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The last full moon of 2020 'Cold Moon', Twickenham 30/12/20 Photo by Berkley Driscoll RG.I.PR.....ST.....SF.I.H.PR....

# TickerTape - News in Brief

### **Richmond Park Closed For New Year's Eve**

The park's pedestrian gates were closed at 8pm on New Year's Eve & reopened by 6am on New Year's Day. The temporary closure had been requested by, and was managed by, the Met Police.

Bushy Park had to be closed and the gates locked by Royal Parks Police on New Year's Eve after several groups of youths were gathering in numbers.

On New Year's Day Royal Parks said that Bushy Park was experiencing high visitor numbers, with stewards assisting with parking and having to periodically close the gates to manage demand.

### **Christmas Tree Collections**

Christmas trees will be collected for recycling on the normal scheduled garden waste collection day for your street from 4th-15th January

This service is free and you do not require a garden waste contract to have your tree collected and recycled.

You can check your street's collection date HERE

### Help Keep Park Lane Stables In Teddington

Park Lane Stables RDA (Riding for the Disabled) has been a key part of the Teddington community for many years, providing much-needed therapy and happiness to hundreds of local children and adults with (and without) disabilities every year.

However, their landlord has told them that he will not be renewing their lease which ends on 31 May 2021 as he wishes to sell the property.

They urgently need to raise  $\pm 1 \text{M}$  through crowdfunding so they can buy Park Lane Stables on behalf of the community.

Visit their Crowdfunder site HERE

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TwickerSeal hears that the council is holding a consultation on Twickenham Riverside; well not really a 'consultation', but more a "This is what we're doing".

TwickerSeal can't remember when there was last a genuine consultation on the riverside proposals; certainly not in the lifetime of the Hopkins design proposal. There was the 'engagement' with the public when the council's five chosen finalists were displayed September/October 2019 in which a record-breaking colossal 455 respondents took part (but were still not listened to).

Well, you can take part in two Zoom presentations from the council on Wednesday 6 January and Saturday 23 January, although the council isn't giving much time to examine their final proposals if you take part in the meeting on the 6th. (Register <u>here</u>)

You may want to ask questions about the lack of a town square or boathouses. Or you may be interested in the proposed "Vehicle Movement Plan", which shows lorry traffic along the Embankment. Or how Water Lane and Wharf Lane can be made two-way, while also allowing for commercial vehicle parking for servicing/deliveries. Or how providing increased parking on King Street for artics and commercial vehicles will not interfere with the incredibly busy traffic flow. And how does any of this facilitate sensible cycle lanes?

Or you might simply ask, what about this design will make people want to come to Twickenham?



## Borough View By Graeme Stoten Looking back A retrospective from 2020



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### Public Health England statement on Highest levels of COVID-19 in London

Professor Kevin Fenton, London Regional Director for Public Health England:

"London has some of the highest levels of COVID-19 infection in the country and our hospital admissions are rising. **We know that the majority of new cases in Londoners are due to the new strain of SARS-CoV-2, which is more infectious and spreads rapidly.** 

"With such high levels of the virus circulating in our communities, it is so important that Londoners do not underestimate the basics of stopping the spread at this critical time: wash your hands, wear a mask and keep your distance from others.

"We must also continue to follow the tier 4 restrictions in place and stay at home as much as possible to protect vulnerable members of our communities and help the NHS keep its vital services open for all who need them. This is essential whilst the vaccine is delivered to those in greatest need, and we can all help by stepping forward and taking up the vaccine for ourselves when the time comes."

### From the Director-General, The World Health Organization

"First and foremost, 2020 has shown that governments must increase investment in public health, from funding access to COVID vaccines for all people, to making our systems better prepared to prevent and respond to the next, inevitable, pandemic.

At the heart of this is investing in universal health coverage to make health for all a reality.

Second, as it will take time to vaccinate everyone against COVID, we must keep adhering to tried and tested measures that keep each and all of us safe.

This means maintaining physical distance, wearing face masks, practicing hand and respiratory hygiene, avoiding crowded indoor places and meeting people outside.

# COVID-19

Avoid places where the three Cs come together Crowds, Closed spaces, Close contact

Follow strict personal hygiene advice, wear a mask and keep indoor areas well ventilated

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These simple, yet effective measures will save lives and reduce the suffering that so many people encountered in 2020.

Third, and above all, we must commit to working together in solidarity, as a global community, to promote and protect health today, and in the future."

(A full statement from the World Health Organization about the new variant is at the end of the Tribune.)

### **Remember the Importance of Ventilation**

One route of transmission is airborne transmission: tiny virus particles known as aerosols can linger in the air much longer than many of us realize; indoor areas should be well ventilated.

### Spread of the New Strain of SARS-CoV-2

During the last week, cases of the more contagious variant of Covid-19 first identified in the UK, have been confirmed in Spain, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Switzerland, Canada, Japan, the UAE and the Portuguese island of Madeira.

France announced last weekend that it has discovered its first case of the new variant – a French citizen who arrived in Tours after travelling from London.

### <u>Cases of COVID-19</u> Total cases to 1st January 2021

### 6,026 Richmond-upon-Thames 6,777 Kingston-upon Thames 11,014 Hounslow

Countries with High Numbers of Deaths Recorded by the World Health Organization Deaths Worldwide 1,802,206

USA 335,789 Brazil 193,875 India 148,994 Mexico 124,897 Italy 73,604 The United Kingdom 72,548 France 64,004 Russian Federation 57,019 Iran 55,223 Spain 50,442



Argentina 43,163 Colombia 42,909 Peru 37,621 Germany 33,071 Poland 28,554 South Africa 28,033 Indonesia 22,138 Turkey 20,642 Belgium 19,441 Ukraine 18,533

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## TwickerSeal's Year Roundup

As the New Year approached TwickerSeal started to think about the past year or so and how it looked as though things would be changing on Twickenham Riverside. It seemed to him that once again the Council is trying to put buildings on the riverside which would not please his chums: The council's motto - *"Getting it Done" but not "Getting it Right"*.

TwickerFox had been the first to hear about the latest plans as he had been sitting amongst some bushes, behind a bench, where men from the Council had been talking about people called Hopkins and what they intended to do.



Later, when TwickerFox got together with TwickerSeal and their friends, TwickerDuck told them he had heard that there was something called a Design Panel, and a Stakeholders Group where views on what was going to happen on the riverside could be put forward for consideration. However, neither he nor any of his friends seem to have been invited to join, although he heard that a lady from the Council had gone to talk to children in a primary school, who were providing the council with their expert advice.

TwickerSquirrel said it would not make much difference whether or not they could join in with the groups as the men from the Council never took any notice of what others wanted anyway.

TwickerDuck had heard that the people from the island did not want much change and that there was to be no town square but another pub; another place like the one down the road where people got together and made a noise, making a nuisance of themselves, disturbing the TwickerFolk.

TwickerSeal remembered that on Valentine's Day he had hoped the Council would put the "Heart

back into Twickenham" but he was sad to hear that they just wanted to get on with their boring planning application. It was all going to cost a lot of money and many of the people who live in Twickenham seemed to be very unhappy that the beautiful riverside would end up being wasted on a housing project. TwickerSeal could not understand this as he knew that this was one of the nicest places along the river which no amount of money could replace.



TwickerSeal's friends were busy gathering information about the impending doom.



TwickerSquirrel had heard the Council had scrapped something called the "Winter Gardens" and the promise of boathouses was fading away.

Then TwickerMole unearthed the news that the Environment Agency, whose job is to look after homes and businesses near the river, had said that the Hopkins plan must be pushed back from the river and there could definitely be no buildings on stilts.

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By now the TwickerFolk were becoming very confused. Why was the Council seemingly ignoring



official instructions and people's views, and even their own appointed Stakeholder Group?

The Hopkins' plan was definitely going off the rails now.

TwickerDuck also heard that the Council was putting in place a Compulsory Purchase Order on the Diamond Jubilee Gardens which became a Trust in 2014 with a lease for 125 years. He is more confused as the Council does not even seem to know if it owns the Embankment on Twickenham Riverside which is part of their plan.

TwickerSeal thought that the situation was really deteriorating

but he was even more concerned when he met TwickerSwan who told him that the Council's incompetence was much worse than they thought ...

It seems that the Council did not look at the last page of a letter from the Environment Agency which said that they would not accept a building on stilts but what had the Council presented them with – er yes, you guessed it ...

So, changing the Hopkins' plan would cost even more money and, additionally, it seems that the Compulsory Purchase Order on Diamond Jubilees Gardens would cost at least £35,000 to prepare and £250,000 to put in place – not to mention the cost to fight the legal action from those opposing the Order, financed by that generous unknown benefactor.

And now there is this thing called the "Vehicle Movement Plan" which allows large lorries to drive through the so-called "event space" (which is also in the flood zone). So, lorries will continue to drive along the Embankment!? What happened to the promised car-free riverside?

And, the narrow [floodable] roads of Water Lane and Wharf Lane are to become two-way to traffic with parking for commercial vehicles along the side! How would TwickerSeal get across the road in King Street to go to Sandy's for his fish! He would be taking his life in his flippers.

