertility of the soil and appropriate ongoing management. However, there are things that we can all do now to make a difference. If you have a patch of grass at home, why not let it grow long and see what comes up. Flowering grasses can be incredibly beautiful in their

own right. You can learn more about wildflower meadows and their conservation online via organisations such as the Wildlife Trusts or Magnificent Meadows. Supporting English Heritage and the National Trust also contributes to the long-term survival of the meadowlands in their care nationwide. If you use the park at Marble Hill, please help us by keeping dogs away from the long grass areas. Most of all simply notice and enjoy grasslands wherever they flourish - what is good for wildlife is good for people too!



Ham House Meadows – showing a variety of traditional meadow species including Lady’s bedstraw, Knapweed and Yarrow

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house/>



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The Royal Parks launches Movement Strategy

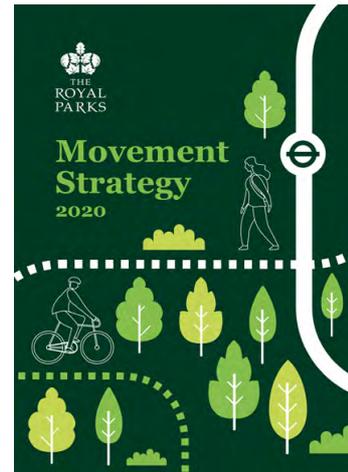
Following wide-ranging consultation and input from thousands of members of the public, transport partners and local boroughs, The Royal Parks charity has today launched its Movement Strategy and has announced details of five projects it intends to trial later in the year.

In line with the Movement Strategy, all the trials seek to restrict cut through motor traffic on park roads and create new spaces for park visitors to enjoy.

Reducing the volume of cut-through traffic in the parks has long been an aspiration for The Royal Parks. As a result of the current Covid-19 crisis, the parks have been temporarily fully closed or partially closed to motor vehicles since the end of March, therefore most of the measures listed below are already in place.

The trials include:

- In **Bushy Park**, restricting all through traffic with a partial road closure between Teddington and Hampton Court Gates
- In St James's and Green Parks, closing the Mall and Constitution Hill to traffic on Saturdays, in addition to the regular Sunday closures
- In Greenwich Park, a full-time closure of the Avenue to cut through vehicle traffic
- In Hyde Park, trial closures of North Carriage Drive permanently, and South Carriage Drive on Saturdays, in addition to the regular Sunday closures
- In **Richmond Park**, reducing cut through motor vehicles (with more details to follow).



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Mat Bonomi, Head of Transport for The Royal Parks, said: “Our Movement Strategy sets a clear vision for how we will manage our parks now and into the future. We know there is a lot of interest in what we will do next, particularly after the Covid-enforced road restrictions, so we are informing you now of our planned trials for later in the year.

“It is clear that the role parks play in the health and happiness of our cities has never been more important than it is now, and for that reason we are accelerating the implementation of a series of trial projects across six of our parks. Our parks have been a lifeline for Londoners during the pandemic and, with more people than ever walking and cycling in London, these trials will be a chance for Londoners to continue to enjoy new car-free areas of the parks.

“As the charity managing over 5,000 acres of historic parkland and green space across London, we must ensure that we conserve and enhance these unique spaces and support the health and happiness of Londoners now and in the future.”

The Royal Parks' Movement Strategy sets a coherent framework to help shape and inform the policies relating to how park visitors can access, experience and move within the parks. The trials will last for six months and will not formally start until the car parks are fully re-opened. We will announce the start date of the trials and consultation period as soon as is possible. To stay informed of the process and progress of the trials, people are encouraged to sign up to the Movement Strategy mailing list: <https://www.royalparks.org.uk/movement>.

To download the Strategy and for more information on the trials, visit our website www.royalparks.org.uk/movement.



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New online booking system to launch for Townmead Recycling Centre!

A new online booking system for Townmead Recycling Centre will be launched from 20 July – enabling people to book their slot in advance and avoid lengthy queues.

Since the centre reopened when lockdown measures were eased, there has been a significant number of visitors. Due to the reduced capacity available on site, as a result of social distancing measures, queue times have sometimes reached two hours. Since opening, the Council has tried to inform residents of the queue lengths – with hourly Twitter and website updates, so people can check before they travel.

The new online system will reduce the queues and will improve health and safety controls on site to keep residents and staff safe.

The booking system is now live for bookings from 20 July. Residents will have the opportunity to book up to two weeks in advance. Visitors arriving after 20 July 2020 without a booking will be turned away and not be allowed entry.



CLlr Julia Neden-Watts, Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee, said:

“We have tried hard since Townmead reopened to keep the queue lines moving, and while we have seen queues, they have been well managed, and I’m pleased to hear that most residents have been good humoured and understanding whilst they wait.”

“We have had to implement several social distancing measures and restrictions on each site, which has meant that we can have fewer vehicles at the centre at once.”

“However, to alleviate queues in the long term, this new online booking system will enable people to book a slot at the recycling centre up to two weeks in advance. This should also save residents time, as they can book a slot, turn up, dispose of their waste and then carry on with their day.”

“We expect demand to be very high initially, but new slots are added each day, so if you can’t get a slot, please try again the next day.”

For all residents looking to visit Townmead Road, please remember the following:

- Entries are only allowed through pre-booked visits – you will not be allowed entry if you do not have a booking.
- Do sort your waste ahead of your visit as your time on site will be limited. This way, it allows for optimised recycling and enables others to have fair use of the site too.
- Do regularly check on our social media platforms for up to date information and booking release dates.

