

Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE

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Sunset, hottest day ever recorded - 19th July, Twickenham Green

Photo by Berkley Driscoll

TickerTape - News in Brief

National rail strikes

National rail strikes are taking place on Wednesday 27 July.

The majority of TfL's services will run, but some disruption is expected on the following lines, where services rely on sections of track operated by Network Rail:

- Reduced service across the London Overground network
- Reduced service on the Elizabeth line
- Disruption expected on the District line's Wimbledon and Richmond branches
- No service on the Bakerloo line between Queen's Park and Harrow & Wealdstone
- No service on the Waterloo & City line

South Western Railway

A severely limited service will run between 07:15 and 18:30 on some routes, with the rest of the network closed.

You are urged to only travel by rail if absolutely necessary on this strike day.

A late-starting service will operate across the network on Thursday 28 July

More info [HERE](#)

Hampton and Molesey Riverside Trust AGM details announced

The Hampton and Molesey Riverside Trust have extended an invitation to all residents to their 2022 Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 2 August.

The AGM will be held at Garrick's Temple and Lawn, starting at 7.30pm.

Once the evening's brief business is concluded, Rebecca Kendrick from the Thames Landscape Strategy will talk about rewilding plans for the area.

Everyone is welcome and you can join at the door for only £5. There will be refreshments during the course of the evening to help enjoy the lovely riverside setting.

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COVID-19

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Weekly Epidemiological Update 20 July 2022

Global overview: Data as of 17 July 2022 World Health Organization

Globally, during the week of 11 to 17 July 2022, the number of weekly cases plateaued, with just under 6.3 million new cases after an increasing trend for the past five weeks.

The reported number of new weekly deaths is increasing with 11,000 fatalities reported.

At the regional level, the number of new weekly cases increased in the Western Pacific Region (+37%), the Region of the Americas (+9%) and the South-East Asia Region (+5%), while it decreased in the African Region (-27%) and the European Region (-16%).

The number of new weekly cases in the Eastern Mediterranean Region was similar to the figure reported during the previous week.

The number of new weekly deaths increased in the South-East Asia Region (+20%), the Eastern Mediterranean Region (+15%) and the Region of the Americas (+7%), while it decreased in the African Region (-39%) and the European Region (-14%). The number of new weekly deaths in the Western Pacific Region was similar to the figure reported during the previous week.

As of 17 July 2022, over 559 million confirmed cases and over 6.3 million deaths have been reported globally.

World Health Organization 19 July 2022

RAPIDLY ESCALATING COVID-19 CASES AMID REDUCED VIRUS SURVEILLANCE forecasts a challenging autumn and winter in the WHO European Region: “New WHO/Europe strategy urges countries to urgently address gaps in pandemic monitoring and response to avoid preventable deaths and severe disruptions to health systems”.

increasing vaccine uptake in the general population;
administering a second booster dose to immunocompromised people aged 5 and above and their close contacts, and considering offering a second booster to specific at-risk groups, at least 3 months after their last dose;
promoting mask-wearing indoors and on public transportation;
ventilating crowded and public spaces (such as schools, offices and public transport); and
applying rigorous therapeutic protocols for those at risk of severe disease

IN THE NEWS

BBC News, 22 July 2022: UK Covid cases Continue to rise

Sky News, 22 July 2022: COVID infections in the UK rise again to nearly 3.8 million, figures show. “The Office for National Statistics says it is “too early to say if this most recent wave is starting to peak, but we will continue to closely monitor the data”.

The New York Times 21 July 2022: Biden Tests Positive for Virus

CNET, 21 July 2022: BA.5 is Causing Almost 80% of COVID cases.



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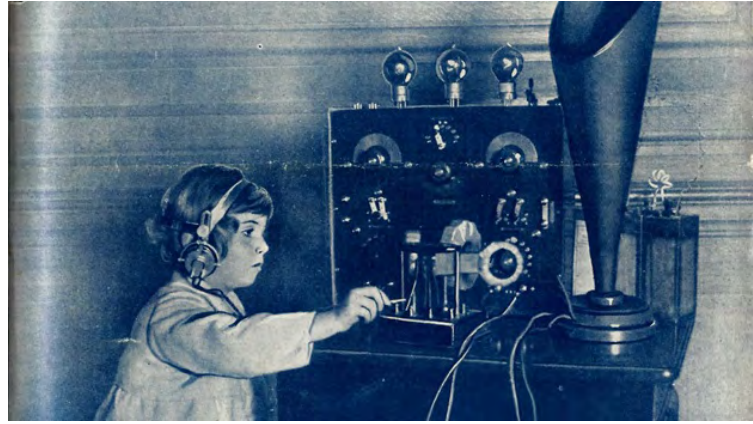
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Tune in Twickenham

By Simon Fowler

It was not until 1927 that the BBC was allowed to provide live coverage of sporting matches. The first game to be broadcast was the Rugby international between England and Wales at Twickenham on January 15th. The commentator was a retired Army captain and former player for the Quins: Teddy Wakelam. After a try-out broadcasting a school match on the Old Deer Park, Wakelam and his producer, Lance Sieveking, were ready for the big match. His memoirs describe what happened:

Arriving at Twickenham, Sieveking and I examined our perch, which was a somewhat rickety-looking hut mounted on a scaffold platform at the end of the then single-decker West Stand, in the south-west corner. There was a notice which, printed in large red letters, was 'DON'T SWEAR' (not that I any more than the rest of my fellow-men am addicted to the use of strong language, but sometime, watching Rugger, one is apt to get carried away!).



