

Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE



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3rd September 2021



Sion Road and Victorian Postbox, Twickenham
Photo by Berkley Driscoll

TickerTape - News in Brief

District line closure

District line Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 September
No service between Earl's Court and Ealing Broadway/**Richmond**
Use alternative Tube or rail replacement bus services.

Richmond Park closed to vehicles on Sunday

Park users are reminded that Richmond Park will be closed to all vehicular traffic on Sunday 5th September. For more information and route maps, please go to the London Duathlon [website](#).

The 2020 edition of the London Duathlon will take place on Sunday 5 September 2021.

The London Duathlon, the UK's most stunning run-bike-run event, takes place in beautifully scenic Richmond Park. There are four different distances or events for you to choose from including a half duathlon, full duathlon, ultra duathlon or a more sociable team challenge, the duathlon relay.

Richmond Council recognised for tackling domestic abuse

Richmond Council is one of just five London councils to be recognised for its work on tackling domestic abuse through the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance (DAHA) accreditation Chartermark.

Approximately one in four women and one in six men will suffer domestic abuse at some time in their lives, and police recorded crime data shows an increase during the pandemic.

The accreditation aims to transform the housing sector's response to domestic abuse by assessing individual housing providers and supporting them to improve their practices.

Richmond Council was praised for its comprehensive and robust response to the issue, in particular, a cultural shift in its Housing and Regeneration Department towards placing survivors' safety as a priority.



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TwickerSeal and his chums decided that it was, finally, time for a holiday.

And where else would they go than sunny Gibraltar?!

On their first day they popped along to [Commonwealth Park](#), a lovely oasis amid the hustle and bustle of busy Gibraltar.

TwickerDuck couldn't believe that the Park used to be a busy car park, but it's true! Amazingly, if you have the will and imagination, you actually can take an area dominated by cars and transform it into a public space to be enjoyed by residents – without a single luxury flat being built on it!

The Park is enclosed, providing a safe space for families with young children and it has public toilets – which aren't in a pub - and it isn't crisscrossed by cycle and e-scooter routes.

There is an event space, with power facilities etc, which has been used for such as a jazz festival and as an outdoor cinema venue in summer. Incredibly, even though it is next to the sea ... it's not in a flood zone!

TwickerMole couldn't understand it; after 40 years since the fantastic public lido closed, why can't Richmond Council build a safe public space, focussed on the residents, vehicle-free and providing non-floodable event space?

What's so difficult? Where's the will and imagination?



COVID-19

Teresa Read

World Health Organization epidemiological COVID-19 update - 31 August 2021

With just under 4.4 million new cases reported this week (23-29 August), the number of new cases reported globally remains similar to the previous week after increasing for nearly two months (since mid-June). In the past week all regions reported either a decline (Africa, Americas) or a similar trend (Europe, South-East Asia, Eastern Mediterranean) in new cases, except for the Western Pacific Region which reported a 7% increase as compared to previous week. The number of deaths reported globally this week were also similar to last week, with just over 67 000 new deaths reported. The Eastern Mediterranean and Western Pacific Regions reported an increase in the number of weekly deaths, 9% and 16% respectively, while the South-East Asia Region reported the largest decrease (20%). The cumulative number of cases reported globally is now nearly 216 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just under 4.5 million.

Total cases to 3rd September 2021

Richmond upon Thames 17,017

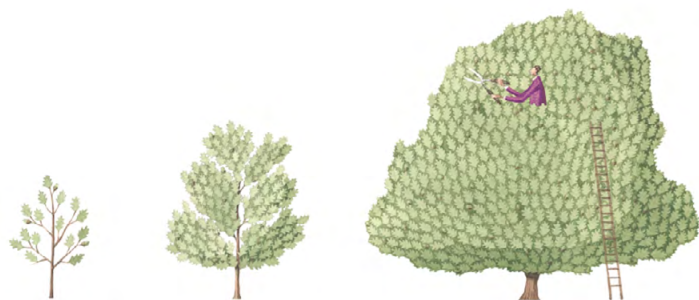
Kingston upon Thames 17,510

Hounslow 33,275

World Health Organization: Countries with High Numbers of Deaths.

Deaths Worldwide 4,534,755.

USA	638,632	Ecuador	32,296
Brazil	581,150	Czechia	30,404
India	439,529	Hungary	30,060
Mexico	260,503	Canada	26,962
Peru	198,329	Bangladesh	26,362
Russian Federation	184,812	Pakistan	25,978
Indonesia	134,356	Belgium	25,382
The United Kingdom	132,742	Tunisia	23,647
Italy	129,290	Iraq	20,934
Colombia	125,016	Bulgaria	18,950
France	112,855	Bolivia	18,473
Argentina	112,005	Netherlands	18,012
Iran	108,988	Portugal	17,757
Germany	92,256	Malaysia	16,942
Spain	84,472	Egypt	16,743
South Africa	82,496	Japan	16,123
Poland	75,367	Paraguay	15,785
Turkey	57,000	Myanmar	15,600
Ukraine	53,877	Sweden	14,692
Chile	36,995	Greece	13,743
Romania	34,617	Kazakhstan	13,732
Philippines	33,533	Morocco	12,749



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Eel Pie Yum Yum

By Simon Fowler

The name of Eel Pie Island is of course instantly memorable. Until well into the nineteenth century it was officially called Twickenham Ait.

The name today reflects the dish that people came to the island to enjoy. There is a story that Henry VIII was once rowed up the Thames on the Royal Barge to Hampton Court. On his way past the island the monarch was once overcome by hunger, crying 'Stop the barge and bring us a pie! Bring us an eel pie.' He sent a minion ashore to buy him an eel pie from the famous stall, run by a Mistress Mayo, which he later regularly frequented.

Unfortunately, this just a story, although a Mayo family ran the inn on the island from 1830 through to the 1880s.

The ait seems to have been a place for recreation as early as the 17th century. Moses Glover's map of 1635 notes a plot of land as 'hath bin A Boulding Alley'. Even though it was only accessible by boat there was a public house the Ship, which later became the White Cross.

By the 1820s the establishment was known as the Eel Pie House, which increasingly attracted many parties who came down the Thames by boat to enjoy the food and drink provided on fine summer evenings.

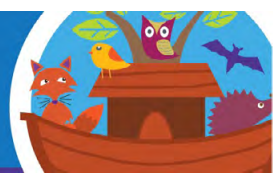


The eels used in the dish were caught on the island. They were described in 1825 as being 'the finest in the world'. At the time there were several other eel pie houses around London, served the delicacy using eels kept in sluices. They were the precursors of today's surviving East End pie and mash shops.

The recipe has been lost, but it may have been the one known as the Richmond Eel Pie. Aeneas Dallas, a journalist on The Times in the 1870s told the food historian Florence White in the 1930s that 'This used to be a famous pie, but we hear little of it now...It is a great question debated for ages on Richmond Hill whether this pie is best hot or cold. It is perfect either way.' If you are interested the recipe is available at <https://app.ckbk.com/recipe/good55004c03s001ss007r004/eel-pie>.

Back in 2007 Richmond Eel Pie was declared Britain's rarest dish. A Sainsbury's survey found that only two per cent of people questioned had tried it. A restaurant in Thames Ditton then set out to recreate the dish. Although it was enjoyed by customers, the chef decided that it would be too expensive to add to the menu, as eels were now extremely expensive.

The excellent Eel Pie Island Museum in Twickenham is well-worth visiting, although unfortunately it does not sell the dish for which the island was named.



“Always watch where you are going. Otherwise, you may step on a piece of the Forest that was left out by mistake”
Winnie the Pooh.

Yet another report now highlights that the decline in insect population is linked to Light Pollution. Scientists say that light pollution contributes to a ‘worrying’ decline in insects seen in recent decades. In one UK study artificial street lights were found to disrupt the behaviour of nocturnal moths reducing caterpillar numbers by HALF. Modern **LED Street lights** appeared to have the biggest impact.

We have highlighted the ineffectual enforcement of Nuisance Lighting and inappropriate ‘Bright Lighting’ in our Borough, which impact on habitat and sadly these still exist. Maybe reading the below excellent linked document will encourage Councillors/Planners to take action as Nature is a ‘Hot’ topic and vote catcher.

Quote from Dan Oakley, Lead Ranger and Dark Skies Lead at South Downs National Park.

“Many planning authorities lack effective lighting policies so there is a real opportunity to improve darkness across the UK. Because of this, the UK Dark Skies Partnership has been working together to advocate the inclusion of dark skies into appropriate policies and to produce guidance materials to help fix the gaps in understanding and implementation – and the document [“Towards a Dark Sky Standard”](#) is one such document that is now being promoted by partners for use throughout the UK.”

[Website: River Crane Sanctuary](#) [Instagram](#)

Gus the Dragonfly hanging out



Cutie Chiff Chaff posed for this photo





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Council to compensate residents for garden waste service disruption

Richmond Council will be giving its garden waste collection customers five free months of the service, as compensation for recent disruptions caused by the crew shortages.

Throughout July and early August, there was a significant increase in the number of people required to self-isolate after being contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. Combined with a national shortage in collection vehicle drivers, there were not enough crew to continue collections of all waste streams.

The Council made a logistical decision to prioritise household waste/food collections followed by blue and black box recycling collections and deploy all available staff to those collection rounds. This meant garden waste collections had to be suspended.

As compensation for the suspended service, existing subscription holders will be given **free collections up to 31 March 2022**. All subscribers have been contacted directly with further details.

Cllr Julia Neden-Watts, Chair of the Environment, Sustainability, Culture and Sports Committee said:

“The service is now back up and running. Since the government changed the self-isolation rules for fully vaccinated people, we have seen a positive impact on the availability of collection crew.