Find out more about the [new booking system](#).

Motorised Scooter User Wielding 12-Inch Blade Chases Man from Twickenham Green

On Sunday evening, around 8.15pm, a young man crossing Hampton Road, by Twickenham Green, was startled by a man on the pavement riding an [illegal] motorised scooter. The pedestrian shouted at the scooter rider however, the scooter user's response turned into a nightmare when he stopped and suddenly pulled a knife with a 12-inch blade from his rucksack. Scooter Knifeman

The terrified man ran as fast as he could, leaving his sandals in the road and headed barefoot to First Cross Road, Twickenham Green with the knifeman giving chase. The knifeman looked back and realising his scooter was lying in the middle of the road returned to it and then 'scooter'ed down the pavement towards Fullwell, passing within a foot of a shocked resident who had witnessed the whole incident.



Luckily the pedestrian escaped, but concerned residents who had seen the terrifying incident were able to give evidence to the police who are looking for the assailant following a 999 call.

The Twickenham Green area has become of concern to local residents with reports of excessive drinking and anti-social behaviour. A number of complaints have already been made to the police via 101 and 999. Residents commenting on those publicly urinating have been threatened and verbally abused.

If you see anyone who you believe is acting in an anti-social manner please do not speak to them but make a report via the 101 phone line. Local residents have been threatened in the area of Twickenham Green and the bordering roads of Strawberry Hill by people attracted to the area by off-sales at local public houses such as the Sussex Arms and the Sainsbury's supermarket on Twickenham Green; of course, these outlets for alcohol sales are by no means exclusive.

SUP-YOGA & SUP-PILATES CLASSES IN TWICKENHAM

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

To book or for enquiries contact: coach@epicsup.org



Leader joins Police on first weekend of pub reopening

The Leader of Richmond Council joined with local Police this Saturday to meet residents and businesses in Richmond Town Centre.

This weekend, watering holes, eateries and hairdressers across the borough reopened their doors as coronavirus lockdown restrictions continued to ease.

Following a virtual meeting with over 170 residents from the Richmond area, discussing concerns surrounding anti-social behaviour, Cllr Gareth Roberts joined Inspector Rebecca Robinson and Inspector Rumi Miah on patrol. They met with residents and publicans to see how businesses have had to adapt to the new safety measures and see how the local area was coping with a possible influx of visitors.

Cllr Gareth Roberts, said:

“I was generally impressed with how Richmond coped on Saturday. Of course, not all pubs and restaurants have reopened yet – however those that did have put in copious measures to ensure the safety of all their customers.

“There was an influx of people who had come to Richmond solely to socialise on the Riverside and on the Green. A small number of those people did behave in such a way that caused concern for local people. However, as discussed at the virtual meeting, we have increased our Park Guard capacity in the area – particularly around the Green. We are pleased that residents are happy with this additional service. In addition, the Police are aware of the hotspots and officers were very visible throughout the weekend.

“Like everyone else, I am pleased that I am able to go and get a pint now. However, we need to remember we are not out of the woods yet and with the weather set to improve we must not undo all the hard work.

“The safety of local people has to come first and it’s clear that we all need to maintain caution and vigilance. Too many people have died, lost loved ones or made huge sacrifices for us to rush back to normal without thinking of the consequences. The danger is still there, the virus is extremely potent and highly dangerous and will take lives.”



Young man arrested on Richmond Road for possession with intent to supply drugs

On the 3rd July South Richmond officers on Richmond Road were driving and noticed a 16 year old male on a bike who really seemed like he didn't want police to see him, making a sudden U-turn into traffic. On asking him to stop he sped up and tried to avoid police, only to collide with a member of public's car. After a short run officers caught up with him, and thankfully he was unharmed. Arriving at the young lad, our officers offered help and he declined an ambulance.

Because of this unusual behaviour he was searched, and surprisingly, had the best part of a grand on him (£790 of cash), as well as a significant amount of cannabis.

That was an awful lot of pocket money, so he was arrested for possession with intent to supply drugs and theft (due to finding a suspected stolen bank card).

He spent some time in Kingston Custody, and now he's been bailed to return on the 24th July.



If you're a young person affected by drugs and crime related to this, or you know anyone who is, you can speak to an independent charity anonymously and get support at <https://www.fearless.org/>. This is completely independent of police.



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

Image courtesy Richmond Police

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Twickenham open for business

By Doug Goodman

The new normal was evident in Twickenham at the weekend with the necessary, queues, distancing and masks in place. Most shops, coffee bars and restaurants were open but a few pubs remained closed. On Saturday two of many priorities were a pint of beer and a visit to the hairdresser. Pub gardens were quiet due to the lack of sun but hairdressing salons were very busy. After four months' growth our travel correspondent was the first customer of Marina in Rina's salon in Heath Road.

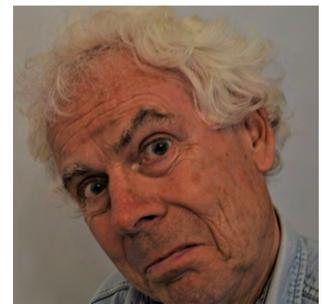
On Sunday with warm sunshine it was the turn of pubs to be crowded with Twickenham riverside particularly popular. Picnics in the park, water sports, walking and cycling kept people occupied and for those who needed more than a cold beer to cool down there was the dangerous thrill of jumping into the Thames.