Sieveking got hold of a St Dunstan's resident who, before he had been blinded during the war, had been a keen Rugger follower, so that I could talk as if explaining the game directly to him.

On the stroke of the appointed time, the match was started, and we were off. Straightway I forgot all my nervousness and stage-fright, all my previously and arduously collected phrases, and all the, as I thought, snappy and pithy expressions which I had anxiously culled from the leading sporting writers of the day. I was so wrapped up in following the flight and fortunes of that ball, and so desperately keen to keep my St Dunstan's man fully informed, that I raced away like a maniac.

My memories of the actual game itself that day are, I am afraid, very vague indeed, in fact I do believe when it was over that I could not recall one single football incident, though I do remember some of the gap-filling remarks which are, of course, essential when play is temporarily held up for this or that reason.

Sieveking's commanding hand sometimes waved me back when I crowded on to the mike and so was in danger of blasting, and with the 'Don't swear' notice ever before my eyes, I got somehow to half-time. and a welcome breathing-space, filled in by atmosphere from the outside mike, and a few more remarks from Sieveking.

Hereabouts I am popularly supposed to have remarked, sotto voce (which of course makes no difference), 'What about having a drink?' but if such was the case, I have no recollection of it, and prefer to treat it as a canard.

The broadcast was judged to have been a success. Wakelam was appointing the BBC's first sports commentator continuing to cover matches until 1940.

Let's Go Outside and Learn Youth Summer Sessions in Ham Lands

The Grow Wild in Richmond Parks project is running youth summer sessions for kids aged 15+ in Ham Lands this summer.

The project will start on Monday 25 July with 'Capturing Nature' which will explore the beauty of Ham Lands with a nature photo scavenger hunt. Attendees are asked to bring their own camera or phone to capture pictures.



On Monday 8 August, 'Creating With Nature' will use nature found in Ham Lands to create with. Activities will include hapa-zome (leaf bashing), sun print collages and making a bee hotel to take home. All materials will be provided.

On Monday 22 August 'Studying Nature' will try out different nature surveying methods including quadrats, invertebrate and air quality surveys with all equipment provided.

All sessions will run from 10am to 12pm. Attendees must register for each sessions as spaces are limited. Each session will meet at Riverside Drive, Ham by the zebra crossing at the end of the path that leads to Teddington Lock footbridge. Postcode: TW10 7RP. What3words: went.stay.shut

Please e-mail gaby.docker@lgoal.org.uk to register or for more information.

If you would like to carry out practical conservation volunteering, join Let's Go Outside and Learn at Ham Lands on Monday's from 1 to 3pm, for their sessions that are open to all.

Community Toilet Scheme (CTS) Twickenham Green

Twickenham Cricket Club
The Cricket Pavilion, The Green, Twickenham, TW2 5TU
020 8894 3110

Opening hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 10am to 5pm

Saturday 11am to 10pm

Sunday when cricket is being played

(Also open when there is a cricket match and the pavilion is in use)

The Cricket Pavilion does not seem to display the obligatory CTS LBRUT sign. A permanent, visible TOILET notice is needed in the central area of Twickenham Green.

Real Drinks, East Twickenham to close

Real Drinks Founder Nick Dolan made the following announcement

“It is with great sadness that we are announcing the closure of our Twickenham store and online sales. **Our last day of opening will be on Saturday 23 July 2022**, and we will be trading between 12-6 with no on site drinking during this period.

It has been really tough to put this in to words and making decisions like this are never easy.



We are incredibly grateful to all of the customers who have supported us since we opened our doors back in May 2005. We have been able to achieve many things and we have had a lot of fun along the way, mainly due to our dedicated and passionate team who have done so much more than just work here.

Our independence has always been at the heart of our business, giving us the ability to hand-pick and support so many incredible small breweries; cider makers; spirits producers; vineyards and more, by selling their products in this store. The impact we made is something we are immensely proud of, and Twickenham was where it all started. It has been made even more special because of the dedication of the team; and their interaction and enthusiasm with customers and our many suppliers.

As with many, the last few years has made us embrace change and consider how we grow as a business, which has lead us to difficult decisions around our retail offering and ultimately the closing of Twickenham. We hope you can join us in celebrating what has been a great chapter in the history of Real Drinks.

