

Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE



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TickerTape - News in Brief

Big Game 15 – Twickenham Stadium

Sat 30th Dec

KO 14:30 (Women), 17:30 (Men)

Expected attendance: 82,000.

We expect Whitton, Rugby and London Roads to close from 15:30-17:30 and 19:00-21:30, but times may vary depending on attendance for the first fixture.

Full CPZ in place 11:00-23:00.

South Western Railway

Saturday 30 December 2023 to Monday 1 January 2024

London Waterloo to Reading services will be revised.

London Waterloo to Shepperton services will be revised.

London Waterloo to Chessington South services will be revised.

Transport for London

New Year services

Until Tuesday 2 January 2024, planned work, closures and service changes may affect your journey.

- On New Year's Eve there will be road closures in central London from early afternoon, with buses on diversion to support the London New Year's Eve fireworks event. Stations near to the fireworks event or in other busy areas of London may become exit or interchange only at short notice
- On New Year's Eve some TfL services will run all night. Visit our [New Year's Eve travel page](#) for information on services running
- TfL is not able to provide free travel on New Year's Eve

For more information, visit our [Christmas and New Year travel page](#).

Tube Strikes

Strike action affecting London Underground services is planned between Friday 5 and Thursday 11 January. If the strike action goes ahead, [plan ahead](#), [check before you travel](#) and allow extra time to make your journey.

For the latest information, visit our [webpage](#)



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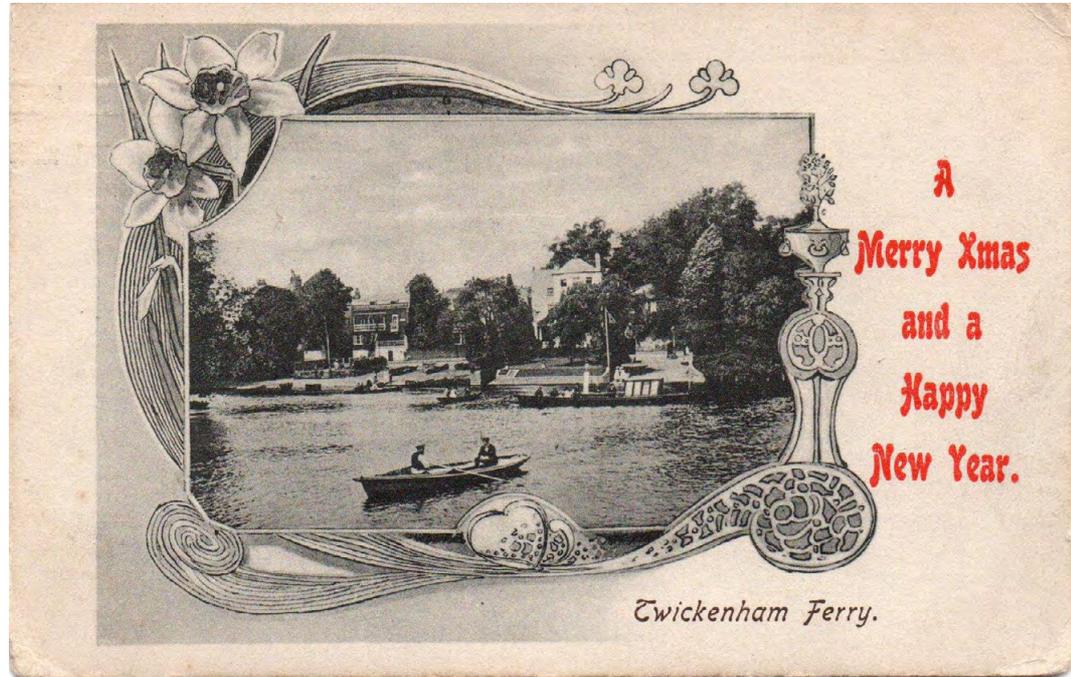
By Alan Winter

Postcards For The New Year

Although Christmas cards are still in use these days, it was also common practice to send New Year postcards in the early part of the 20th century.

Everyone knew their postman who worked on a particular area for many years. The postman was part of the solid fabric of local community that existed in those days along with the milkman, vicar and the local police officer.

New Year's Day was a normal working day back then so you can imagine some of the hangovers that many people clocked on with that morning.



These days many of us seem to need a couple of days after New Year's Eve to even start thinking about going back to work.

Our postcards this week were posted over 100 years ago, a time when most letter-boxes in the UK rattled to the sounds of New Year postcards landing on the doormat. These cards are typical of the style and sentiments expressed on postcards in Edwardian times.

Our first postcard image this week is of Twickenham Ferry with a typical Christmas and New Year Greetings overprint. This was a common ploy used by local postcard publishers. They would overprint popular cards when Christmas, New Year and Easter came around which would give them an additional sales boost.

Our final three cards were specifically designed for the New Year with the first of these from 1909 showing a girl leaping into January 1st with a bagpipe player in situ.

The next is dated 1st in the year of 1913 with a New Year poem at the top.

The final postcard week shows a pretty girl raising a glass to 1914 which is exactly 110 years ago.

A date for your brand new 2024 Diaries and Calendars. Saturday 10th February where the first of the years local postcard fairs will take place at Teddington Baptist Church Hall in Church Road. More on that as we get nearer to February.



So, as we say in the press, “A Happy New Year to all my readers” and I hope you will continue to enjoy this column (and the rest of the Twickenham Tribune of course!) in 2024.

If you have any old postcards sitting in a box or album at home that you are considering parting with, I'd be very interested in arranging to see them.

Please contact me on 07875 578398 or by email at alanwinter192@hotmail.com

I am happy to pay cash for any postcards or photographs that I find of interest. So don't throw old postcards etc. in the skip or recycling bins. Show them to me first!

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Reaction to Twickenham Riverside Statement

By James Knight

The conciliatory statement from the Twickenham Riverside Trust (published last week) where they confirmed they would not judicially review the planning inspector's decision and held out an olive branch to the council went down badly with the supporters of the Twickenham Riverside Development. More surprising were some of the comments from our elected representatives.

The Liberal Democrat Councillor Michael Wilson (Heathfield), and husband of Twickenham's MP Munira Wilson, made a sarcastic tweet on X ending with the hashtag "PrepareTheDiggers"

Similarly, fellow, Liberal Democrat Councillor Piers Allen (West Twickenham) likened the Trust's letter to the reform of Scrooge, suggesting the Trust should visit Café Sunshine to celebrate over the festive period!"; inappropriately sarcastic in its tone as Café Sunshine will close as a result of the development.

The Twickenham Riverside Liberal Democrat Councillor James Chard remarked: that the trust was in no sense "obliged" to waste vast amounts of time and taxpayers' money on meritless objections to the Planning Inspector. Councillor Chard went on to continue his tirade; this is one councillor who should read and understand the London Borough of Richmond's social media code.

Elected Councillors hold a position of responsibility and should stop ridiculing the people they are paid a considerable sum of taxpayers' money to represent. Respect is a key element of the Nolan Principles of Public Life, but we repeatedly will see displays of disrespect from certain councillors.