Picnic in the Park



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THE SEARCH BEGINS FOR LOCKDOWN LEGENDS IN RICHMOND UPON THAMES FOR 2020 NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARDS

8th July marked the launch of the National Lottery Awards 2020 and it is calling on the people of Richmond upon Thames to start nominating!

This year the annual search for the UK's most popular National Lottery funded projects will, for the first time, honour individuals who have made an extraordinary impact in their community especially those who have adapted during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

New figures reveal more than £4,383,509 of National Lottery funding has been invested in good causes in Richmond upon Thames in 2018/19 alone.

A total of 40 National Lottery grants were awarded in the region during the previous financial year, providing vital support to arts, sports, heritage and community projects.

From today, The National Lottery are calling for nominations of people who have done amazing things with the help of National Lottery funding and are an inspiration to us all.

Winners in each category will receive a £3,000 cash prize for their organisation and a coveted National Lottery Awards trophy.

Jonathan Tuchner from the National Lottery Promotions Unit is encouraging the people of Richmond upon Thames to make their nominations.

He said: "The National Lottery continues to have a positive impact on life across the UK. Thanks to National Lottery players thousands of projects are making an incredible difference to their local communities. Now, more than ever, people have rallied together, and individuals are performing inspirational acts and extraordinary endeavours to help in cities, towns and villages up and down the country.

Thanks to National Lottery players, up to £600 million has been made available to support communities throughout the UK amid the coronavirus crisis. People have used National Lottery funding in amazing ways during these challenging times. We want to honour them as part of this year's National Lottery Awards and recognise their selfless dedication and thank them for their fantastic work."

Encompassing all aspects of National Lottery good causes funding, the 2020 National Lottery Awards are seeking to recognise outstanding individuals in the following sectors:

- Arts
- Education
- Health
- Environment
- Sport
- Heritage
- Community/Charity

And there will be a special Young Hero Award for someone under the age of 18 who has gone that extra mile in their organisation. All nominees must work or act for a National Lottery funded organisation or have received National Lottery funding.

To make your nomination for this year's National Lottery Awards, tweet @LottoGoodCauses with your suggestions or complete an entry form through our website [<https://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/awards>]. Entries must be received by midnight on 19th August 2020.





The weather is throwing all the seasons at us recently but there is something to enjoy every day in the flora and fauna in our neighbourhoods. The colours are enticing to the human eye and have a valuable part to play for attracting the pollinators as seen in the above photos of Teasel and Bergamot plants. Stone, Gravel and Fences also offer warmth in the sunshine for many to preen and rest like this Red Admiral Butterfly on the Wall. If you want to encourage more wildlife into your space then adding water in some form is arguably the easiest and most beneficial method to achieve a multitude of visitors.



[This shy Robin stayed by the Washing-up Bowl pond](#) for a long time and it is so easy and inexpensive to put in a small space and have precious rain water available for wildlife anytime. Click the link above for how to do it!

'Artificial Habitats' found in our gardens and parks have a vital role to play in conservation. Some argue that Buddleia, which is seen as an invasive weed in natural habitats, can be valuable as a source of nectar for many insects and in turn their presence attracts predators like Bats at night and Dragonflies by day. The number of visitors on our Wildsown Buddleia has earned it a place in the garden along with a few other plants that many would call 'weeds' for this very reason.

Church Street Twickenham - A little South Molton Street in South West London

By Shona Lyons

It is now 3 weeks since the council decided to Pedestrianize this little street I work in. Actually I was born here too, above 22 Church Street luckily when my grandmother was there to help (I had decided to make an early and dramatic entrance) as she was a qualified midwife ☺ One of my earliest memories is standing by the front door of the travel agency (Twickenham Travel) and hearing this huge roar coming up the road which sounded really terrifying to my sensitive 2 or 3 year's ears, it was a motorbike and as it reached the junction of Bell Lane the noise terrified me so much that I remember wetting my pants. Now it is a lot quieter in the street apart from the mummer of people's voices as they eat & drink with their families or friends, the wheels of delivery men's trollies & the sound of children's scooters. It sounds quiet in particular as this has always been a busy thoroughfare with people from the riverside using it as a cut through to get to York Street and many refuse trucks also used it as a cut through. There was a huge level of traffic in this small street day and night so the peace now is really noticeable and I no longer wet my pants ☺

Almost all the traders are now open. Since the 4th of July all the restaurants have their tables out and are making good use of any vacant space in order to make sure social distancing can be observed.



Corto Deli who turned into an Italian Deli / Grocers during lock down has stayed that way as it has worked out really well for them with just a few tables outside now for coffees and snacks.



All the shops are open except for The Eel Pie Pub, Kiss N Make Up and Sheer Laser but hopefully they will be able to open soon. Really we have such a wide range of interesting traders that there is something for everyone here.

If the pedestrianisation is to work though it really needs more of a collective effort from us all. Us traders and also our community in particular, we need all their support especially by visiting and buying in the street – although admittedly the weather has not been on our side these last few weeks and also our little stab at livening things up with a small band was forbidden because of Government directives (even though at first it had been allowed) but hopefully now that outdoor performances are allowed that will change? I do see a time when this will really become the destination it deserves to be, a little South Molton Street in South West London. I think the community has been really supportive so far and even in the rain I did see lots of brave people sitting at the tables under the umbrellas drinking their coffees and eating the soggy sandwiches and still looking like they were really enjoying themselves. But we need more support all week as well as weekends. Come and have your office lunch here, stop by for an after-work drink, visit our shops and help us make this street the community hub it really wants to be.