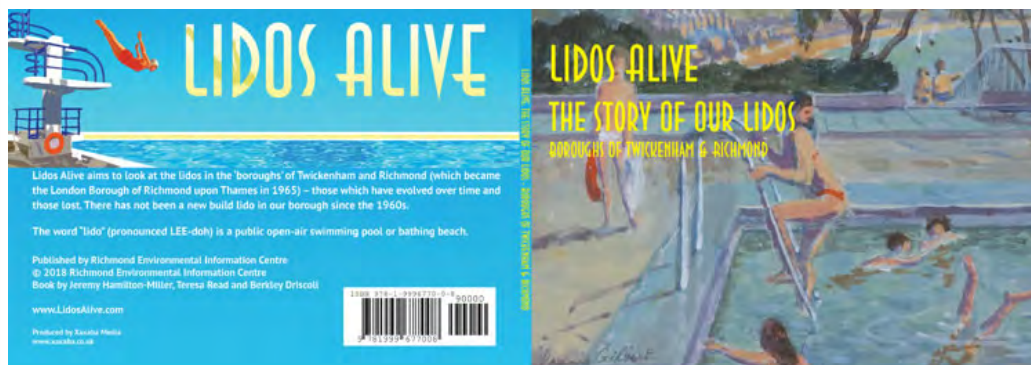
Should you want to continue the Real Drinks experience, we do have another store and tap room in Maida Vale (4 Formosa Street, W9 1EE) where we will continue to remain open and offer a wide selection of specialist drinks.

Lastly, please continue to support your local independent stores both here in Twickenham and beyond.”

Update for Twickenham riverside

“Following a request for an adjournment from the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames to allow a Highways Stopping Up Order, which is related to the CPO scheme, to be advertised and the necessary representation period observed, the Inspector has decided to adjourn the previously arranged on-line Case Management Conference and Inquiry into the CPO (due to take place on **25th July 2022** and **1st November 2022** respectively) with a view to running both processes together at one Inquiry event as may be necessary.”

Remember Twickenham Baths



lidosalive.com/twickenham

Information about outdoor swimming in the Borough: www.lidosalive.com

twickenhamlido.com

Richmond Council issues warning about river dangers following Thames tragedy

CLLr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, has said:

“We are incredibly saddened to hear about the tragic drowning of a young boy in the Thames in Hampton yesterday. Our thoughts are with his parents, family and friends.”

“I also want to give my huge thanks to the emergency services who launched a rescue operation yesterday. Unfortunately that has now become a recovery operation and that operation is continuing today.

“The Thames is a dangerous river. It has a strong current, with houseboats in many areas, as well as moving river traffic, that pose dangers to anyone swimming in the river. It is full of debris including sharp metal, shopping trollies and other items that can cause serious risk to life if hit. There is also a risk of cold water shock, as parts of the Thames remain very cool even in this hot weather.



“For many years, this Council, along with our neighbouring local authorities and partners including the RNLI, Port of London Authority, Environment Agency and Met Police have been warning residents of the dangers of swimming in the Thames.

“Despite these stark warnings of the dangers, swimming in dangerous parts of the river has remained a problem in Richmond upon Thames, particularly at Teddington Lock. Here we have put in place mitigations, including Heras fencing and cactus spikes, to deter people from jumping into the river off the bridge. Despite our efforts, these are being removed and ripped off to allow access to the parapets. Unfortunately, it is usually young people and children who are gathering, jumping and swimming in these areas.

“Richmond upon Thames has over 20 miles of Thames riverbank and 16 bridges. The river is a commercial river - we cannot put up barriers to stop swimming in all areas, and the Council and the emergency services cannot be in all places at all times to disperse gatherings and keep swimmers out of the water.

“Equally, we know that parents cannot have eyes on their children at all times, so education about the dangers of the river is the most important thing. I would urge parents to fully understand the risks and make sure their children know that they are putting their lives in danger every time they jump or swim in the Thames.

The Environment Agency has guidance for [staying safe around the River Thames](#).

“There are many safe ways to enjoy the river, such as through local water sports providers, rowing clubs or boating companies. All have stringent health and safety in place, including trained guides and coaches.

“It is heart-breaking that we have reached the point where a young boy has lost his life and a family have lost their son. If there is one thing to come out of this tragedy, I hope it is that people will finally realise the true dangers of this river and do what they can to make sure this never happens again.”

Watch Teddington RNLI on the dangers of jumping into the Thames [HERE](#)

Water safety event at Teddington Lock after tragic Thames drowning

“Jumping off a bridge into the River Thames can cause death.” This is the stark warning issued by Richmond Council, the RNLI Teddington Lifeboat Station and the London Fire Brigade as more gatherings are expected at Teddington Lock ahead of the World Health Organisation’s World Drowning Prevention Day on Monday 25 July 2022.

The Council, Teddington Lifeboat Water Safety Team and London Fire Brigade will be hosting a pop-up event **from 4 to 7pm, Monday 25 July 2022**, aiming to talk to young people about the dangers of swimming in the Thames, particularly in this area.