The TwickerFolk all shook their heads. TwickerSwan said that surely the Council should have taken notice of that ladder which was built by that sensible lady called Arnstein (Page 9 Edition 214). If they had moved up the "consultation" ladder from rung 2 –Therapy - they might have got, at the very least, to Partnership on rung 8.

True Partnership with TwickerFolk may have prevented this fiasco which has confused TwickerSeal and no doubt amazed onlookers and architects alike.

So back to the drawing board – preferably starting from Rung 8?



## New Year 1941 By Simon Fowler

The end of December 1940 saw no let-up of the Blitz. Marie Lawrence's diary for the period, now at Richmond Local Studies Library, reveals how the War was now affecting everybody's life.

Miss Lawrence spent Christmas Eve in the family's shelter in the garden 'awaiting the siren in vain. It was a terribly black night, and Jerry did not think it well to go out.'

Otherwise, Marie was most worried about finding presents for family and friends. But at a time of increasing shortages, it was hard to find very much in the shops. Almost everybody in her circle received gramophone records, as they were not yet rationed.

In return she received from an aunt 'a lovely little powder compact with a warship on it. Very nice indeed.'



An iconic picture of St Paul's Cathedral photographed by an unknown Ministry of Information photographer late in the evening of 29 December 1940

The war was never far away. On the 29th the Luftwaffe launched a mass raid on the capital – what became known as the Second Great Fire of London. Marie could see that:

the whole of the skyline of London was ablaze. It was a terrific sight very nearly if not quite as bad as when the East End was on fire. From then on until 9pm there was roaring in the air sometimes we heard a little gunfire, and a plane would come across and the guns would go. I said: 'Perhaps our fighters are up' but the others did not think so.

The next morning towards London: 'there was a glow in the sky, but not really a fire.'

Marie and her parents spent most evenings in the Anderson shelter in their Garden. New Year's Eve was no different. The family 'went to the shelter and had some gramophone records and then at night went to bed.' Fortunately, it was a quite night.

Marie's entry for the night of New Year's Day read: 'Raid warning went and we had a rotten night, although not many [planes] came over and it was widespread but there was a lot of gunfire during the night.'

But there was some light relief. On Boxing Day Marie and her mother went to see a revival of the operetta Lilac Time in a matinee at Richmond Theatre 'which was very beautiful indeed'. When they returned home 'we changed into our dugout gear, but nothing happened so we went upstairs and did our knitting. Had a good sleep.'

# Have Your Say on Twickenham Riverside

The council will be 'consulting' on the latest proposals from Wednesday 6 January 2021 for four weeks. The plans will be published on the Council's website and residents are urged to have a look at the designs and give their feedback.

There will be **two public Zoom presentations** from the Design Team, with an opportunity for the public to ask questions.

### ZOOM in and Tell the Council What You Think: 6 January and 23 January. Register early. Last registration one hour before.

- Register for the virtual event (Zoom), Wednesday 6 January from 6.30 to 8pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-twickenham-riverside-event-1tickets-131438406813
- <u>Register for the virtual event (Zoom)</u>, Saturday 23 January from 11am to 12.30pm https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/have-your-say-twickenham-riverside-event-2tickets-131442105877



Twickenham Lido, 1960s Photos by Frederick Wilfred, Copyright Russell Wilfred

### Protect the View from Strawberry Hill

https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=StrawberryHillHouse&page=2

What Residents have Lost on Twickenham Riverside <a href="https://lidosalive.com/twickenham.html">https://lidosalive.com/twickenham.html</a>

LidosAlive.com - a Heritage Lottery Funded project <a href="https://lidosalive.com">https://lidosalive.com</a>

**Video of those who were there** (Including Sir Vince Cable): <a href="https://lidosalive.com/memories.html">https://lidosalive.com/memories.html</a>

# Christmas at Kew

As twilight falls, the magic begins...

Christmas at Kew will re-open on 30 December, in line with updated guidance around Tier 4 restrictions, published by the UK Government's Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS).

We are introducing additional safety measures to the trail, including asking visitors to wear a face covering at all times, apart from under 11s and those who are exempt.

Join us for the most magical time of year at Kew Gardens as our after-dark trail lights up for 2020.

Returning for its eighth year, our enchanting winter trail takes a new route, leading you for the first time through the beautifully illuminated Rose Garden.

Old favourites and brand new light installations will sparkle and glow around you, bringing festive cheer to you, your family and friends.



Christmas at Kew, Jeff Eden © RBG Kew

Discover a glittering tunnel of bells, giant illuminated seed heads and majestic trees wrapped in light on your way to the dazzling treetop waterfall, where beams of light interplay in a breath-taking aerial dance.

The iconic Temperate House will be a beautiful spectrum of Christmas colour, with dynamic laser projections enveloping the glasshouse.

Stroll through the sparkling Tunnel of Light twinkling with thousands of fairy lights, and be greeted by fiery sculptures aglow with flickering flames in the scented Fire Garden.

The much-anticipated Palm House Pond finale returns with a stunning light show playing to a memorable soundtrack of festive classics.

Flavour your festive fun with tasty takeaway treats from our street food vendors and have yourself a merry little Christmas with festive drinks and hot chocolate under the stars.

Please note: While London is in Tier 4, there will be no alcohol served on the trail and food will be takeaway only.

For more information and to book visit the website <u>HERE</u>



# London Assembly Candidate Nicholas Rogers – Conservative London Assembly candidate for Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow

For me, it always comes back to the Thames. Our city has many symbols and motifs, but there is no greater avatar for London than the Thames. It is the physical embodiment of London's stubbornness, our ability to endure. We experience the most appalling crises and yet, like the Thames, we carry on.

The Thames mirrors London's ability to experience renaissance. Just as the city has time and again confounded those who predicted its decline, so too the Thames; in the 1960s the river was declared 'biologically dead' and was a free-flowing rubbish dump. Now, due to the sustained work and passion of many hands-on campaigners, the Thames is the cleanest river flowing through any major city in the world.

Every Londoner has a personal relationship with the Thames; it plays a part in all our London stories. Mine starts with one of my earliest memories; a boat trip followed by a ride on the newly opened Docklands Light Railway for my third birthday. My parents could not have known that their choice of birthday treat would spark both a passion for the river and an interest in transport that led to my railway career.

When I was Shift Station Manager at Waterloo, I used to go up onto the station roof to enjoy a truly unique view of London. You can't quite see the Thames from there, but you can feel its presence in the peaks and troughs of the skyline. As a Metropolitan Police Special Constable in Kensington & Chelsea, I would relish opportunities to patrol the borough's small but impressive shore.



During the first anxiety-inducing months of the

pandemic, my husband, Liam, and I found ourselves drawn back repeatedly to the Thames. We walked downstream as far as Weybridge and upstream beyond Richmond, delighting in each new discovery. The Thames is a constant comfort, precisely because of its habit of endurance.

Here in the three boroughs of South West London, we are treated to the finest, most beautiful and most interesting section of the River Thames. Our Thames is not the grand, portentous river of Westminster or the wide-open vista of the Isle of Dogs. Our Thames is full of nooks and crannies, meanders and aits (and eyots). It's a river of paddle boarders, rowers and sailing boats. Liam used to work on Raven's Ait in Surbiton and on his days off we'd lounge in the sun on the island's front lawn.

Recently, I had the pleasure of delivering addressed letters to voters on Eel Pie Island. I will admit to taking my time wandering the pathways of that unusual, delightful, storied place. Walking back over the footbridge, it struck me that Twickenham's riverside with its stumble-upon guality is precisely what we want a riverside to be in our neck of the woods; calm, interesting, guirky and of value to the community. Any plans to change this area must be treated with the utmost caution; we could take the wrong course now and regret it for decades to come.

These are tough times, but with the Thames as our example we will endure. I realise I haven't yet mentioned my London Assembly campaign. No matter. For now, may I wish all Twickenham & Richmond Tribune readers a very Happy New Year.



### **River Crane Sanctuary**

"Every day is a fresh beginning; Listen, my soul, to the glad refrain, And in spite of old sorrow and older sinning, And puzzles forecasted and possible pain, Take heart with the day, and begin again." c.Susan Coolridge





Snow Drops greet the New Year and here are some photo memories of 2020. Butterflies in Spring, Bees and Flowers of Summer and then the Russet of leaves in Autumn.

What will this New Year bring with climate change and all the other issues?

We wish everyone a peaceful and healthy 2021 with a return to a more balanced way of life that enables us to share this wonderful planet with all its inhabitants.

River Crane Sanctuary <u>Website</u> <u>Instagram</u> Visit our site for more information.

The RSPB is asking us to record birds in our gardens on the 29th – 31st January in another Big Garden Birdwatch. For more information and to download the pack click <u>here</u>.

We do not have to be experts to take part in these recording events and we can learn so much by taking time to observe. There is always help available from local groups who are only too willing to get more participation from enthusiastic potential members. Check out our Ecology Page for links to help with identifications and contact details.



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## COVID-19 testing available this January

People who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 are reminded that they can also get tested at the temporary pop-up testing centre in Old Deer Park, on selected dates this January, including New Year's Day.