LOSING THAT LOCKDOWN 'LOAD'

I don't know about you, but we resorted to rather a lot of comfort eating at the beginning of lockdown and I am only just getting back to the weight I was before. I'm keen to keep going, while there aren't so many temptations around, like press events and invitations to dinners and drinks parties.

I've been researching some excellent products that will assist if you, too, are trying to shed that excess weight. But to be honest they all taste damned so good and are healthy so it will be a good idea to include them in your diet anyway!

The Ultimate Nibble

As well as excess weight, I find that it is also difficult to shed that age-old habit of enjoying something sweet with my mug of tea in the afternoon. The perfect solution is to invest in a good supply of Nibble Brownie Bites – these are seriously delicious, low sugar, protein-packed, vegan treats at less than 100 calories per pack! Not surprisingly the company has won umpteen awards – much deserved. Not cheap (around £1.50 a bag from Waitrose, Ocado etc) but they're so rich I can make a pack last for a couple of 'snacking sessions' and they're worth it!



Miso Tasty

When I just want to add a bit of 'oomph' to a healthy salad or a vegetable dish (or in fact any other recipe), I reach for a tube of Miso Tasty. The Sweet & Savoury Miso is made with naturally fermented rice miso from Japan, sweetened with Japanese mirin for a delicate balance of flavours. Teriyaki is full of deep umami flavour from naturally fermented soy sauce and mirin. The Rich and Tangy Yuzu carries sweet notes of lemon and mandarin with deeper umami flavours of Japanese miso. Low calorie and widely available at around £2 a tube, they're a great store cupboard standby



Boosh Bone Broth

If you want a super-light lunch, or just want to add some flavour to a casserole or soup, then try Boosh. These really are the essence of well made 'beef tea' and they are very tasty as well as ultra low in calories. Three flavours are available from Ocado at £4.99. It's organic, and well worth the outlay, especially at around 50 calories for a whole jar!



Mr Wolf: Urban Spice Man

Another way to enhance your everyday and low calorie food is to sprinkle some spicy magic on anything - from simple poached eggs to healthy curries. The Mr Wolf range of really unusual mixes is proving invaluable to me at the moment – add to yogurt or low cal mayo for dips, add to hummus, salad dressings or anything savoury to liven it up. Available from mrwolfspecies.com £3 for a 20g sample jar but I advise ordering a selection – you will be hooked!



Follow Alison on instagram: [@theseasonedgastronome](https://www.instagram.com/theseasonedgastronome)



De Profundis

by Oscar Wilde

Teddington Theatre Club, zoomed until 28th June, then on-line on YouTube

De Profundis conjures up laundry for me. When I lived in Paris in the '80s I rented a room in an apartment close to the Eiffel Tower and on Thursdays while I did my laundry in the laundrette down one of the little streets off the main drag, I read Oscar Wilde. This was not really OK, I should obviously have been reading Baudelaire, but who's perfect?



One of the engaging elements of *De Profundis* is the beginning section which in parts reads almost like the end of any bad relationship: it is Wilde's 'look what you've brought me to' letter to his lover Lord Alfred Douglas (Bosie, as he was known). Bosie's father, the Marquis of Queensberry was horrified by his son's relationship with Wilde and Douglas cared for little, if anything, beyond himself. Wilde's conviction for sodomy sent him famously to Reading Gaol, where he wrote *De Profundis*, examining his past, and how he would survive and move on: "To regret one's own experience is to arrest one's own development".

De Profundis is meant only to be read and as such it's a challenge to perform, particularly with just one camera and a picture of a Victorian

goal cell as backdrop. It is quite a read, particularly when you're starting towards midnight as part of the 25 hour *Wilde Weekend* marathon. Steve Taylor rose to the occasion though, performing acres of text straight to camera and channelling Wilde in way that managed to be both philosophical and quite bouncy. He has stage presence and if anyone can hold an audience's attention with a monologue for the best part of two hours, he can.



Read Eleanor Lewis' full review at www.markaspen.com/2020/07/01/profundis with a link to the on-line production.

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An Ideal Husband

by Oscar Wilde

Teddington Theatre Club, zoomed until 28th June, then on-line on YouTube.

Watching TTC's ambitious *Wilde Weekend*, I was particularly drawn to *An Ideal Husband*, because, despite its well-known title, it doesn't have such a significant high profile as say *The Importance of Being Earnest*. With four acts full of blackmail and political corruption, the play could have easily fallen into the trap of being dry and overlong. However, the strong performances and sharp direction brought it up with buoyancy.



