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High Tide, Radnor Gardens

Photo by Berkley Driscoll

TickerTape - News in Brief

Appeal following fatal collision in Richmond

Officers are appealing for witnesses after a woman died following a collision in Richmond. Police were called at approximately 16:30hrs on Tuesday, 30 March to reports of a collision involving a car and a cyclist on the A316 Twickenham Road, near to the junction with Richmond Rugby Club.

The cyclist, a woman in her 50s, was taken to a central London hospital where she was pronounced dead on Wednesday, 31 March. Her next of kin has been informed and are being supported by specialist officers.

The driver of the car stopped at the scene. There have been no arrests and enquiries into the circumstances are ongoing.

Anyone who saw the collision who has not yet spoken to officers, or who has dashcam footage which may assist the investigation, is asked to call the Serious Collision Investigation Unit on 020 8543 5157. You can also call 101 quoting **CAD 5393/30Mar**

Housing development for Kew Retail Park

The Berkeley Group has bought the five-acre Kew Retail Park with a view to developing it for housing.

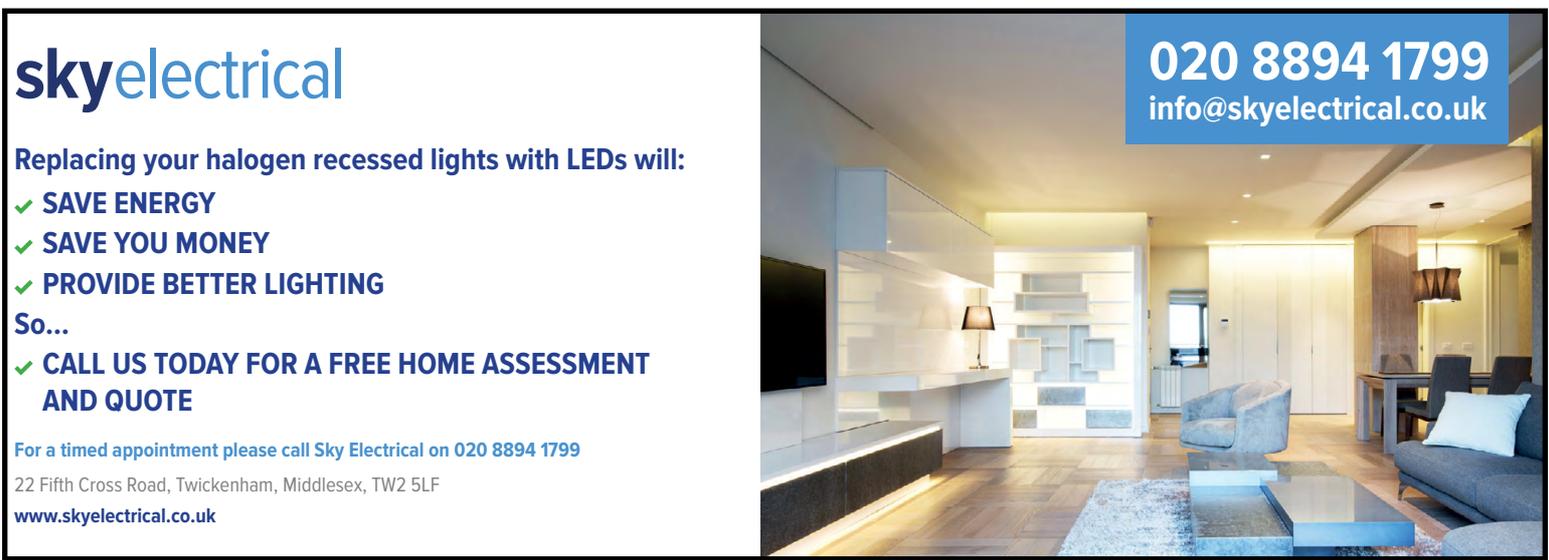
Landmark Arts Centre receives grant

The Landmark Arts Centre has been awarded £31,000 in a 2nd round grant from the Cultural Recovery Fund. The grant will support the arts centre until the end of June and help fund some smaller events in May-June. See their website for more info [HERE](#)

Replacement ferry service for Hammersmith Bridge

Transport for London (TfL) has confirmed Uber Boat by Thames Clippers will run the temporary ferry service for pedestrians and cyclists. The service will start in late summer running daily 06:00 -22:00, with a capacity for 800 passengers per day.

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TwickerSeal couldn't believe it ... temporary public toilets had appeared on Twickenham Green! The council will probably try and take the credit, but we all know that they resisted this to the bitter end!

It seems that public loos have also appeared on Richmond Green and Richmond Riverside. Residents were not impressed by the placement of the riverside toilets, but were generally agreed that they were a good thing.

Unfortunately, all was not well. The first day of operation for the toilets coincided with some pleasant warm weather. The loos closed at 8pm, whereas revellers on Twickenham Green carried on late into the night and there was a repeat of last summer's Ant-Social Behaviour with people urinating on residents' property (ironically some were spotted urinating on the toilet trailers). Richmond Riverside particularly suffered from vast amounts of rubbish being left behind.

Perhaps if the council had engaged with residents properly, for once, a realistic plan could have been put in place with the toilets staying open later, augmented by Park Guards at the end of the evening? People don't suddenly leave the Green at 8pm, so can the council look at realistic measures to deal with the problem? You're partway there, just give it a bit more effort ...



Borough View By Graeme Stoten

'Cue Magnolia'

Both deciduous and evergreen, Magnolia trees are very notable for their large glossy leaves and fragrant blossom, the deciduous variety in particular known for its saucer shaped flowers. Photographed both here at Kew Gardens and Twickenham, they bring an explosion of delightful spring colour to add cheer to many home gardens and public green spaces.



COVID-19

Teresa Read

Public Health England statement on Keep London Safe over Easter and beyond

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

“This week we have had the chance to see family and friends again outdoors in a group of six, or two households.

“The careful lifting of these restrictions has been possible thanks to the efforts of all Londoners in sticking to the rules up to now, helping bring infection rates down across the capital.

“But although we have made significant progress, the pandemic is far from over and the situation remains delicate. The return to normal life needs to be taken step by step and we can only move to the next stage if we make a success of the last.

“It therefore remains vital we do not get complacent and continue limiting transmission over the upcoming Easter holidays and beyond. That means sticking to the Rule of Six and avoiding the temptation to meet others in larger groups or indoor settings, as well as remembering the basics of Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air.

“We are on the right track for a return to normality but we must all help ensure the next step we take is forwards, not back.”

World Health Organization Overview 31 March 2021

Globally, new COVID-19 cases rose for a fifth consecutive week, with just over 3.8 million new cases reported in the last week. The number of new deaths increased for the second consecutive week, increasing by 5% compared to last week, with over 64 000 new deaths reported. All regions reported an increase in the number of cases this week, and all regions, except for the African Region, reported an increase in the number of deaths. The European Region and the Region of the Americas continue to account for nearly 80% of all the cases and deaths.

USA The Guardian reported on 2 April that the US may be in the early stages of the fourth wave. And the US CDC (Centre for Infectious Disease and Policy) warns of possible 4th COVID surge.

Iran “A fourth coronavirus wave has definitely begun in many parts of the west and centre of the country and is advancing towards the east,” Health Ministry spokeswoman Sima Sadat Lari told state television on Tuesday 30th March (Reuters)

Japan Fourth wave takes shape as COVID-19 cases increase across Japan Experts fear the Olympics could trigger a global superspreader event (Japan Times 31st March)

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

DO IT ALL

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Total cases to 2 April 2021

10,711 Richmond upon Thames

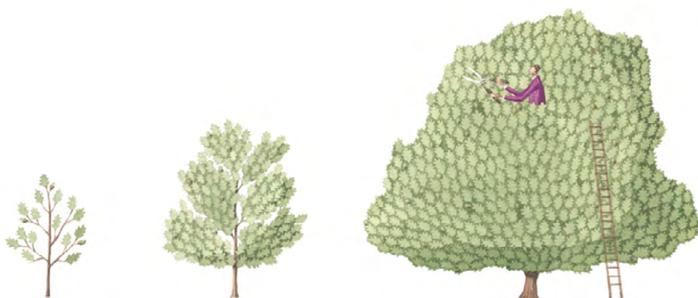
12,114 Kingston upon Thames

24,532 Hounslow

Countries with High Numbers of Deaths Recorded by the World Health Organization

Deaths Worldwide 2,820,098

USA	546,818	South Africa	52,897
Brazil	321,515	Peru	52,008
Mexico	203,210	Indonesia	41,054
India	163,396	Ukraine	33,679
The United Kingdom	126,764	Turkey	31,713
Italy	109,847	Czechia	26,765
Russian Federation	99,633	Romania	23,674
France	95,366	Chile	23,328
Germany	76,775	Belgium	23,045
Spain	75,215	Canada	22,959
Colombia	63,422	Hungary	21,262
Iran	62,759	Ecuador	16,877
Argentina	55,858	Portugal	16,859
Poland	54,165	Netherlands	16,559



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Twickenham's Easter Custom

By Simon Fowler

In his collection of prints *Views on the Thames*, of 1822, the print maker William Bernard Cooke said that:

'There was an ancient custom in Twickenham of dividing two large cakes in the church upon Easter Day among the young people. There was considered by the Parliament in 1645 [who] commanded that the parishioners should...give loaves of bread to the poor. It is thought that these cakes were bought by the vicar as one pound per annum is still charged upon the vicarage to buy cakes for the children at Easter. Within the memory of man these cakes, were thrown from the church steeple to be scrambled for...'