“I am grateful for the patience and understanding shown by residents while the service was suspended and I am pleased we have been able to come up with this solution.”

Find out more about the [garden waste collection service](#).

Dear Editors,

The Council has published the plans for Twickenham Riverside and these you will find on the Council website under Planning, 21/2758/FUL. There are about 150 separate documents, some of which are well over 50 pages long and it isn't easy for a layman to find his way around them, but one of many that caught my attention I thought I would share with you.

It is an independent road safety audit that was taken in September 2020, during the time when the plans still included the service road linking Water Lane and Wharf Lane and before the Council realised that it wasn't workable. You will find the report on page 41 of the Transport Assessment, part 4 of 5. The auditors refer to Kings Road as opposed to King Street which doesn't fill one with confidence! It is interesting to note that there is no independent safety audit for the articulated lorries, cars and vans making a three point turn at the bottom of Water Lane and the Embankment to go back up Water Lane, surely one of the most important areas of the site to be audited. Here are some extracts:

PROBLEM

Location: Wharf Lane and Water Lane.

Summary: Narrow two-way road may lead to a risk of collisions between vehicles and between vehicles and cyclists.

Recommendation: Ensure that any pinch points on the carriageway are minimised so that there is sufficient width for vehicles to pass each other safely.

PROBLEM

Location: Wharf Lane and Water Lane.

Summary: Insufficient width at junction mouths, resulting in collisions between vehicles travelling in opposite directions and collisions between vehicles and pedestrians.

Detail: The swept path analysis drawings show significant overlap between vehicles entering and exiting the junctions. There are also instances of the swept paths crossing the kerb lines. The narrow junction mouths may lead to a risk of vehicles colliding with other vehicles at the junction; or over-running the footway and striking pedestrians.

Recommendation: **If possible, retain the one-way arrangement for Wharf Lane and Water Lane.** As a minimum, provide bell-bollards or other physical features on the corners of the junctions to protect waiting pedestrians.

PROBLEM

Location: Wharf Lane and Water Lane.

Summary: Two-way working introduces the risk of reversing vehicles, which may result in collisions between vehicles and collisions between vehicles and pedestrians.

Detail: **It is proposed to provide two-way working on Wharf Lane and Water Lane, however the Audit Team have not been provided with details of how and where vehicles will be expected to turn around to exit the two roads. If there is insufficient room for vehicles to turn around, then they may have to reverse out of the two roads, resulting in an increased risk of collisions with other vehicles and with pedestrians**

PROBLEM:

Location: North-west corner of Water Lane. *(this is at the junction of King Street, Church Street and Water Lane)*

Summary: Proposed kerb line runs alongside the existing bench, increasing the risk of pedestrian injury or vehicle damage.

Detail: **It is proposed to run the western kerb line of Water Lane directly alongside an existing seating bench. Pedestrians sitting at the bench may be struck by a passing vehicle. Vehicles may also strike the bench while manoeuvring, resulting in damage or injury.**

Recommendation: Ensure that the kerb line of the carriageway is kept a suitable distance away from any street furniture.

SO WHERE IS THE INDEPENDENT SAFETY AUDIT FOR THE FINAL PLANS THAT ARE NOW WITH THE PLANNING COMMITTEE?

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WHERE IS THE SAFETY AUDIT FOR THE BOTTOM OF THE WHARF LANE TURNING CIRCLE ON THE EMBANKMENT WHERE THE LORRIES, VANS AND CARS WILL BE DOING THREE-POINT TURNS AMIDST THE OTHER ROAD USERS IN ORDER TO GO BACK UP WHARF LANE AND EXIT THE SITE?

Please note, people only have until September 17th to lodge a comment!

With best wishes,

Sue Hamilton-Miller, Resident of Twickenham

Dear Editor,

I would be grateful if you would publish this e-mail sent to the council:

Email to Cllr Gareth Roberts, Leader of the Council and
Chair and current members of the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
cc Cllr Monica Saunders

3 September 2021

Dear Councillors

Two months ago, the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee formally commissioned the steps to acquire Twickenham's Diamond Jubilee Gardens by Compulsory Purchase Order from the charitable Trust which operates this Public Open Space.

Several prominent community/civic/amenity groups came together in February under the banner of The Twickenham Coalition. We call for the Council to exclude the Gardens from the costly CPO preparations that are being rushed through and to concentrate on the Council's commitments to Twickenham Riverside Trust and the people of Twickenham.

The [attached] fact sheet from The Twickenham Coalition shows what lies behind the decision on 28th June 2021 to go ahead with this highly controversial move, covering important aspects that have been missing from discussion. These include 'reprovisioning' requirements in the design brief, which is the Council's 'job spec' for the designs produced by the architects to replace and relocate the Diamond Jubilee Gardens and recently submitted for planning approval. (See Footnote.)

Supporters of The Twickenham Coalition are working together to achieve a vision that will deliver the best for Twickenham. Members of the community and local businesses have been waiting more than a decade for a scheme we can have confidence in, one that truly reflects our aspirations and the needs of Twickenham. Richmond Council now have just one chance to get it right and deliver this vital investment in Twickenham.

At the present time we are close to an acceptable solution for the site – but still not close enough. Note that details of the planned replacement and relocation of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens have not been clearly shown in the published consultation and planning documents.

Supporters of The Twickenham Coalition are firmly of the opinion that the CPO for the Diamond Jubilee Gardens is unnecessary, unjustified morally and legally, against the public interest, based on misleading and sometimes contradictory views and a bad decision made by a majority on the Council's Finance, Policy and Resources Committee. The Coalition calls for Richmond Council to act in the public interest and

- Publish details of the arrangements for replacing/relocating the Diamond Jubilee Gardens,
- Exclude the Gardens from the CPO preparations they have commissioned and
- Focus on the Council's commitments to the Trust and the people of Twickenham.

The Coalition awaits and looks forward to positive, material responses by Richmond Council.

Yours sincerely

Francis (Mac) McInerny, The Twickenham Coalition – 'Love our town'

The Twickenham Coalition is supported by Doug Orchard - Chair of the Twickenham Society, Mac McInerny of the Heatham Alliance community group, Helen Montgomery-Smith - Chair of the Eel Pie Island Association, Yvonne Hewett – Vice Chair, York House Society and Jack Betteridge – Vice President of the River Thames Society, as well as individual members of the community in Twickenham.

<https://thetwickenhamcoalition.org>

Footnote

The fact sheet describes Richmond Council's design brief as the first stage in the Twickenham Riverside scheme because it is the first stage in the RIBA's definitive design and construction process published in 2013. The RIBA have explained that a clear and robust design brief is the responsibility of the client (i.e. Richmond Council) in order to provide the design team with all the project requirements to produce designs that meet what the client wants. The design brief was extended last year, after Hopkins Architects were appointed.

[The attached fact sheet will be posted on the Coalition's website next week.]

To the Editor,

Twickenham Riverside

So the Twickenham Riverside plans are finally out and virtually nothing has changed over the past few months.

This photo shows the 5 storey block that the Council is going to build on the Diamond Jubilee Gardens (after they have compulsorily purchased them), four storeys of which will be luxury private flats. The view is taken from the turning circle needed by the lorries and cars to turn round in and exit Wharf Lane as they can't go along the Embankment.



View from the end of the embankment with the river activity area in the foreground

They have conveniently left the lorries and cyclists out of the picture.

Is this what the public foresaw when they simply asked for the parking to be removed from the riverside?

It will be costing in the region of £40 million but the viability assessment has also been left out of the planning application.

If you don't like the plans you have until September 17th to object to it - planning application number [21/2758/FUL](#).

Best wishes,

A disillusioned Twickenham Resident
Name and address withheld (but supplied)

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Letters of approximately 500 words of body text will be printed at our standard 14pt font size, which will publish as a single page.

All letters must be submitted by the end of Thursday, prior to publication the following day on Friday.

The Tribune prefers letters to include the writer's name, but will publish anonymously provided details are supplied.

RAILWAY WORK AT TWICKENHAM

Picture and report by Doug Goodman

The approach to Twickenham station saw major work by NetworkRail during the bank holiday weekend. New ballast and rails will improve the services between Waterloo, Reading and Windsor advised the operator in a letter to residents on August 19. Work will continue until October 11th with construction during the night. A final inspection on November 28 will see the conclusion of the engineering work. NetworkRail have promised to keep noise, lighting and traffic movements to a minimum although noise from heavy machinery is predicted.

More details from www.networkrail.co.uk



ZIPPOS CIRCUS: BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN! NEW SHOW CARNIVAL WILL VISIT TWICKENHAM

The wait is over! Following a lockdown break, **Zippos Circus** is back on the road with **Carnival**, a Big Top tour starring a diverse cast of thrilling artists from around the globe.

'London's Favourite Circus' will visit **Twickenham Green TW2 5TU** performing for just five days from Wednesday 15th to Sunday 19th September.



Carnival is presented by multi-talented Brazilian showman, comic, acrobat and aerialist Paulo Dos Santos, who stands at just over a metre tall. Charismatic Paulo has been with Zippos Circus for several years and is beloved by audiences young and old. This will be his first year as Ringmaster on the show, a testament to his popularity.

Paulo presents a fast-moving spectacle like no other as astonishing acrobats and aerialists, comics and daredevil motorcyclists come together from all corners of the world for this year's colourful production.

Returning by popular demand will be the famous Globe of Speed with its team of daring Brazilian motorcyclists performing high velocity stunts. Plus amazingly 'elastic' tumblers from Kenya; nail-biting knife-throwing from the Czech Republic; hand-balancing from the Garcia family featuring their talented teenage sons; high jinx from the pilot and his passenger in their old-tyme Flying Machine; and adrenaline-inducing skills courtesy of the astonishing Wheel of Steel.