Back in November 2022, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Gareth Roberts, asked residents to put their differences aside to get the development done, but now, it would appear, his councillor colleagues are the ones not prepared to.



Big Game 15 – Twickenham Stadium

Saturday 30th December 2023

Big Game is back

Big Game 15 promises to be Harlequins' biggest and most spectacular yet, with world class entertainment and fun for all the family at the iconic home of English Rugby, Twickenham Stadium. Taking place on Saturday 30 December, the day will see a blockbuster double header with Harlequins Women taking on Champions, Gloucester Hartpury and Harlequins Men facing Gloucester Rugby.

Harlequins' biggest and most spectacular yet

As well as seeing your favourite rugby players on the famous Twickenham turf, the headline music act to perform ahead of the Men's match kick-off will soon be revealed. Previous Harlequins Twickenham events have seen global DJs Pete Tong and Faithless perform, as well as the legendary Craig David and Kaiser Chiefs.

Electric West Fan Village

The West Fan Village will once again be packed with loads of food and drink options as well as free fairground rides and activities for all the family to enjoy. Big Game delivers the perfect festive day out for friends and family alike.

Find details of the matchday schedule [HERE](#)

Buy Tickets [HERE](#)



Happy New Year Twickenham!

By Bruce Lyons (business rate payer – Bid Levy Payer, Church Street Association paid up member)

After nigh on 40 years of the Community and LBRUT planning the revamp of the “old Swimming pool” site, could we now be too optimistic in believing that, perhaps, there is now a clear path to a new development? Maybe you all know better, but surely we all deserve something on our riverside than a concrete, astro turfed garden, small enclosed play area, dilapidated, boarded up and vandalized buildings and overwhelmingly large car park?

Twickenham has a BID, Discover Twickenham, voted in last October for a THIRD term. There are only 330 odd BIDS in the UK. And we have over 300 BID levy payers. The BID planned an AGM (well communicated) for the 21st of November at the Exchange. The meeting was cancelled on the day, due to lack of support, I was told at the reception of the exchange. They hadn't even bothered to email to let us know it was cancelled. Surely between us 300 odd levy payers, they include many very large town businesses, we could muster more than a handful of Levy payers to hear what the chair (Kevin Jones) had planned for the next 4 years. Many large traders – Waitrose, Marks & Spencer, all the Public Houses, The Council, Haymarket and more are levy payers. They must have something to contribute to what the BID does with their money as do small fry – like me! The lack of interest is hard to fathom.

Church Street, which is where I have traded since 1966 has an Association. The Church Street Association. The chair advised all of a meeting by email well in advance for the 29th November, we have over 30 members who pay a subscription but only 6 turned up and that included the Host (The Fox) and the 2 Co- Chairs, Phil Penman & Jon Moran. So really the audience was me and two others!

We live and work in a fabulous town, have a great Council and councilors, an active BID & a Creative Church Street.

Can we hope that all of our New Years Resolutions will be to get involved as Trumpy would say & “Make Twickenham Great Again?” More people should go to these meetings and have a voice on the decisions that are being made in your name.

We should all support these organizations, show our neighbors we care! Show the local community that we want them to come to our street and enjoy what we have to offer. I know that I appreciate every client that visits us and do my utmost to give them the service they ask for to my utmost capabilities as does my daughter and copartner Shona. I am sure that all the traders do that as well.

Let's all make this town the best in England. (well, it is well on the way!)



Christmas and New Year waste and recycling collection 2023/2024

Your waste and recycling collections will change over the festive period. There will also be changes to garden waste collections, and we will be offering Christmas tree collections.

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
Monday 25 December	Wednesday 27 December
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December
Friday 29 December	Sunday 31 December
Monday 1 January	Tuesday 2 January
Tuesday 2 January	Wednesday 3 January
Wednesday 3 January	Thursday 4 January
Thursday 4 January	Friday 5 January
Friday 5 January	Saturday 6 January

Garden waste

Garden waste collections, including bookable sack collections, will be suspended from Monday 8 to Friday 19 January 2024. Collections will be back to normal the week commencing Monday 22 January.

Missed collections

Our collection crews may be later than normal after Christmas due to a heavy workload. In the event of a missed collection, [you can report it online](#).

Christmas tree recycling

Christmas tree collections will be between **Monday 8 January and Friday 19 January 2024**. Collections will take place on your normal garden waste collection day, but you do not need a paid garden waste contract for this.

You can also take Christmas trees to these designated sites for recycling from 27 December.

Find out more about [Christmas tree recycling](#).

Rewilding the River Thames

This superb film describes rewilding the River Thames between Richmond and Twickenham with Thames Landscape Strategy

Landscape Strategies are valued members of the Thames Path Partnership looking after the National Trail.

Sir David Attenborough introduces a summary of the Thames Landscape Strategy's Rewilding Arcadia project.

Watch the video [HERE](#)



Hampton North and Teddington

by-elections 18th January 2024

If you are eligible to vote in these elections, you will receive a poll card in December 2023 with details of how and where to vote. Please read your poll card carefully as your polling station may have changed.

You must be on the electoral register to vote

VOTERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW PHOTO ID WHEN VOTING AT A POLLING STATION.

Deadlines for January 2024 by-elections

Deadline	Date and time
Register to vote	Midnight on Tuesday 2 January 2024
Apply for a postal or postal-proxy vote	5pm on Wednesday 3 January 2024
Cancel or change a postal or proxy vote	5pm on Wednesday 3 January 2024
Apply for a new proxy vote	5pm on Wednesday 10 January 2024
Apply for a Voter Authority Certificate	5pm on Wednesday 10 January 2024
Apply for an emergency proxy vote (available under specific circumstances)	5pm on Thursday 18 January 2024
Re-issue lost or spoilt postal voting packs	From Friday 12 January 2024 until 5pm on Thursday 18 January 2024

The First Christmas Tree?

Tallinn is said to be the city of the first Christmas Tree.

In 1441 the fraternity of Tallinn's unmarried merchants, called the Blackheads, put up a Christmas Tree in the Town Hall Square. They drank, sang, and danced with girls around the decorated spruce. The culmination of the party was the burning of the Christmas Tree.

However, Germany claims to have started the Christmas tree tradition in the 16th century, bringing decorated trees into their homes.

A Christmas tree was brought to England in 1800 by the German wife of George III who introduced a tree at Queen's Lodge in Windsor.

Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, seems to have continued the German tradition in 1840.



A Weeping Ficus, c.25+ years, continues its annual role as a Christmas tree

<https://worldinfozone.com/facts.php?country=Estonia>

‘TWIXMAS’

It's that strange time of year again: Christmas itself is over; New Year celebrations await, and we're in the days of late night television binges and long lie-ins.

While I'm a fan of whisky to see in the New Year, I thought it would be rather nice this year to toast 2024 with a Scottish gin instead. I'm rather partial to **Caorunn**, which has been leading the premium gin market for over a decade, producing artisan gin at Balmenach Distillery in the Scottish Highlands. This delicious spirit utilises Scotland's distinctive natural resources, infusing them in the world's only Copper Berry chamber to guarantee perfection. It makes a stonkingly good G&T (served with a slice of apple rather than citrus) and it's also great in cocktails. Around £29.50 for 70cl and widely available at Tesco, Morrisons, Waitrose, Master of Malt and Amazon.