Teddington Lock and its two footbridges are popular during summer months, particularly with children and young people coming from Richmond upon Thames and neighbouring boroughs like Kingston upon Thames and Hounslow, looking to jump into the river or swim to cool off in hot weather.

The Teddington Lifeboat Station crew will be on hand to talk about cold water shock and how to ‘Float to Live’. There will be opportunities to take part in activities including how to use a Throw Bag to rescue ‘Drowning Derek’.

They will be joined by London Fire Brigade, along with one of their fire engine, and the Council’s Community Safety Team and Achieving for Children’s Project X team will be on site to help speak to young people.

Everyone is welcome, particularly parents, guardians and teachers who have critical roles in making sure young people and children are fully aware of the dangers of swimming and jumping, not just in this area or on the Thames, but in any open water.

Matt Allchurch, Lifeboat Operations Manager, Teddington Lifeboat Station, said:

“At Teddington RNLI we are incredibly sad that we couldn’t help save the life of 14-year-old Brian Sasu at Hampton. Every year young people drown in the Thames unnecessarily including good swimmers. This river is dangerous and, as we have tragically seen, it can kill. It is full of debris, there is fast moving river traffic and strong currents. There is also a risk of cold-water shock, as parts of the Thames remain very cool even in this hot weather. Here at Teddington RNLI we have some useful suggestions on how young people can use the river safely.

“We hope on World Drowning Prevention Day we can get some of these messages across to the young people who frequent this area, to make sure they know what to do if they or anyone else gets into trouble in the water.”

Councillor Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, added:

“At the same time as Brian tragically lost his life, hundreds of people were visiting Teddington Lock - a hotspot area for reckless behaviour on summer days. We know the water is appealing but it’s just not worth the risk.

“We have over 20 miles of Thames riverbank in this borough alone. Local authorities and the emergency services cannot be in all places at all times to disperse gatherings and keep swimmers out of the water. Equally, we know that parents cannot have eyes on their children at all times, so education about the dangers of the river is the most important thing.

“I would urge parents and anyone else who can, to come along on Monday and get the information you need to keep your children safe and help spread the word so we can prevent another tragedy.”

Leafy Queens Road now very yellow - Teddington

By Brian Holder



Correction:

Traveller's Tales – “Branch Lines”, Edition 297

By Doug Goodman

Correction to last week's Traveller's Tales on Branch Lines. Doug Goodman has asked us to point out his error in stating that the branch line to Seaton in Devon diverged from the main line at Axminster.

Sharp-eyed readers would have seen that the line branched at Seaton Junction. The former passenger line, closed by Dr. Beeching in the 60s, is now the delightful Seaton Tramway.

Richmond upon Thames and Wandsworth Councils appoint new Chief Executive

Richmond upon Thames and Wandsworth Councils are delighted to announce that they have selected Mike Jackson as their new joint Chief Executive. The decision to appoint is subject to a formal decision by Richmond Full Council on Tuesday 19 July and Wandsworth Full Council on Wednesday 20 July.

Mike is currently Chief Executive of Bristol City Council and before that was Chief Executive of North Somerset Council.



The appointment follows an extensive recruitment process, which included stakeholder panels with key partners and the voluntary sector in each borough. The decision to select the Chief Executive was made by the Richmond and Wandsworth Joint Appointments Committee, following interviews with shortlisted candidates. The appointment will be formally voted on by all councillors from both boroughs this week.

Mike will lead the Richmond and Wandsworth Shared Staffing Arrangement (the SSA), which was formed in 2016 to deliver substantial savings for both boroughs. The SSA's first Chief Executive was Paul Martin, who stood down in 2021. Mark Maidment, the SSA's Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive, has served as Interim Chief Executive since March 2021.

Cllr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, said:

"We had an extraordinarily high calibre of candidates for this role. It's an important job, serving over half a million residents across two very different boroughs. Mike is an incredibly experienced strategic leader and I couldn't be happier to welcome him to the SSA and to Richmond."

"We are facing a tough period ahead, supporting our communities and businesses through the cost-of-living crisis, while keeping focus on our priorities for both boroughs. I look forward to working with Mike to set a clear direction for delivering for our residents and achieving our goals for the borough."

Cllr Simon Hogg, Leader of Wandsworth Council, said:

"We interviewed a number of really top-quality candidates, but we were particularly impressed by Mike's vision for moving the Council forward and his enthusiasm and insight on how he can support our new administration's priorities to deliver improved services for our residents."

"Wandsworth is a great place to live and work and together with Mike we have an exciting and ambitious vision to fulfil."