In addition to the drive-in testing centre at Twickenham Stadium and walk-in centre in Teddington, the tests are being offered to anyone with coronavirus symptoms. See below for the dates.

Please note the test will not show if you have already been infected with COVID-19, only if you have the infection on the day of the test.

You must not turn up without an appointment – those who have not booked will not be tested.

The main symptoms of the disease are:

- A high temperature this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- Loss or change to your sense of smell or taste this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Further information on being tested and how to book your test.

Please note, if Richmond is not shown as one of the options when you book, please try again later.

Leader of Richmond Council, Cllr Gareth Roberts, said:

"Now we are in Tier 4 it is essential that we all stay home. It is equally important that we all take action if we start to display symptoms.

"There is now a huge capacity in Richmond to get tested. So – if you are showing any of the symptoms, self-isolate and don't put anyone at risk and get a test straight away. And, if you need support whilst self-isolating, there is plenty available."

The pop-up testing centre is available at Old Deer Park throughout January 2021 only to those people with an appointment:

Friday 1 January Monday 4 January Wednesday 6 January Saturday 9 January Monday 11 January Thursday 14 January Saturday 16 January Tuesday 19 January Thursday 21 January Sunday 24 January Tuesday 26 January Friday 29 January Sunday 31 January



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## "Brexit" By Gail Francis-Tiron

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## Hampton North Ward News

Councillors Geoffrey Samuel and Kate Howard

### ABANDONED VEHICLES

Following a complaint from a local resident about the continued presence of abandoned vehicles we pursued the matter with Council officers. In the days when there was a paper licence displayed on the windscreen it was easy to spot when a vehicle had been abandoned. That is no longer the case. In this particular case after our contact with the Police as well as officers we discovered that one of the two cars had a valid licence, the other a recently renewed licence. We discovered also that DVLA takes action only when the licence is just over two months out of date. On that basis neither the Council, the Police nor DVLA was interested in this case. Some years ago one of us was involved in an instance where officers removed a vehicle only for its owner to appear a few weeks later and demand compensation for the removed car. It cost the council – us! – a lot of money!

### GAS CYLINDERS

Residents have reported to us instances of discarded nitrous oxide mini-cylinders in roads in the ward. We have also seen them in other parts of the Borough. Inhalation of these is one of the newer aspects of drug-taking. Local Police have told residents that this is not a Police matter. We take this issue very seriously and are contacting senior officers and the Police to press for action to deal with the problem. Do please continue to send us photos and we will refer every case to the Council

### HANWORTH ROAD.

We secured a real improvement in 2018 when the junction with Uxbridge Road was widened to ensure that left-turning traffic was not held up by those wishing to turn right. But problems remain. This is particularly true when school coaches are stationary to allow pupils to exit the buses. It has been suggested that this could be improved with short-duration single yellow lines in this part of Hanworth Road. We are totally open-minded. If residents are happy with this proposal we will support it- but not otherwise. The Council will therefore soon be consulting residents – and this will be genuine consultation!

### THE WHITE HOUSE

No further news at the moment. In reply to a Question at the last Council meeting we learned that so far the Council – and that means all of us! – have spent some £13,600 on maintaining the building since March [although HOTCA was responsible until recently] and £2393 to HOTCA to cover their legal fees in returning the Lease to the Council. We are given to understand that the Council hopes very soon to bring in new management for our Community Centre and we hope that classes, courses, activities and the cafe which have all been closed since March will open early in the New Year.

### COUNCIL QUESTIONS

At the last meeting our Question on waste and recycling collections received the response that 'aspects of the performance of Serco have not been acceptable'. We will continue to follow up all of your complaints and we shall have further 'local 'questions at the January meeting.

### SHORTER ITEMS

- There were no serious objections from you on either the proposed removal of dying trees or the new football pitch
- We are concerned to hear that some motorists continue to ignore the double yellow lines in **Arundel Close**
- Some months ago, at our request, the Council installed double yellow lines in Hawthorn Close to deter parents of Buckingham School from obstruction. Sadly some ignore these restrictions and even park on pavements. We have asked for enforcement – and for help from the School.
- The **Oak Avenue** fence has been damaged again and we have asked for it to be repaired.
- Regrettably we are still waiting for the removal of rubbish and debris from a house in Wordsworth Road and the agreed removal of a tree, owned by PA, which causes problems for a resident of Stevens Close
- We have been monitoring including over the Christmas week-end the continuing mess around the recycling centre on **Hampton Square** and are sending our photos to officers
- There are worrying reports of theft from catalytic converters and car owners are advised to park their cars, as far as possible, in a way that deters thieves.

### A PERSONAL NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM KATE AND GEOFFREY

In a normal year we would have visited hundreds of you and chatted about the issues which interested or concerned you. We would have learned about the issues you wanted us to raise. Over the years we have met most of you and enjoyed making your acquaintance. We are genuinely sad that we were denied this opportunity for most of 2020. As we do not know when we will be able to resume our visits, we do want to hear from you. We aim to respond within 36 hours. And if any of your friends or neighbours would like to receive the Newsletter and establish a regular relationship with us please ask them to contact us on gjshn@btinternet. com

Keep in touch – tell us of issues that concern you – suggest some ideas for improvement...we are here to listen and to help.

Kate and Geoffrey wish all our readers – and all residents of Hampton North – A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Time to say goodbye to your real Christmas tree

Residents are reminded that the free Christmas tree recycling service will commence from Monday 4 January 2021.

From Monday 4 January to Friday 15 January 2021, Richmond Council will be collecting real Christmas trees, for free, on residents' scheduled waste collection days. Trees will then be shredded and turned into compost, which will be used to feed plants in gardens, green spaces and bedding plots across the borough.

Residents should remove all ornaments and stands or pots from their trees and leave them outside their property in a place that does not block the pavement, ideally next to recycling containers, on their collection day. Residents are also reminded not to pile up Christmas trees at the end of the road, blocking footpaths. This is fly-tipping and could be liable to enforcement action if witnessed (see the below image).

Residents who live in a block of flats are asked to take their Christmas trees to one of the drop-off points (highlighted below). If this is not possible, we will collect trees left in communal waste areas.

Alternatively, you can take your Christmas tree to:



• Household Waste and Recycling Centre, Townmead Road, Kew. (Open throughout the festive period). Please remember to <u>book ahead</u>

or the designated sites below between Monday 4 and Friday 15 January 2021:

- Barn Elms Sports Centre, SW13 0DG (opposite Barnes Rugby Centre)
- Squire's Garden Centre Car Park, Sixth Cross Road, TW2 5PA
- Old Deer Car Park, TW9 2RA
- Ham Street Car Park, TW10 7RS
- Nelson Road Car Park, TW2 7BB
- Hampton Library Car Park, TW12 2AB
- North Lane Car Park, Teddington, TW11 0HJ

For more information, view Christmas tree recycling.

# New school term COVID-19 update

Richmond Council wants to reassure parents that they are committed to actively supporting schools and local families across the borough to ensure a safe reopening in January.

The Government has published <u>guidance</u> that puts restrictions on some primary schools in areas where there are high rates of infection. As a result, in Richmond upon Thames only vulnerable children and the children of key workers will be able to return to primary and secondary schools next week, with the rest returning through a phased approach throughout January.

Cllr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, said:

"Whilst it is the right decision, it is deeply frustrating that the Government made this announcement at the last minute, just days before the start of term, weeks after it was clear Coronavirus cases were surging in London.

"Coronavirus continues to spread fast in Richmond upon Thames and the more the virus spreads in our communities, the more serious illness and death we will see. 'It's right that the reopening of our schools has been delayed to later in January to help tackle this deadly disease. We will continue to do everything we can to support



Richmond's incredible head teachers, teachers, teaching assistants and support staff at this very challenging time.

"Testing in secondary schools is crucial for us to break the chains of transmission and keep students, staff and their loved ones safe. However, logistically it is a challenge. Therefore, having the extra time to enable our schools to plan is helpful. A number of our schools are advanced in their thinking – using volunteers and teaching assistants. But we will do everything we need to – to make sure that every secondary school aged pupil and member of staff has access to a COVID-19 test before they return to the classroom and on a rolling basis."

Richmond has already made extensive preparations for the new term and before Christmas made home testing kits available for secondary and special schools, so that staff could be tested to prevent the spread of the virus when schools reopen. This was in addition to the extension of testing offered by the NHS which allowed asymptomatic staff and secondary age pupils to book a test via the online portal.

The Council, alongside Achieving for Children, are now supporting schools to roll-out the testing of pupils, including allocating dedicated staff to ensure the testing system works.

The Council agreed funding earlier this month to help support the Free School Meals programme during school holidays. Children in receipt of Free School Meals will continue to receive vouchers whilst their schools are closed to most pupils.

Parents and families are encouraged to monitor communications being sent from their schools and check their child's school website for updates.

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### Green Shoots coming to a street near you soon! By Shona Lyons

With all the changes and numerous restrictions to trade, a few have adapted really well, for example Corto has changed from a café / deli to deli / grocery / take away café, ingenuity that one can only admire! Others have managed to change into take-away but then others have really struggled with only click and collect available to many and nothing available for others at all!