The House of Commons Journal for 2 April 1645 recorded that:

'Two great Cakes Yearly [are brought] into the said Church, upon Easter-day in the Afternoon, to be distributed amongst the younger Sort of People, which, by reason of Scrambling and Contention about the same, hath caused great Disorder, to the Prophanation of the Lords-day, and Scandal to the Parishioners there.'

Instead, Parliament ordered that:

'the full Value of the said Cakes be made into ordinary Loaves of Bread, and disposed of, by the Minister and Churchwardens for the Time being, to the Poor of the said Parish, upon such Day as they shall think fit; and all Parties performing the same shall incur no Forfeiture nor Prejudice thereby.'



J C Barrow Twickenham 1795 (Courtesy Orleans House Gallery ref LDORL 00935)

There was of course more behind the order than puritanical attempts to stamp out fun. Twickenham was strongly for the Royalists. Dr Thomas Soame, the rector of St Mary's Church was a thorn in the side of the Parliamentarians. In 1643, he was supposed to have been replaced by Dr John Greene 'a godly, learned and orthodox divine.' But it took three years for Soame to be finally superseded by Thomas Willis, the son of an Isleworth schoolmaster.

Willis was still the vicar of Twickenham at the time of the Restoration of Charles II in 1660. The parishioners then alleged that: 'he had always read out the declarations of Cromwell and the "pretended Parliament" but had not read those of the king since the Restoration, that he had thanked God publicly for delivering the country from that bloody family the Stuarts.' He was soon replaced.

The cakes that were distributed on Easter Day, would have been similar to fruit bread today.

Less is known about what was thrown off the tower of St Mary's. They may well have been hot cross buns, then just known as cross buns from the cross scored in the top, but possibly they were just biscuits, perhaps flavoured with currants, which were then generally called cakes (and hence cookies).

But we can be certain that they weren't chocolate Easter eggs, because they didn't become popular until the 1870s.

Forsythia

The grounds of Marble Hill Park are surrounded by forsythias. The flowers have appeared in many of the gardens of St. Margaret's, where they have been among the first reminders of the spring. The plants are native to the southern parts of Asia, where they may often be found along waysides or in the vicinity of a stream.

The forsythia plants that grow upon the British Isles are said to have descended from two distinct varieties. The first, or the *forsythia suspensa*, has weeping branches and has been brought over from gardens in Japan. The other variety, or the *forsythia verdissima*, was rediscovered by Robert Fortune. He had noticed its yellow flowers in the coastal city of Chusan.



It is not unlikely that both of these plants were shipped in a solarium. This latter object may also be known as the Wardian case. This case consisted of two sheets of glass, which had been sealed together to prevent the intrusion of salt water. Small cuttings or seeds would have been rooted in some soil that rested underneath the sheets.

Dr. Nathaniel Bagshaw Ward has been credited with the invention of this solarium. Seeds may previously have been wrapped in beeswax or stored in a silk-lined tin. Many of the plants, however, did not survive the long voyages at sea and the invention of his case has, thus, changed the fate of our gardens. Without it, the bulbs of a banana plant might have never reached our shore.

The forsythia plants have shown their ability to grow within our cities. They are tolerant to drought and of a large array of soils. The plants are relatively easy to grow, but care should be taken where they are planted. Too often, or so I read, we see them planted closely to a pavement, where they are pruned without mercy and restrained for the rest of their lives.

Dear Editors,

Royal Parks parking charges

I see that The Royal Parks has decided to apply parking charges in Bushy Park and Richmond Park. They had previously carried out a public consultation, to which more than 12,000 responses were received. According to the Royal Parks' Press Release (Monday 29 March), "careful consideration" was given to the consultation result before making the decision; what I did not see stated on that document, however, is the fact that 81% of those who responded to the question "Do you support the introduction of parking charges in Bushy and Richmond Park" replied "No".

This must underline the futility of a public consultation in this case, and also reflects the feelings of residents in this Borough in their dealings with the Council. Why bother with the expense and bureaucracy of such an exercise when no notice will be taken at the end?

The measure to introduce parking charges has to be ratified by Parliament, so it is to be hoped that our two MPs, who obviously believe in democracy (being Liberal Democrats), vote against the scheme when it comes up for debate.

Jeremy Hamilton-Miller

Twickenham

Dear Editor,

Borough Parking Metres not taking cash

I think it's completely inconsiderate of the council to be stopping people being able to pay cash for parking in the borough, especially for older people.

I mentioned this to my elderly parents last week and it caused them to worry. Both do not have smart phones and are not tech savvy. Even I worried about it as I have an appointment in April and now have to suss out yet another app to be able to park in a car park, let alone the added online security risk as you need to store your card details on there.

I'm sure loads of people don't have smart phones and even if they do, wouldn't want to use an app and would prefer to be able to use cash still.

Really unfair and will stop a lot of people shopping and enjoying the borough in my opinion and in the near future, it's a time when we will need it most for our local businesses. Let us pay cash!

Yours sincerely,

Tanya Cruickshank

Hampton Hill

The Royal Parks charity launches smartphone-based nature trails in the central Royal Parks

The Royal Parks has launched a series of self-led conservation walks across five of the central Royal Parks. The six *More Than Bugs* trails are available as smartphone-based led walks on the app Go Jauntly and as downloadable PDF maps, devised by the Mission: Invertebrate team of ecologists and educators. The trails range from short walks developed for preschool children, to more in-depth ecology walks that take in many of the Royal Parks' diverse habitats, from meadows to reedbeds. The app uses photos to guide visitors



along the trails and includes facts and pictures to tell walkers more about some of the invertebrates, birds and mammals that they might be able to spot along the way.

The initiative is made possible through the support of players of People's Postcode Lottery, and aims to create new opportunities for people to connect with nature, and enjoy some of London's largest urban green spaces.

The *More Than Bugs* Trails are being launched as part of The Royal Parks' Easter Virtual Discovery Weeks, which begins on Tuesday the 6th of April. The new virtual festival is the third in a series of online events for adults and children during the covid crisis. Our half-term discovery week 'Emerging from Winter' attracted more than 4,000 participants to a range of workshops, storytelling sessions, live craft- and expert talks. Our Easter discovery week

promises a range of exciting activities for all the family, from bird and butterfly-spotting to invertebrate egg hunts, gardening activities and storytelling sessions.

Far from being wastelands for wildlife, towns and cities support a huge diversity of invertebrate life and many of our urban green spaces – including the Royal Parks - are sanctuaries for rare and notable species. 4,720 different species of invertebrates (and counting!) have been found in the Royal Parks. Launched in 2017, *Mission: Invertebrate* supports a diversity of wildlife across the Royal Parks by helping these 'bugs' including bees, butterflies, beetles, worms, slugs and snails to thrive. The project is made possible through support from players of People's Postcode Lottery. The *More Than Bugs* Trails introduce visitors to the key roles that these tiny creatures play in our green spaces – pollinating plants, recycling organic waste, enriching soils and providing food for the park's birds, amphibians and mammals.



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To find out more about the Mission: Invertebrate *More Than Bugs* Trails visit:

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/trails>.

For more information about The Royal Parks' Easter Virtual Discovery Weeks, visit

<https://www.royalparks.org.uk/whats-on/virtual-discovery-weeks-egg-citing-easter>.



Dear Sir,

Royal Parks - Parking Charges Consultation

The Royal Parks charity has announced the result of the consultation on its proposal to introduce parking charges in Richmond and Bushy Parks.

The Royal Parks intend to proceed with imposing the charges despite the fact that 81.27% of the 12,221 replies they received opposed the move.

Charges will be £1.40 per hour between 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday and £2.00 per hour between 9am and 6pm on Saturday and Sunday.

83.37% of survey respondents thought these charges to be too high.

The survey revealed that the main concerns of respondents were;

- Public parks should always be free and parking charges will discourage visitors
- Concerned about the impacts of increased congestion and parking problems in local streets adjacent to the park as visitors seek out free parking
- Parking charges will do little to discourage car use in the park, TRP should be targeting further cut through traffic restrictions as a priority
- Visitors who visit regularly want to see a season pass or membership scheme implemented so visiting the park regularly does not become cost prohibitive
- Bushy and Richmond Park has substandard public transport access when compared to the central parks
- Concerned about the negative affects (sic) this scheme could have on sporting clubs within the park
- Scheme impacts low-income earners more than the wealthy residents who can walk to the parks

A consultation should be a dialogue but The Royal Parks have so far given no indication of why these concerns have not affected their decision.

The Royal Parks is a charity, created in 2017 to run the Royal Parks on behalf of the Government. Before these charges come into effect they have to be approved in Parliament.

More than 4 out of 5 survey respondents opposed parking charges but, whatever your opinion, we hope you will agree that The Royal Parks has a duty to provide clear information and arguments about the issues raised and that its decision making process should be transparent.