Talking of cocktails, a good mixer is paramount, and **Lixir** drinks have recently caught my attention. Available at **Asda** at £1.85 for a 500ml bottle, they're naturally low in sugar (with no nasties) and low in calories, and available in a range of really good flavours. Here's a recipe for a longer **Negroni** from Lixir that will be very enjoyable on New Year's Eve (or NY Day if you're planning to continue celebrating!)

- Lixir Blood Orange & Cinnamon Tonic
- Gin 25ml
- Campari 25ml
- Red vermouth 25ml
- Garnish with dehydrated orange & a candy cane

Put the gin, Campari and vermouth into a mixing glass. Stir for 1-2 minutes. Pour over ice into a short tumbler. Top up with Lixir Blood Orange & Cinnamon Tonic. Garnish with dehydrated orange and a candy cane



And to remind us of Mediterranean summers ahead try this **ADONIS** from **Mediterranean Aperitivo**

- 4,5 cl Sherry Dry
- 2,5 cl Vermouth di Torino PGI Red
- Some drops of Orange bitter
- 1 Costa d'Amalfi Lemon PGI

Add the Vermouth di Torino PGI Red and the Sherry Dry to a mixing glass filled with ice. Flavour it with some drops of Orange bitter and stir gently. Strain into a Martini glass. You can add some angostura, if you like and then garnish with an orange slice and the zest of Costa d'Amalfi Lemon PGI.



If you're planning a bumper Hogmanay session, you might have liked to try a little help from **PrePear** - a newly launched drink made from Korean pear that's billed as 'the next best thing to a hangover cure'. For centuries, Korean pear has been associated with preventing a hangover, thanks to naturally occurring enzymes and bioactive compounds in the juice which play a role in the speedy breakdown of alcohol and its toxic by-products. According to research, drinking PrePear ahead of your first alcoholic drink results in milder and sometimes even zero hangover symptoms. PrePear is available online at www.prepearjuice.com in packs of six (£18). While it's too late now for this Christmas of course, maybe it's worth getting some in stock for any celebrations you're planning for 2024. Happy New Year!

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The Treasures of London Transport

Doug Goodman continues his exploration of the Treasures of London Transport



My second trip underground to Baker Street station was in complete contrast to an earlier visit to a deserted Charing Cross station – the former terminus of the Fleet Line, renamed the Jubilee Line. Charing Cross was bright and modern but with empty platforms and no passengers. Baker Street is old and dark and the place to see Victorian railway architecture at its best. The history of London's transport can be traced to Baker Street one of the world's first stations on the Metropolitan line which opened in January 1863. Stations on this section of the underground are huge and cavernous with graceful arches. It's not hard to imagine a grimy steam train emerging from a tunnel amidst clouds of smoke filling the station. Pity those first passengers travelling in open carriages arriving covered in soot and coughing and spluttering.

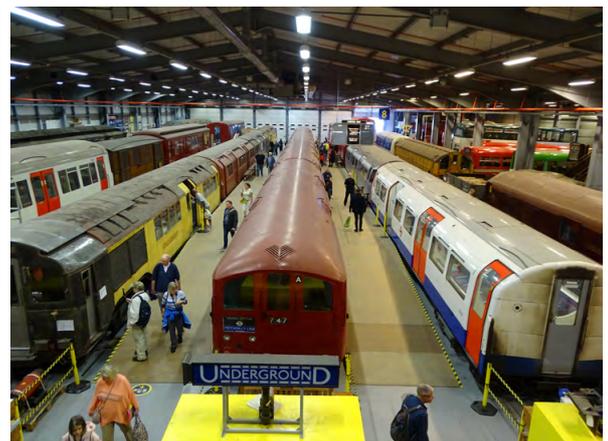
This very first line was built using the 'cut and cover' method. Long before boring machines were invented the tunnels were dug out by hand with road surfaces removed and then replaced once the stations and tunnels were complete. Traffic chaos was bad enough in Victorian times with hundreds of horse-drawn vehicles competing for space but imagine the disruption caused by miles of road works lasting months from Baker Street to Farringdon Street. Dark empty passages with ornate brickwork and fascinating tiles were examined during the two hour guided tour. A faded but luckily preserved poster invited passenger to experience the new moving staircase. Baker Street station with a statue of Sherlock Holmes at the entrance is rich in transport history. Parts were once a training centre with a canteen, leisure and sports facilities and even a small rifle range. No doubt this range was much used during the threat of invasion in WW2.



Empty Tunnels at Baker Street Station



Experience The Moving Stairway. Aka An Escalator



Welcome to Acton Depot Museum

ACTON DEPOT MUSEUM

The London Transport base at Acton is really a giant store house, workshop and museum. Open to visitors on a few days each year the collection comprises 330,000 items with 100 road and rail vehicles, 33,000 posters, 2,000 artworks, 93,000 photographs and 45,000 plans and drawings. Dates of visits and how to book can be found on the LT website. Your first view of the

collection from above is amazing. Rows of tube trains, old carriages, fleets of buses and historic signs are spread out around you. Repair and preservation is a vital part of the work undertaken at Acton and to see old motor buses, trolleys, trams and the early tube cars with wooden floors and straps to hold on to alongside 40p ticket machines, bring back memories. For children it's a perfect place to learn about the history and development of transport. The enamel maps and station signs showing the way to some long-disused platforms, the uniforms, models, fabrics, timetables and tickets all bring back to life the history of London's transport.



Vintage Buses



Station Signs



Around in Circles



Restored Tube Carriage

If you've been watching 'Secrets of the London Underground' presented by Sidly Holloway and Tim Dunn on TV's Yesterday channel you will have seen much of the depot. The archives are regularly featured with their fascinating old maps, posters and memorabilia. You can easily spend a full day viewing the exhibits on general display and still not take in everything. Refreshments are available and a gift shop has a good range of items. But visit the shop in Covent Garden for the best range of transport memorabilia. An area selling second hand books, postcards, maps and souvenirs was doing a brisk trade.



Tickets Please



Iconic Design



Preserved Piccadilly Line Train

My next visit will be to Down Street, the disused station between Hyde Park and Green Park stations, which was a WW2 refuge for Churchill and a secret Government operations centre. Aldwych, on the Piccadilly branch from Holborn to Strand, is also on my must visit list. I can remember taking one of the last trains just before closure in 1994.

For information on the Covent Garden Museum, Acton Depot Museum and tours to visit the hidden stations closed to the public see www.ltmuseum.co.uk

WIZ Tales

STARI GRAD - the oldest town in Croatia

Teresa Read

Ten years or so before Stari Grad became a UNESCO World Heritage site, and before it became discovered by the rich and famous, Hvar was one of my favourite destinations. With a favourable climate, where one hotel promised to refund your money if it snowed, Hvar was a quiet and peaceful haven.