Usually you see the traders proudly sweeping their porches in the morning, watering their plants & chatting happily to their neighbours first thing before the day commences but for weeks now we have seen so few faces and the faces we have seen have been worried ones with people wondering how they are going to keep paying their rent & other overheads. I think most traders in Church Street never really set out to make millions, rather chose to open their independent shops for love rather than money so most don't have much resources to draw on to tide them over in this very difficult and un-expected situation.

But it isn't just us we know and the whole country shares in our pain.

Here at Crusader we started collected for the homeless again after a couple of poor wraiths and strays wandered in (they had visited successfully last year as I have has this collection going on for years and years now but we stopped this year because we had to give our car away and couldn't get the things to people) and asked for things but I had nothing to give them as I had stopped collecting.

So we started again and had a really sizable amount of mostly brand new items from socks to shorts to scarves and gloves etc and many had also brought in their second hand but really in good condition jackets and fleece tops etc. But just when I had organised for the local homeless drop in centre to collect the week before Christmas suddenly they had to cancel because they had to close too because of the tier 4 restrictions. So with our little brochure room bursting out at the seams, and with it getting colder and colder and I was thinking how to get the warm clothing to the homeless. Then just 2 nights ago I was watching the news at 10 and saw that Flemmings Hotel of Mayfair were making 250 hot dinners a week and were getting them distributed at the strand to the homeless in London. I thought it a long shot but I immediately wrote to the hotel and

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told them about my predicament. I thought that they probably wouldn't want the clothes as the distribution of the food itself was probably difficult enough but the morning after I received a message from the general manager telling me that they distribute warm clothes at the same time as the food and put me in touch with the charity they are working with which just happened to be based in Hounslow! So the same day they came and took everything and this Friday all 250 people waiting for the food will have all the lovely warm hats and gloves and scarves and tops etc that our Twickenham Community generously brought to us.

I really hope that this year will be kinder to everyone. That trade can resume and that the traders find their mojo again and manage to adapt to whatever the future throws at us. Our local community has been amazingly supportive and we hope we will be able to sustain our offer for them.

Right now though, here in the square we are really looking forward to Spring as I am sure are many. We are waiting for another big box of bulbs to come as that is our next project is to make the Square a really beautiful and calm space for visitors to Church Street to rest and relax in. 2021 here we come!

# **Twickers Foodie** - By Rlison Jee £1 STORECUPBOARD MEALS TO INSPIRE YOU

Chef **Miguel Barclay** is, quite justifiably, famous for his series of books with recipes for £1 meals. His latest book is perfectly timed for our 'Tier 4 life' and offers a chance to use up some

of those things cluttering up your kitchen store cupboard. It's heralded as a 'handbook for a new era of cooking' and for many of us, with constraints on our finances caused by Covid-19, the idea of a tasty meal that can be prepared for just one pound per head is a Godsend. *Storecupboard One Pound Meals* includes over 80 of Miguel's favourite store cupboard recipes, plus some batch cooking ideas and tips. And with recipes now serving four, instead of just one, this book is perfect for families on a budget. And, of course, you can always halve the ingredients for couples.

Miguel has also identified his 'store cupboard heroes' – ingredients that will last for yonks, and if you're anything like me, you probably already have most of them in your kitchen!



At £16.99 (Headline Home 2020) for a paperback with great colour photos by Dan Jones, this book is the perfect treat for a cold, miserable January.

Here are a couple of recipes from the book that are ideal for this time of year.

### **RED ONION TARTE TATIN**

This one is really easy, but looks like you've spent ages making something posh. It would definitely be impressive if you made your own pastry, but there's nothing wrong with a shortcut. So, grab some premade puff from the freezer and you'll see that it's no effort at all.

To make 4 portions:

- 8 red onions, cut into wedges
- 1 sheet of frozen puff pastry, defrosted
- Squeeze of balsamic glaze
- A few sprigs of fresh thyme, leaves picked and stalks discarded
- (or 1 tsp dried thyme)
- 1 egg, beaten (optional)
- Olive oil
- Salt and pepper

Preheat your oven to 180°C/gas mark 4. Set out a circular ovenproof dish about 15cm in diameter (or 4 small dishes).

Chuck the red onion wedges into the baking dish, drizzle with olive oil, season with salt and



pepper, then roast for about 25 minutes until softened and cooked. Remove from the oven and allow to cool.

Meanwhile, lay out your sheet of puff pastry and cut out a circle 30cm in diameter. If you want to make 4 individual portions, cut out 4 smaller circles that will line the dishes with a 5cm overhang.

Add a squeeze of balsamic glaze to the onions, along with some thyme, then place the pastry on top and tuck in the sides. Brush with beaten egg if you want a professional finish and then bake in the oven for about 25 minutes until golden brown.

To serve, invert the tart onto a plate or serving board.

### THAI PRAWN ENVELOPES

Rice noodles cook really quickly, so I always have them to hand for emergencies. Here I have created a fun way to cook them with frozen prawns to create a lovely Thai-inspired noodle dish.

To make 4 portions:

- 4 sheets of dried vermicelli rice noodles
- 1 carrot, cut into strips
- 1 leek, thinly sliced
- Big handful of frozen raw, peeled prawns
- 4 tsp Thai red or green curry paste
- 1 lime, cut into wedges

Preheat your oven to 180°C/gas mark 4.

Lay out 4 sheets of greaseproof paper about 40 x 40cm and fold up the sides to create shallow bowls.

Add a sheet of noodles to each, then divide the carrot, leek and prawns evenly between them.



Add a teaspoon of curry paste to each parcel and a big splash of water, then scrunch up the sides of the greaseproof paper to make secure parcels (making sure the joins are at the top, so no liquid leaks out).

Place on a baking tray and cook in the oven for about 10 minutes. Remove from the oven, give them a stir to mix the noodles and return to the oven for another 10 minutes, adding more water if needed.

Once cooked, serve each with a wedge of lime.

#### Make it vegan

To make this dish vegan, swap the prawns for some fried tofu and use vegan curry paste.

# BRIGHT AND (RISP

# Quiristers of Winchester Chapel

West Green Opera at West Green House, Hartley Wintney

There is something peculiarly English about open-air performances: perhaps we like to match the cussedness of the weather with peculiar English stoicism. Surprisingly, it always works. In summer the open-air picnic on the lawn watching Shakespeare has its own genteel charm, but the whole concept is notched up in wintertime, when genteel charm becomes sheer enchantment.

The Illuminated Garden at West Green House transforms the cold darkness of a winter's evening into an ethereal world

whose atmosphere is pure magic. Here the Quiristers of Winchester Chapel infused the spiritual message of the coming of The Light at Christmas into that wonderland of light.

> Have you noticed how the cold denseness of the winter air brings a silence into which sounds penetrate with a unique clarity? Approaching the Fountain Garden, the sound that penetrated that silence was the warm buzz of the stalwart audience. waiting expectantly.

It was a time-honoured opening that broke the stillness of the winter air, the first verse of Once in *Royal David's City*, a solo treble clear and precise.

Two more traditional Victorian carols followed, See Amid the Winter Snow and O Come All Ye *Faithful.* It was however with modern carols that the Quiristers excelled, especially enjoying Benjamin Britten's New Year's Carol. It opens, "We bring new water from the well" signifying that the Christ-child will sprinkle water to make us clean. (Our audience was not lustrated, a relief in such cold weather.) The final piece was John Rutter's arrangement of the medieval

folk carol Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day. It has a joyful feel, and a musical sparkle that matched the sparkling surroundings, each a foil to the other.

We left the Fountain Garden quite uplifted. Then we hit on the modest crib, tucked in a corner, the Nativity scene. This is the very heart of Christmas. It is almost hidden ... but then again, we have been following a bright star.

Read Mark Aspen's review at www.markaspen.com/2020/12/21/quiristers

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Mark Aspen

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# WIZ Tales - Zdravstvuite From Russia

### By Teresa Read

The early days of the internet and the WIZ project led to some fairly strange requests, not least I was occasionally contacted by journalists asking if I could assist with their travels to various countries.

However, one request that I find puzzling was from a publisher of school text books in Russia who was very keen to use the information about Russian food which can be found in the World InfoZone country pages. I am still not sure why a Russian would want to use something I had written about food in their country but, as a teacher, I quite like the idea of Russian school children learning English from World InfoZone.

Of course, over the years I was in contact with over forty schools around the world and in order to communicate with the project they had to be able to read English, no doubt helped with the early translator websites which I think we all used at that time.

Later on, I became involved with two schools in Russia, mainly in Novosibirsk in Siberia (as well as Moscow) and a few of their emails can be found in the link below.

I particularly liked the photograph of one of the students with his skateboard in the Altai Mountains.

The photographs below were received from the Russian Information Agency, Novosti (1998)

More photographs: <u>https://www.worldinfozone.com/gallery.php?country=Russia</u> Linking Our World - Zdravstvuite from RUSSIA: <u>https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=PartnersRussia</u>



Gorky Park, Moscow

Novosibirsk







## WELCOME 2021! TRAVEL NEWS

#### By Bruce Lyons

As ever, in this fast moving environment, there have been changes these last days. Last week we were able to tell you about Corridors that existed to destinations where protocols and disciplines were sufficiently relaxed, but safe, to enable people to enjoy Winter Sun holidays in a safe place.