MP's will be voting on these proposals in the House of Commons and they too need clear and reasoned information and arguments on the issues raised.

We have not yet had this from The Royal Parks.

Yours sincerely

Nick Picton

Honorary Secretary, The Teddington Society

Dear Tribune,

Twickenham Riverside development.

From 6 January 2021 until 3 February 2021, Richmond Council ran a consultation asking residents about their views on the proposals for the Twickenham Riverside development.

Apparently, 829 people responded.

Of those 829 people, 73% agreed that: *'the proposed development achieves the ambition of high quality open space and pedestrianised priority'*.

Maybe it does, but 73% of 829 people is only 605 people.

The population of Richmond is about 196,000, meaning that 605 people is 0.3 %.

Cllr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, was reported as saying:

*"Local residents like this scheme and they want to see it delivered. If the Tories think their path back to power in Twickenham will be by opposing public investment in this key site to create a beautiful riverside destination, and in doing so block **the first scheme ever that has had broad public support**, then they will find themselves losing at the next and subsequent local elections, and deservedly so."*

I am puzzled as to how the Liberal Democrat Council can regard 0.3% of the population as 'broad public support'.

That's even less than in the Ultra Low Emission Zone survey (19%) or the 20 mph speed limit survey (5%).

What's next to be 'broadly supported'? Something that 0% vote for?

I can offer no views on the actual development because, like the other 99.7%, I was never consulted.

Not much liberal or democratic around here!

Michael Jay
Richmond.



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Sir,

The 20mph review

A year or so after the introduction of the 20mph blanket restriction, the council has released a **“Review of the Boroughwide 20mph Speed Limit”**.

From the report, the council quotes: “It is important to note that success is not defined by all average speeds being under the set speed limit of 20mph – it is about bringing vehicle speeds down closer to 20mph, and assessing any positive impacts of that speed reduction compared to the situation before the introduction of the lower limits.” Presumably that means the blanket limit was only a trial?

According to the report, the new limit has been a resounding success with a 1mph reduction in mean speed across the borough. Logically some roads didn’t show even that small decrease. However the report doesn’t show actual mean speed figures, only the claimed reduction. So what might have been the previous figures? Was it excessive or was it the 8mph crawl that apparently afflicts parts of London? Was it statistically average? DfT National Stats for 2018 show that for cars, the average free flow speed in a 30mph limit was 31mph with 52% exceeding the limit, 18% by 5mph or more. A 48% compliance rate. In the same stats, in a 20mph limit the average free flow speed was 26mph with 87% exceeding the limit, 55% by 5mph or more. A 13% compliance rate.

The figures for all vehicles shows even greater non-compliance. Presumably the council was aware of these statistics and the likelihood of limited compliance? Personal experience is that mean speeds in this area were and remain largely similar to those national averages. Of course in the denser urban environments of the borough it may be much different from the more rural surroundings of Hampton. Unsurprisingly, the evidence from DfT Stats is that a greater proportion of drivers will exceed a 20mph limit than a 30mph limit. Reducing the borough limit to 20mph has inevitably and undoubtedly resulted in greater non-compliance than previously. This is easily borne out by the minimal reduction in mean speed achieved and anecdotally from driving in the area, particularly on main roads. Few vehicles of any type are driven at 20mph or less in restricted zones when traffic is free flowing. And the benefits? Well that’s all a bit difficult for reasons given and the report is somewhat short on benefits attained. It’s prime claim is that DfT statistics suggest there may possibly have been a 5% reduction in collisions from reducing mean speed by 1mph. The subject of vehicle emissions is dismissed with the statement “To establish with any degree of certainty what effect a reduction in speed may have on air quality will be extremely challenging”. I would suggest, given the social and environmental changes since the imposition of the limit, it is doubtful it will be possible to realistically measure any tangible benefits without huge caveats on the validity of those figures. And the cost to the good citizens of London? About £884000, some apparently from the Mayor’s pot of gold and some from council taxes. Rumour has it that it could be nearer £1M. We might all have a different view on how that may have been better spent. However it is nice to know the council was able to claim they were “... pleased to confirm that we have been successful in meeting this councils aims”. I’m looking forward to the cost-benefits analysis that we expect the council to produce, eventually!

Sincerely

Brian Shepherd

(Address Supplied)

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Mayoral candidate Sian Berry (left) and Councillor Andree Frieze

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Take your little ones for a walk on Easter weekend across Twickenham's glorious riverside

Starting at the Diamond Jubilee Gardens and ending at the Hammertons Ferry crossing, fill in the list, put together by the Twickenham Riverside Trust, and tick off the sights on the sheet which you can download on the link below.

When you're done, stick an Easter selfie or a picture of your completed sheet on social media with the hashtag **#TwickenhamRiverside** and we'll share the best here on our website!

Check it out here:

<https://www.twickenhamriversidetrust.org.uk/post/riverside-easter-walk>



Dear Sir,

Concerns Over Air Quality

I have thought for a while about sending a letter to the Tribune about car fumes which have particularly bothered me recently but have not had time during the last few months.

The reason I have decided to write now is because of something pointed out to me by a friend.

During my recent pregnancy I became particularly aware of car fumes but I tried to put this out of my mind as I know that the Council has been promoting the importance of air quality.

Today, I became slightly confused as my friend who lives in Mortlake asked if I had seen a tweet on Twitter saying that the councillor who had promoted the 20-mph scheme (to reduce car fumes) has a senior role in an airline company.

I looked him up on the Council website and then checked on Google. It seems that the councillor who has a senior role at the Council also has a senior role in a large company which owns Jaguar Land Rover as well as an airline called Vistaria which flies to London.

I thought that our Council was against expanding Heathrow but I doubt whether Heathrow is an issue any more as we cannot go abroad because of the situation with the coronavirus.

I would add that I think we should know more about our councillors and we should not have to find out information about them on Google after it had been leaked on Twitter.

Name and Address Supplied
Onslow Road, Richmond

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Parking Charges proposed for Richmond and Bushy Parks

The Royal Parks announced on Monday it intends to proceed with proposals to introduce parking charges in Richmond and Bushy Parks, bringing them in line with its parking policy across the rest of the Royal Parks and with many other similar public amenities.

The decision was made after careful consideration of the results of the public consultation which took place late last year and received more than 12,000 responses.

Andrew Scattergood Chief Executive of The Royal Parks said: "We've seen an ever-increasing demand for parking in our limited number of car parks, and this change is needed."

"It helps us manage demand for the car parks, which are currently often full by mid-morning, and will bring much needed revenue for related maintenance into the Royal Parks charity at a time when other income streams have reduced alongside unprecedented use of the parks."

"This will hopefully encourage many to use more sustainable ways to travel to the parks, both of which are designated as sites of special scientific interest, while ensuring that those who need to visit the parks by car can still do so."

The proposal includes a maximum stay of six hours to ensure a turnover of spaces.

Blue Badge parking and parking for motorcyclists will continue to be free.

In response to concerns raised in the consultation, The Royal Parks now proposes charging on weekdays between 9am and 4pm, during park opening times, rather than 9am to 6pm as originally outlined.

The fees for both parks will be £1.40 per hour Monday to Friday, and £2.00 per hour at the weekend, to a maximum of six hours on any day.

Charging for car parking aims to encourage visitors to choose more sustainable ways to travel to the park while ensuring that those who need to visit the parks by car can still do so. The Royal Parks hopes that this measure will discourage the use of the car parks by those who are not visiting the parks.

Monies raised will be spent on related infrastructure such as road surface maintenance, pedestrian facilities and other projects that aim to help visitors access the park without needing a car.

The introduction of parking charges requires the approval of Parliament. The proposal can only be tabled when the Parliamentary timetable allows, which is unlikely to be in the near future

The Royal Parks' Movement Strategy



Introduction of Parking Charges

What's Happening?

After considerable planning and an 8-week consultation on proposals to introduce car parking charges in Richmond and Bushy Parks, The Royal Parks has decided to move forward with this decision and will look to implement charges.

Why is this happening?

Over the last few years as the parks have increased in popularity, we've seen an ever-increasing demand for parking in our limited supply of car parks. To manage this, we're intending to introduce parking charges.

Charges will work to encourage many people to use more sustainable ways to travel to the parks, both of which are Sites of Special Scientific Interest, while ensuring that those who need to visit the parks by car can still do so.

The move will discourage the use of the car parks by commuters who aren't visiting the parks and will raise money which will be spent on the maintenance and upkeep of travel-related infrastructure in the park, freeing valuable park resources for investment in other areas, such as conservation.

In response to concerns raised in the consultation, we'll charge on weekdays between 9am to 4pm, during park opening times, rather than 9am to 6pm as originally outlined.

	Rate charge (per hour)	Hours (up to maximum of 6 hours)
Mon - Fri	£1.40	9am-4pm
Weekends	£2.00	9am-6pm
Blue badge holders	free	Up to 6 hours

What could we spend the money on?

1. Car park resurfacing
2. Maintaining park roads
3. Improved pedestrian crossings
4. Upgraded pedestrian gates
5. Investing in mobility schemes
6. Better wayfinding signage
7. Installing traffic calming measures

When is this happening?