“Stari Grad Plain on the Adriatic Island of Hvar is a cultural landscape that has remained practically intact since it was first colonized by Ionian Greeks from Paros in the 4th century BC. The original agricultural activity of this fertile plain, mainly centring on grapes and olives, has been maintained since Greek times to the present. The site is also a natural reserve. The landscape features ancient stone walls and trims, or small stone shelters, and bears testimony to the ancient geometrical system of land division used by the ancient Greeks, the chora, which has remained virtually intact over 24 centuries.”(UNESCO 2008).

With historical reminders all around for centuries past, it was announced in the last year that Roman mosaics from the second century CE were found under the streets of Stari Grad, excavations have continued, and the mosaics are to be preserved, some residents have suggested that they stay in situ with a protective covering. However, it seems that a replica will be made for the museum with plans to store the original mosaics.



Croatia <https://worldinfozone.com/country.php?country=Croatia>

City Break in Istanbul

By Shona Lyons



We just went off for a 4-night trip to Istanbul. I went with my amazing dad 89-year-old Bruce, who has much more get up and go than me and even hobbling round on a stick wanted always to see more, do more, explore more!

Istanbul is built on 7 hills, it is really quite an ancient crumbling city with all these tiny narrow cobbled lanes with broken pavements on either side with broken platforms and broken steps leading

down from the summit we were situated on, Galata (look up the Galata Tower, it has a really interesting history – we were right there, just off a side street) with cars hurtling down so-called pedestrianized streets. You had to jump out of the way quickly otherwise you would lose a foot or more. But my dad was game for it all, and without a murmur struggled up and down holding my hand and the stick in the other.



It really is a culture shock and we just loved it. Very Eastern. They love cats and there are quite a lot of stray dogs and cats, but all get fed and don't look diseased. It is very nice. They seem very compassionate and humane. There is even a cat hotel for the strays looked after by a local volunteer.

They have car parks where the owners give their keys to the man in charge so he can move their cars if needed to get more in etc.

We arrived in the early morning and the lovely man on reception called his boss and they let us have the room so we slept until 11am and then had the most amazing Turkish breakfast on this incredible terrace overlooking the Bosphorus. Bruce had told me he wanted to have a view of the Bosphorus, so that really did tick all the boxes. Then I made enquiries where Bruce could have a traditional Turkish hammam and then we made our way down the hill to find the spa. It wasn't really that traditional and was quite expensive but I think Bruce had a good experience. In fact he hadn't needed a stick before the Hamman but I think with all the kneading etc. and massage they found places that hadn't been touched in years and he had a bit of a swollen knee afterwards. Hence the stick.



That evening we went on a Culinary Backstreet tour around an area called Beyoğlu, it was really insightful and interesting and we had some good food, mostly vegetarian I think because they catered for me, much to the other client's annoyance I think. But it was lovely and on our last day there we went back to buy some pickles from an original pickle shop established in 1913, famous throughout Turkey & had tea at the beautiful bakery, just adjacent, still using an oven I think over 100 years old!



The next day we had a tour of the Jewish area, but the guide was a bit odd so once he had taken us to the Jewish Museum we kind of stayed there and told him we would finish the tour there. The museum was lovely and I brought some small books on Turkish Jewish History which is amazing. Both the sultan during the Spanish Expulsion of Jews and also in the second world war, Turkey was a haven for Jews fleeing persecution in their homelands. At first the sultan took them in as they brought many useful trades & skills with them and then in the second world war Turkey remained neutral and many jews came through Istanbul on their way to sanctuary in Palestine, and that included my grandma and my mum who had been caught up in the war and were imprisoned in a war camp in Germany and exchanged for German prisoners in Palestine. Their journey home was through Istanbul. My mum was just 2 as she had been born in Warsaw just days after the Germans invaded. So Bruce particularly found it very poignant and loved looking around the museum as I think he felt closer to Hedda being there. My dear mum passed away this year in May, but I think she was there with us as she is always.



That night on the 25th, we went to an amazing live jazz club, and listened to 3 amazingly talented Turkish musicians just down the road from our hotel.

Then on the 26th we went on a tour of Hagia Sophia and the Blue Mosque. It is really interesting as all the famous sites seem to be in that area which is not far from the Grand Bazaar which we visited too, which is like an incredible glimpse into the past as everything had been preserved immaculately, and there are 4 thousand stalls, all very smart built, into this covered market that stretches for kilometers.

We also had an afternoon free and wandered to the port and took a cruise around the Bosphorus. It was really interesting as you see all the palaces of all the sultans but there is commentary but you can't really hear a thing. But it was nice anyway but you also have to get off quickly at the stop you started at, we weren't quick enough and had to get off at the next port and walk back.



The weather was amazing too, really quite hot and sunny. The last afternoon I found a real haven in our very crowded area of Galata, the Konak Café, which again was in a very old building, and once you got to their roof top it was a beautiful haven of tranquility overlooking the Bosphorus, with a slight breeze in the sun, just bliss!



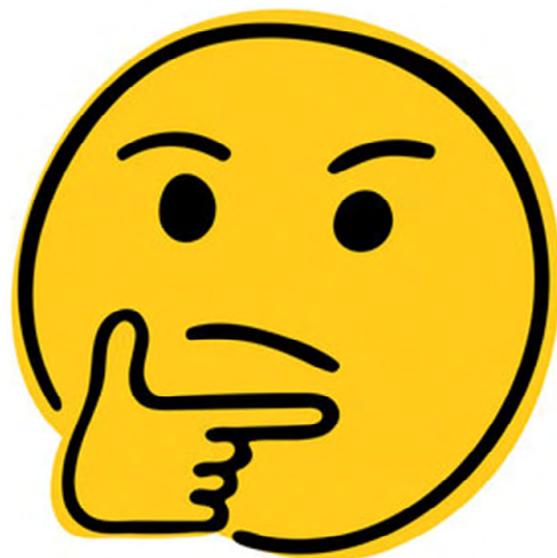
What should I say then?...

By Deep Patel

~ Through the Eyes of a Twickenham Shop Keeper ~

Being a shop keeper, one of the most important functions of my job is to ensure that I am greeting every customer that comes through the door with an appropriate message. Usually “how are you?” or “how’s your day going?”...but more recently it has been “merry Christmas” or “have a lovely Christmas”...but this past week I have struggled...like in a very awkward way...does anyone reading this know why or what I mean?

Well, I am gonna tell you exactly what I mean...the Christmas lights and tinsel are still up, the wrapping paper remains from presents are still in my bin and I’ve got left over mince pies that I am gradually forcing myself to eat...so yes...it still feels very much like Christmas... however...on the flip side...I have party-poppers on my counter now, champagne filling my shelves and 2024 calendars for sale in prime view...so do you get my dilemma yet? No? ...read on then...



So right now, we are sandwiched between Christmas and New Year...so it’s a festive time still...many people are still off work or working reduced hours etc, nothing is as “normal” and no one even knows what day of the week it is as they all seem to merge into one at the moment? So the dilemma I have been facing in my shop this past week is what do I say to greet customers as they come through my shop door at the moment? If I say “happy Christmas” it seems a little out dated (unless I am saying it for next year of course, in which case I am well in advance!) and I also can’t say “Happy New Year” as that just seems too premature at the moment, I mean we are still in 2023...but then a simple “hello” seems too short and a “hiya, how are you doing” sounds too run-of-the-mill and general for we are still in the festive period! I could say “happy festive period” to greet customers as they enter my shop and as they leave, but that sounds weird?... what should I say then?