Still Covid-cautious, Zippo's is limiting ticket sales to allow continuing social distancing, and other measures include deep cleaning between performances.

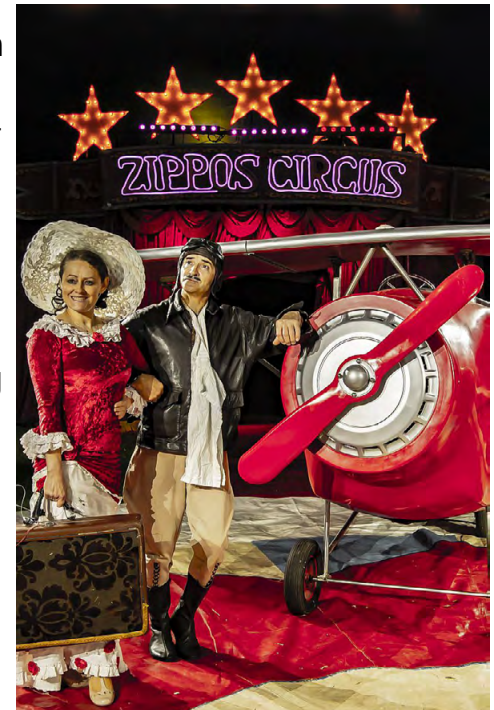
Ticket prices for the show start at:

FIRST NIGHT ONLY – all tickets £8.50 (upgrade to Ringside for extra £3)

2-14 years £13

Adults £17

Children aged *under 2* go free providing they sit on parent or guardian's lap



Advance booking is strongly recommended - book online and check tour dates at www.zippos.co.uk
There is a £1.50 booking fee on all internet and telephone bookings made via SEE TICKETS.

Visitors are advised to arrive at least 30 minutes before the show.
We prefer that face coverings are worn.

WHAT IS BIT.LY? IS IT SAFE?

by Mac McInerney, Heatham Alliance community group
and Neighbourhood Watch



Let's take a step back for a minute. A 'URL' or Uniform Resource Locator is the web address to a particular file or page on the internet. When you look for a product on Amazon you will probably see its URL looking something like this –

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/?ie=UTF8&tag=googhydr-21&hvadid=208892259274&hvpos=&hvexid=&hvnetw=s&hvrnd=4521581837776636322&hvpon=&hvptwo=&hvqmt=p&hvdev=c&ref=> (and so on!)

So 'URL shorteners' have sprung up to make these web addresses more user-friendly and less costly to send via SMS text messages. A good idea then?

Well, 'bit.ly' is actually Bitly, a URL shortener and marketing service. ('.ly' identifies Libya!) 'Ow.ly' is another one. Plus 'Tiny.cc' (the Cocos Islands), 'Goo.gl' (Greenland) and dozens more.

The problem with a shortened link is that it is not obvious where it is going to take you. The link might actually be to a fraudulent website, one that has been listed as 'suspicious' after downloading malicious software.

I have not found advice about this from the National Cyber Security Centre (part of GCHQ) but it is commonly accepted that shortened URLs can pose security risks. Criminals use shortened URLs to direct people to scam websites, to find out sensitive personal data and initiate malware downloads.

So the safest advice is don't click on these shortened URL links, which you will often find in text messages as well as emails.

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Room for Work kick-starts stalled careers

Room for Work Online is a prize-winning employability course* designed for skilled workers at all levels, including managers and professionals. If you're a mature person struggling to get back into work - or you know you're under-employed and want a better job - this is the programme for you.

The Room for Work course provides an active, participative learning experience through a series of presentations and workshops conducted by professionals with expertise in their respective fields. In our 12-week programme participants learn current job search techniques with an emphasis on networking, developing social media skills, improving CVs, and practising competency-based interviews.

There is a social benefit as well. Job search is a lonely activity. At Room for Work you will be with other jobseekers in a friendly and supportive environment.

Classes are free and held online on Mondays 10.30am to 1pm. The next course starts 13 September and runs to 6 December. Register online at www.roomforwork.org



Parlez-vous français? Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

A flavour of France & Germany is coming to East Sheen on

Friday 10th September 2021 from 1.30 – 3 pm

Sarah Olney MP will unveil a new information board about Richmond's Twinned Towns of Fontainebleau and Konstanz outside the library in East Sheen.

The Mayor of Richmond will also be in attendance.



Richmond's Twinned Towns in France and Germany



Fontainebleau lies 60 km south-west of Paris, close to the left bank of the river Seine. It is covered on a magnificent plateau on a site which was inhabited by every French king and emperor over more than 800 years and is now listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The first royal residence was a hunting lodge built in the 12th century. In the 16th century Francis I's chateau and that of Henry VIII, replaced the earlier building with a Renaissance style palace which, in its turn, was modified and enlarged by later monarchs. The chateau was beloved by Napoleon Bonaparte, who resided and completely refurbished it after the French Revolution. It was here that Napoleon led a fearful farewell to officers of his Old Guard when he abdicated in 1814. With more than 1300 rooms, Fontainebleau remains the most richly furnished of all the French royal chateaux. It also contains one of only two active Real Tennis courts in France.



Chateau de Fontainebleau

Surrounding the town is the Parcs de Fontainebleau, much of which was a royal hunting estate from the 13th century. It is the second largest national forest in France and is recognised for the rich diversity of its flora and fauna. With a vast network of paths for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders, it is a popular weekend getaway for Parisians. It is also known for its remarkable rock formations, which attract rock-climbers from around the world.

For some years after World War II, Fontainebleau housed the general staff of the Allied Forces in Central Europe. Since 1957 it has been the home of the original European campus of INSEAD, which has now become one of the world's foremost international business schools.

Konstanz enjoys an idyllic setting on the shores of Lake Constance (Bodensee in German) at the point where the River Rhine leaves the lake, with the Swiss Alps providing a stunning backdrop. Although most of the modern town lies north of the Rhine, the Old Town lies on the south side of the river, surrounded by Swiss territory. Because of this, the historic centre escaped bombing by the Allies during World War II.



Aerial view of Konstanz, showing the Old Town on the left and the island of Minster on the far right

The area around Konstanz was inhabited from prehistoric times. The Romans settled the site in the first century AD and it is from the name of a Roman emperor that the name of the town is derived. In the Middle Ages, Konstanz became an important religious and commercial centre, with the only bridge in the region across the Rhine.

Konstanz is known particularly for the Council which was convened there from 1414 to 1418 to resolve the actions of the Catholic Church between two claimants to the Papacy. The Council led to the election of a new pope, Pius II, the only one that the election of a pope has taken place north of the Alps. During the course of the Council, the Czech religious reformer Jan Hus was called to Konstanz where he was condemned and burned at the stake. The Council is commemorated annually by the statue of Imperia erected in 1902 at the entrance to the harbour.



Statue of Imperia

Today Konstanz is a lively regional centre with a broad economic base and a thriving university. It has become a popular resort for tourists, and for visitors from neighbouring Switzerland. Amongst its many attractions are the cathedral, dating back partly to the 13th century, the Royal building, where the Council of Constance was held, and the oldest continuously used cinema in Germany. The town also encompasses the 'flower island' of Pfäfers with its renowned arboretum and gardens.



Royal building



Fontainebleau, The Expedition of Napoleon by J.M.W. Turner



Parcs de Fontainebleau



The town twinning movement started after World War II as part of the process of reconciliation and to contribute to the peaceful development of Europe. Richmond has been twinned with Fontainebleau in France since 1977 and with Konstanz in Germany since 1983.

The twinning is reaffirmed every five years, with celebrations held in each of the three towns in turn. This information board has been installed to commemorate the reaffirmation which had been due to take place in Richmond in the pandemic year of 2020.

Sporting, cultural and educational links between Richmond and its twinned towns are promoted by the Richmond in Europe Association, which has provided this board under a Civic Pride grant. For further information please go to www.richmondineurope.com



St. Margaret's Elastic Band will perform a programme of French, German and English music before the unveiling ceremony.

Everyone is invited to attend and we hope local traders will adopt a French or German theme for the day. Berets and Lederhosen are optional.

Venez nombreux!! Wir freuen uns sehr darauf, Sie zu sehen!!

For further information please go to www.richmondineurope.com

Tour of York House this Sunday and the reopening of venue hire!

Members of the public are invited to join the York House Society on a tour of York House from 2 to 4pm this Sunday 5 September.

York House is a 17th century building with a fascinating history.

The tour marks the reopening of Council halls for hire from Monday 6 September 2021. Members of the public can hire a variety of spaces across the borough suitable for different events, from the stately setting of York House to more modern venues including Crane Community Centre, Murray Park Hall, Sheen lane Hall and Bullen Hall (once refurbishments are completed).

View more information on [venue hire](#).



Calling all businesses! Apply for the eCargo Bike Grant Fund

The Department for Transport's eCargo Bike Grant Fund has made available £400,000 for the purchase of eCargo bikes, to support businesses switching to a more sustainable transport solution.

Businesses can receive up to 40% of the total cost of a new eCargo bike, up to the value of £2,500 for two-wheel models and £4,500 for three-wheel models. The Energy Saving Trust will make a decision on applications within 15 days of receiving them and the £400,000 pot is allocated on a first come, first serve basis. Businesses can apply now. The closing date for applications is Tuesday 14 December 2021.

Richmond Council already runs a partnership with Peddle My Wheels to encourage businesses and residents to hire bicycles, e-bikes or eCargo bikes. Businesses can find out more about [eCargo bikes](#) and view case studies of how eCargo bikes are already being used in the borough.