The introduction of parking charges requires the approval of Parliament. The proposal can only be tabled when the Parliamentary timetable allows, which is unlikely to be in the near future.

For information and consultation results click here www.royalparks.org.uk/parkingcharges





*“Have you ever heard of the
Sugar-Plum Tree?
'Tis a marvel of great renown
It blooms on the shore of the Lollypop sea in the
garden of Shut-Eye Town;
The fruit that it bears is so wondrously sweet
(as those who have tasted it say) that good
little children have only to eat of that fruit to be
happy next day.” c. E. Field*

Not quite an Easter Egg Tree Poem but it seemed fitting with all the Spring Blossoms out and plenty of excited children anticipating Sunday.



The unusual warmth last week was welcomed by many nature lovers in our parks and some rare visitors to this part of the River Crane near Kneller Gardens enjoyed the cool waters.

A pair of Swans were observed with nesting material whilst an Egret waded nonchalantly by without any interest in our admiring gazes. Take a walk and see if you can find this newly created wildlife pond by The Conservation Volunteers.

Visit our [Website](#)

[Instagram](#)

Hampton North Ward News

Councillors Geoffrey Samuel and Kate Howard

WASTE AND RECYCLING.

We are still following up many complaints about missed collections, failure to separate food from other waste and problems at the Recycling Centres. The Hampton Square Centre continues to attract debris and fly-tipping: the Windmill Road centre, used by many residents, is just as bad. We were both involved recently when asbestos was dumped at the Windmill Road Centre and specialist removers had to be employed. [See Council Questions below].

BURTONS ROAD

We are continuing to support local residents who objected to this scheme which initially was endorsed by 14% of those consulted. We can forward to you a statement on the situation. Although it appeared that the Council was determined to make the scheme permanent the decision will be taken at the Committee meeting on 15th June. Residents can attend the meeting and register to speak.

PLANNING APPLICATION - LADY ELEANOR HOLLES SCHOOL

The School is proposing additional classrooms. We have now arranged a site visit so that we can form our own opinion which we will report in the next Newsletter. If you have a view, please let us know

PARKING METERS – and allied issues

The Council has decided to embark upon the removal of pay and display machines. Payment will be by “Ringo”, text or phone. There has been no consultation on a measure which will affect the most vulnerable users and those without smart phones and apps. Further details are available from us. We have asked to see the Equality Impact Analysis which is required under the Equalities Act. Other residents have told us of instances where cash payments, cheques etc are no longer accepted. This is a real issue for many elderly and less well-off residents.

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

In answer to our Questions at the March meeting Kate was told that the Council was ‘supportive’ of the Shooting Star hospice and was helping with publicity – [but no other practical action]. Geoffrey was told that CCTV had been installed at four Recycling Centres but had not provided evidence for a prosecution. We would welcome your ideas as to how this problem can be addressed.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – BROAD LANE.

Local residents have mounted a petition for a crossing at the junction of Broad Lane, Nightingale Road and Wensleydale Road. This is on a route well used by local residents whose children attend one of the four Schools in Hanworth Road. We support this petition and hope that local residents will sign up.

QUESTIONNAIRE

In normal times we would have visited many of you at home during the last twelve months. These visits enable us to understand the issues which most concern local people – and

therefore to represent you all the better. Sadly, this has not been possible and it will be difficult, if not impossible, to catch up. We have therefore devised a Questionnaire on some of the most pressing issues. Some have been distributed already: the rest must wait until after the May elections. This Newsletter will report the findings – and the action that we propose to take. We do hope that you will return it to us.

HAMPTON COMMON PITCH

Residents consulted voted by almost 2:1 in favour of the proposal for a football pitch on the Common. Which we supported. 88 voted against. The Council has since decided to change the location of the Pitch – but not to ‘reconsult’. We therefore asked for a site visit with officers to assess the situation in case it appeared to meet the objections of the 88. However the Council has now decided to proceed with the changed scheme and we have not been able to visit.

SHORTER ITEMS

- The Council used tarmac to replace paving stones damaged by a Contractor in **Longford Close** but at our request is demanding that the Contractor pays for the reinstatement of a proper pavement.
- Residents at the end of **Rumsey Close** voted unanimously for changes to the pavements to allow vehicles to turn without causing damage: we continue to ask the Council to agree
- We have asked the Council to press **Sainsburys** to remove the graffiti outside their Hampton Square store
- A resident of **Broad Lane** is anxious that, to improve air quality, parking is banned on the South side especially outside 163 to 173: what do you think?
- We are pleased that the YMCA is back at **The White House** but are asking for some further financial details that led up to the surrender of the Lease by HOTCA
- We continue to follow up problems caused by the HMO (children’s hostel] in **Morland Close**
- We are disappointed that TfL are not willing – as we requested – to provide a dedicated 285 bus for children returning from school on its route

S E P T E M B E R 1 1 , 2 0 2 1

Subject to review closer to date
based on Covid restrictions



**St Margarets Fair
2021**

SAVE THE DATE

The Little Street with the Big Reputation. Church Street Re-opens 12 April!

By Shona Lyons

Please visit us and enjoy all that this pretty street has to offer! It is all about the welcome!

With the relaxation of Lock-Down Restrictions on April the 12th & with Church Street now permanently pedestrianized, weather permitting, you will be able to dine Al Fresco at the iconic bars and restaurants in this charming riverside street and non-essential retail will be open too, so you will be able to browse our many independent shops, boutiques, Day Spas, Hairdressers and gift shops.

Spring is in the air and Church Street really looks a picture with newly planted window boxes and the planters and Church Street square being full of spring wall flowers, pansies, primroses and exotic tulips! We all are really looking forward to seeing you all again. You can be assured of a warm welcome and the best hospitality in South West London!



**CHURCH STREET TWICKENHAM
RE - OPENS!
12 APRIL 2021**



**HAIR & BEAUTY BOUTIQUES AL FRESCO
PET GROOMING KEYS GIFTS RECORDS
HAPPY HOURS DELI TRAVEL BILTONG
FLOWERS SWEETS COBBLER FURNITURE
VAPEING CAFES CARPETS REAL ESTATE**



A F'EASTER' WEEKEND AHEAD!

Well, we've now been given a small taste of freedom (and summer!) and we deserve a treat (or three!). There are lots of special offers in the supermarkets for meal deals, roasting joints and of course chocolate. Add to this the exceptional range of restaurant meal deliveries and meal kits now available, and we can enjoy an indulgent weekend of feasting for Easter and other bank holidays yet to come.



We normally enjoy roast lamb on Easter Sunday but I thought this year we might liven things up with some Middle Eastern spices. I was inspired by a delicious recipe on the website Great British Chefs for Anna Hansen's Roast Baharat and Lemon marinated lamb. Baharat is a lovely spice mix that's widely used in Middle Eastern cuisine, and now, thankfully,

widely available. It might be an excuse to take yourself down to Twickenham's new Mediterranean supermarket and check out the wonderful array of spices and other products there! The lamb recipe can be found on the link [here](#)



There is another interesting lamb recipe currently being widely advertised on TV by Tesco and this can be found on the link [here](#) and it again uses Baharat.

So what are you going to drink with your lamb? You need something that will hold its own against the spices and I'd suggest a trip to your nearest branch of the Coop to buy some of the delicious **2019 Vina Leyda Reserva Syrah** at £10 a bottle, (but currently on offer at just £8 until 6 April). Even at the normal price it's a bargain. This Chilean wine is a delicious example of a cold climate style Syrah, with lots of spiciness, white pepper, floral notes (violets) and red acid fruit such as raspberries.



If the weather allows, we are, of course, now permitted to meet friends for socially distanced picnics (even in our own gardens!), so to celebrate you might like to treat yourself to a Michelin-starred picnic, courtesy of the Roux family via the **Le Gavroche e-shop**. For £62 you can indulge in some delicious delicacies in a box, made to Roux family recipes for home delivery across the UK. It sounds pretty wonderful and includes a selection of yummy things to enjoy with

a crusty loaf. This limited availability box contains jars of Terrine d'Agneau épice (spiced lamb terrine) and Rillettes de lapin (rabbit rillettes) made to Michel Roux Jr's own recipes. Emily Roux's richly indulgent chocolate and hazelnut concoction is also included. With the sourdough bread, a bottle of Le Gavroche's rosé wine, you're set for a pretty special feast! Order now for delivery on April 8th.

Happy Easter everyone!





Red Door Poets

Red Door Poets, On-Line, 28th March

We're all resigned to Zoom now, and at first we found it soulless and somewhat lonely. Now though Zoom has reconciled itself, with the treat of an evening of wonderful poetry with the *Red Door Poets*, originally a group based at the Tate Modern.



I felt relaxed and at ease as the session opened with some skilful guitar music from Chris Hardy, who performs with Roger McGough's *Little Machine*. His gentle and skilled guitar playing eased us into the poetry ahead. Chris has a fourth collection of poems, *Sunshine at the End of the World*, just published by Indigo Dreams. This insightful poet gave us three amazing pieces. His final poem recounted being a young boy cleaning people's houses, and looking for gin when no-one was about: a firm and humorous look at human nature.