Well it’s been difficult this week as whatever I say, someone pulls me up for it either saying to me “Christmas has gone” or “it’s not the new year yet”...I can’t seem to win?...the dilemmas of a shop keeper...so if anyone reading this article came into my shop over the past week found me to be less than talkative (although some may consider this to be a blessing in itself) the reason why is simply that right now, during this odd period between Christmas and New year, I just really don’t know what to say! So happy_____ to all the Tribune readers this week, (feel free to fill in the blank with whatever you wish to!

Lastly, can I say thank you to all the Tribune readers who read my articles each week and follow my good-karma creature kindness tips too, I am very much looking forwards to seeing you all next year!

Remember...

“It doesn’t matter what you say...as long as you say it with love...”

MY CREATURE-KINDNESS TIP OF THE WEEK...

STOP THE LITTLE BLACK FLYS IN YOUR PLANTS KINDLY (GOOD KARMA): We sometimes see tiny black flies around our potted plants, these are harmless to us and harmless to the plants too, they live for around 2-3 weeks and lay eggs in the top inch of wet compost so usually come from our indoor plant pots...forget using cruel fly spray and instead try watering the plants in a saucer below the pot rather than from the top and allow the top inch of the compost to dry out...that should break the cycle and stop them laying eggs, you can also sprinkle used coffee grounds or powder on the surface of the compost as these flies hate the smell and will go...you can make the top inch of your pots grave so the flies won’t lay eggs there anymore too..... For ANY specific tip to stop any “pest” or insect KINDLY (for good karma/blessings), email me: thedeepatel@gmail.com or join my Facebook page: “INSECT LOVERS UNITE”.

Jack and the Beanstalk After Dark

by Jonny Danziger

OSO Arts Centre, Barnes

The great thing about pantomimes is also their most tricky thing: everyone knows the story, so tweaking the tale is essentially *de rigueur*. OSO has gone one more tweak, and given its family panto an additional uncensored late-night version.

Jack and The Beanstalk After Dark does a great job balancing familiarity and surprise. We have still have the somewhat dim-witted Jack (an animal lover!) and his larger than life mum, Dame Trott (“I’m a man in a bra”, in case we aren’t sure), plus Yeasty Jill as the bright and ambitious girl next door. But then there is an evil Tech Giant, played hilariously as Elon Musk, and a particularly sexy cow, Daisy taking a much more central role.

The “no-holds-barred version”, *Jack and The Beanstalk After Dark* is very very funny. An offshoot of the traditional family version, it has a lot more double-entendres, risqué miming and direct sex references. The cast make the most of the small venue, frequently coming amongst the audience to engage, interact or just insult – adding immensely to the overall fun. There was a good mix of traditional panto humour, political barbs, innuendo and a few Barnes-related jokes.



Jack should be focused on trying to tell Jill he loves her and win her heart, but he is torn between her and his very alluring cow, Daisy, who talks to the audience, but just says “moo” to the cast. Jill has a yeast problem (I’ll say no more), but that isn’t going to stop her securing her dream of running a company. The Tech Giant, in his “Cloud-based” HQ, doesn’t enjoy business and is finding it hard (snigger ... and cue song).

Five talented actors bring a huge amount of energy to the show and the pace rarely drops. Their music performances, multi-part harmonies, live instruments, jazz crooning and pop standards, fill the space with a great sound. It would be unfair to highlight individual performances, but suffice to say, Daisy steals the show!

Read John Davies’s review at www.markaspen.com/2023/12/19/jack-beans-oso

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A Christmas Carol

by Mitch Benn after Charles Dickens

Mitch Benn at Baron's Court Theatre

Mitch Benn is perhaps best known as the resident comedy songwriter on BBC Radio Four's *The Now Show*. Here he uses Dickens' original abridged text to breathe new life into *A Christmas Carol*, brings his own particular aura to the story. In his one-man storytelling of Dicken's much loved seasonal tale, Mitch Benn, the comedian satirist and songwriter, cuts a monumental figure in top hat and thick overcoat. This is an ambitious project, taking on all of the characters from Dickens' intricate morality tale.

In Barons Court's subterranean performing space, a one-time beer barrel cellar, the smoke-filled atmosphere gives the ambience of the archetypal Victorian winter. The lighting, which seems understated at first, comes into its own for Scrooges' "grave" revelation, playing a striking catalyst for Scrooges' transformation.

Benn paints marvellous tableaux, and a detailed portrait of the redemption of the misanthropic Ebenezer Scrooge. The bewildered benefactors, Bob Cratchett and his family and Scrooge's former business partner, Jacob Marley are also vividly depicted. The spirit-led reminiscence of Christmas past is deeply poignant with Scrooge losing his one chance of love. Benn's humour consistently conveys the virtues of being happy although poor, and underlines the basic morality of the story.



At seventy minutes the detail is exhaustive, but somewhat exhausting. However, the climax and its significance seemed slightly rushed. Billed as a family show, it is however a lot to ask a child to sit through.

Mitch Benn has an impressive background with *The One Show*, and is a very prolific performer and writer. He has also toured extensively as a comedian. This live production, in the spirit of the reformed leading character, the box-office takings support the St Mungo's charity for the homeless: visit www.mungos.org.

Benn's *A Christmas Carol* emphasises the nature of what is truly valuable, seen against the reflective nature of the season.

Read Heather Moulson's review at www.markaspen.com/2023/12/21/xmas-carol-mitch-benn

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Achieving for Children announce exciting winter programme for young people

Achieving for Children have announced a four day winter programme at Ham Youth Centre, packed with exciting activities for young people aged 11 to 19 years old, from **Tuesday 2 January to Friday 5 January 2024**.

The programme will include a range of fun activities for guests to participate in.

There will be an opportunity to learn the ancient combat sport, fencing and the techniques of non-contact boxing.

The programme also has a chance for participants to create their own short film around the topic of mental health.

Alongside this, the winter break programme will have general youth club activities including table tennis, football, cooking, art and more.

Participants will need to bring their own packed lunch, unless they qualify for free school meals. [Book a place on the Ham Youth Centre winter programme.](#)

For more information, please contact Ben Skelton on Ben.skelton@achievingforchildren.org.uk.



2023: A Year in English Rugby

As 2023 draws to a close, take a look back at the defining moments from each month of the year.

JANUARY

Rugby recognised in New Year's Honours

Exeter Rugby chairman and chief executive, Tony Rowe, was awarded a CBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to rugby and to the community. Rowe was joined on the honour's list by Dr Ross Hemingway, Floyd Steadman and Ian Metcalfe who have all been awarded an OBE.

Dr Hemingway, from Exeter, previously worked as a pathway doctor for England Rugby, and was appointed an OBE for services to the Royal Marines for his work at the Commando Training Centre Royal Marines.

Ex-Saracens captain and scrum half Steadman was appointed an OBE for services to rugby union, education and charity. Metcalfe, who was chair of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, was honoured for services to sport.

FEBRUARY

Steve Borthwick names his first England team ahead of Six Nations opener against Scotland.