If businesses would like to discuss the application or speak to existing eCargo bike owners in Richmond upon Thames to find out more about what it is like to own one, email transportation@richmond.gov.uk



Applications will be capped at five eCargo bikes per organisation.

CLlr Alexander Ehmann, Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Committee for Richmond Council, said: *"Businesses in the borough should consider applying for the eCargo Bike Grand Fund. It's a great opportunity to help improve local air quality, tackle road traffic congestion, and reduce transport operating costs.*

"eCargo bikes offer a practical and sustainable transport solution for last mile deliveries, emitting zero emissions. The funding is awarded on a first come, first served basis so please do not miss this opportunity to help improve air quality in Richmond upon Thames."

Hampton Wick and Teddington

Hampton Wick and Teddington PLG

The next meeting of the Hampton Wick and Teddington Police Liaison Group (PLG) will be on 21st October 2021 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Hall (at the rear of the Landmark Centre)

The meeting will finish at 9.00pm

Whitton

Safe, well ventilated singing is back at the Whitton Community Centre

Whitton Adult Community Singing is a supportive and friendly route into learning more about good music through great songs from all genres.

No need to read music. This is a singing group for everybody, including those with no experience and those who already have some experience. Songs are chosen from a wide variety of styles: gospel, pop, classical etc. Word and music sheets are provided and lots of support is given to people who are nervous about singing.

Come and join in a free trial session on any Saturday between 11.15am and 12.15pm at the Whitton Community Centre. The music is cool and so are the people! Call 07788664957 or email loulla82gorman@gmail.com for more details.

They meet every Saturday from 11 September to 11 December, except the half term date of 23 October.

Barnes

Barnes charity bike sale is back in town

If you have a bike to donate or sell in return for a share of the proceeds please bring it along to St Mary's in Barnes on Saturday 4 or 11 September between 10 and 12 noon.

If you'd like to buy a bike, the sale is on Saturday 18 September at 10am, where there will be a selection of adults and children's bikes for sale. It's great value and a great cause as all proceeds go to charity.

All the details are on our website, or contact bikes@stmarybarnes.org for more info.

Three Parks Challenge

The Three Parks Challenge provides the ideal opportunity for you, your family and friends to enjoy the majesty of Bushy, Hampton Court and Richmond Parks and savour spectacular stretches of the Thames riverside. You will be cared for throughout and be fed and watered upon completion ... all the while making a huge difference to street children around the world who every day face the biggest challenges with the least support.

The walk starts at Teddington Cricket Club in Bushy Park (between 10 and 11 a.m.) and will finish with an all-afternoon barbeque.

You can choose 8 or 16-mile options and will be provided with a map and detailed directions. 8 miles will take 3-3.5 hours, 16 will take 6-7 hours.

An individual entrance fee of £20 (£35 couples and £45 families) covers the costs of the event, so we encourage you to seek your additional sponsorship from friends and family who are not able to join you on this walk. Follow [this link](#) to set up your JustGiving page, allowing you most easily to reach out to your contacts.

Together, we can keep street children safe and provide them access to the basic services of food, water, shelter and healthcare they immediately need, particularly during the continuing Covid crisis. Most importantly, we can ensure that they know there are trustworthy people there for them, whenever they need, so that they can develop and grow to their full potential.

The Event

A stunning walk across three parks, with options of 8 or 16 miles route, and finishing with a BBQ at Teddington Cricket Club on 26th September 2021

The Route

The Three Parks Challenge features a majestic circular walk through Bushy, Hampton Court and Richmond Parks, interwoven with spectacular stretches of Thames riverside

The Charity

Three Parks Challenge is organised by StreetInvest, an international NGO supporting street children around the world.



www.threeparkschallenge.streetinvest.org

Know Your Place with Richmond Libraries this September!

Throughout September, Richmond's Local Studies Library and Archive invites you to delve deeper into the fascinating history of Richmond upon Thames through the Know Your Place Festival.

The borough's rich history will be explored through a series of online talks by notable historians, behind the scenes videos, downloadable resources and guided walks.

Programme highlights include:

- An online talk on Cardinal John Henry Newman, who spent his childhood in Ham and was canonised in 2019
- An illustrated talk telling the history of Station Road, Hampton through old photos, maps, plans, aerial images
- A talk by Melanie Backe-Hansen on tracing the history of your house on Monday 13 September at Duke Street Church, Richmond
- A talk by Ed Harris on Whitton, Heathfield and Hounslow Heath where King James II trained the largest army ever assembled on British soil in peacetime, staged the first ever Royal Military Tattoo and built a hospital designed by Wren
- An online talk on the soldier, boxer and stuntman, Chick 'Cocky' Knight, who lived in Castelnau in Barnes and saved two people from drowning in the Thames in 1930
- A film on Eel Pie Island's history working boatyards

Visit the Know Your Place web page for a full list of activities and start celebrating the heritage of Richmond upon Thames.



ANOTHER SURE-FIRE ROASTING TIN HIT!

I'm already a great fan of Rukmini Iyer and her Roasting Tin series of cook books, and the latest one – launched this week – is a real sure-fire hit. **The Sweet Roasting Tin** is apparently the last in this much-loved series, and a sweet ending to such a great idea. It offers 75 really easy, yet nonetheless delicious, one-tin bakes. From festive bakes such as Stem Ginger Cherry & Almond Brownies or Black Forest Cupcakes, to weekend bakes like Triple Ginger Biscuits, there's something for each dietary need and occasion, with options to customise recipes for coeliacs, diabetics and vegans.



Rukmini's whole philosophy for the book is that of easy, delicious, one tin bakes. She covers most categories: loaf cakes, cupcakes, cookies, bread-and-butter puds and there is a very simple recipe template, allowing you to make multiple variations on a theme.

Even the least proficient baker will feel inspired and comfortable with this book, but the most proficient will also enjoy it! With autumn soon to show its face and back to school looming, here's a

sweet way to liven up your culinary repertoire – in a very easy and tasty way.

I've chosen a few recipes from the book that I think will demonstrate just how easy and delicious Rukmini's recipes are – all extracted from: *The Sweet Roasting Tin (One Tin Cakes, Cookies & Bakes)* by Rukmini Iyer (Square Peg) 2 September 2021, £18.99 hardback. Photography by David Loftus

CHOCOLATE, CHERRY & PISTACHIO FRIDGE CAKE

Serves: 8 Prep: 10 minutes Set: 3 hours

“A fridge cake fit for a queen: this tiffin combines all my favourite ingredients – glacé cherries, chocolate, pistachios and golden syrup.”

100g salted butter
200g (70% cocoa solids)
dark chocolate, roughly chopped
70g golden syrup
200g digestive biscuits, roughly broken
200g glacé cherries, halved
100g whole pistachios, roughly chopped

In a large saucepan, melt the butter, chocolate and golden syrup over a low heat, stirring continuously until smoothly melted, then turn off the heat.

Reserve a heaped tablespoon each of the broken digestives, glacé cherries and pistachios – you're going to use them to decorate later – and tip the rest into the saucepan with the chocolate mixture. Stir gently to coat, then transfer the mix to a lined 26.5cm x 19cm roasting tin.

Put the tin into the fridge, and leave to set for an hour, then scatter over the reserved broken biscuits, cherries and pistachios. Return the tin to the fridge to set for a further 2 hours before slicing and serving.

FOR GLUTEN-FREE: use gluten-free digestive biscuits.

TO VEGANISE: substitute the butter for 100g coconut oil and a pinch of salt and use vegan dark chocolate.



CHERRY & ALMOND CAKE

Serves: 8 Prep: 15 minutes Cook: 30–35 minutes

“I cannot pass a bakery selling cherry and almond cakes without going in to get a slice – particularly welcome after or during an outing with the pup. For me, this is a perfect all-day cake – just make sure to use the nice bright red glacé cherries for full retro impact.”

170g softened butter
170g soft light brown sugar
3 medium free-range eggs
100g self-raising flour
75g ground almonds
1 teaspoon baking powder
100g glacé cherries, halved
50g flaked almonds



Preheat the oven to 160°C fan/180°C/gas 4. Whisk the butter and sugar together until pale and fluffy, then beat in the eggs one at a time. Gently fold in the self-raising flour, ground almonds and baking powder, taking care not to over mix. Spoon the batter into a lined 20cm x 26cm roasting tin. Scatter the glacé cherries and flaked almonds over the cake, then transfer to the oven and bake for 30–35 minutes until firm to the touch and a skewer inserted comes out clean. Leave the cake in the tin for 5 minutes, then gently lift it out on to a wire rack and leave to cool briefly before serving warm or at room temperature. Any leftovers will keep well in an airtight tin in a cool room for 2–3 days.

FOR GLUTEN-FREE: substitute gluten-free flour for the ordinary flour.

ORANGE CHOCOLATE CHIP BREAD & BUTTER PUDDING

Serves: 6 Prep: 10 minutes Cook: 25–30 minutes

“This is based on a favourite steamed pudding – orange chocolate chip – which my mother made us as children. This bread and butter version uses the same flavourings but helps if you’ve got some leftover bread to use up.”

3 medium egg yolks
50g caster sugar
1 orange, zest and juice
300ml single cream
50ml milk
300g soft white sliced farmhouse bread, buttered
100g (70% cocoa solids) dark chocolate, cut into chunks
Custard, to serve (optional)



Preheat the oven to 150°C fan/170°C/gas 3. Whisk the egg yolks with the caster sugar and orange zest, then slowly whisk in the single cream, milk and orange juice. Set aside.