Pratibha Castle, a magical and prolific poet, gave us two very strong pieces involving cockroaches coming out of a fridge; rats were also involved! A strong stomach is needed with this talented writer, whose second collection is coming out shortly. A poet to keep your eye on, Pratibha has been commended in the Sentinel Poetry Competition

Most welcome was Mary Mulholland, a very high calibre poet and editor of *The Alchemy Spoon*. Her reading of *The Art of Daydreaming* – an account of her colourful and late mother, and a personal favourite of mine – was received with awe. This poem is featured in the current *Poetry News*.

Soul Patel, an outstanding poet who had been longlisted three times in the National Poetry Competition, is a young and frank poet who read three pieces focused on family. *Roadkill* concentrated on his father's surgery, and was so painfully graphic, there was an undercurrent of turning away... ..



Read Heather Moulson's review at www.markaspen.com/2021/03/29/red-door

Photography by Peter Bowen, John Silver and Imogen North



The Arts Richmond Young Writers Festival

The Stage Company, at the Exchange Theatre, Twickenham, 28th March

While we have spent the past year confined to quarters, local young writers have not let this limit their imaginations. In this performance of entries to [Arts Richmond's annual Young Writers Festival](#), the virtual audience is transported from Arctic to beach to forest by the well-crafted words of local schoolchildren. Each is brought to life in an economical staged reading with professional actors Cara Steele, AJ MacGillivray and Jo Shirley, under the direction of Keith Wait.



The show opens with a digitally conjured blizzard against the black-box set to suggest the wintry setting of Max Wilkinson's *The Polar Bear's Mission*. There is more animal life in Lara Ozdalga's poem *Bournemouth Beach*, where the three game performers are choreographed in a lively undersea dance.

Poignantly inspired is *Necklace*, where Uma Cizmic successfully projects back a generation to Tuzla to tell a personal story of Eastern European conflict. I savoured especially the image of the former Yugoslavia as 'a solved puzzle' before it comes to pieces. The simple staging is equally resonant, and even a neighbour's rap on the door to alert the family sounds ominously like a machinegun.

Nicco Bargioni's *The Fog and Ivy* offers a portal into an intriguingly sinister narrative about the 'Ghostmaker'. This confident monologue is well delivered as AJ approaches the camera to hint at an extra dimension in the writing. Keenly feeling the intensity of adolescence, *Heron*, Nia Ivanova Videnova's monologue about a visit to Bushy Park, relishes the language of disaffection, and Cara works the Latinate prose to convey the teenage hauteur.



Special congratulations go to Category winners: Alba Spencer-Brown's *Wolves*, Celia Grace Skingley's *The Journey*, Tilly Downie's *Arctic Villanelle* and Avni Ladwa's *Through your Eyes*.

The performances are followed by prize-giving by Richmond's mayor Geoff Acton with Arts Richmond chair Nick George, who praise the effort of all the writers and actors, before observing how well the pieces have been brought to life on stage.

Read Matthew Grierson's review at www.markaspen.com/2021/03/29/ywf-awards-21



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Celebration of L'œuf

Duck's Egg Theatre Company at Nonsuch, Morden until 1st April

Review by Avril Sunisa

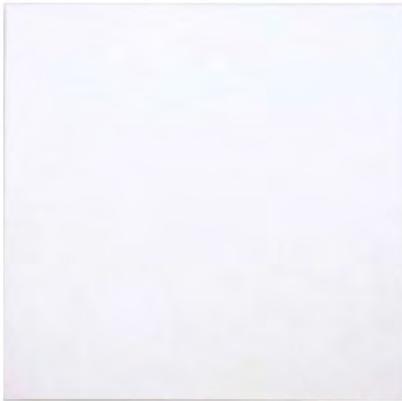
“April is the cruellest month”, said T.S. Eliot. Why? Because, *inter alia*, it is busy “mixing memory and desire”. How much cruller this year, then, as we hold out hope of coming out of lockdown and mixing the memory and desire of creating within the performing arts.

It was however, with this sense of hope that I went in sparse glory to represent the critical press at the Duck's Egg Theatre Company's celebration of what the performing arts had achieved in the last



Nonsuch Palace Park sans Palace

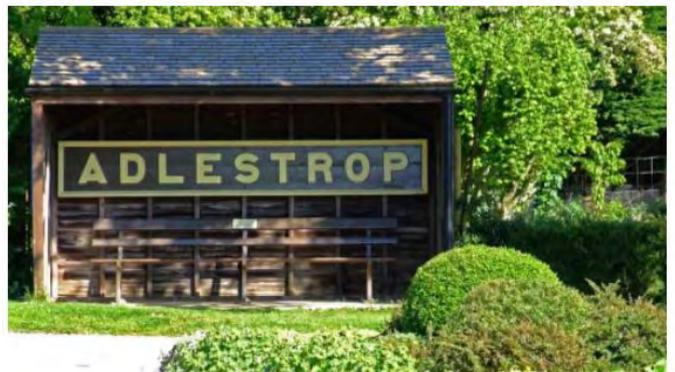
year; that is up until the end of March. To maintain the fresh spontaneity of the piece, it was presented in the morning of the first day *proxima*. Its concision was such that it concluded just before noon. Hence I found myself, socially distanced at Nonsuch Park in Morden, the erstwhile deer park of Nonesuch Palace ... which is not there anymore. Our appreciative group was slightly more than half-a-dozen short of the Rule of Six, so as to avoid close Covid contact.



Theatre Performances in Lockdown - after Robert Rauschenberg

Duck's Egg's work is entitled *Celebration of L'œuf*. Would Easter eggs already be in evidence I wondered. But no, the quirky spelling has nothing to do either with eggs or with the preoccupation in spring of a young man's fancy. It has much to do with tennis, a game invented in France. The spelling of love might be a red herring, as the company are clearly cricket types, so perhaps they were out to catch us.

The French connection comes from their days of Provençal lassitude, when the backward French peasants described the English company's output in the vineyards by their quaint verb *orez*. But even deficits have their place. The Welsh have Llareggub, courtesy of Dylan Thomas, and the Cotswolds has Adlestrop where, well ... a few birds sang.



Only the Name --- and Birds

So, what about *Celebration of L'œuf*, the show itself? What can one say? For one to boast, it would be one boast too much. Here though was remarkable show, encompassing all the arts, in all their paucity, distilled into an homage of the achievements of these genres during the pandemic.

Read Avril Sunisa's full review at www.markaspen.com/2021/04/01/celeb-o

Photography by Dr Neil Clifton, Susannah Fullerton, Rauschenberg Homage

£6,155,086 boost for 41 organisations across South West London from second round of the Government's Culture Recovery Fund

Funding of £6,155,086 has today been awarded through the Arts Council to support 41 organisations in **South West London (Richmond upon Thames, Wandsworth, Kingston upon Thames, Merton, and Sutton)** as part of today's announcement of further funding through the Government's Culture Recovery Fund – supporting theatres, galleries, performance groups, arts organisations and local venues to reopen and recover.

Organisations receiving funding in **Richmond upon Thames, Wandsworth, Kingston upon Thames, Merton, and Sutton** as part of today's announcement include:

- **£67,514 for World Heart Beat Music Academy**, bringing young people aged 5-25 together with musicians to learn about, perform and celebrate music across all genres. Funding will enable World Heart Beat Music Academy to continue delivering online courses, classes and concerts, provide support for 40 emerging young musicians, and hold sessions in local primary schools.
- **£45,000 for Strawberry Hill House**, a Grade I listed building created by eighteenth-century writer and the son of Britain's first Prime Minister, Horace Walpole. It is known for being one of the country's finest examples of Georgian Gothic Revival architecture and interior decoration, and houses a collection of paintings, miniatures, prints, and books. Funding will secure the future of the historic house and allow its return to a sustainable operating model.
- **£190,000 for Kingston Theatre Trust (The Rose)**, the largest producing theatre in South West London, bringing great drama and theatrical experiences to audiences in Kingston. Funding will help to safeguard the future of the organisation as they plan activities for the future that will enable their return to long-term financial sustainability.

Culture Secretary, Oliver Dowden, said:

"Our record-breaking Culture Recovery Fund has already helped thousands of culture and heritage organisations across the country survive the biggest crisis they've ever faced.

Now we're staying by their side as they prepare to welcome the public back through their doors - helping our cultural gems plan for reopening and thrive in the better times ahead."

Tonya Nelson, Area Director, London, Arts Council England said:

"Today, the Government has announced the recipients of the second round of the Culture Recovery Fund. This funding is vital for the continued success of London's vibrant and diverse creative industries. We have a unique mix of organisations across all artforms and each contributes to the incredible impact culture has in local communities, across the UK, and internationally. This support will help them continue to weather these challenging times and prepare to safely open their doors once more to welcome and inspire audiences in person."

Sahana Gero, MBE, Founder and Artistic Director, World Heart Beat Music Academy said:

"We are delighted to have been awarded funding from this latest round of the Culture Recovery Fund grants programme. Since lockdown World Heart Beat Music Academy has provided an important lifeline to all of our students, many of whom live in challenging conditions. We have been running our tuition and talent development programme online, as well as staging a busy live-streamed concert programme. The successful delivery of our Covid programmes has shown appetite amongst students to continue developing their passion, particularly at a time when their wider education has been disrupted. Funding at this critical moment will enable us to keep our much-needed programme in place, allowing a gradual transition from an online to a hybrid or in person provision as the world begins to re-open."