Mike Jackson said:

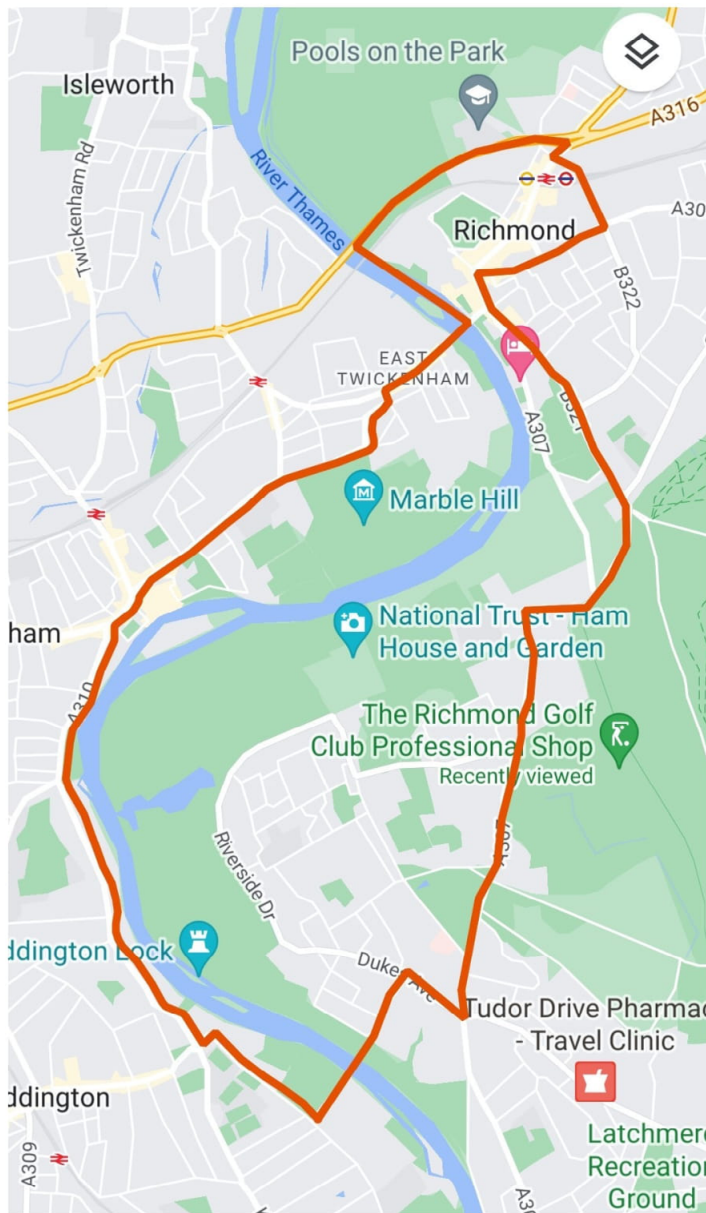
"I'm thrilled to be joining the team at Richmond and Wandsworth. This is an amazing part of London, made up of varied and diverse communities, rapidly changing in parts, with timeless and iconic parks and landmarks too. It's a great privilege to have the chance to lead the Shared Staffing Arrangement supporting the two councils."

"The Councils are rightly ambitious for Richmond upon Thames and Wandsworth, and there are great opportunities ahead. But it is also a time of economic uncertainty for many at the moment, with long-standing challenges of poverty, inequality and climate change to address. Working with elected members, colleagues, partners and communities, I'm keen to get stuck in and help tackle these."

A start date has not yet been confirmed.

A Dispersal Zone is in place

A Section 35 Dispersal has been authorised by Chief Inspector Scammell for the areas outlined on the map – Teddington Lock, Richmond Green, & Terrace Gardens (Richmond) from 1200hrs Friday 22nd July – 1200hrs Sunday 24th July.



S.35 Dispersal order authorised by Chief Inspector Chris Scammell for 22/07/2022 from 1200 hours to 24/07/2022 at 1200 hours. The area included is within the boundaries of the following roads:

- Twickenham Road A316
- Church Road
- Paradise Road
- Hill Street
- Richmond Hill
- Star and Garter Hill
- Petersham Road
- Dukes Avenue
- Dysart Avenue
- Broom Water Way
- Broom Road
- Ferry Road
- Manor Road
- Twickenham Road
- Strawberry Vale
- Cross Deep
- King Street
- Richmond Road

You have been directed to leave the area shown on this map

Within a dispersal zone a police constable or community support officer may disperse groups of two or more people where their presence or behaviour has resulted, or is likely to result, in a member of the public being harassed, intimidated, alarmed or distressed. Individuals who do not reside within the designated area can be directed to leave the locality and may be excluded for up to 48 hours. A person does not commit an offence because an officer has chosen to use the power to disperse, but failure to follow the officer's directions is an offence. Those under 16 can be directed to go home or detained and taken home.

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Dear Tribune,

They walk amongst us – criminals, that is, not the police.

Recent fatal stabbings and the serious assault in George Street, Richmond last week show that this is not as safe a borough as the authorities like to make out.

When I began my 17 years' service as a special constable in the Metropolitan Police, I was told that visible uniformed patrol is the backbone of policing. That is still true.

But nowadays uniformed street patrol is conspicuous by its absence. I cannot remember the last time I saw a police officer walking around our borough. Nor can my neighbours.