However, dear reader, when I wrote that I had no idea what Mr Hancock had in mind for us, did I? Now you really can't go anywhere – well you could to a few like countries like Cuba, Jamaica, St Lucia & Aruba but other than that – little else till they get the R rate down and if that wasn't enough to get your head around then we have Brexit to contend with too, and that may keep you busy as well!

So whilst you are working out what you need to do with passports, International Driving Licences, and Covid style Travel Insurance you can day dream!

Over the holiday there has been a plethora of Travel programmes on every continent many of them documentaries but others like Michael Portillo by rail; Michael Palin around the world, David Attenborough & Chris Patcham on Wild Life and Chris Reeves's journeys. All to whet your appetite – others feature exotic beaches. So, OK you may not be skiing in the Alps this February School break or dipping your toes in the blue sea of the Caribbean but you can still plan ahead – as our travel industry is and this time around you will be sure that

your choice is ATOL protected, very important that! As is to check that your preference is Covid ringfenced and your money will be refunded if the GOVT or the CAA say you can't travel, but that is what we do anyway.

Here's a few pointers that are often included in the New bookings for Spring/Summer 2021 (and beyond). Low Deposits, Deferred Balance Payments

Special Offer for PCR (Covid) Tests. As to "Deals" Short Haul Operators to Mediterranean Destinations are offering £100 + off per person if booked by a certain date (various but soon by like 3 & 5th Jan) for Long Haul, some have FREE flights, No single supplements, and reduced price offers too. River Cruises

some with free flights included, reductions on prices and also no single supplements (I saw a Mekong River Cruise with free flights !!) International Cruises; these offer a plethora of "treats"; free upgrades to better cabins, book a stateroom & and get an inside cabin for your friends free: No single supplement, even free flights and "Free On Board |Cabin spends"

Ours is an industry keen to get you back on your feet again so have a look around there may well be a trip you always wanted to do but never had the budget – or even enough leave time and this year many have carried over days from 2020 to 21 allowing for longer holidays. So if you haven't spotted your dream trip call us – we may know who has it. There has never, ever been a better time to get this kind of value – so don't miss out, and knock a destination off your bucket list.



Dream on Dear Reader. 2021 could be the year your dream comes true Best Wishes for 2021 Everybody.

# TRAVELLER'S TALES 87 VICTORY FOR WELLINGTON

### Doug Goodman visits a famous Belgian battlefield

Next time you buy a ticket at Twickenham station to travel to London's great terminus, ask for a cheap day return to Braise-l'Alleud. You can predict the response! But the SW Trains' terminus is named after a town near where the battle of 1815 took place. When the news of the great British victory was carried to London it was thought that the name Waterloo, a town north east of the actual battle site, was easier to pronounce and write. Anyway, that's how the story goes.

I was reminded of my trip to Waterloo when I read two pieces in The Times this week: one on how France plans to commemorate next year the two hundredth anniversary of Napoleon's death in St. Helena; another about a building in Boecillo near Valladolid which was the Spanish HQ for Wellington during his 1812 Salamanca campaign. The historic place is in awful disrepair and needs funds for restoration as a possible hotel.



The Battlefield

Artillery

Ready for Battle

### BATTLEFIELD FORCES

The first tourists arrived from nearby Brussels just a day after the battle but I had to wait two hundred years. A few weeks before the bi-centenary in June 2015, when hundreds of horses and re-enactors with muskets and cannon were to stage an impressive re-run of the battle on the original site, I enjoyed a tour of Waterloo. At any time a visit to the well- appointed site will provide a detailed view of the forces taking part and how the outcome was in the words of Arthur Wellesley 1st Duke of Wellington, 'the nearest-run thing you ever saw in your life.' On Sunday June 15th 1815 'near' Waterloo, in an area which at that time was part of the United Kingdom of the Netherlands, the French Army under the command of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and the coalition forces commanded by Wellington joined battle. The French numbered 73,000 comprising 8,000 artillery and engineers, 50,000 infantry and 14,390 cavalry with 252 guns. Opposing them was the coalition of troops from the UK, Netherlands, Hannover, Brunswick and Nassau with 118,000 men and 156 guns. Joining them at the decisive moment in the struggle were 50,000 Prussians under the command of Prince Blucher. Twickenham has a pub named after the Prince.

Napoleon's defeat was dramatized in the film starring Rod Steiger and Christopher Plummer, in the vast volume of historical accounts and in the thrilling 'Sharpe's Waterloo' by Bernard Cornwell. This was his final battle and he abdicated four days later. The Allies entered Paris on July 7th. The conflict cost the French 41,000 killed, captured or missing. The British lost 24,000 men while Blucher lost 7,000. Over 7.000 horses were killed.

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Napoleon

### THE FIELD

The battlefield consists of a long slope running east to west bisected by the main road to Brussels. The view from the Lion Mount, an artificial hill built with earth from the site in 1820, provides a magnificent vantage point. In an adjacent building you can see an immense 360 degree panorama painted in 1912. Other monuments and memorials as well as the cottage where Napoleon rested before the battle can be visited. In the town there's a fine museum where Wellington was based. He's shown sitting at a desk working out his strategy while artefacts and memorabilia are displayed. The section devoted to Lord Uxbridge, Wellington's commander of cavalry, interested me as I had visited his home in Plas Newydd on Anglesey. There on display are the medals of Henry Paget 1st Marquess of Anglesey along with his second artificial leg. Riding alongside his commander- in- chief during the battle a cannon ball smashed his leg and he's reported to have said.' by God I think I've lost my leg', to which Wellington replied, 'by God sir so you have.' His first artificial leg is displayed at the Waterloo museum with a dedication to a very brave soldier who underwent an amputation without anaesthetic or antiseptic.

Waterloo is easily reached from Brussels and the area can be covered in a day by car. In London you can visit the grand house, known as Number One London, where the Duke lived and held an annual banquet to remember his victory. The picture gallery is superb. Opposite, in the middle of Hyde Park Corner, is Wellington Arch and the fine equestrian statue. The 'Iron Duke' acquired world-wide recognition but became an unpopular Prime Minister. He died at 83 in 1852 and his body is in St. Paul's next to Nelson. In Hampshire is Stratfield Saye, the Duke's country home since 1817 and the home of the present Duke of Wellington.



Battle Field Panorama



Waterloo Medal Copy



Statue at Hyde Park Corner

## Petitions

## Stop the introduction of parking charges in Richmond Park and Bushy Park

The Royal Parks intend to introduce car parking charges in Richmond Park and Bushy Park. This is an indefensible proposal, particularly at a time when the link between poverty, obesity and poor health has been so clearly highlighted by the impact of Covid 19.

Spending time in the park is one of the very few free and healthy options for families and individuals. It is essential for people's mental and physical well being that access to the parks is encouraged rather than restricted. If, as a society, we really want to fight obesity we must continue to provide spaces for free and healthy exercise.

During lockdown, a much more diverse and geographically widespread group of people discovered the joys of Bushy and Richmond Park; this is a cause for celebration and should be viewed as a positive and healthy development and encouraged as much as possible. The petition can be viewed <u>HERE</u>

## Accept the proposal to reinstate a Lido on Twickenham Riverside

During consultations with local stakeholders it has become clear that there is a wish to bring back a Lido on Twickenham Riverside.

A Lido on Twickenham Riverside would provide a leisure and sport facility for the people of Twickenham and surrounding areas.

More importantly though, it provides the local people with an everyday escape from modern life, an accessible urban retreat.

Such a facility on Twickenham Riverside would act as a Magnet and contribute to the rejuvenation of the town. The petition can be viewed <u>HERE</u>

# An Ideal Present for just £6

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

To purchase a book contact info@TwickenhamTribune.com





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: SLOW WEST** was 750th film screened by RFS on 15th November 2016. **Slow West** was the third equal ranked film of Season 54, it got an approval mark of 89% from those attending; from season 54 we have also already featured its equal third place film **The Commune**, as **Issue 38**, as well as the top two ranked films **Tehran Taxi**, and **Mystery Road**, as **Issues 29** & **35** respectively). **Slow West** can be streamed from Amazon Prime and is on BFI Player plus the discs are available from Amazon and others.

### **SLOW WEST**

| Country:        | UK/NZ, 2015                  |
|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Directors:      | John Maclean                 |
| Screenplay:     | John Maclean                 |
| Music:          | Jed Kurzel                   |
| Editing:        | Roland Gallois & Jon Gregory |
| Cinematography: | Robbie Ryan                  |
| Running Time:   | 84 min., colour              |
| Language:       | English                      |

### **Leading Players:**

Kodi Smit-McPhee Michael Fassbender Ben Mendelsohn Aorere Paki Hayden Frost Caren Pistorius (Jay Cavendish) (Silas Selleck) (Payne) (Young Native Boy) (Young Soldier 1) (Rose Ross)

Jay Cavendish, a rather callow Scotsman of 16 (played by Kodi Smit-McPhee) decides to travel

across the 19th century American West (played by New Zealand) in search of his lost love, Rose, whom he once tried but failed to marry. He encounters a bounty hunter, Silas Sellick (Michael Fassbender), whom he decides to take with him for protection. However, Silas has seen a

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wanted poster at a trading post offering a \$2,000 reward for Rose and her father. Silas plots to use Jay to get to Rose and thus collect the bounty.