Today's announcement brings the Government's total investment across grants, capital and repayable finance from the Culture Recovery Fund so far to more than £1.2 billion across over 5,000 individual cultural organisations and sites.

The second round of awards made today will help organisations across the country as they welcome back visitors and return to normal operating models in the months ahead.



WIZ TALES - The Route of the Olympic Flame

Konnichiwa from JAPAN

Teresa Read



The Olympic Torch Relay for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics began in Greece with the kindling of the Olympic Flame, travelling to Miyagi Prefecture in Japan by jet. The Olympic Relay began on 25th March 2021; as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic the Relay will remain in Japan.

The Olympic Relay started in Fukushima and will arrive at the opening ceremony of the Games on 23 July 2021.

The World InfoZone project followed the Relay of the Olympic Flame in 2004 and this week's WIZ Tales remembers the **"LINKING OUR WORLD" project "THE ROUTE OF THE OLYMPIC FLAME"**.



The 2004 route of the Olympic Flame was sent to us by our partners in Greece: "It crosses the continents represented by the Olympic rings and visits every city that has hosted the Olympics":

"the Olympic flame is the primary symbol of the Olympic ideal, noble competition, friendship and peaceful coexistence"

"On the 25th of March (2004) there will be the lighting of the Olympic Flame at Ancient Olympia and so the Flame will start its five continent relay journey to bring peace to the world and to your area too, as it was done in ancient times, once the Peoples respect the Idea and Spirit it carries."

School children in many countries took part in the project following the Olympic Flame around the world and engaging with one another.



Follow the Route of the Olympic Flame 2004:

<https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=PartnersOlympics> and meet the children in schools around the world.

Photographs of Japan: <https://worldinfozone.com/gallery.php?country=Japan>

Are we nearly there yet Boris?

Travel news update by Bruce Lyons



April the 5th is the big day and I don't envy Boris and his Merry Men, this weekend trying to unscramble the complexities of "freedom to travel"

On next Monday we will hear more about how we will holiday in 2021.

Not all will be revealed as the PM says he will not tell all till the 12th (as week later) so what do we know so far? From Monday the 12th of April you can Self Cater in Britain and this includes Boating (in England) - not cruising on the

High Seas- so you can hire boats on the Thames – Broads and Canal Boats all round England – but hurry as the 12th is around the corner. Boating is great fun for family – close to Nature & you can take your Dog/Cat or budgerigar too , remember to take some warm clothes as our weather is expectably unpredictable at this time of year – but Hey it's Spring!! & the country is looking wonderful, imagine waking up to the Dawn Chorus – all that Flora and Fauna!!

Next Up; April 26th – this is the day that Wales and England and Scotland are accessible to all and in Wales and England at present hotels/Restaurants (Inside) and Pubs (inside) are open. But by this time other changes will have been announced – so we may be able to do more and then?

May 17th we may be able to go overseas to some places but only likely to be confirmed then and most likely to happen from the end of May – But at present there are no protocols or disciplines agreed – though we may hear more on the 5th or the 12th of April!

The one thing the Government has agreed is that cruising in the British Isles may commence from this date (17th May) this is an extraordinary turn around. The Cruise Industry worldwide was decimated in the early days by the pandemic – the modern Cruise Liners were simply not "fit for purpose" for keeping Covid-19 at bay. As a result the world's cruise fleet has been parked up – busy going nowhere, whilst the companies have been making plans about how to restart the cruise market.

They have spent billions of UK£ restructuring their vessels, establishing new protocols – planning how to make the vessels safe and safeguard their crews and most importantly their guests. The UK, not always the most sought after Cruise destination suddenly transformed itself,



why? Well the British Isles is isolated from the virus infected Europeans and the rest of the World. The Coastline including the Islands are more than 31,000 kms.

So we Brits can cruise with some safety if the protocols and disciplines are in place and enforced by the companies and don't allow foreigners on board! This has resulted in the cruise companies recognising that these Isles are a safe bet – especially as the UK Vaccine programme is so far advanced. As most vessels had no commitments for 2021 it was relatively easy to re position their best boats to the UK and they were most likely to find customers.

Having decided which vessels they would locate here they have set about ensuring the boats themselves have enhanced ventilation – reduced capacity and have procedures in place to ensure that distancing is possible along with other safety measures. The choice is vast; Adults only sailings; Family cruises; small ships; Converted Fishing trawlers ; Canal Boat Hotels; Sailings of 3 & 4 nights , 7/10 up



to even longer. Disney has Disney Magic no Port visits at all but all the fun for the Family. There are Scottish Isles Cruises, Round Ireland, Round Britain, Scilly Isles and the South Coast. We even have a couple of Expedition Boats repositioned from Scandinavia to UK waters, with Adventure excursions on Inflatables enabling passengers to enjoy the Flora and Fauna in small groups with expert guides reaching hitherto inaccessible locations.

Starting with just a handful of departures late May by the time the Summer Holidays arrive there are many sailings and as it is also one of the few places worldwide where this safe environment can be found the prices are reasonable as competition is intense from the assorted cruise companies This is possibly the very best moment to try cruising for the first time? You can choose your Standard of vessels from the most exclusive cruise lines to the more popular companies – one thing you can be sure of – they will all be bending over backwards to provide the highest level of service possible – so enjoy – enquire; info@crusadertravel.com

Cruises to Nowhere – in Australia and Singapore they put Short Cruises to nowhere on the market last May and they sold out – I guess a quality “Rest and Relaxation” is a good way to escape the stress of Covid-19 on the High Seas (fresh sea air)– and we have some of these here in UK waters this Summer

So when can we expect to go overseas like we did before? I am afraid like you, I will have to wait till next Monday and the following week (12th April) to know more. There is no point in 2nd guessing the outcome we will know soon enough.

In the meantime however if you plan a staycation or sea-cation you better get it sorted now – there is a huge demand and short supply and you could well end up camping in your garden !!! There is an eclectic mix on offer from Houses, Lodges, small group tours by Rail/Coach and air. Special interest – Gardening- Historic Houses and then active breaks walking and biking in small groups or self-guided – we even have short Discovery Trips with a little walking and local guides. www.crusadertravel.com
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REMEMBER! YOUR FAVOURITE CAR

By Doug Goodman

Those of us fortunate enough to own a car – and that’s just about all of us in the UK – may not be quite so fortunate in the years to come. Older, polluting vehicles will be banned from towns and cities, charges for driving into London and other cities and finding a spot to park will become prohibitive, residents’ parking charges will rise, car and fuel tax will go up and more ‘school streets’ and bus lanes will ensure that driving takes longer. Perhaps travelling by car will become an activity that we do surreptitiously. I wonder if advertisements for cars will be banned like cigarette advertising. Now I’m very much in favour of restrictions that help us make the environment safer and cleaner but I do sometimes wish for a return of the good old days of motoring before motorways existed and when car ownership was a novelty.



First Car



Red Min



Triumph Herald

When my father bought his first car in the early 1930s a driving test was not required. He always chose a Morris from his first, a Morris 8, to a trio of Morris Minors: the Minor was a reliable little car which we once flew to France for a grand tour. The Minor travelled from Lydd to Le Touquet on a Bristol Freighter just like Goldfinger’s gold-plated Rolls in the James Bond film. I recently saw a beautiful Morris Minor in an auction with a recommended price of £10,000.



Fiat X19



TR7, 2CV, Renault 12



Rover Cabriolet

WISH I STILL HAD IT

I have images of every car I owned from 1963 to the present day and wish I had preserved some of them. First was a 1949 Morris ‘E’ Type which I bought for £25 and sold after a year for £12. In winter I needed to drain the radiator to prevent the water from freezing as I couldn’t afford anti-freeze and it was essential to park on a hill because

the starting handle was hard to turn. Next came a 1959 red Mini. Changing gear with the long stick was like stirring a pudding and it often became jammed in reverse. A Triumph Herald convertible took us around Europe and was the first time we enjoyed the delights of open-top motoring. The engine was so accessible as the whole of the front lifted up. That's one car I wish I had kept. But it had to go when the prop shaft fell off. A Citroen 2CV was cheap and basic and travelled around France much to the amazement of farmers in the countryside who had never seen a right-hand drive model. Motorways and steep hills had to be avoided in such an under-powered car and you risked wrist dislocation every time you changed gear on the dashboard stick. You can hire one at Les Belles Echappees in Northern France near St. Omer and have a wonderful day out. (www.les-belles-echappees.com). Two easily-forgettable vehicles followed: a Renault 12 which rusted rapidly and a Triumph Acclaim with a difficult-to-load boot.