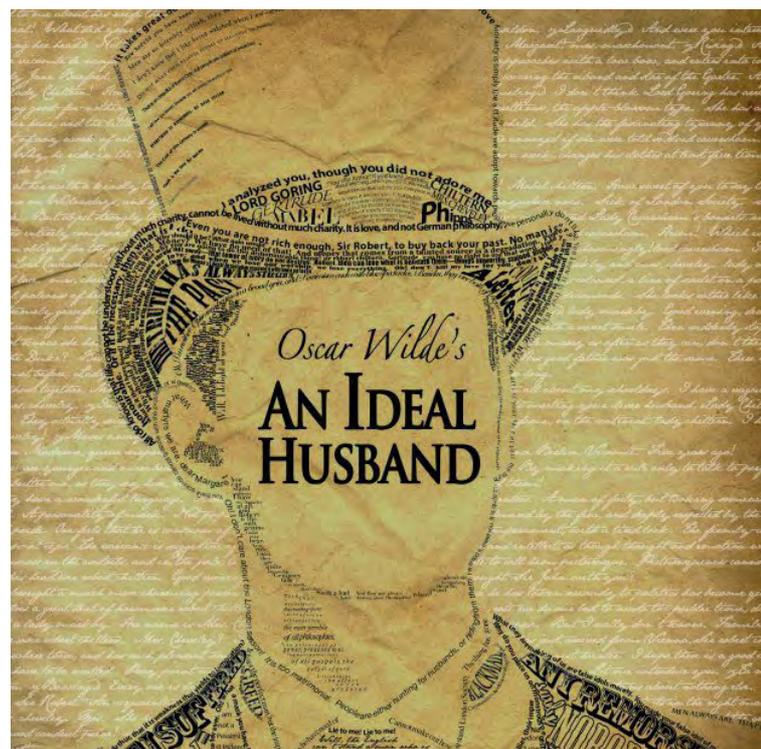
As the vibrant and conniving Mrs Cheveley, Deb McDowell conveyed the blackmailing element with great conviction, giving us razor-sharp interaction with Dave Brickwood's Sir Robert Chiltern. Bordering on menacing, she carried the weight of her loaded encounter with Sir Robert, and in the hostile exchanges with Heather Stockwell's charismatic Lady Chiltern.

Ian Kinane, as Viscount Goring, the catalyst to the plot, was endearing while capturing the smugness of the over-privileged. His exchange with his dour father, played by John Bellamy, was one of many priceless interactions through the play. Daniel Wain flexibly covered three roles, including the effervescent Vicomte de Nanjac. Both of these actors carried the strong comedy element in what could be one of Wilde's darker pieces.

Despite my claims of *An Ideal Husband* being a dark play, unsurprisingly, there were many witty and memorial lines. Viscount Goring's admiration for stupidity stays with me, as well as many profound comments. Additionally, Sir Robert reflecting on his foolish and weak younger self added another dimension to his character. I felt the four acts moved nicely, and with a notable cards-on-the-table confrontation with Goring and Mrs Cheveley bringing us towards the end.

Read Heather Moulson's full review at www.markaspen.com/2020/06/30/ideal-husb with a link to the on-line production.

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Teddington Theatre Club, *Wilde Weekend*, zoomed until 28th June, then on YouTube

Mrs Langtry as Hester Grazebrook

by Oscar Wilde

If we were to present a [review](#) at *Mark Aspen Reviews*, written by Oscar Wilde, you probably would smell a rat. Since Wilde died 120 years ago, at best we could present it as late copy, lost in the post probably.

Wilde wrote the piece in New York, where the famous beauty of the time, Lily Langtry, a favourite of the then Prince of Wales, had her American acting debut on 6th November 1882. She played Hester Grazebrook in *An Unequal Match* to mixed reviews, but the public loved her. One admirer threw a bouquet on stage that was eight feet tall. Its wreckage “was afterwards patched up and used in the drawing-room scene.”

Wilde too was clearly smitten, and his review is in a more decorated style than even the most effusive of Mark Aspen’s effulgent reviewers.

It might be thought that Wilde’s review had become fragily desiccated, but the beautiful reading skills of Clare Cooper resurrected Oscar Wilde’s [Mrs Langtry as Hester Grazebrook](#) in all its glory. Those owls, insomniacs and aficionados who tuned-in, in the small hours of Sunday morning, were rewarded with a real treat



The Star Child

by Oscar Wilde

With its strong moral message, I was keen to hear *The Star Child*, one of Wilde’s lesser known children’s story. It is one that is deceptively grim, not to mention its child brutality and slavery, concluding with only a brief happy ending.

Caroline Ross and Enyd Galia took on this complex tale, and became an impressive team. Alternating with reading passages and supplying vital sound effects, this story was smoothly produced, read at a good pace, with no trace of overlapping - the occupational hazard of Zoom.



The duo breathed life into what could have become an overlong tale, full of disturbing descriptions and relentless cruelty, but it was brought across with sensitivity. *The Star Child* was made credible and the descriptive passages, drawn out in full colour were rich and almost biblical ...

Read Mark Aspen’s and Heather Moulson’s reviews at www.markaspen.com/2020/07/02/langtry and www.markaspen.com/2020/06/29/star-child

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SUNNY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN!!!

By Bruce Lyons

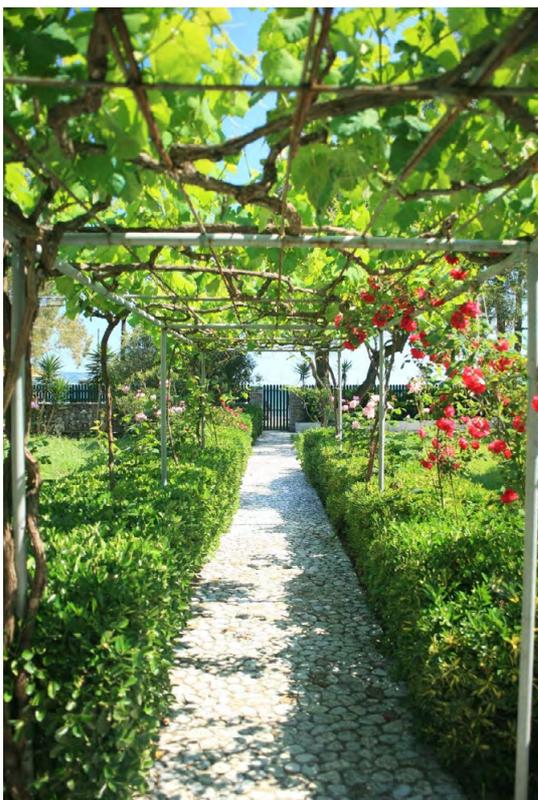


Another long week in the work house with mixed messages from “on high” about the numbers of countries Brits visit without being “locked up” first it was in the 70’s then 50 + finally it settled down to 25 but they included South Georgia, Lichtenstein and a few other places that most of us would be stretched to be going to for a holiday ,fancy the sandy beaches of the Faroes, for example.