This is a remarkably stylish and assured debut film from John Maclean (once a member of '90s eccentrics The Beta Band) who wrote, edited and directed it. With perhaps more than a nod to the Coen Brothers, Maclean creates a tense, twisted and black tale of trust, fear, revenge and love. The pair encounter a series of startling characters who create a series of mini-episodes that move the story forward towards its cataclysmic – but strangely satisfying and appropriate – climax.

"The movie starts out drenched in cynicism and nihilism, but gradually moves forward towards something else: not exactly love or good fellowship, but a feeling that the continuous paranoid suspicion needed for survival at all costs may not be worth it. It's a love story of a very disturbing sort." (The Guardian)

Slow West was awarded the World Cinema Jury Prize at the Sundance Festival, 2015.

### Steve Karpel

## Lockdown Memories Project



We are looking for residents of the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames to contribute to our COVID-19 Memory collection project, which will document the experiences and images of the restrictions implemented in the UK in 2020 and beyond. Through this project we aim to record information about how the lockdowns and increased restrictions have affected residents, so that these memories, experiences and images are preserved for future generations.

If you are interested in taking part in this project, please complete and return the following documents to <u>info@</u> <u>museumofrichmond.com</u>:

- a <u>questionnaire</u> or an <u>activity sheet</u> (for children taking part)
- a <u>consent form</u>
- The above forms are available for download HERE

PLEASE NOTE consent forms are mandatory for us to be able to accept your submission to the project. If you have any questions about the form, please contact us at <u>info@museumofrichmond.com</u>.



## FOOTBALL FOCUS By James Dowden

# BRENTFORD FC

### Canós hattrick inspires Bees to Boxing Day victory Cardiff City 2 – 3 Brentford

A hattrick from Brentford forward Sergi Canós saw the Bees come from a goal down to record victory in south Wales at the Cardiff City Stadium. Will Vaulks had opened the scoring for the home side in stoppage time and the end of the first-half with a lob over David Raya from inside his own half. However, the Bees recovered after the interval with a devastating 23 minute spell in which Canós scored three times and the game swung on its head. Vaulks got his second of the match with just over 15 minutes to play but the visitors held out to seal in an important victory.

Brentford created a couple of half chances in the opening period of the game whilst enjoying the greater share of the possession. A corner from the left hand side from Bryan Mbeumo appeared to be one from the training ground as Canós drifted into space of the edge of the area. The Spaniard managed to get a volley away first time but his attempt lacked direction and drifted wide.

Mathias Jensen then cut out a clearance from Cardiff defender Josh Bennett and played the ball forwards where it eventually broke for Mbeumo. Mbeumo initially held off Curtis Nelson and after a tussle inside the area the Frenchman went to ground. Referee Dean Whitestone however waved away the protestations of the Brentford players and the game continued.

The key moment of the first-half came deep into injury time. A Cardiff counterattack started after Vaulks picked up a loose ball midway inside his own half. He then quickly exchanged passes with Robert Glatzel before spotting Raya off his line and lobbed the keeper from 10 yards inside his own half, as Cardiff took a goal advantage into the break.

The home side's lead lasted just five minutes into the second-half as the Bees equalised through a spectacular strike from Canós. A corner from Mathias Jensen was only half-cleared at the near post by Glatzel and Rico Henry nipped in to make an interception. Henry then recycled the ball back out to Jensen who once again crossed into the box. The ball was headed out by Vaulks into the path of Canós who's initial shot was blocked but on the rebound he volleyed from a side on position and over Alex Smithies.

The turnaround was complete 10 minutes later and Canós was once again turning away to celebrate. The Spaniard received a ball over the top from Ethan Pinnock to the left wing and he cut inside past Leandro Bacuna into the area. He then continued his run before finishing past Smithies for the second time in the afternoon.

Canós ensured that he would be taking the match ball home with him as he completed his hattrick soon after. Similar to his second goal the Brentford forward picked up the ball on the left wing, this time from Ivan Toney. Canós then once again stood up Bacuna and drifted inside, before curling a strike which Smithies, despite getting his fingertips to the ball, couldn't keep out.

The Bluebirds hit back just three minutes later though via a set piece. A Joe Ralls' delivery from a corner was knocked down by Sean Morrison and Vaulks reacted quickest inside the area to volley the ball past an unsighted Raya.

Late on Canós nearly turned provider as he passed to Emiliano Marcondes who shot from distance but Smithies





was able to save this time. In the end, the day belong to Canós as he helped to extend Brentford's unbeaten run and stay fourth in the Championship table.

### Fosu comes off the bench to beat Bournemouth Brentford 2 – 1 Bournemouth

Brentford extended their unbeaten run to 15 games and moved up to second in the table following a hard fought 2-1 victory against Bournemouth. The Cherries had initially taken the lead through Dominic Solanke but the Bees equalised before the end of the first-half and the turnaround was completed ten minutes from time when Tariqe Fosu came off the bench to head in the winner.

It was the visiting side that made the better start and within the opening minute Brentford were nearly a goal down. Jefferson Lerma had time and space on the edge of the area and the Bournemouth midfielder slid the ball through for Dominic Solanke. The Cherries' striker managed to a get a shot off that beat David Raya in goal for the Bees but Pontus Jansson came to his goalkeeper's rescue as he got back to make an invaluable goal line clearance.

Billing and Solanke both made enterprising starts to the game and they once again combined just minutes as the visitors threatened early on. Billings played a one-two with his striker teammate and escaped in behind the Brentford defence, but Rico Henry managed to recover and tuck inside a make a decisive intervention to avert danger.

Brentford's first real shot of note came from the hattrick heroes from the weekend Sergi Canós when the Spaniard dribbled inside past Lewis Cook and Billing from the right wing, but his shot from the edge of the area went narrowly past the post.

The home side grew into the game and Asmir Begović was called into action for the first time twice in quick succession. Mathias Jensen whipped a free-kick over the Cherries wall and Begović was alert to push the ball out for a corner. From the resulting corner Jensen delivered deep to Canós at the back post, who dribbled past Cook and shot powerfully to the near post, but Begović was once again equal to the shot to deny the Bees.

However, when Bournemouth opened the scoring it was very much in line with the run of play. The goal came via a lovely flowing team move. Junior Stanislas cut infield from his wing and passed the ball back to Cook in a central position. Cook then spotted Llyod Kelly in space on the left hand side and the defender delivered to the near post where the deftest of touches from Solanke guided the ball past Raya for a deserved opening goal.

Brentford responded well though and Mbeumo once again forced Begović into a save after Josh Dasilva had passed to the Frenchman just outside the area. From the resulting corner Henrik Dalsgaard rose highest and beat Lerma in the air, after a superb delivery from Jensen, to crash his header past Begović from just inside the six-yard box. It was the Danish defender's first ever home goal for the Bees after three and a half years with the club as well as the first that Bournemouth had conceded in five games.

As the clock ticked into injury time at the end of the first-half Brentford went close once more when Ivan Toney exchanged passes with Canós, who in turn fed Jensen but his shot through the legs of Adam Smith drifted wide in the final chance of the half.

After the break Brentford came out at pace and almost took the lead minutes int the second-half. Dasilva dived in ahead of Lerma to win a challenge in midfield and the ball broke up field to Mbeumo who dribbled forward. However, as Mbeumo went to return the ball inside to Dasilva his attempted pass lacked power and was cut out.

The greater attacking impetus was with the Bees in the opening phase of the second-half and Jensen played a promising ball into Canós on the wing. The Spaniard put in a very dangerous cross that evaded Begović inside the six-yard box but his defensive colleague Simpson was unable to cut the ball out before it could find its way to Toney.

Jensen was at the heart of most of Brentford's attacking play and was orchestrating attacks from midfield. The Dane picked out a lovely ball to find the advancing Henry but the fullback was unable to control fully and overhit his cross.

On the hour mark the ball broke fortuitously for Bournemouth as the ball ricochet in the area and came to David Brooks in space. The forward managed to get a shot off between the legs of Henry and Raya was alert to produce a good save and push the ball out for a corner which the Bees were able to cut out.

With just over ten minutes to play Brentford took the lead after brilliant play from Mbeumo. The move initially started with the influential Dasilva who picked out Toney coming short. Toney in turn found Mbeumo who dribbled past Kelly and crossed on his weak foot, where Tariqe Fosu on as a substitute, headed in from close range.

Late on Brentford could have had a third as Toney counterattacked and fed Jensen through the middle but Begović was one again on hand to deny the Bees. Substitute Saman Ghoddos also drew a save from the Bosnian keeper as the Bees saw out the game to maintain their 15 game unbeaten run.