Cut the buttered bread into quarters and arrange one layer in a buttered 20cm x 26cm roasting tin. Spoon over enough orange custard to coat, squashing down the bread well with a spoon, then scatter over a layer of chocolate chunks. Repeat, layering up the bread, chocolate chunks and custard until you’ve used up all the bread. Pour the remaining custard over the top, add a final layer of chocolate chunks, and gently squash everything down again.

Transfer the pudding to the oven and bake for 25–30 minutes, until crisp and golden brown on top, but still soft within. Serve hot, with custard on the side if you wish.

FOR GLUTEN-FREE: use gluten-free sliced bread



A Simple Tale of Love

by Sasha Ravencroft

Rude Raven Productions at the Camden Fringe, then touring until 29th October

Now, this is intriguing: the flyer for *A Simple Tale of Love* carries a very haunting and macabre image, and yet the title is romantic, a mysterious combination. So my curiosity was already inflamed as I sat down in the auditorium to a living room set.

Molly, played by Helen Walling-Richards, had an impressive entrance to an acoustic guitar soundtrack. The significance of her opening monologue became clear. Molly has suffered a blow from her job and she describes her colleagues in vivid detail. Her words were at one time funny, sad and edgy. Walling-Richards made them real and alive.

A stranger, JD, played by Daniel Singh Pabla, entered and gave a good first impression of being striking, moody and mysterious. Although they sat together and interacted in a vital two-handed scene, Pabla's projection faltered, while Walling-Richards' was powerful.



It was clear that this unlikely duo were two extreme opposites, and bleakness and frustrations unravelled smoothly. Their different worlds were vivid, despite their revelation being a somewhat slow process, from the theme of salsa to that of JD being from quite literally in another world entirely.

There is an ironic end but Molly, despite her world crashing about her ears, finally knows happiness. Plus JD grows into a strong and convincing performance, before his perished and untimely end.

A morality play of sorts, *A Simple Tale of Love* was well-written, boldly lit and strongly directed by Nicole Roberts Ryder. This fifty-minute production is packed with impressive monologues and good pacing. By the ambivalent end, the mysteries of the haunting flyer became clear

Read Heather Moulson's review at www.markaspen.com/2021/08/30/simple-love

Photography courtesy of Rude Raven

Travel is just a Breeze – in the New Normal

Travel news by Bruce Lyons



This was the headline in a Travel Blog this week by two staff members of KE Adventures that went off with their Families, one to Corfu and one the Cyclades Islands. Well they did choose Greece which has been very helpful to tourists –

But it is true to say that if you follow the “Book with Confidence” travel agent advice (well this is our living – so we would be boned up on the changes as they occur) it is really pretty straightforward – yes a bit of extra expense for the tests but most of this Summer the low prices have compensated for the extra costs.

Moreover not only do the UK travel agents ensure you have all the correct information (and any changes as they evolve – if they do) all the hotels and tour reps are also up to speed where you can get your tests to come home from and are on hand if you have problems with your digital PLF (Passenger Locator Forms) .

What has also been noticeable is that clients tell us that resorts and hotels, whilst still having Summer trade are not under such pressure as in other years. These coming weeks, now the School Holidays are over, prices have dropped dramatically – so if you have itchy feet don't delay – book today!!! Greek Islands from £399 per person for a week with flights included!

So, what has changed since we last updated you? Portugal has now decided you don't even need to have been double jabbed – though they do require a PCR negative test. More Greens arrived – Turks & Caicos in the Caribbean and the Azores – both could be good for October School Break, the latter has some fine Whale Watching & heated lakes but is warmer than Iceland! You get there on TAP (Portuguese Airlines) – via Lisbon or direct from Stansted on Ryan a great destination for active families – there is Scuba Diving too! Oh, and Austria has turned AMBER!!

Those that have ventured off have felt they are in for a real treat – in fact one of our regulars got back last Sunday and really echoed the KE Adventures staff's comments – it's a breeze. The clue is to get all the requirements clear well in advance, the protocols and disciplines though new are relatively easy and only there to protect us all from the virus

In September there are great prices on European River Cruises. Many have been sailing most of the last year and there have not been any reports of infections, probably because they all have excellent ventilation and fresh air – and because the Cruise market as a whole was hit by the Pandemic there are plenty of spaces. Cruising along the Great European Rivers is a great experience With the historic riverside cities – something not to be missed!

Back on to the protocols, we are finding that most travellers understand what the UK authorities require but it is the host countries that confuse – simply because they are all pretty different – some in quite small ways – BUT don't be daunted – it can all be managed.

My tips for October School Break – Stick to Spain (Balearics and Canary Islands) Portugal and the Azores and Madeira; Italy- especially Sicily, Malta (Green), Gibraltar (Green), Cyprus – even Croatia (Green) and the Greek Islands - though a trip across the Channel to France is also on the cards now the rules have been relaxed. United Arab Emirates though Amber is quite tricky as yet and Maldives and the Oman and Sri Lanka are all RED as is Thailand now. UK cruising is still on offer in October and so is Iceland – but expensive as they have been GREEN all Summer and prices have on the whole increased.

Best prices will probably be Greece for October – the Adventure programmes all have some tempting offers too – but don't wait, book now for October School Break and Christmas as, with fewer places to go – prices rise! And you can always now “book with confidence” – every package has Covid-19 style protection built in.

Looking forward to seeing you soon – September 10th is Gibraltar Day – remember it's Green!

Bruce

WIZ TALES - Afghanistan

Teresa Read



In Edition 200 of the Tribune, I published photographs donated by a journalist in Northern Afghanistan for use in the World InfoZone international project.



Afghanistan is one of the “Stans” bordered by Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Pakistan, as well as Iran and China.

In ancient times Afghanistan was part of Bactria, along with Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Balkh, in Afghanistan, is one of the world’s oldest cities, and the capital of the Kingdom of Bactria.

Afghanistan was on the trade route along the Silk Road.

Information and photographs for all these countries from the World InfoZone project can be accessed from this link:

<https://worldinfozone.com/newslink.php?section=Asia>



Turkmenistan



Turkmenistan



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Uzbekistan



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Tajikistan



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Pakistan

Marble Hill – Live Music

This Sunday, 5th September at 2pm, Richmond Live comes to Marble Hill for free

With performances from Richmond Community Choir and Perrin Jazz Collective and Richmond Brass Band -what is not to love?

Performing at Marble Hill riverside with Visit Richmond made possible by National Lottery Heritage Fund



Roger McGough Poetry Celebration Afternoon

Join us for a celebration of the poems shortlisted from the Arts Richmond's 'Identity' Poetry Competition held earlier this year.

Your host will be none other than the man himself, Roger McGough, who will be announcing the winners.

A copy of the Anthology titled 'Identity' is available for purchase with your tickets.

Saturday 4th September 2021 | 15:00 pm.

Info and booking [HERE](#)



Oct 22nd 2021 – 19:00 Oct 23rd 2021 – 19:00 Oct 24th 2021 – 14:30

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St Mary's University

St Mary's Alumna sets World Record at Paralympics

Alumna of St Mary's University, Twickenham Corrine Hall MBE set a new Paralympic World Record as pilot for Lora Fachie MBE as the duo won the Gold Medal in the Women's 3000m Individual Pursuit B at Tokyo 2020.



The pair completed the race in 3:19.483 to defend the world title and set a new world record; their success continued when they won Silver in the Women's Time Trial B at Tokyo 2020 with a time of 48:32.06.

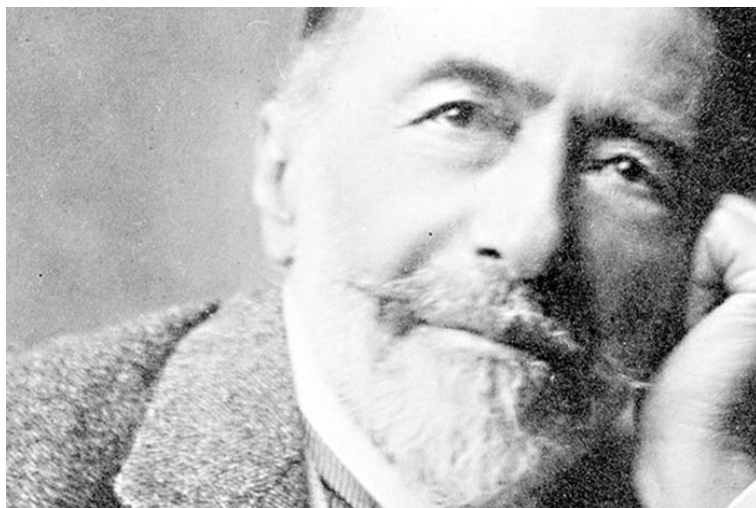
Corrine, who studied Sport Science at St Mary's, now has a total of four Paralympic medals having previously won gold and bronze alongside Lora in the Tandem Cycling 3000m Individual Pursuit B and the 30km Time Trial B at the 2016 Paralympic Games in Rio.

Head of Sport St Mary's, Andrew Reid-Smith said "Corrine and Lora have competed together since 2013 and their success in Tokyo adds to their incredible haul of World and Olympic medals. To improve upon the medals they won in Rio and break the pursuit world record is a wonderful achievement, and is testament to their ability to produce world-class performances when it really counts".

St Mary's Lecturer Publishes Book on the Work of Joseph Conrad

Associate Professor of Humanities and Liberal Arts at St Mary's University, Twickenham, Dr Kim Salmons and Professor Tania Zulli of G. d'Annunzio from the University of Chieti-Pescara have co-edited a new academic book *Migration, Modernity and Transnationalism in the Work of Joseph Conrad*.

Conrad's writing remains as important and pertinent today as it was at the beginning of the twentieth century. This book is a collection of essays written by highly respected Joseph Conrad scholars, examining his work across historical, political, and national borders while also exploring the recurring themes in his work and life including: the experience of the migrant in exile, rights of entry, border crossings, cultural transitions, integration, and hybridization.