In the end we do know some of the definite and more sought after locations by families looking for a getaway, as it is evident this is no year for an exotic adventure, mores the pity. The list does include, France, Spain, Greece, Italy, Croatia, Malta, Turkey, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands and more.....



Not only are there notable omissions the disciplines to be observed varies from country to country. So the next question is which country is trying hardest to win our adventurous English Families? Greece, Italy, France and Spain are the most likely as these are the most popular with English families, sadly Portugal is not included for the moment. Prices are best to Greece and her Islands and some places in Italy (Sardinia as well) and the best time is in the next three weeks and then the next issue is what type of holiday and from what we see by customers preferences in this unusual season – the best option looks like



Villas, with their privacy and lack of having to be in crowded places. Here’s one we found in Corfu a charming apartment of two bedrooms with shared pool and a gate to the beach with a village with tavernas and shops all within walking distance. On the 20th of July this was just under £4k for four, including flights, there are cheaper, but this was really special with a large discount Greece opens on the 15th of July with flights to many destinations.

Small ships (not cruise boats which have just been given the thumbs down for now by the FCO) are sailing on Island Hopping itineraries in the Greek Islands and the good ship Galileo (on 24 cabins) currently has a 25% discount as well as 100e cabin spend, this sails out of Athens and the itinerary is based on the Cyclades. Other areas getting to grips with this last minute shortened Summer Season is Sorrento and the Amalfi Coast as well as Sardinia, both emerging with good offers so please call for details on 0208 744 0474.

So my last comment is if you want to go- aim for the week of 20th July, prices look best around then.

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At the beginning of 2007 I came across Ramon from the Catalonia Tourist Office. At the time I was looking for a new Gallery for the World InfoZone for Spain so I asked him whether he had any photographs I could use.

I was a bit taken aback when he replied “No, I have photos of Catalonia, not Spain.” Having visited [Barcelona](#), Catalan’s capital, some years later I now understand his reaction.

Catalonia, is an autonomous community within Spain and in October 2017 a referendum was held calling for independence for Catalonia, said to be a breach of the Spanish Constitution.

Exactly a year later in Barcelona the desire for independence was obvious as the Catalanian flag was everywhere, even hanging from every balcony in blocks of apartments.



I spent four days in Barcelona in the centre of Sant Antoni.

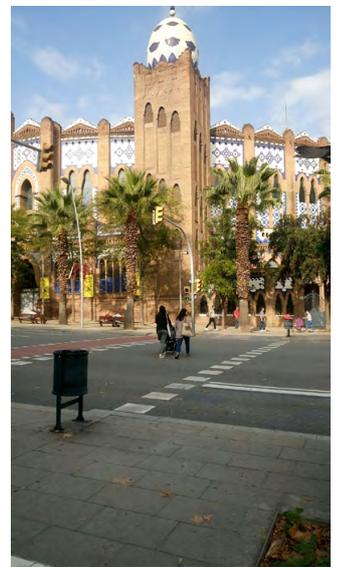
The Mercat de Sant Antoni is an interesting mixture of the old and the new; an impressive building recently refurbished selling a huge array of food and clothes; much more than you could see in one visit.

During the day I explored the streets of Barcelona and small cafes, including one near the famous Estrella Damm Brewery.

Of course, if you visit Barcelona you will see plenty of architecture by Antoni Gaudi but obviously the main attraction is [La Sagrada Familia](#), building started in 1882 and is still unfinished!

The trip to La Sagrada from Sant Antoni turned into a very long walk, passing through many outdoor spaces with monuments and statues, and on the return journey walking through one of Barcelona's famous parks, Parc de la Ciutadella.

A favourite way to end the day was at the best cocktail bar I have been to since the Goldbrick closed in Bristol. La Confiteria, in Sant Antoni, used to be a sweet shop and has been updated but has kept the old decor and some of the sweet jars. Definitely a good reason to visit Barcelona.



<http://worldinfozone.com/gallery.php?country=Spain>

Kick-start your career in local government with Graduate Training Programme

Future public sector stars can apply now to the Richmond and Wandsworth councils' Graduate Development Programme.

The programme, now in its eighth year, provides graduates with a broad range of development and career opportunities.

The two-year programme offers graduates the chance to take on real opportunities in at least four different placements in key areas of the Shared Staffing Arrangement for Richmond and Wandsworth councils. This could include working in the parks department, business, children's services, housing, regeneration or adult social care.

Both councils are looking to attract innovative, adaptable and enthusiastic individuals with a commitment to public service to take part in a wide range of projects, placements and development activities. The roles are an opportunity to make a real contribution towards the impact and efficiency of public services as communities and businesses recover from the impacts of COVID-19.



Paul Martin, Chief Executive of Richmond and Wandsworth councils, said:

"As both Richmond and Wandsworth are working hard to support local communities and businesses through the pandemic, it is important that we have talented, ambitious staff who are hungry to learn and can help both councils and the Shared Staffing Arrangement develop and improve.