### **UP NEXT FOR BRENTFORD**

### <u>Game 1</u>

Opponent: Bristol City (H) Saturday 2nd January 15:00 Brentford Community Stadium Nickname: The Robins Competition: Championship – Matchday 23 Head Coach: Dean Holden Opponent record: P22 W10 D3 L9 GF23 GA24 (10th in Championship)

Interesting fact: Bristol City have one of the few international club derbies in the United Kingdom with their rivalry with Cardiff City, which is known as the Severnside derby.

#### <u>Game 2</u>

Opponent: Tottenham Hotspur (A) Tuesday 5th January 19:45 Tottenham Hotspur Stadium Nickname: The Lilywhites Competition: EFL Cup Semi-final Manager: José Mourinho Opponent cup record:

- Third Round: w/o Leyton Orient
- Fourth Round: 1-1 Chelsea (5-4p)
- Quarter-finals: 1-3 Stoke City

Interesting fact: Tottenham Hotspur became the only non-league team to win the FA Cup when they won it in 1901.

### Come on you Bees!

# Hampton & Richmond Borough



### Beavers return from the cold with victory Dorking Wanderers 0 – 1 Hampton & Richmond

Hampton & Richmond Borough returned to league action with a hard fought 1-0 victory away against Dorking Wanderers. The Beavers came into the game having not played in close to three weeks following an outbreak of coronavirus at the club but a rare goal from Tyrell Miller-Rodney late in the second-half ensured that they made a winning return to competitive football.

The home sided aided by their match sharpness began the game at a quicker tempo and fashioned a couple of

chances early on. Matt Briggs dummied the ball in the final third and James McShane picked up the ball on the edge of the area. McShane then played the ball round the corner to Briggs who had continued his run forward and as he went to play the play through to Wes Fogden, he overhit the pass and the ball ran through to Alan Julian.

Hampton & Richmond then had to take evasive action when a cross from the right wing from Isaac Philpott was whipped in dangerously across the six-yard box. Dean Inman however was alive to the danger and got his head to the ball and Sam Deadfield completed the clearance.

Wilson Carvalho went closest for the Beavers in the first half went he struck the woodwork after 30 minutes. The forward picked up the ball on the edge of the Dorking area and unleashed a curling strike from 25 yards. The ball rebounded back off the crossbar to the relief of former Hampton player Sam Howes in between the sticks for Dorking, and Jake Gray following in couldn't direct an effort on target.

The hosts once more went close when Nick Wheeler found space of the left wing in behind the Hampton defence. His cross flashed across the face of goal and a combination of Julian's presence and McShane having to stretch meant the Dorking player was unable to make contact with the ball.

In injury time at the end of the first-half Dorking were denied by a superb save from Julian. McShane latched onto a through ball from the centre of midfield by Briggs and cut the ball back across to substitute Alfie Rutherford but Julian stuck a leg out to save from close range.

In the second-half Julian was once again called into action to save from Rutherford. Kane Wills dribbled out of defence unchallenged and advance towards the half-way line before playing a perfectly weighted ball for Rutherford to break past Kyron Farrell. Once again though Julian came out quickly to close the space and saved Rutherford's shot with his feet.

The ball was then recycled where it came to Jimmy Muitt who tested Julian with a curling strike from inside the area, but Julian showed his athleticism to tip the ball over the crossbar.

Hampton put in a remarkable defensive performance in the second-half to maintain their clean sheet. Rutherford managed to take the ball around Julian after receiving a pass from Wills and managed to get a shot away but Inman got back to clear the ball off the line.

With 10 minutes to play Hampton punished Dorking via the unfamiliar source of Miller-Rodney. The midfielder, whose last goal for the club came more than two years ago, found himself inside the box after Ruaridh Donaldson released his teammate in space. From a tight angle Miller-Rodney caught out Howes at his near post to score the decisive winning goal.

Dorking could have grabbed an equaliser as the clock ticked down when McShane controlled a ball that dropped out of the air and volleyed towards goal, but with Julian beaten the ball hit the crossbar and away to safety as fortune ultimately favoured the Beavers and they returned home with all three points.

### 10 men Beavers made to pay after Mills brace Hampton & Richmond 1 – 2 Dulwich Hamlet

Hampton & Richmond Borough couldn't make it two wins in a row for the festive period as the went down by 2-1 at the Beveree Stadium. Dean Inman was sent off for the home side five minutes before the end of the first-half and Dulwich capitalised with two goals from Danny Mills to give the Beavers a mountain to climb in the second-half. A goal from Jake Gray on the hour mark gave the Beavers hope but a missed penalty from striker Niko Muir proved costly as the Beavers were defeat despite a valiant second-half performance.

The Beavers produced a number of chances early on in the first-half. Christian Smith up against his former side nearly headed in from a Kyron Farrell corner and Niko Muir nearly latched onto a long ball over the top from Dean Inman.

Dulwich goalkeeper Charlie Grainger was also another player up against his old side after spending time at the Beveree on loan back in 2016. He was needed to get down low to save from Wilson Carvalho inside the opening 10 minutes.

Smith was then involved in a forceful challenge in the middle of the pitch after trying to initiate a counterattack for the Beavers, but he overran the ball and was involved in a heavy tackle on Dulwich's Diogo Barbosa for which the referee cautioned the Hampton player.

The game's crucial moment came before the break as Inman was shown a straight red card for bringing down Mills just on the edge of the area. With the Dulwich forward goal side and bearing in on goal the Hampton defender elected to tap tackle his opponent and with no covering players to save him, he was dismissed for denying a goalscoring opportunity.

Dulwich made the most of this man advantage almost immediately as from the resulting free-kick on the edge of the area they scored. Michael Timlin delivered the ball at pace that hit the inside of the post and rebounded kindly into the path for Mills who gleefully tapped in from inside the six-yard box.

Things got even worse minutes later as Mills was played clean through on goal and the forward helped himself to his second of the afternoon to help Dulwich take a commanding position into the break.

Hampton could have found themselves three goals down just 60 seconds into the second-half when Reise Allassani released Deon Moore, but Alan Julian stood up tall and did brilliantly to deny Dulwich a goal that would have sealed the result.

Hampton found a route back into the game in the 61st minute when Ryan Gondoh picked the ball up inside the box. Gondoh did well to hold the ball up patiently and his ball inside flicked off Muir into the path of Gray who slotted into the bottom corner for a lifeline for Hampton.

Hampton could have levelled up the scores soon after when Sanchez Ming brought down David Fisher, who was on as a substitute, inside the area for a penalty to Hampton. Muir claimed responsibility but his penalty was weak as he sidefooted along the ground and Grainger saved easily.

The Beavers players were adamant that they should have been awarded a second penalty of the afternoon as the game ticked into the latter stages when a strike from Fisher was handled on the line by Ronnie Vint but Hampton were denied a second chance from the spot as a corner was awarded.

Hampton sent Julian forward late on to try and force and equaliser but it proved in vain as Hampton were once more defeat at home in the league, although in spite on an encouraging second-half performance.

### Slough Town fixture rescheduled

Hampton & Richmond Borough will host Slough Town at the Beveree in the New Year after both sides agreed to rearrange the fixture for Tuesday 26th January 2021.

The original National League South encounter was due to be played on Saturday 12th December but was postponed in line with National League regulations following a member of the management team testing positive for coronavirus. The fixture was rearranged to the 5th January put with Slough now also having cases of coronavirus amongst their squad the game will now be played in late January instead.

The corresponding fixture last season between the two side back in January 2020 finished 2-1 to the visitors, after the Rebels recovered from an early Luke Ruddick to take all three points courtesy of goals from former Hampton pair Ben Harris and George Wells.

### Come on you Beavers!

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## SARS-CoV-2 Variants

#### From the World Health Organization

SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, has had a major impact on human health globally; infecting a large number of people; causing severe disease and associated long-term health sequelae; resulting in death and excess mortality, especially among older and vulnerable populations; interrupting routine healthcare services; disruptions to travel, trade, education and many other societal functions; and more broadly having a negative impact on peoples physical and mental health. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, WHO has received several reports of unusual public health events possibly due to variants of SARS-CoV-2. WHO routinely assesses if variants of SARS-CoV-2 result in changes in transmissibility, clinical presentation and severity, or if they impact on countermeasures, including diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. Previous reports of the D614G mutation and the recent reports of virus variants from the Kingdom of Denmark, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Republic of South Africa have raised interest and concern in the impact of viral changes.

A variant of SARS-CoV-2 with a D614G substitution in the gene encoding the spike protein emerged in late January or early February 2020. Over a period of several months, the D614G mutation replaced the initial SARS-CoV-2 strain identified in China and by June 2020 became the dominant form of the virus circulating globally. Studies in human respiratory cells and in animal models demonstrated that compared to the initial virus strain, the strain with the D614G substitution has increased infectivity and transmission. The SARS-CoV-2 virus with the D614G substitution does not cause more severe illness or alter the effectiveness of existing laboratory diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, or public health preventive measures.