Following his appointment as head coach of the England Senior Men's team in December 2022, Borthwick's first game at the helm came at Twickenham Stadium against Gregor Townsend's Scotland.

The team saw just seven players (Jamie George, Kyle Sinckler, Maro Itoje, Jack van Poortvliet, Marcus Smith, Owen Farrell and Freddie Steward) retained from the starting lineup that faced South Africa in England's final game under Eddie Jones in November 2022.

MARCH

Oliver leaves hospital to walk out with Owen

There were plans for nine-year-old Oliver Tate to be an England mascot at the Six Nations Test against France at Twickenham.

However, Oliver who has a mechanical heart valve which means repeated surgery as he grows, had spent six weeks in hospital undergoing surgery three times.

His medical team at Leicester Royal Infirmary paediatric cardiology Ward 1 and cardiac paediatric intensive care unit decided that he should be allowed out for the event at the Home of England Rugby because it was good for his wellbeing. He arrived and spent most of his time in his wheelchair wrapped up in blankets. Owen Farrell met him in the players' tunnel and explained he would walk him onto the pitch and then walk him off, as Oliver was not allowed to run.

"It was lovely to meet Oliver on Saturday," said Farrell. "The whole team is wishing him well and hoping he is home from hospital soon."

Oliver had used his Make a Wish request for children in hospital and the homeless to receive Christmas presents.

The day at Twickenham was his day to be a star.

APRIL

Red Roses secure Grand Slam at Twickenham Stadium

England scored six tries to secure a TikTok Women's Six Nations Grand Slam in their first ever standalone fixture at Twickenham Stadium in front of a record-breaking crowd.

58,498 fans packed into the Twickenham stands to witness history in the making, 20 years on since Maxine Edwards led out the side against France in 2003.

Four first-half tries from Abby Dow, Marlie Packer, Alex Matthews, Zoe Aldcroft and one penalty try gave the hosts a commanding lead at the break. France responded through Emilie Boulard, Gabrielle Vernier, Charlotte Escudero, Emeline Gros and Cyrielle Banet in the second half, but Lark Davies' try made the difference in a pulsating fixture at the home of England rugby.

MAY

Twickenham Stadium hosts Papa Johns Community Cup Finals

Teams from across the country experienced a game day like no other at the Papa Johns Community Cup Finals day at Twickenham.

The home of England rugby played host to the Papa Johns Men's Counties 3 and below Championship final, played between North Bristol and Gloucester Old Boys. North Bristol won 31-24.

Teddington RFC dominated Wensleydale 53-19 in the Counties 2 Championship final, before fellow London side Old Alleynians beat Harlow 34-7 in the Counties 1 Championship final.

The last game of the day saw Old Northamptonians come back from a 21-7 deficit at half time to defeat Horsham 35-40.

JUNE

Adam cycles his way back to rugby

Adam Froggatt had to stop playing club rugby aged 26 when experiencing undiagnosed symptoms of bowel cancer.

With the cancer undetected for three years, by the time he was 27 Adam had a diagnosis. His fitness level had dropped and so he decided to help improve his chances of a successful operation and speedy recovery by buying a road bike on eBay.

After three rounds of chemotherapy and extensive radiotherapy, Adam had a major operation which was successful and received the news that all the cancer had been removed.

During lockdown in 2020, with time on his hands, Adam, who had done a bike mechanic qualification, started servicing and repairing bikes for cancer patients he had met at his local hospital. To continue doing that he needed to raise funding, and this was so successful that he had soon registered The Bike Network as a charity.

"Cycling helped me so much that I created The Bike Network in the hope that others could experience the same benefits," says Adam. "The charity has raised some £200,000 and since 2020 we have supplied over 500 bikes nationwide to cancer patients, survivors and their direct family members but there are so many more people who need the charity's help."

JULY

England U20 Men finish fourth in the World Rugby U20 Championship

Mark Mapletoft's side completed their campaign with a bronze final tie with hosts South Africa in Cape Town.

Craig Wright and Zach Carr crossed for England's two tries, but three scores from junior Springboks Hendrik Sieberhagen, Corné Beets and Juann Else denied them the win.

AUGUST

Training abandoned for life-saving triage

Trowbridge Women were training when a car left the road and overturned on farmland nearby.

Its driver and three passengers, one only 16, received injuries of varying severity. When the team heard the crash the players instantly took off, getting over barbed wire fencing and running through nettles and bushes. One ran to ring emergency services.

Manager Emma Santer is an emergency department sister at the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and her husband and head coach Jonathan, and fellow coaches Robert Wilcox and Alex Baker, have all completed the RFU's Headcase and concussion awareness training, so there was plenty of expertise on hand and a great deal of caution when getting the victims out of the car.

Santer, who is also head of women's rugby for Dorset & Wiltshire said: "We were literally packing up with a final run through and one last try. Five minutes later and we would have been in the bar and wouldn't have heard the crash. We were so glad to hear later that all the crash casualties were stable."

PC Ben Agate said: "The degree of the injuries were dramatic and life threatening. Without the players' assistance this could very easily have been fatal."

SEPTEMBER

Ukrainian girls get call up as Red Roses mascots

From Odesa to playing rugby in Somerset, Asya and Amelia Strutinska have been befriended by the Saracens players including England Women's captain Marlie Packer.

Asya and Amelia ran out with the team before England's victory over Canada at the StoneX Stadium on 30 September.

Long standing Saracens supporters, the Donner family who divide their time between London and Taunton were watching Russia's war in Ukraine unfold on TV.

"We thought we have the space, and we can and should help," says Deborah Donner. "We just thought we'd hope someone would do the same if it were us."

Asya, having always loved sport, was a national level gymnast in Ukraine and already spoke some English, as well as German, Russian and Ukrainian. Amelia enjoys sport too but also drama, music and art.

The girls were soon immersed in not just the English language with help from their host family, but also rugby at Saracens, getting to know their players and running out at StoneX as mascots when Saracens took on Harlequins in their home semi-final in 2022. It was their first ever rugby match!

OCTOBER

England Men reach the semi-final of Rugby World Cup 2023

Steve Borthwick's side beat Fiji in their quarter-final tie in Marseille to seal their position in the final four of the Rugby World Cup.

Their campaign began in September with a meeting with Argentina in the south of France. A George Ford masterclass, which included three drop goals in the space of ten minutes, secured the victory.

A 34-12 victory over Japan in Nice followed by a 71-0 win over Chile set Borthwick's charges up for a fourth-round meeting with Samoa in Lille.

NOVEMBER

Marlie Packer is named World Player of the Year

Marlie Packer was named World Rugby Women's 15s Player of the Year and featured in the World Rugby Women's 15s Dream Team of 2023 alongside six England teammates.

Packer was one of four players nominated for the Player of the Year award. Fellow Red Rose Abby Dow also received a nomination alongside New Zealand's Ruahei Demant and France's Gabrielle Vernier.

She was announced as the winner following the Red Roses' 33-12 victory over the Black Ferns in Auckland.

"I'm completely on a high at the moment and I'm so proud of this squad, both players and staff," said Packer after receiving the award. "We spoke about this journey 11 weeks ago in Chester, and we've grown over the tournament.