SAAB 900



Birthday Clio



Audi A3

RED AND SPORTY

My first red sports car and the one I so wish I still had was a Fiat X19. A two-seater with a roof which could be stowed under the bonnet, it had a rear engine and fitted luggage for the tiny boot. It cost £5230 in 1980. Another 'happy-motoring' red sports car was a Triumph TR7. It looked ugly but was very fast with a growling engine. After flashy sports cars, motoring became more staid with a Saab 900 from the company. Heavy and big it took a mass of camping equipment, a small boat and three of us all over South-West France. This was swapped for a Renault Megane in order for my daughter to learn to drive. Then we had a delightful red Rover cabriolet which had an argument with a bollard at age 17 and required much patching up. A Renault Clio, neatly wrapped in the neighbour's driveway was a 21st birthday present for Emily my daughter. This enabled her to travel every other weekend from York, where she was a student, to see her boyfriend in Bristol. The Clio has clocked up nearly 150,000 miles. The two Renaults - the Megane and Clio, are my least favourite cars as they have poor electrics and were not waterproof. The most recent car is an Audi A3 convertible. It's showing its age but when the sun shines it's so pleasant to drive through the country lanes with the roof down. Well looked after by Audi in Walton it brings back some of the pleasures of early motoring. Thirteen car bought during 58 years of motoring does not place me high of the list of a car salesman's favourite customers but I like to keep cars for as long as possible. The next one will surely be electric.

Successful Civil Service training course students start roles as Work Coaches with Department for Work and Pensions

At the end of 2020, Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) launched a brand new Pre-Employment programme together with the Job Centre Plus (JCP).

The ten day course gives students an insight into working for the Government, carefully preparing and directing them through the Civil Service's specific application process. The programme is nationally accredited and 100% free with one to one expert support throughout. After completion, students achieve a Level 1 Personal Development/Customer Service qualification.

Many students who completed the course have already gained interview opportunities and employment, both in the Civil Service as well as other employers. One of the students who completed the course and started her job with the Civil Service is Gabriella De Angelis. In March, she started her role in Kingston as Work Coach for the Department of Work and Pensions.

Before completing the course at RuTC, Gabriella studied Modern Chinese and Management Studies at university and worked in various management roles across a variety of industries. The course was offered to her through Universal Credit. Gabriella said, "I saw the ten day programme as a perfect opportunity to learn about and hopefully gain new skills in a very new industry, the Civil Service. Especially facing lockdown, I was excited to be in college, have training and broaden my contact network. At the time of training it was not my immediate intention to apply for the Civil Service, as until then I had no idea what this really involved, but I was curious and open-minded. I was quite astounded by how many different sectors and roles there are in the Civil Service."



About the content of the programme, Gabriella said, "It was intensive and invaluable for the preparation and understanding of the Civil Service application process. In small groups, we worked through different topics and practised tests, no day was ever the same. In addition to very competent internal trainers from RuTC, we also had the pleasure to have external trainers, including a Work Coach Manager from the Department for Work and Pensions, who came to the College for a lively discussion. We were taught the very methodical process of how to apply for a Civil Service position, we learned how to read the job descriptions correctly and brushed up our English and Maths. I would definitely recommend the course to anyone at any age who wants to learn about and potentially gain entry into the Civil Service.

More information about the course can be found [HERE](#).



**Richmond upon
Thames College**

St Mary's University

It's official, St Mary's University is located in London's best place to live according to the [Sunday Times](#)

Neighbouring Teddington, which is home to St Mary's Teddington Lock Sports Campus, Naylor Library, Doctoral College and Physiotherapy and Sports Rehabilitation teaching spaces, topped the annual ranking published last weekend. Hundreds of students choose to live in Teddington every year and the high street, located just ten minutes from the University's main campus, is a big part of the St Mary's student experience.

photo of deer lying down in bushy park



Teddington high street is a popular destination for students, with its restaurants, bars, cafes and shops providing excellent employment opportunities and social spaces. Students at St Mary's are also able to take advantage of nearby Bushy Park, which is just five minutes from the high street.

The former Royal hunting ground, which borders with nearby Hampton Court Palace, is one of the main stamping grounds for the St Mary's Endurance Performance Centre athletes and was one of Sir Mo Farah's favourite places to train while he was based at the University. It's not just for running however and students who want to escape to the countryside can spend hours walking around the park and enjoying the wildlife, including its famous herds of deer.



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Teddington beat Primrose Hill, Walhamstow, Muswell Hill and Nunhead to the top of ranking, with judges noting its community spirit, independent cafes, boutiques and its location beside the River Thames.

The Teddington Lock Sports Campus, featuring 30 acres of playing fields and pitches, is a ten mins from the main campus. It's used by students and the local community for competitive and social sports. It is also currently host to an NHS Test and Trace centre in partnership with Richmond Council.



RFS The Best of our Recent Historic Screenings

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ANYTHING FOR HER

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: **ANYTHING FOR HER** was 668th film screened by RFS on 16th November 2010. **Anything for Her** was the fifth ranked film of Season 48, it got an approval mark of 85% from those attending; from season 48 we have also already featured the top four films, in order: **An Education**, **The Counterfeiters**, **The Secret in their Eyes** and **The Visitor** as **Issues 24, 27, 31** and **37** respectively. Sadly, the editor of these reviews was unable to find, at present, **Anything for Her** on any streaming service but the discs are available from Amazon and others.

ANYTHING FOR HER (Pour elle)

Country: France, 2008
Cinematography: Alain Duplantier
Director: Fred Cavayé
Editing: Benjamin Weill
Screenplay: Fred Cavayé & Guillaume Lemans
Running Time: 96 min., colour
Language: French
Music: Klaus Badelt

Leading Players:

Vincent Lindon (Julien)
Diane Kruger (Lisa)
Lancelot Roch (Oscar)
Olivier Marchal (Henri Pasquet)
Hammou Graïa (Commandant Susini)
Liliane Rovère (Mère Julien)



Recent years have seen a resurgence in contemporary, fast-paced thrillers such as **Tell No One** emerging from France, which have proved a hit with UK audiences. **Anything For Her** hits well into this genre.

This gripping French thriller begins with a violent, bloody but unseen encounter, then flashes back three years to show how one morning the police burst into the house of happily married schoolteacher Julien (Vincent Lindon) and arrest his wife, Lisa (Diane Kruger) on suspicion of murder. She is taken to prison for a crime she did not commit

and he is left to raise their small son. The film's flashback structure details her husband's increasing desperation to find a way to free her. Initially there's ambiguity as to Lisa's innocence, and it's through the flashbacks that we see what really happened. Exhausting all legal channels, he is forced to consider the unthinkable and thus begins a daring plan to break her out of jail. The movie invites the audience to empathise with a decent man driven by despair into dangerous criminal activities and we're on his side from start to finish.

This is a tense and atmospheric thriller which generates a cracking pace whilst the leads give compelling performances as a family under siege. As the film gains pace the plot becomes increasingly implausible, but the intense action sequences and gritty drama are compelling. This is less a film about ambiguity and the miscarriage of justice and more a desperate love story that escalates and spirals as the characters' lives whirl out of control. **Anything For Her** confounded my expectations, I found myself thinking 'that would never happen' and at the same time willing it to work.

Sally Maynard

EXPERT COMMENT: UK POTHOLE CRISIS

News today from the [Asphalt Industry Alliance \(AIA\)](#) has revealed that the UK's roads are only resurfaced every 85 years, with irregular repairs leading to a rise in potholes. With the current state of UK roads it would take a decade and £10.4bn to repair existing damages. Amanda Stretton, motoring editor at Confused.com, says:

"Our research finds that almost 28% of drivers have had an accident or a near-miss because of potholes. With more than two thirds (69%) of drivers believing that more needed to be done to tackle our pothole problem.

"Almost 40% of drivers have had to pay out over £100 to repair the damage caused by potholes, but reclaiming costs for pothole damage can be confusing. Many of us are unsure whether to claim from our insurer, or from our local council. We've pulled together some information on how to claim for damage in [our guide](#).

"[Our scrolling animation](#) shows just how deep the pothole problem goes in your region and across the UK – a problem that has cost councils almost £3 million in compensation pay outs for damaged vehicles in 2018."



BRENTFORD FC

Bees players impress on international duty

A number of first team players at Brentford impressed over the international break with goals, debuts and good performances across a number of national teams and age groups.

The Danish duo of Christian Nørgaard and Mathias Jensen were both involved in qualifying matches for the 2022 World Cup with Jensen scoring his first goal for the senior side in a convincing 8-0 win against Moldova. Nørgaard also featured in the win against Moldova as well as Denmark's other two group games against Israel and Austria, both of which they won to cap a successful international break for the pair.



Ethan Pinnock was rewarded with a first ever call up for the Jamaica national team in an international friendly against the USA. The central defender played just over an hour for the Reggae Boyz as his side went down 4-1 in the friendly played in Austria due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Marcus Forss gained another international cap for the senior Finish national side after breaking through earlier this season from the U21s and featured in the Finn's 3-2 friendly defeat to Switzerland.

At the European U21 Championships in Hungary there were a number of Brentford players involved.

Mads Roerslev and Mads Bech Sørensen both represented Denmark as the Danes qualified for the knockout stages with three wins from three. Bech Sørensen featured in all three games and scored in a 2-0 win over Iceland in a game in which his clubmate Roerslev also featured in, with Roerslev also having played in the opening 1-0 win against France.