"Our graduate programme has been very successful since it launched. We have invested in our trainees' development and we offer them the opportunities to reach their potential. Many of our previous graduates are now taking their first steps into long term careers with us"

Louis Osman, a current Graduate on the SSA programme, added:

"The Graduate Scheme with Richmond and Wandsworth councils interested me for many reasons, but a crucial selling point was the structure of the scheme, whereby you have the opportunity to work across four different directorates. This naturally exposes you to many areas within the Councils and is a great way for someone who does not have a specific interest to work in multiple departments, learn new skills and how different departments operate, and ultimately find their niche.

"If you are like me and are unsure about exactly what you want to do coming out of uni, this is the scheme for you! You have a unique opportunity to work, and meet with, a myriad of groups, such as in the voluntary sector, different teams of Council staff, and Councillors themselves. This coupled with the tremendous training programmes on offer will allow you to develop as a person personally and professionally, which will ultimately stand you in good stead for whatever trajectory or path you want your career to take!"

[Apply](#) before the 15 July deadline.

Photograph shows the current graduates

St Mary's University Update

We welcome the positive news that indoor sport & leisure facilities can open from 25th July. Our team are working very hard to be in a position to safely reopen as soon as possible, and we appreciate our members' patience as we ensure we have everything in place to do so.

We will be releasing more detailed information next week about our plans to reopen, and we hope to welcome you back soon!



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BRENTFORD FC

Benrahma the hero as Bees seep aside Wigan Brentford 3 – 0 Wigan Athletic

An inspired performance from Said Benrahma saw the Algerian put a Wigan side to the sword as the Bees maintained the pressure up in their race for an automatic promotion spot to the Premier League.

Having already threatened in the early parts of the game Brentford took the lead through Benrahma inside the opening twenty minutes of the game. Intricate play on the edge of the Wigan penalty area between Ollie Watkins and Emiliano Marcondes after the Latics failed to properly clear their lines, led to the ball fall to Benrahma ghosting in between the defence and on the turn he lashed the ball beyond the grasp of David Marshall.



Brentford were by far the better side in the opening half and went close to extending their advantage but Shandon Baptiste's shot was heading wide when Kai Naismith stuck out a leg to cause momentary panic in the penalty area but Marshall was on hand to gather the ball into his arms.

The Bees headed down the tunnel 1-0 to the good and much the better side and following the interval were able to double their lead through Benrahma again. Henrik Dalsgaard played a beautifully flighted ball out from defence to find the Algerian of the left-hand touchline. He then cut inside the opposing fullback before curling in what appeared to be a cross, but it caught Marshall off guard and it nestled in the back of the net.

Just nine minutes later Benrahma ensured he would be taking the match ball home with him as he scored his and Brentford's third of the game. Another flowing team move saw several players interchange passes with Norgaard eventually the one to lay the ball into the path on the onrushing Benrahma who calmly found the bottom corner.

Wigan's misery was completed when with just ten minutes to go and the game petering out when Joe Garner was sent off for a dangerous high challenge on Jan Žamburek.

Speaking after the victory Thomas Frank praised his hattrick hero, "He's absolutely hit the ground running after this coronavirus break, but also added extra aspects to his game in terms of arriving into the box - that's an area we've been working a lot on.

"I also need to praise him for his work ethic, I thought he worked extremely hard and that's

always a demand I have for all my players in general and also the front three and they're doing a top job there.

“He's been good and he now needs to keep it up - I would prefer three goals per match, that would make it a little bit easier.”

Bees leave it late to claim dramatic victory

Brentford 0 – 3 Charlton Athletic

Brentford scored twice in the final fifteen minutes though Said Benrahma and Ethan Pinnock to maintain their impressive winning streak since the return of the Championship.

The Bees made a nightmare start and found themselves a goal down to a McCauley Bonne strike. The Addicks worked the ball down the left-hand touchline through Jonny Williams, who combined with Alfie Doughty who's curling left footed cross found Jake Forster-Caskey at the back post. Forster-Caskey headed the ball back across goal where Bonne reacted quickest to head the ball past David Raya.

The visitors then went close to doubling their lead when Josh Cullen delivered a dangerous corner that hit the crossbar and bounce out to Jason Pearce who wrapped his left foot around the ball and clipped the bar as it sailed into the Ealing Road terrace.

The Bees went closest in the first half through Bryan Mbeumo and Josh Dasilva, but both saw their attempts blocked as Charlton defended deeply.

After the interval Brentford's attacking impetus was much improved and Dillon Phillips was forced into his first notable save of the game, denying Dasilva after goal link up play with Ollie Watkins.

The crucial moment of the game arrived when Benrahma was drove into the box and drew a foul from Josh Cullen. The Algerian then promptly picked himself of the ground to bury the resultant spot kick, sending the ball low and into the left-hand corner of the net.

Dasilva then smashed the ball against the post with a curling shot from 25 yards but it was to be Brentford's day as Pinnock rose the highest from a Dasilva cross to claim a vital win.

Brentford head coach Thomas Frank said speaking after the game, “This is a massive win. I'll not stand here and say this didn't mean anything; it was a big win.

“We know every game is a big win, but I just had a feeling because of all the circumstances, that this game would be very, very difficult.

“They have a very good ability to compete against the best sides because they defend and they are very well fixed and they have a good structure.”

UP NEXT FOR BRENTFORD

Game 1

Opponent: Derby County (A) Saturday 11th July 12:30 Pride Park

Nickname: The Rams

Competition: Championship

Opponent record: P42 W16 D13 L13 GF56 GA55 (9th in the Championship)

Top scorer: Martyn Waghorn (12)

Manager: Phillip Cocu

Previous game: A comprehensive first half display in which the Bees scored three goals without reply, sealed an easy victory in the opening month of the season. A goal from Bryan Mbeumo followed by a brace from Ollie Watkins saw the hosts out of sight within the first 45 minutes and led to Derby County manager Philip Cocu criticising his side's 'arrogance' after his said failed to even register a shot on target in the game.