Associate Professor of Humanities and Liberal Arts at St Mary's, Kim Salmons said "Conrad's fiction anticipates and articulates the experience of migration and transnationalism. His work is as relevant today as it was at the beginning of the 20 century and this book shows us why".

The book has been published by Bloomsbury and is available to purchase [online](#).



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We'll eat again!

And dance and sing and drink and laugh... together!

Pub in the Park is getting the band back together! They'll be rolling into Chiswick in September with their amazing band of chefs, musicians, artisanal producers and most of all, you! Pretty much everything you've been hankering for during lockdown is back on the menu - with actual people.

It's the ultimate foodie festival - superstar chef **Tom Kerridge** will once again be bringing together his band of incredible chef pals including **Michel Roux Jr, Chantelle Nicholson, Andrew Pern, Atul Kochhar, Claude Bosi and Marcus Wareing** for a weekend of great grub and fun in your town.

In true Pub in the Park style, party goers can look forward to some stunning pubs and restaurants including **Kerridge's Bar & Grill, Rick Stein, Andrew Pern's The Star Inn, Jason Atherton's Little Social, The Tanner Brother's The Kentish Hare, Angela Hartnett's Café Murano, Atul Kochhar's Restaurants and more!**

It wouldn't be Pub in the Park without some top-notch live music, so expect performances from the likes of **Kaiser Chiefs, The Feeling, Marc Almond, The Cuban Brothers Reef, Basement Jaxx***...plus more to be announced!



Tom Kerridge said: *"After the year we've had, I think everyone deserves a good-knees up – and what better way to do it than Pub in the Park! We're so excited to be doing what we do best, bringing back our feel-good festival to the towns we love and filling it with lush music and proper good food!"*

In every town we'll be staging a special session called A Thousand Thank You's, by providing free tickets to local health care heroes and key workers so they can let their hair down. That's 8,000 Thank You's across the whole tour.

Tom Kerridge continued: *"Key workers have been the true superheroes of this pandemic, and we want to say thanks by offering 8,000 complimentary tickets across the tour, so these superstars can let their hair down while enjoying some awesome music and lush grub."*

We'll be working with NHS trusts, the emergency services, and local people to allocate these tickets.

Pub in the Park has been designed with these times in mind and has been awarded the Visit Britain 'Good to Go' certification, meaning the tour will have covid-safety measures in place if needed, but as government restrictions ease so will the event's.

Chris Hughes, CEO at Brand Events, said: *"We're thrilled to be bringing back our brilliant food, drink and music festival to eight towns in 2021. All of our events are flexible, adaptable and ready to get even more free as the country begins to unlock. We're ready to bring the public some much needed fun – watch out for more line-up announcements and tickets on-sale soon!"*

Chiswick House and Gardens, London

3rd – 5th September

For more information please visit:
<https://www.pubintheparkuk.com/>

PUB IN THE PARK



BRENTFORD FC

Bees remain unbeaten heading into international break with draw

Aston Villa 1 – 1 Brentford

Brentford will head into the international break unbeaten in the Premier League following a 1-1 draw at Villa Park. On a day of reunions for many Thomas Frank's side took the lead through Ivan Toney but were pegged back soon after in an entertaining draw.

Toney scored his first Premier League goal of the season after just seven minutes after a corner kick eventually found its way to the Brentford striker. A corner from Saman Ghoddos was delivered into the box and although initially cleared, Sergi Canós picked up the ball and drove towards the byline. The Spaniard then passed the ball back across goal and after a cheeky backheel from Pontus Jansson, Toney found himself unmarked in the box to riddle the ball into the top corner past Emiliano Martínez.



The lead didn't last long as Aston Villa equalised minutes later. New signing Danny Ings and Emiliano Buendía combined well in the final third, and the latter, after picking the ball up just inside the box, turned and curled an excellent strike that gave David Raya no chance.

Raya was then called into action for the first time in the game to make a key save to keep out Ings. Anwar El Ghazi initially did well on the left wing as he got the cross in past the challenge of Rico Henry and former Brentford player Ezri Konsa couldn't make a clean connection on the ball as it found it dropped to Ings. On the swivel Ings made an instinctive shot and Raya did very well to left down low to his right hand side to keep the scorer level.

At the other end Henry narrowly dragged a shot wide of the far post as both teams created promising chances in the opening half. Vitaly Janelt had slipped the defender into a one against one opportunity against Martínez but the defender pulled his shot wide with Bryan Mbeumo unable to get on the end of it to turn it home.

Janelt himself then thought he had scored when he challenged Martínez as the Aston Villa goalkeeper went to release a goal kick but referee Peter Bankes correctly cut the German's celebration short.

After the half-time interval it was the home side that manufactured the first opening when El Ghazi picked the ball up from Matt Targett on the left wing. The winger then drove infield but curled a shot that drifted wide.

Toney had a chance to get his second of the game from a corner when substitute Mathias Jensen delivered a good ball into the area but Toney and Ethan Pinnock got in each other's way

and in the end the header was not threatening.

Late on Ollie Watkins nearly returned to haunt his former club when he outjumped Henry at the back post to get on the end of a cross from El Ghazi but his header was straight at Raya as both teams earned a point from a keenly contested game.

Halil Dervişoğlu to join Galatasaray on loan for second time

Brentford have announced that Turkish forward Halil Dervişoğlu will go on loan to Galatasaray for the second time in two seasons. The forward, who initially signed for the Bees from Sparta Rotterdam in 2020, spent the 2020/21 season on loan with the Süper Lig side and will spend a second season in succession at the Istanbul based side. Dervişoğlu made 12 appearances during his first loan spell where he scored 3 goals.

Dervişoğlu graduated from the Turkish national side to the senior side and was included in the squad for the delayed 2020 European Championships where he made two appearances.

Speaking to club media about the move Brentford Co-Director of Football Phil Giles said, “Halil had a good period on loan last season, and when Galatasaray expressed an interest to take him back for this season it seemed like a logical progression for Halil to continue to play and develop. We have a strong belief that Halil’s skill set can make him a top player in future, so we will watch his performances with interest and look forward to his return.”

Hampton & Richmond Borough

Beavers defeated by Beach Boys in Bank Holiday weekend opener Concord Rangers 2 – 1 Hampton & Richmond Borough

Hampton & Richmond made it back to back league defeats as they were defeated 2-1 by a physical Concord Rangers side at the Aspect Arena. First-half goals from Temi Babalola and Lamar Reynolds gave the Beavers a mountain to climb and their task was not helped when centre back Dean Inman was forced off inside the opening ten minutes with an Achilles injury. The Beavers were much improved in the second-half and a Jerome Slew gave them hope but despite producing a number of chances Concord held on for the three points.



From an attacking standpoint Hampton & Richmond made a decent start on Canvey Island and had a couple of probing attempts early on. Concord keeper Myles Roberts had to be on his guard when a dangerous cross from Jake Gray was delivered along the six-yard box and then on the opposite flank as a deep cross, this time from David Fisher, looped towards the back post with Ruaridh Donaldson lurking.

Unfortunately for Hampton & Richmond influential defender Inman then had to be helped off the pitch with a suspected Achilles injury as the Beavers were forced into a defensive reshuffle.

To compound this reshuffle the home side then took the lead through Babalola after a good move down the lift wing. Reynolds did very well to dribble past Hampton & Richmond defender Sam Cox and he delivered a perfect ball across the near post for Babalola to sweep for the opener.

Concord Rangers doubled their lead not long after and this time it was Babalola returning the favour as he provided the assist for Reynold's goal. Babalola found himself out wide on the right flank and he picked out Reynolds in the box, who curled the ball through Alan Julian's legs as the home side took a commanding position.

Julian then kept Hampton & Richmond in the game before half-time when he made a magnificent triple save to thwart Concord. First he kept out a cross cum shot from Reynold with his feet and then get back up to deny James Blanchfield twice.

After the break the away side were much improved and inspired by the substitution of Ryan Gondoh largely dominated proceedings. Gray had an early chance when he showed great technique to chip the ball up and unleash a volley that dipped venomously onto the roof of the net.

Striker Slew got the goal back for Hampton & Richmond with a trademark finish after Gondoh had clipped a perfectly weighted through ball over the top for him to run onto, and the Beavers' striker made not mistake with the finish as he slipped it past Roberts.

Roberts was the best player and was later awarded man of the match for a series of eye catching saves. One of these occasions he tipped a curling striker from Fisher as the Hampton wide man cut in and he also kept of Kadell Daniel as Concord survived two chances in quick succession.

In injury time Hampton & Richmond sent goalkeeper Julian forward for set pieces in a bid to rescue an equaliser but he couldn't recreate his previous goalscoring heroics as the Beavers were defeated on Canvey Island.

Beavers comes from behind to claim a point

Maidstone United 1 – 1 Hampton & Richmond Borough

Hampton & Richmond Borough fought back from falling behind late on at the Beveree Stadium to claim a point against early league leaders Maidstone United and stop their run of successive defeats. Rory Deacon gave the away side the lead with just under fifteen minutes to player but the Beavers showed great character to equalise through Ryan Gondoh to claim a share of the spoils.

In a first-half that didn't produce too many chances for either side the closest Maidstone went was through Joan Luque with a strike from distance but it was simple enough for Alan Julian to catch.

For the home side Kyron Farrell had a free-kick that went low under the wall but was similarly simple for Maidstone goalkeeper Tom Hadler to deal with.

The best chance of the half came on the stroke of the interval when Jerome Slew did exceptionally well to dribble back inside after an overhit pass from David Fisher had sent him towards the byline. The striker was then able to get a shot away but it flashed narrowly wide of the post as the score remained goalless.