"Me getting World Player of the Year is credit to the players around me. I can't do my job without them. I'm on cloud nine and the other girls should be too."

DECEMBER

Kevin Sinfield's epic fundraising challenge

England defence coach Kevin Sinfield embarked on his latest incredible challenge, which saw him run seven ultra-marathons in seven days, having set a £777,777 target to raise funds for Motor Neurone Disease research.

Sinfield began his challenge on 1 December, running from Leeds to York before moving on to Cardiff - finishing at Cardiff Arms Park at half-time of Cardiff v Scarlets - then Birmingham, Edinburgh, Dublin and Brighton.

The final leg, on 7 December, started at Twickenham Stadium and finished on The Mall in central London.

Kevin has raised over £8million towards vital research into MND since 2020, having been inspired by his close friend and former Leeds Rhinos scrum half and teammate Rob Burrow, who was diagnosed with the disease in December 2019 just two years after he retired.



Match Preview: Crystal Palace v Brentford

Analysis, team news, match officials and more. Here's everything you need to know ahead of Brentford's Premier League game against Crystal Palace

Written by Brentford Football Club

Brentford take on Crystal Palace on Saturday (3pm kick-off) in a game that has yet to produce a winner between the two sides in the Premier League so far.

All five fixtures between Thomas Frank's team and the Eagles have ended in low-scoring ties with the stats suggesting we may see a similar outcome on Saturday.

Brentford are looking to bounce back from a 4-1 defeat to Wolverhampton Wanderers last time out, while Palace fell to a late loss at Chelsea on Wednesday night.

Pre-match analysis

Richard Cole, Playmaker Stats: Brentford could capitalise on Palace's Selhurst Park struggles.

Not a single goal was scored in 180 minutes (plus stoppage-time) between Brentford and Crystal Palace in the 2021/22 season while last year saw both games end 1-1.

Rewind to August at Gtech Community Stadium and you get another 1-1 draw with Kevin Schade's first Bees goal cancelled out late on by Joachim Andersen.



Head to Head		
19	Goals	25
28	Goals Conceded	28
148	Shots	175
42%	Possession	48%
1	Red Cards	1
37	Yellow Cards	41



This time, Selhurst Park will be the venue but it's a stadium in which local fans have yet to see the best of their team so far this season.

Roy Hodgson's side have the second-worst home record in the Premier League, winning just once while losing five of their nine fixtures there. And for that solitary home win you'd have to go back to early September when Crystal Palace won 3-2 against Wolverhampton Wanderers.

In fact, only Burnley (who have just three home points) have been less productive at home than Palace (six points) so far this season.

Palace's primary problem has been goals, or the lack of them. Only Sheffield United (15) and Burnley (18) have scored fewer (15) than Crystal Palace in the Premier League (19).

When you break it down into home goals then the record looks far worse for Brentford's upcoming opponents. Of those nine games at Selhurst Park, the Eagles have found the net just eight times – the worst home scoring record in the Premier League.

But while Palace haven't been their best at Selhurst Park, Brentford have similar struggles on the road.

In eight away league games, the Bees have scored just eight goals – ranking them ahead of Sheffield United (5) and level with Burnley and Manchester United.

However, there are some brighter spots for Brentford. While Frank's side might not score as many goals as he would hope on their travels, they don't concede many either. Only the aforementioned Manchester United (9) and Arsenal (8) have let in fewer away goals than Brentford (10).

And of course, we also have to take into account how well Brentford usually do against fellow London sides. Both of the Bees' away victories have been in the capital: a 3-0 win at Craven Cottage in August as well as the customary victory at Stamford Bridge (2-0 in October).

Brentford then are in an ideal place to pick up more points on the road while Palace look to turn their home form around.

Failing that, we could have the potential of a sixth consecutive draw between the Eagles and the Bees.

Scout Report

Palace winless in eight ahead of Saturday's meeting

Crystal Palace got off to their usual solid, if unspectacular, start last season and were comfortably sat in mid-table by the time of the World Cup last November.

But after the break, they essentially ground to a halt. The Eagles returned with one league win in 13 games, scoring just six goals along the way, and were on a hiding to nothing by the time Patrick Vieira was sacked in mid-March, three points above the Premier League relegation zone.

“It is with enormous regret that this difficult decision has been made,” chair Steve Parish said in a statement. “Ultimately, results in recent months have placed us in a precarious league position and we felt a change is necessary to give us the best chance of retaining Premier League status.”

The perceived best course of action was to bring back the man he had replaced: Roy Hodgson.

It was an appointment met with mixed reactions, but Palace needed a figurehead with experience to lead the firefighting job - and few had a stronger CV or knowledge of the club to be able to succeed.

And succeed he did. Hodgson took over from Vieira on 21 March, during the final international break of the season, and then guided his side to three straight wins against fellow relegation candidates Leicester City, Leeds United and Southampton.

From the final 10 games, Palace collected 18 points from the 30 on offer, which led them to 11th and an 11-point gap to the bottom three.

The job Hodgson did was so good that it came as no surprise when he was handed a one-year deal in July.

But after overcoming that challenge, he was presented with an even trickier one. For the first time in the best part of a decade, Palace did not have talisman Wilfried Zaha to lead them. His departure to Galatasaray on a free transfer, after a protracted will-he-won't-he contract saga, left a significant hole in the squad.

Brazil Under-20s starlet Matheus Franca was signed from Flamengo as a long-term replacement, but it

was a big ask for the 19-year-old to fill such esteemed boots, so much so that he has only managed 40 minutes in the league so far.

The season started reasonably well, with Palace as high as ninth after three wins – including one over Manchester United at Old Trafford - and three draws in the opening eight games, but they have really laboured since the end of the October international break.

Palace have lost seven of their last 11 games and are on a run of eight games without a win ahead of Saturday's match. What's more, they have conceded the first goal in 25 matches in 25 Premier League games in 2023, which is the most of any side, and are underperforming in terms of xG (25.52 v 19 actual) and xPTS (23.2 v 18 actual).

"I'm not frightened to death of the relegation zone as it doesn't matter to me at this stage of the season," said Hodgson after the defeat to Chelsea on Wednesday. "This team and the way we've played in the last four games gives me great hope and heart for the future."

Ahead of the game that almost always ends in a draw, it seems the stakes are little higher than they have been before.

In the Dugout

Roy Hodgson

At the start of January, having turned 76 in August, Roy Hodgson - the Premier League's oldest-ever manager – will prolong his long and vibrant managerial career into a 48th year.

He started out as a player at Crystal Palace and played as a non-league defender for a decade, but was already coaching in his mid-20s and took his first job at Halmstads before his 30th birthday.

Much of the next 10 years was spent in Sweden, before two years at Neuchatel Xamax in Switzerland, three years as Switzerland national team manager and another two at Inter Milan, whom he led to the UEFA Cup final in 1997.

Hodgson had spent time at Bristol City and Blackburn earlier in his career, but he established himself in England when he was appointed Fulham - as Lawrie Sanchez's successor – in 2007, saving the Cottagers from relegation within his first five months, a seventh-place finish in 2008/09 and the Europa League final in his last season, before joining Liverpool a matter of weeks after they lost to Atletico Madrid in Hamburg.