Interesting fact: Derby hold the unique distinction of being the only club to have had three home grounds host full England internationals. England beat Ireland 9–0 at the Racecourse Ground in 1895, beat Ireland again, 2–1, at the Baseball Ground in 1911 and, most recently, Pride Park hosted England's 4–0 win over Mexico in May 2001.

Game 2

Opponent: Preston (H) Wednesday 15th July 17:00 Griffin Park

Nickname: The Lilywhites

Competition: Championship

Opponent record: P42 W17 D10 L15 GF55 GA51 (8th in the Championship)

Top scorer: Daniel Johnson (12)

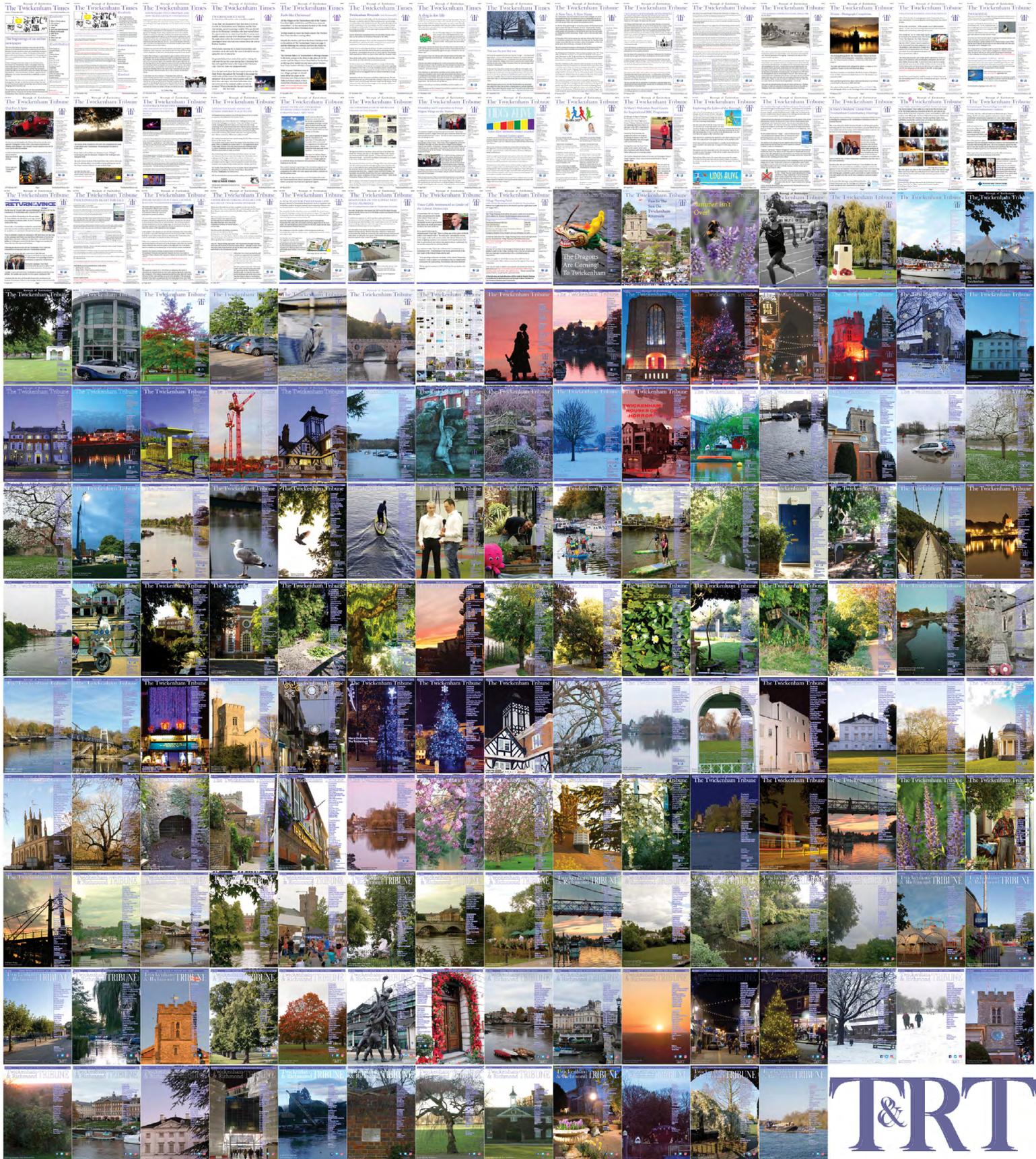
Manager: Alex Neil

Previous game: Brentford suffered defeat at Deepdale while their opponents moved into the Championship play-off places following goals from Sean Maguire and Tom Barkhuizen. Maguire scored the opener in Lancashire with the game just four minutes old after the Irishman controlled a cross from Ryan Ledson and shot past David Raya. Bryan Mbeumo and Said Benrahma both had efforts that they should have done better with from a Bees perspective. Barkhuizen then wrapped up the game for the hosts, who had earlier been denied a penalty after going down in the box, finished after build up play between Joe Rafferty and Darnell Fisher.

Interesting fact: On 15 October 1887, Preston North End defeated Hyde 26–0, which remains the record score in an FA Cup tie

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