I was also told that, if criminals are allowed to get away with small crimes, they often progress to serious ones simply because no one has stopped them.

'When the cat's away, the mice will play' comes to mind.

As a Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Hampton, I regularly attend the Police Liaison Group meetings during which several crime victims have said that they had to conduct their own investigations due to lack of police action. In one case in which they themselves tracked down the perpetrator and presented the evidence to the police, they complained that the police simply didn't bother to deal with it.

Only last week, I phoned our local police to report antisocial behaviour but the official number I had been given by them was out of service. I therefore called the main police number where the operator was very sympathetic but nothing was done. And that's not the first time.

As I spend much of my life in Japan, I naturally compare the UK with Japan which has an extremely low crime rate. That is partly because of the Japanese police system whereby local officers from mini police stations (kōban 交番) constantly patrol their areas on foot or bike and know everybody and what is going on. I have never felt in any danger while walking around Japan.

But in this country, aggression and violence are rife and can flare up at any time. Any remonstrance with antisocial behaviour is likely to be met with abuse or worse as has already happened. Reasons for that are many but knowing what they are is no help unless there is proper policing.

The patrol officers with whom I have been so proud to work have always been excellent but recent extremely serious crimes committed by police officers have absolutely shaken confidence in our police system. And in September 2021, Home Office figures revealed just six per cent of all crimes resulted in a charge.

Richmond promotes itself as the 'Safest Borough in London' but, unlike in Japan, it is now impossible to even go for a walk here without being intimidated, or crashed into, by e-scooters and bikes on our footways. Any remonstrance results in abuse or threats. I have reported many such instances of this so-called low-level crime to Richmond Council who simply pass the buck to the police. But our police have told me that not only CAN they do nothing, but that they WILL do nothing.

So nowadays it seems that the only way to get the police to attend is to be murdered.

Michael Jay
Hampton.

IT'S BBQ TIME!

It's certainly been 'hot, hot, hot!', and now the temperature has cooled slightly, we can go back to barbecuing, as it's been too hot to consider for the last few days. And when it is so hot, the last thing one wants to do is spend hours in the kitchen prepping the BBQ food! So, in order to make life easier for you, I've been checking out some of the more interesting and exciting easy BBQ products and ranges available:

Looking for a tasty, yet healthier, banger? Fire up the grill and try **Powters Skinny Pig** sausages. Powters Skinny Pig sausages boast less than 3% fat and are only 97 calories each, yet packed with protein. Made using prime lean leg of British pork and seasoned with nutmeg, pepper, sage and marjoram they have a meaty taste and juicy texture. They're also gluten and dairy free (and rated by many well known slimming groups). Skinny Pig sausages are available from Tesco, Morrisons and Sainsbury's. RRP £3.55 per pack of six.



Poultry more to your taste? Then how about a spatchcock poussin? (The bird has been cut along the spine for a fast and even cook) **Gressingham** (yes, the company that produces those lovely ducks) also produces delicious, ready to throw on the BBQ, smaller spatchcocked birds. The salt and pepper one is available in Waitrose and Sainsbury's and the new Piri Piri version (enrobed in a spicy dressing) is exclusively available in Tesco. From around £3.50, these will serve two with accompaniments, (or one really hungry person).

And if you are even lazier than me, you can trot round to your nearest **M&S** for its superb range of BBQ products, ready just to throw on the grill. I've recently been trying a few, and they were all great. The **M&S** range of BBQ products is suited to all diets, including plant based and vegetarian (even we meat eaters do love a haloumi quarter pounder!) and there are currently some excellent value offers such as '**3 for £12**' on BBQ favourites. The Bacon & Cheese sausage swirl (illustrated) is really impressive!



Tesco, too, has a strong range of BBQ dishes that also just need popping into the oven or atop the BBQ. The **Tesco Fire Pit** range is very tasty indeed, and I particularly like the pork steaks, which make a good alternative to that ubiquitous burger! Tesco has quite a few of its Fire Pit and other BBQ products on offer at the moment for its Clubcard holders. Do look in the freezer cabinets too, as for example, they have great value 800g bags of Fire Pit BBQ chicken thighs for just £3.



And the **Tesco Finest** range now includes BBQ products, taking inspiration from around the world. For India, the Finest Indian Inspired Chicken King Kebab with a yogurt dressing and an aromatic hariyali rub, a blend of mint, coriander, and garlic. For more tandoori flavours, try the Tandoori inspired Lamb Kebabs, with a green chilli chutney and cooling mint raita. For seafood lovers, the Garlic & Parsley Butter King Prawns are packed with flavours. Alternatively, for the Caribbean, try the Jerk Inspired Pork Rib Eye Steaks, boneless pork shoulder steaks with a spicy seasoning and hot pineapple sauce. The Finest BBQ range is available in Tesco stores nationwide and online now priced at £6 each or two for £10.