Vitaly Janelt also secured his passage through to the knockout stages of the U21 European Championships which will take place in May where Germany will place Denmark. Janelt featured in the 3-0 against Hungary as well as the win against the Netherlands to send the Germans through on head-to-head and set up a clash against his fellow Brentford teammates.

UP NEXT FOR BRENTFORD

Game 1

Opponent: Huddersfield Town (A) Saturday 3rd April 12:30 The John Smith's Stadium

Nickname: The Terriers

Competition: Championship - Matchday 38

Head Coach: Carlos Corberán

Opponent record: P37 W11 D9 L17 GF41 GA52 (19th in Championship)

Interesting fact: Huddersfield Town's Billy Smith became the first player in English football to score direct from a corner when he did so against Arsenal in a 4-0 win in October 1924.

Thomas Frank pre-match quotes:

'I think the difference between the teams is so little, it's not much. That's why it's so difficult to get a real momentum in this league. You need to be at your absolute best to beat the other teams, even if 'on paper' you should be a tiny bit better. You know when the season started you look at the squads, the amount of money every club are using. I think there are 18 clubs at least who dream about top six, if not more. And there's eight to 10 that could potentially dream about top two if they got real momentum in the season so that's why it's always really competitive.'

Game 2

Opponent: Birmingham City (H) Tuesday 6th April 19:00 Brentford Community Stadium

Nickname: Blues

Competition: Championship - Matchday 39

Head Coach: Lee Bowyer

Opponent record: P38 W9 D11 L18 GF28 GA50 (21st in Championship)

Interesting fact: Birmingham City were the first English club side to play in European competition when they played their first match in the 1955-58 Inter-Cities Fairs Cup and they were also the first English club side to reach a European final with their appearance in the 1960 Fairs Cup final, which they lost 4-0 to Barcelona.

Come on you Bees!

Spot our Easter bunny at Marble Hill House

Where will he hop to next?

Made from fallen wood, David our talented ranger has created Easter discs in the trees along the path next to Orleans Road.

Enjoy the Easter fun at Marble Hill House

Visit our website [HERE](#)



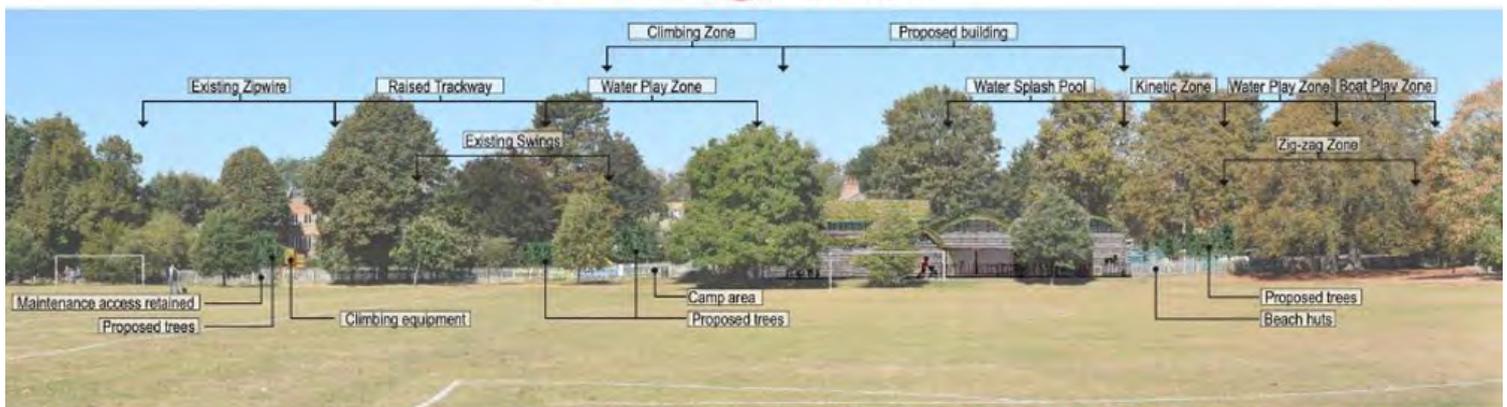
The Marble Hill Community Project

www.mhcp.org.uk

SUPPORT OUR PLANNING APPLICATION

CLICK HERE: Ref 21/0847/FUL

Three local charities – Marble Hill Playcentres, Skylarks and The Otakar Kraus Music Trust – are building an inspiring unique community hub, to serve local residents.



Landscape details to be confirmed. Image visible at <https://mhcp.org.uk/our-vision>

Why is change needed?

- The buildings and equipment were originally built as maintenance sheds and are nearing the end of their lifespan.
- There is insufficient inside space in the current buildings.
- Three charities who support the community need new homes.

The project is already supported by local residents, numerous charities, Munira Wilson MP, former MPs, our borough councillors and the landowner, English Heritage.

The project is creating a long-term, permanent facility, open all year:

- Revitalised existing and new play equipment
- Safe, inclusive, accessible space for mainstream, SEND and low-income children and families
- A sustainable and harmonious building, within the heritage and beauty of Marble Hill Park

This is a once-in-a-generation chance to reinvigorate Marble Hill Playcentres, to continue supporting local families for years to come.

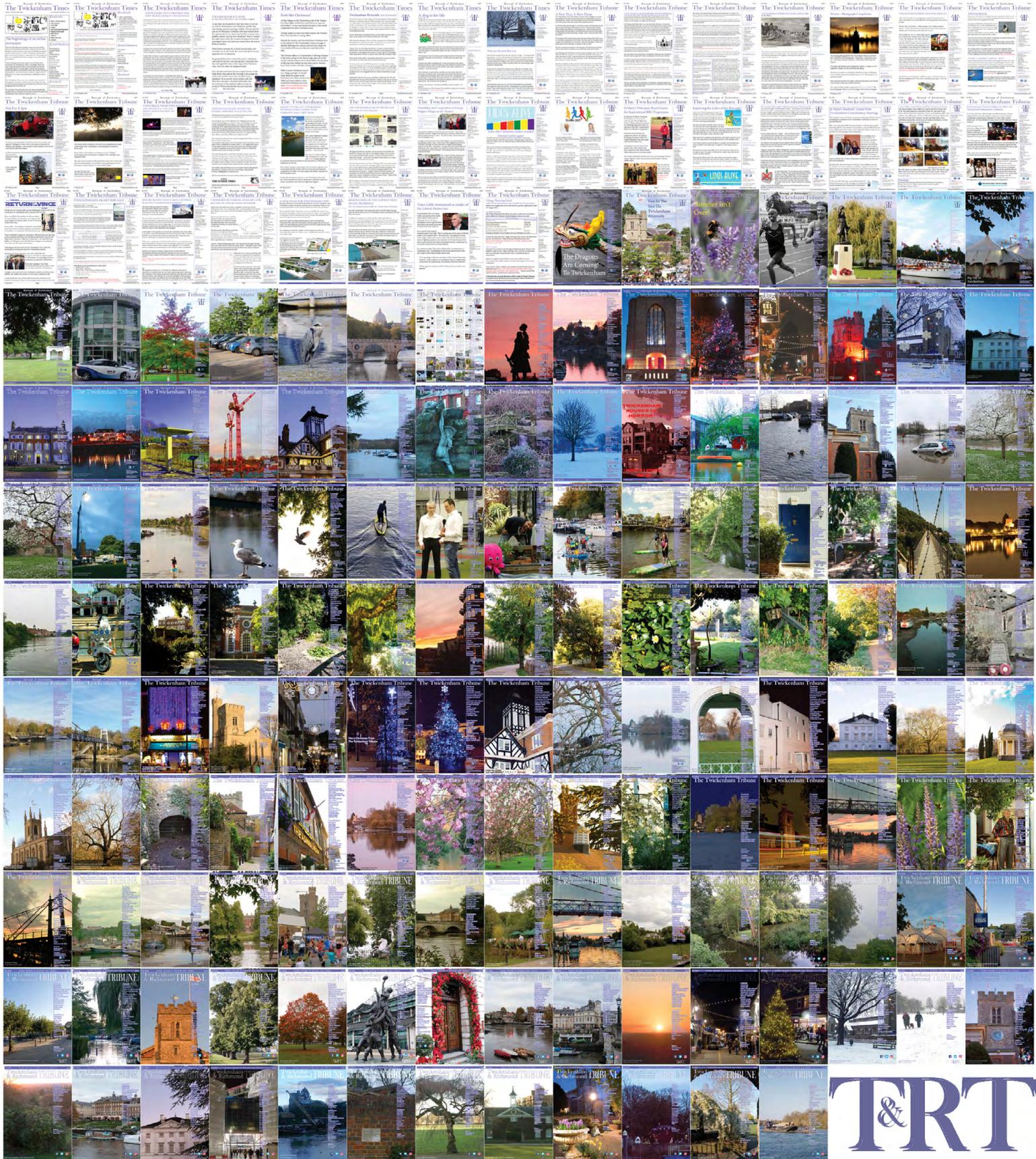
What do we need to do next?

Add your comments to our planning application [here](#).

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Questions? Visit our website (<https://mhcp.org.uk/>) or contact project coordinator Caroline Green on fittongreen@gmail.com

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