In August and September 2020, a SARS-CoV-2 variant linked to <u>infection among farmed mink</u> and subsequently transmitted to humans, was identified in North Jutland, Denmark. The variant, referred to as the "Cluster 5" variant by Danish authorities, has a combination of mutations not previously observed. Due preliminary studies conducted in Denmark, there is concern that this variant has may result in reduced virus neutralization in humans, which could potentially decrease the extend and duration of immune protection following natural infection or vaccination. Studies are ongoing to assess virus neutralization among humans with this variant. To date, following extensive investigation and surveillance, Danish authorities have identified only 12 human cases of the Cluster 5 variant in September 2020, and it does not appear to have spread widely.

On 14 December 2020, authorities of the United Kingdom reported to WHO a variant referred to by the United Kingdom as SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 (Variant of Concern, year 2020, month 12, variant 01). This variant contains 23 nucleotide substitutions and is not phylogenetically related to the SARS-CoV-2 virus circulating in the United Kingdom at the time the variant was detected. How and where SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 originated is unclear. SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 initially appeared in South East England but within a few weeks began to replace other virus lineages in this geographic area and London. As of 26 December 2020, SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 has been identified from routine sampling and genomic testing conducted across the United Kingdom. Preliminary epidemiologic, modelling, phylogenetic and clinical findings suggest that SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 has increased transmissibility. However, preliminary analyses also indicate that there is no change in disease severity (as measured by length of hospitalization and 28-day case fatality), or occurrence of reinfection between variant cases compared to other SARS-CoV-2 viruses circulating in the United Kingdom.<sup>1</sup> Another of the mutations in the VOC 202012/01 variant, the deletion at position 69/70del was found to affect the performance of some diagnostic PCR assays with an S gene target.

diagnostics is not anticipated to be significant. Laboratory evaluation has demonstrated no significant impact on the performance of antigen-based lateral flow devices. As of 30 December, VOC-202012/01 variant has been reported in 31 other countries/territories/areas in five of the six WHO regions.

On 18 December, national authorities in South Africa announced the detection of a new variant of SARS-CoV-2 that is rapidly spreading in three provinces of South Africa. South Africa has named this variant 501Y.V2, because of a N501Y mutation. While SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 from the UK also has the N501Y mutation, phylogenetic analysis has shown that 501Y.V2 from South Africa are different virus variants. In the week beginning 16 November, routine sequencing by South African health authorities found that this new SARS-CoV-2 variant has largely replaced other SARS-CoV-2 viruses circulating in the Eastern Cape, Western Cape, and KwaZulu-Natal provinces. While genomic data highlighted that the 501.V2 variant rapidly displaced other lineages circulating in South Africa, and preliminary studies suggest the variant is associated with a higher viral load, which may suggest potential for increased transmissibility, this, as well as other factors that influence transmissibility, are subject of further investigation. Moreover, at this stage, there is no clear evidence of the new variant being associated with more severe disease or worse outcomes. Further investigations are needed to understand the impact on transmission, clinical severity of infection, laboratory diagnostics, therapeutics, vaccines, or public health preventive measures. As of 30 December, the 501Y.V2 variant from South Africa has been reported from four other countries to date.

#### Public health response

The authorities in the affected countries are conducting epidemiological and virological investigations to further assess the transmissibility, severity, risk of reinfection and antibody response to new variants. As one of the mutations (N501Y) – found in both the SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 and 501Y. V2 variants – is in the receptor binding domain, the authorities are investigating the neutralization activity of sera from recovered and vaccinated patients against these variants to determine if there is any impact on vaccine performance. These studies are ongoing.

Genomic data of the SARS-CoV-2 VOC 202012/01 and 501Y.V2 variants has been shared by the national authorities and uploaded to the Global Initiative on Sharing Avian Influenza Data (GISAID) and genomic surveillance of the virus continues, globally.

The following activities have been initiated:

- National authorities that have reported virus variants are undertaking intensified sampling to understand how widely these new variants are circulating.
- National scientific teams are studying the effect of the mutations on reinfection potential, vaccination, diagnostic testing, infection-severity and transmissibility.
- Researchers and government authorities are working with WHO and collaborating with members of the WHO SARS-CoV-2 virus evolution working group to assess epidemiologic, modelling, phylogenetic and laboratory findings as results become available.
- WHO is working with countries to identify how current surveillance systems can be strengthened or adapted to evaluate potential virus variations through ongoing systematic clinical and epidemiologic surveillance, establishment of genetic sequencing capacity where possible, and providing access to international sequencing services to send samples for sequencing and phylogenetic analysis.
- Risk communication and community engagement activities scaled up to explain the public health implications of SARS-CoV-2 variants to the public and emphasize the importance of maintaining ongoing preventive measures to reduce transmission such as wearing face coverings, practicing hand hygiene and cough etiquette, keeping physical distance, ensuring good ventilation and avoiding crowded places.

As part of WHO's SARS-CoV-2 global laboratory network, which has monitored virus mutations from the start of the pandemic, a specific working group on virus evolution was established in June 2020, composed of experts in sequencing, bioinformatics, and in vivo and in vitro laboratory studies. The Virus Evolution Working Group works to 1) strengthen mechanisms to identify and prioritize (potentially) relevant mutations; 2) identify relevant mutations early and study the potential impacts related to viral characteristics (e.g. virulence, transmission) and effectiveness of available and future countermeasures (e.g. diagnostics, vaccines and therapeutics); 3) evaluate possible mitigation strategies to reduce the negative impact of mutations; and 4) study the impact of specific mutations, including laboratory-controlled in vitro and in vivo studies of variants. Sharing of full genome sequences is facilitating detailed analyses by partners. The Working Group is collaborating with international scientists with a broad scope of expertise in virology in general and coronaviruses specifically to better understand the research findings and support further studies.

#### WHO risk assessment

All viruses, including SARS-CoV-2, change over time, most without a direct benefit to the virus in terms of increasing its infectiousness or transmissibility, and sometimes limiting propagation (see <u>Q&A on</u> <u>COVID-19 and related health topics</u>). The potential for virus mutation increases with the frequency of human and animal infections. Therefore, reducing transmission of SARS-CoV-2 by using established disease control methods as well as avoiding introductions to animal populations, are critical aspects to the global strategy to reduce the occurrence of mutations that have negative public health implications.

Preliminary data suggest that the growth rate and effective reproductive number is elevated in areas of the United Kingdom with community circulation of the novel variant VOC-202012/01. In South Africa, genomic data highlighted that the 501Y.V2 variant rapidly displaced other lineages circulating, and preliminary studies suggest the variant is associated with a higher viral load, which may suggest potential for increased transmissibility; however, this, as well as other factors that influence transmissibility, are subject of further investigation. Epidemiologic investigations are underway to understand the increase in cases in these communities and the potential role of increased transmissibility of these variants as well as the robustness of implementation of control measures. While initial assessment suggests that 202012/01 and 501Y.V2 do not cause changes in clinical presentation or severity, if they result in a higher case incidence, this would lead to an increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths. More intensive public health measures may be required to control transmission of these variants.

Further investigations are required to understand the impact of specific mutations on viral properties and the effectiveness of diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines. These investigations are complex and require time and collaboration among different research groups. These studies are ongoing.

#### WHO advice

National and local authorities should continue to strengthen existing disease control activities, including monitoring their epidemics closely through ongoing <u>epidemiological surveillance</u> and strategic <u>testing</u>; conducting outbreak investigation and contact tracing; and where appropriate, <u>adjusting public health and social measures</u> to reduce transmission of SARS-CoV-2.

WHO further advises countries, where feasible, to increase routine systematic sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 viruses to better understand SARS-CoV-2 transmission and to monitor for the emergence of variants. Sequence data should be shared internationally through publicly accessible databases. In countries with sequencing capacity, WHO advises sequencing of isolates from a systematically selected subset of SARS-CoV-2 infections – the amount will depend on local capacities. Genetic sequencing should also be considered as part of investigations of unusual transmission events (e.g. increased

transmission in spite of existing control measures) or unexpected disease presentation/severity. Where limited sequencing capacity exists, countries are encouraged to increase capacity in collaboration with public, academic and private sequencing laboratories, and may arrange sequencing at collaborating laboratories in the <u>COVID-19 reference laboratory network</u>.

While mutations of SARS-CoV-2 are expected, it is important to continue to monitor the public health implications of new virus variants. Any increased in transmissibility associated with SARS-CoV-2 variants could make control more difficult. Current disease control measures recommended by WHO continue to be effective and should be adapted in response to increasing disease incidence, whether associated with a new variant or not.

Prevention advice and communications for the public should be further strengthened, including precautions to <u>protect yourself and others</u> such as physical distancing, wearing a mask, keeping rooms well ventilated, avoiding crowds, cleaning hands, and coughing into a bent elbow or tissue. Moreover, <u>infection prevention and control guidance and measures</u> should reinforced, including:

- Use appropriate personal protective equipment when caring for people suffering from an acute respiratory illness;
- Practice frequent hand-washing, especially after direct contact with ill people or their environment
- Practice cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands)
- Enhance standard infection prevention and control practices in hospitals, especially in emergency departments
- Wear masks where appropriate, ensure good ventilation where possible and avoid crowded places

WHO has recently published an interim guidance – "<u>Considerations for implementing a risk-based approach to</u> <u>international travel in the context of COVID-19</u>".





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