At the start of the second-half Cole Brown on as a substitute got back at the last minute to nip in ahead of Luque as the Spaniard lined up a shot from inside the box as Julian gathered up the loose ball.

Slew though was always looking lively up top for Hampton & Richmond and the striker had a good chance to open the scoring when Jake Gray pulled the ball back across goal, but with a slight bobble as the ball came to him his shot cleared the crossbar.

Hampton & Richmond then had shouts for handball and a penalty waved away after David Fisher had passed the ball across to Gray and his subsequent shot was blocked at close range.

Maidstone United soon took advantage and opened the scoring through Deacon. Substitute Jermaine McGlashan was the provided as he claimed the assist to pick out Deacon in the box who put the ball into the back of the net.

Undeterred Hampton & Richmond pushed for an equaliser and found it was just under ten minutes to play. Gray and Slew were involved in the build up as the former drove down the line and flicked the ball inside for the latter. Slew then picked his head up and delivered an inch perfect ball to the back post where Gondoh was waiting to calmly stroke the ball past Hadler for a hard-fought equaliser.

Hampton & Richmond could have nicked it moments later when Gray found himself clean through on goal after a pass from Fisher but his cross into the path of Slew was superbly cut out by Joe Ellul in a goal saving intervention as the game finished level.

UP NEXT FOR HAMPTON

Opponent: Tonbridge Angels (A) Saturday 4th September 15:00 Longmead Stadium

Nickname: The Angels

Competition: National League South – Matchday 5

Manager: Steve McKimm

Interesting fact: Notable former Tonbridge Angels players include England international Malcolm Macdonald, Aston Villa's league championship winning manager Ron Saunders and former England manager Roy Hodgson.

RFU and Honda UK announce long-term partnership

Honda has created a giant set of rugby goalposts from its fleet of new cars to celebrate the launch of a new partnership with the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and England Rugby. The multi-year agreement sees Honda become the Performance Partner and Official Vehicle of England Rugby.

To celebrate it, a team at Honda's mass distribution centre at Portbury Docks, Bristol, created the unusual rugby-themed image. A total of 49 models of varying size and colour, including the Jazz Hybrid, Jazz Crosstar and Civic, were parked into the shape of a 100ft long set of rugby posts, with numerous other cars positioned below to spell out ENG.

RFU Chief Executive, Bill Sweeney, said: *"We are delighted to confirm Honda UK as an Official Partner of the RFU and England Rugby.*

"Honda is a massive global brand well-known for its innovation and we are certain it will be a great fit for us. Honda's global brand positioning is enabling 'the Power of Dreams' and 'challenging spirit' which is synonymous with our own.

"We look forward to working with Honda on what will no doubt be some exciting partnership activations over the next few years."

The long-term relationship, which officially kicks off today (1 September) in time for the start of the new season, will see Honda align with England Rugby in several exciting ways. The Honda logo will feature on the England men's U18 and U20 playing and training kits produced by Umbro.



Honda will also become the Principal Partner to the England Rugby senior men's official training centre located at Pennyhill Park, to be named as the Honda England Rugby Performance Centre. In addition, Honda will provide the official vehicle fleet to England Rugby and its employees. There will be a major focus in sustainability in this area with the majority of the cars supplied having a degree of electrification.

There will also be support for community rugby in England, with Honda coming on board as the first ever title partner for the Rugby Grounds Connected programme as well as support for volunteering in the grassroots game through the Honda Volunteer Recognition Programme.

In addition to becoming the Official Automotive Partner to England Rugby, Honda will activate across their Motorcycle, ATV, Lawn and Garden products.

Rebecca Adamson, Head of Automobile, Honda UK, added: *"We are thrilled to announce this exciting new partnership with The Rugby Football Union.*

"On a brand level, there are huge synergies between Honda and England Rugby and we truly believe it's a partnership that supports our own philosophy of giving everyone the 'Power to Dream' and we're all very excited to see what the next few years will bring.

"For a bit of fun, we thought we'd turn our large car park at Portbury into a giant set of rugby posts which could be visible from quite a distance."



Two new additions to England coaching team

Eddie Jones has finalised his England senior men's coaching set-up with the appointments of Richard Cockerill and Anthony Seibold.

Cockerill joins as a forwards coach and will work alongside Matt Proudfoot. He had a distinguished playing career, winning 27 caps for England and making more than 250 appearances for Leicester Tigers, along with spells with Coventry and Montferrand. He became Leicester head coach in 2009 and won the Premiership title on three occasions (2009, 2010 and 2013). Cockerill has been rugby consultant at Toulon and spent four years at Edinburgh Rugby.

Seibold has been appointed as England defence coach. He arrives from his most recent role as head coach of the Brisbane Broncos in Australia's National Rugby League. He was previously head coach at South Sydney Rabbitohs, where he was named the NRL Daily M coach of the year in 2018 and has coached at a number of clubs including Manly Sea Eagles, Melbourne Storm and Queensland in the State of Origin series. Seibold's playing career, included spells in England with Hull KR and London Broncos, along with Canberra Raiders and Brisbane Broncos in the NRL. He is currently a coaching mentor at Newcastle Knights.

The coaching team will first work with the England squad at a mini-camp at The Lensbury next month [26-28 September]. England will then begin preparations for their three Test matches at Twickenham Stadium this autumn with a week's training camp in Jersey [25-29 October]. They will be hosted by Jersey Reds and use the facilities at the Strive high performance centre, adjacent to the rugby club.

The squad will then return to play Tonga on Saturday 6 November (3.15pm KO). England will then take on Australia on Saturday 13 November (5.30pm KO) and South Africa on Saturday 20 November (3.15pm KO).

Jones said: *"We're two years from the World Cup so we wanted to freshen up our coaching team and get the right people in place for where we want to go – which is to win the World Cup.*

"We've added Richard to the team to work with Matt to create a dominant forward pack. He's a former England player, has great coaching experience and comes in as a well-rounded, mature, driven English coach.

"Anthony is a coach that I have had a relationship with since 2019 and have followed his career closely. He is a good coach and thinks deeply about the game. John Mitchell did a great job improving us in defence and Anthony will add further nuances to the good system that he has put into place.

"It's an exciting time for rugby with the new season starting, supporters back in the stadium and the return of the grassroots game this weekend – with the rugby community celebrating being back together at Pitch Up for Rugby events around the country. We're looking forward to getting the squad back together and growing this England team."

Cockerill said: *"I am excited to be joining Eddie Jones and the England team, working with the players and staff. I look forward to being part of and contributing to the world class environment that is England Rugby."*

Seibold said: *"I am very much looking forward to joining the England coaching staff and building upon the work that has been done by the coaching staff and players over recent seasons. Eddie is one of the leading coaches in world sport and the opportunity to work under him through to the 2023 World Cup in France along with the other staff was an opportunity that I could not pass up.*

"The depth of talent and the opportunity to work with the elite players in the English game is something that really excites me going forward. I am looking forward to the opportunity and the challenge that international rugby presents."

Tickets for England v Tonga go on general sale on Wednesday 8 September, priced from £37 for adults and at £22 for children via EnglandRugby.com/Tickets.

Tickets for England v Australia and England v South Africa are on sale now to the rugby family. The games will also be live on Amazon Prime.



'Pitch Up For Rugby' celebrates the return of all formats of community rugby this weekend

From Rugby World Cup winners to grassroots juniors, Lions coaches to Six Nations commentators, the game has come together to celebrate the return of community rugby this week, in a joint campaign between the RFU, Scottish Rugby and WRU which is being supported by The National Lottery to encourage the return to community rugby clubs.

As part of the campaign, a short film features volunteers and professionals reminiscing about everything that rugby has given them. The film reminds players of what they've missed and encourages them to head back to support their local clubs and the volunteers who have done so much to guide their communities through the pandemic. [Campaign video here](#)

Hundreds of clubs across England* will host 'Pitch Up For Rugby' events this and next weekend, joining a national celebration of all formats of rugby returning. When the season gets underway on 4 September, full contact 15 a-side rugby including scrums and mauls will be permitted in RFU league fixtures for the first time since the pandemic began 18 months ago.

Men's and women's 15-a-side teams will be out in force at Pitch Up events. There will also be Warrior Camps for women and girls, non-contact such as Tag and [The Touch Union](#) formerly known as O2 Touch, and modified contact rugby for new players and those coming back after a break. Barbecues, beer tents and music will help to provide some of the fun that players and families have been missing.

In a study commissioned by the England, Wales, and Scotland Rugby Unions with The National Lottery, to look at the role community rugby plays in the UK, 86% of people involved in the grassroots game stated that playing and being involved in their local team or club has a positive impact on their mental health.

40% admitted they would feel less involved in their local community if it wasn't for their rugby club. One in four rugby players and volunteers (27%) stated the single biggest impact being part of community rugby has had is how it has helped them feel less isolated and part of their local area.

For 75% of club rugby players, not being able to properly participate in club rugby has been shown to have had a negative impact on their mental wellbeing, and therefore the chance to return to their club homes is a moment to celebrate.

Over half (58%) stated that what they missed the most was the team chats and camaraderie, and a further 38% said that they missed having rugby as an outlet for day-to-day stresses, exacerbated by the pandemic.

For a third of those connected to community rugby, their club or team is at the centre of their social life, with 51% saying that what they have missed the most about their club over the past 18 months is spending time with their teammates and club friends.

Rugby Football Union CEO Bill Sweeney said: "I'm delighted clubs across the country are able to get all formats of rugby back on the pitch and open their clubhouse doors once again.