After 13 wins in 31 games, he was sacked by the Reds in January 2011 and, after 14 months at West Bromwich Albion, became England manager. Despite a near-60 per cent win ratio, his time as Three Lions boss will be remembered for a miserable World Cup in 2014 and then being knocked out by Iceland in the last 16 at Euro 2016.

Crystal Palace came calling in 2017 and he returned after more than half a century away, He spent four seasons back at Selhurst Park before leaving in May 2021, yet not shutting the door on a return to management.

In May 2022 - after a four-month spell at Watford that ended in relegation - Hodgson said he would not be seeking another Premier League job, but by March of this year, he had returned for a second spell in south London.



NPL breakthrough opens the way to measure performance of next-gen quantum communication networks

Scientists at NPL have developed a new technique to test and measure the performance of next-generation optical fibre interconnects for quantum communication networks.

NPL's Optical Fiber Metrology team devised an innovative new approach to measure a key parameter for optical fibre performance called Mode Field Diameter (MFD) on commercial quantum-grade connectors intended for use in a quantum internet. The new measurement technique incorporates traceable verification into high performance quantum-grade interconnects, to ensure the most efficient transmission possible of entangled photons over fibre networks.

Robert Ferguson, Higher Scientist at NPL, explained, *“A photonic-based quantum internet will need high quality and efficient interconnects for long-haul operation of quantum computing and secure communication processes. Its performance is dependent upon very low-loss connectivity between optical interconnecting components that make up the network hardware.”*

Ferguson continued, *“Maximising network efficiencies in quantum networks is essential in order to ensure the optimal transmission of entangled photons in a quantum internet. Connectors used in a quantum network must have excellent coupling efficiencies to minimise link losses. Fibre that does not meet the necessary efficiency levels will degrade transmission and impede performance.”*

A quantum internet will enable applications such as ultra-secure, highly encrypted communications for distributed quantum computing in hyperscale data centres, advanced high-performance computing, and also 5G mobile environments such as smart cities or advanced automated manufacturing sites that use fibre for their backhaul.

NPL aims to continue measuring other commercial quantum grade optical cable configurations as well as further modifying existing systems to enable traceable measurements on a range of dedicated interconnects for the quantum internet.

“Quantum networks will transform how we send and receive all types of data,” **said Ferguson.** *“The quantum internet is still several years away from becoming a mainstream technology, but it has the potential to reshape how we live and work: how we do business: and how we approach issues of national strategic importance such as defence and security.”*

“Quantum-powered networks are the kind of early-stage disruptive technology that NPL is ideally placed to lead on in a way that improves stability and performance for widespread practical rollout and uptake, at a national level and also worldwide.”

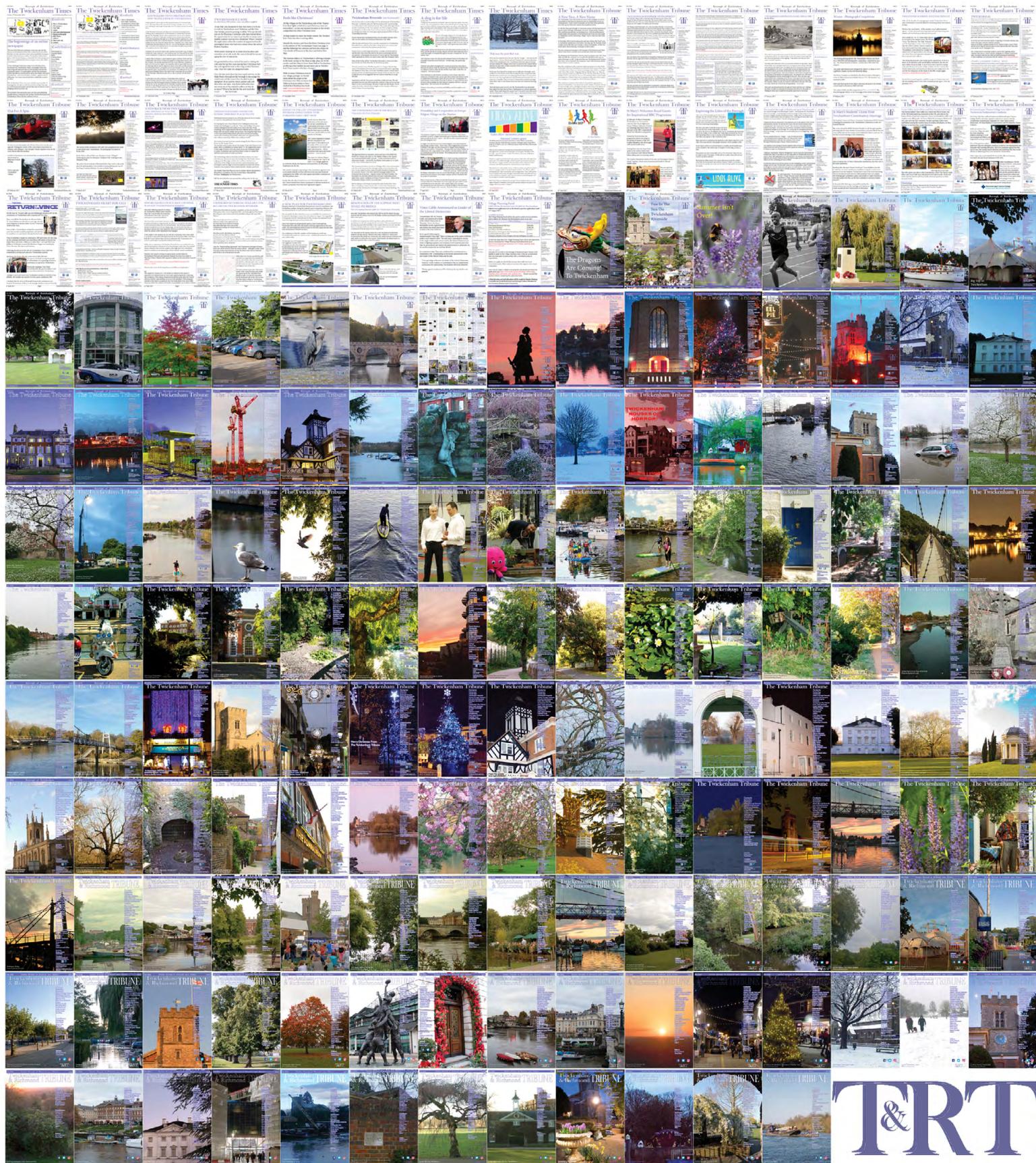
Earlier this month, NPL, in collaboration with government and industry partners including BSI, the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT), UKQuantum, the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) and the National Quantum Computing Centre (NQCC), launched the [UK Quantum Standards Network Pilot](#) to support establishing global standards for quantum.

The Network Pilot's purpose is to help UK quantum-focused companies overcome obstacles and realise the potential of quantum technologies in applications ranging from healthcare and finance to defence and communications.

In March, the UK Government announced its [National Quantum Strategy](#), a 10-year vision and strategy mission for the country to become a leading quantum-enabled economy.



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