Do you make your own BBQ sauce? I'm afraid I have to confess that I don't! There are lots of great, ready-made, ones on the market, so why faff around making your own? I recently discovered two new, really delicious ones: **'Guinness Smoky Tomato Ketchup'** and **'Guinness Smoky BBQ sauce'**; a blend of Dublin's finest stout and classic flavours. Teaming up with Manchester's The Flava People, and developed with the expertise of the Guinness team, the sauces balance the iconic beer's smoky rich stout flavour with the sweetness and tang we expect (and love) from ketchup and BBQ sauce. Both sauces, in a 200ml squeeze bottle are available from Tesco £2.00 rrp.



While waiting for the BBQ chef in your household to sort that sizzle, you'll want some tasty dips and salsas to enjoy. **Do Goodly** is a new, award-winning, company that's keen to promote plant powered goodness with its range. Made with an emphasis on flavour and nutrition, the current range includes: Mighty Beetroot Borani; Smashed Pea Guacamole; Superstar Salsa and Tasty Tomato and Bean Houmous. Dip or spread, they're vegan, and gluten free, with nothing artificial, or added sugar. These high protein, high fibre tubs are available from Ocado at £2.50 a tub.

When you're entertaining friends al fresco, either to a BBQ or just drinks and nibbles, presentation is key. This **Antipasti Serving Set**, with its stylish acacia board, is perfect for appetisers, charcuterie and cheeses, and comes with a range of accessories to make your sharing board one to remember. With stainless steel serving cutlery, it even has petite tongs ideal for serving finely sliced meats. The set includes an olive spoon, cheese knife, small serving spoon, butter knife, tongs, 4 olive picks, acacia serving board and a stoneware bowl. **RRP £39** Available from www.viners.co.uk





Clorinda Agonistes

by Shobana Jeyasingh, music by Claudio Monteverdi and Kareem Roustom
SJD and Sadler's Wells at The Grange, then on tour until 16th November

Crusade is a word that must nowadays be used with great circumspection. Cultures have now become less polarised, but in 1591 when the Italian epic poet Torquato Tasso wrote his *Gerusalemme liberata*, his approach was highly romanticised account of the First Crusade. Here in its world premiere, *Clorinda Agonistes* focusses in on one character of Tasso's poem, Clorinda. It contrasts and compares the Clorinda of 1099 with women in the Middle East today.



Monteverdi's 1624 operatic cantata, *Il combattimento* is based one episode in Tasso's epic, involving the Christian knight Tancredi and the Muslim maiden warrior Clorinda. This forms the basis of Act One of *Clorinda Agonistes*. Clorinda and Tancredi meet in gladiatorial combat. Jemima Brown, interprets Clorinda in bold movements of controlled tension. Jonathan Goddard's Tancredi is a determined and powerful presence. Their martial struggle is played out in moves reminiscent of fencing thrusts, parries, and ripostes; a spectacular dance exposition.

The brainchild of eminent Indian choreographer Shobana Jeyasingh, *Clorinda Agonistes* embraces her multi-cultural, crossover dance style in a multi-disciplinary work melding opera, contemporary dance and video art.

Act Two, composed by Syrian-American composer Kareem Roustom, crosses from the baroque to Arabic-inspired polyrhythmic music, with its drones and intoned singing and Levantine dabkeh. A dance quartet reimagines Clorinda suffering the tribulations of women in the 21st

Century Middle East, not so much as individuals, but as a manifestation of a collective individuality. Their dance interpretation is emotionally expressive, but has sinew and veracity, creating a potently compelling narrative.

At a time when cultures are (trying to become) more integrated, *Clorinda Agonistes* could be a polemic on religious identity or on feminism. It is neither. It is a balanced, inspired and powerfully gripping account and one that asks more questions than it answers. "East is east and west is west", but here the twain do meet.

Read Mark Aspen's review at

www.markaspen.com/2022/07/15/clorinda-agonistes

Photography by Foteini Christofilopoulou and Chris Nash





Jack and the Beanstalk

by Louis Rayneau

Future Spotlight at Kidzania, Shepherd's Bush, then streaming from 22nd July, prior to UK cinema release.

KidZania is [a world of its own](#), a kingdom for children to try out so many different careers and become inspired for their future. Equally, this musical film production of *Jack and the Beanstalk* is a true inspiration for rising and new talent and the magic that can be achieved with a capable and confident company in just two days of filming. It is a refreshingly modern twist on the much loved classic, with singing that would rival any West End star.



Jack plays video games and the clever creation of 'Cow' being a 'Cow Console' is one of many inspired touches by director Louis Rayneau. The Giant, another big role for *Strictly Come Dancing* star Joanne Clifton, has everyone trapped in his lair when Princess Jill comes to rescue them, a fabulously forward-thinking display of girl-power (let's say it's not Jack who saves the story!)



Another example of the creativity is the use of the city of KidZania as the set. One of my particular favourite scenes is the one in the theatre where Princess Jill, played by Georgie Lovatt, a magnificent musical marvel, and Jack Trott, played by the lustrous leading lad Edward Chitticks, are together successfully singing *A Million Dreams* from the *Greatest Showman* in the theatre, using only a ladder to create some steamy romance.