"We know being part of a team is not just something players feel is important to their physical health but also their mental wellbeing and social life, so are excited to be able to show communities up and down the country just what their local rugby club has to offer as part of the Pitch Up for Rugby initiative. I hope people can make it down to support their nearest club's weekend celebrations."

England Rugby internationals Ellis Genge and Jess Breach have also backed the RFU's **#PitchUpForRugby** campaign to help clubs rebuild after the pandemic.

Leicester Tigers captain Genge, who started his career at Old Redcliffians in Bristol, said:

"I still keep in contact with quite a few people from my first community club, mainly my old coach Matt Clarke, who was my first grassroots coach and became an important family friend.

"I used to always remember finishing our junior games in the pouring rain, but then being able to go and have hot chips after in the clubhouse. Maybe that is why I turned into a prop!

"You wouldn't get to the semi pro or professional game if you didn't have the grassroots game. You work your way up. I wouldn't have got involved in rugby altogether if it hadn't been for the grassroots clubs. They're vital.

"Playing at clubs like these, gives you real camaraderie with peers, and you develop friendships you can't find anywhere else.

"This is one of rugby's core values, so it will be great to see all forms of the game back."

Harlequins wing Jess Breach added: "I gained so much from playing grassroots rugby at Chichester RFC when I was younger. It helped me not just on the pitch, but off the pitch in other aspects of life.

"I learnt how important it was to welcome anyone into your life, regardless of gender, religion, size. It really doesn't matter, as the rugby community embraces all, and I think that is a really good tool to take with you through life.

"It is amazing that these clubs are finally able to fully return. It has been a really difficult time, but these clubs, who are so important to our game, know they have the support of everyone behind them."

The easiest way for players to find their local rugby club or Pitch Up For Rugby event is via englandrugby.com/find-rugby#pitch-up

Pitch Up for Rugby, England Rugby's initiative to encourage a return to community rugby is supported by The National Lottery, which has provided funding to boost grassroots rugby union across England. Visit englandrugby.com to find out more

From Saturday 4 September the national competitive league structure in Scotland resumes, with more than 200 teams (men and women) set to participate across the Tennent's Leagues during the 2021/22 season. Over the summer, Scottish Rugby launched their return to rugby campaign '**Everyone's Game**' to support clubs and referee societies open their doors to their local communities, with the aim of increasing participation across the board following the pandemic, showcasing that rugby is a game for everyone.

The start of the National League rugby in Wales will kick off from Sat 13th November, almost two months earlier than planned in the WRU's **Pathway to Participation** following a review of the rugby and public health landscape.

Following 17 months without organised, competitive rugby, and a 20 month absence of League rugby, the key aims for this transitional season are to help teams and coaches to continue to restart community rugby safely; welcome players, coaches, referees, volunteers and supporters back to rugby clubs and support players to as they move to new age groups.



Visit www.wru.wales for further information

WHO, GERMANY OPEN HUB FOR PANDEMIC AND EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE IN BERLIN

New hub's mission is to provide the world with better data, analytics and decisions to detect and respond to health emergencies

Berlin, 1 September 2021 -- To better prepare and protect the world from global disease threats, H.E. German Federal Chancellor Dr Angela Merkel and Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, World Health Organization Director-General, will today inaugurate the new WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence, based in Berlin.

“The world needs to be able to detect new events with pandemic potential and to monitor disease control measures on a real-time basis to create effective pandemic and epidemic risk management,” said Dr Tedros.

“This Hub will be key to that effort, leveraging innovations in data science for public health surveillance and response, and creating systems whereby we can share and expand expertise in this area globally.”

The WHO Hub, which is receiving an initial investment of US\$ 100 million from the Federal Republic of Germany, will harness broad and diverse partnerships across many professional disciplines, and the latest technology, to link the data, tools and communities of practice so that actionable data and intelligence are shared for the common good.

The WHO Hub is part of [WHO's Health Emergencies Programme](#) and will be a new collaboration of countries and partners worldwide, driving innovations to increase availability of key data; develop state of the art analytic tools and predictive models for risk analysis; and link communities of practice around the world.

Critically, the WHO Hub will support the work of public health experts and policy-makers in all countries with the tools needed to forecast, detect and assess epidemic and pandemic risks so they can take rapid decisions to prevent and respond to future public health emergencies.

“Despite decades of investment, COVID-19 has revealed the great gaps that exist in the world's ability to forecast, detect, assess and respond to outbreaks that threaten people worldwide,” said Dr Michael Ryan, Executive Director of WHO's Health Emergency Programme. “The WHO Hub for Pandemic and Epidemic Intelligence is designed to develop the data access, analytic tools and communities of practice to fill these very gaps, promote collaboration and sharing, and protect the world from such crises in the future.”

The Hub will work to:

- Enhance methods for access to multiple data sources
- vital to generating signals and insights on disease emergence, evolution and impact;
- Develop state of the art tools to process, analyze and model data for detection, assessment and response;
- Provide WHO, our Member States, and partners with these tools to underpin better, faster decisions on how to address outbreak signals and events; and
- Connect and catalyze institutions and networks developing disease outbreak solutions for the present and future.

Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, currently Director-General of the Nigeria Centre for Disease Control, has been appointed to lead the WHO Hub. WHO would like to acknowledge the Nigerian government for its support, which ensures strong leadership for this important initiative.

The WHO Hub is currently operating from a centre provided by the [Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin](#).

It will soon move to a permanent campus at the heart of Berlin in Kreuzberg that will provide a collaborative work environment for the Hub's staff, who will represent a wide range of disciplines.

“All the work that goes into pandemic and epidemic preparedness must occur before an outbreak starts,” said Dr Tedros.

“Data linkage and analysis, and the ability to better detect and assess risks of disease events in their earliest stages before they amplify and cause death and societal disruption, is what the WHO Hub will focus on. WHO is grateful that partners like Germany and Chancellor Merkel are joining the world on this necessary path.”?

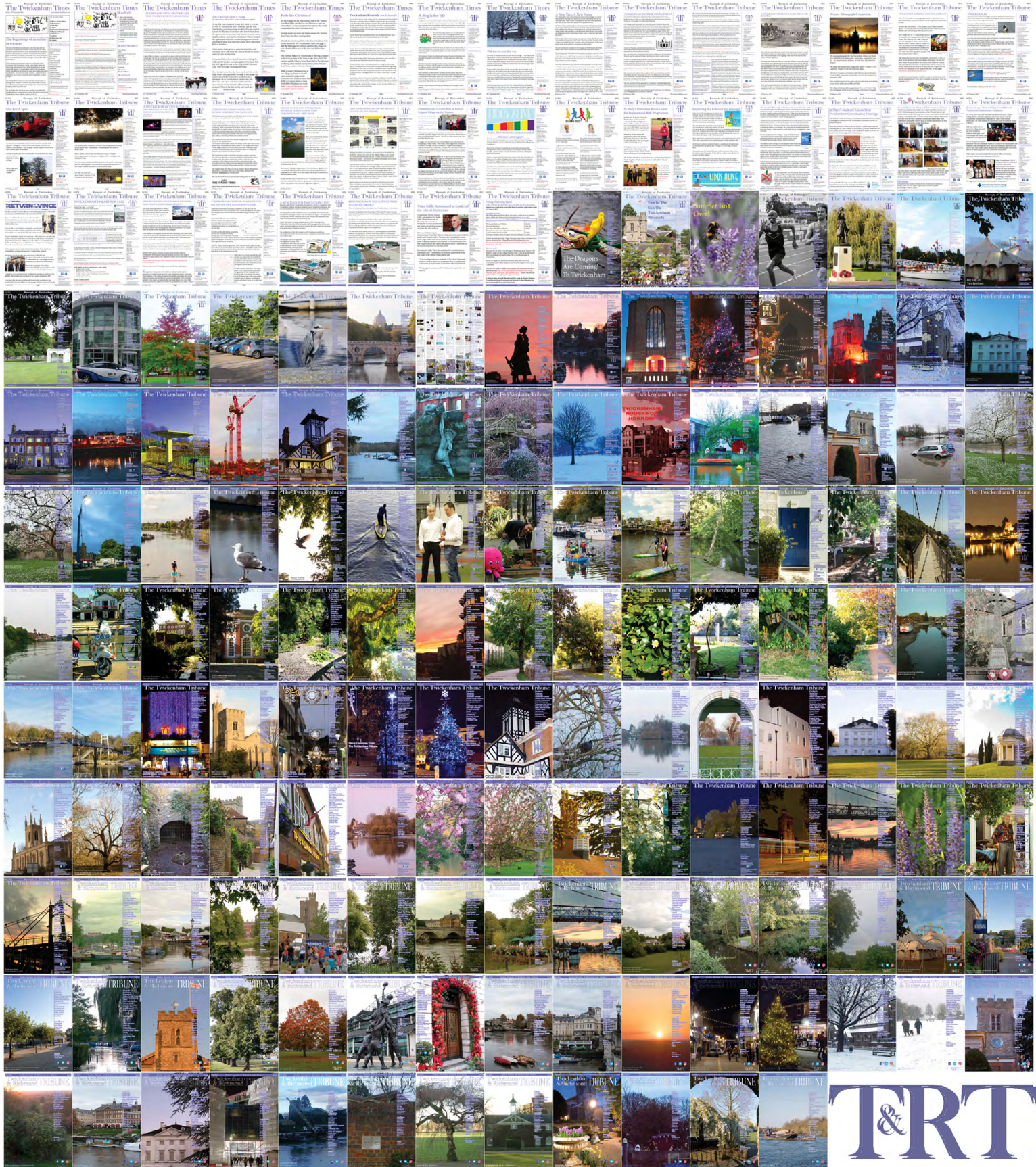
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