A highlight is the cast's singing and dancing high-calibre capabilities, particularly those of the original *Six*-queen Natalie Paris who plays the good Fairy

Sunflower. Jordan Frazier makes The Giant's servant Poison Ivy exceptionally evil, yet superbly seductive, in her tremendously terrifying take on Britney Spears' *Toxic*.

Musical Director Edward Court creates a musical makeover while the special effects of Director of Photography Reece Darlington-Delaire transforms simple scenes into movie magic. *Jack and the Beanstalk* is a daring and delightful depiction of a much loved classic that will entertain and educate its audiences both young and young at heart!

Read Viola Selby's review at www.markaspen.com/2022/07/17/jack-bean-film

Photography by Michaela Walshe



On Me by Caroline Lamb

and

Mute by Emily Glaze

Festival of New Theatre, at Questors Studio, Ealing until 23rd July

Questors Studio is a black box of air-conditioned solace on the hottest day of the year. A crowd of theatregoers has braved the heatwave, only to step inside and breathe a deep sigh of relief at the blanket of cool air that cocoons them throughout two brand new plays.

On Me follows the filming of a true crime drama that involves sexual assault. Young actors Christian and Shona navigate the post-#MeToo landscape as they re-enact horrific crimes, while dealing with their growing feelings for each other. When Shona is triggered during the recording of a key scene and rushes off the set, Christian feels conflicted, not wanting to risk exacerbating her obvious trauma.



With several changes of costume to depict the developing production and the relationship between the two actors, and a realistic set, Alison Griffin directs a complex play with great pace and naturalism.



Mute, by Emily Glaze, is a radically different play. This three-hander tells the story of a young writer recovering from serious brain surgery. Depicting her relationship with her boyfriend and his mother, the play is structured in a short non-linear scenes. Following his father's death, Ray is attempting, while caring for Zoe, to take on the family farm, where the three of them now live. But as Zoe recovers, we also learn with her that Ray is not

quite the caring boyfriend that he initially appears to be.

While the strong performances of the three actors sell the story of the transformations that each of the characters go through, the production is enhanced by taut direction from director David Erdos.

Both *Mute* and *On Me* are thought-provoking and highly-crafted pieces. They engendered much discussion among their audiences. On press night though the discussions thankfully did not become heated enough to perturb the air-conditioned haven of Questors Studio.

Read Andrew Lawston's reviews at www.markaspen.com/2022/07/19/on-me-mute

Photography by Evelina Plonyte

WIZ Tales: Bolivia - trees

Teresa Read



Over the last two weeks WIZ Tales has looked at the toll taken by wildfires on the environment in Greece and Brazil. Of course, we have had our own disasters this week, including a fire at a local golf course by Staines Road, Twickenham.

Following on from Brazil I have been looking at deforestation in Bolivia; whilst two-thirds of the Amazon rainforest is in Brazil it also spans other countries including Bolivia.

Bolivia is a landlocked South American country bordered by Brazil, Chile, Peru, Paraguay and Argentina. It is named after Simon de Bolivar who together with Antonia de Sucre won the country's freedom from Spain in 1824.

Noel Kempff Mercado National Park, on the World Heritage List, is comprised of almost four million acres of forests, savannahs and wetlands; it is where the Amazon rainforest meets dry Chiquitano forests.

The Nature Conservancy Noel Kempff Climate Action project says that within thirty years the project is expected to avoid the release of 5.8 million tons of carbon emissions and, besides reducing carbon emissions, the project preserves a rich and biologically diverse forest ecosystem for species such as the Brazilian tapir and the jaguar.

In Bolivia cattle ranching is one of the leading causes of the destruction of Bolivia's lowland forests as well as natural disasters such as wildfires.



More information about Bolivia: <https://worldinfozone.com/country.php?country=Bolivia>

Where we live in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames housing is one of the main pressures on land use; it is important not to build to the detriment of our environment, but to make sure trees are conserved and planted as they are our carbon store, essential in the fight against global warming - stored carbon is released into the atmosphere when trees are cut down, much of that CO2 contributing to global warming.

St Mary's University

Joe Wicks MBE Becomes 'Dr Joe' at Graduation Ceremony in London

Known as the Nation's PE Teacher, Joe was given the award in recognition of his contributions to the wellbeing of people across the country and charity.

At a ceremony in Westminster Cathedral this morning, Joe Wicks MBE was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Sport and Exercise Science by St Mary's University, Twickenham.



Speaking of the award, Joe Wicks MBE said "I feel so proud to have received an honorary doctorate from St Mary's University. I loved every year of my time there studying sports science. It was the first time I felt excited to pursue a career in a something I was passionate about. I've maintained that love and passion for fitness and continue to do all I can to inspire others to live a healthier and happier life. Thank you to all the teachers and lecturers from St Mary's who helped me get where I am today."

St Mary's Vice-Chancellor Anthony McClaran said, "We are delighted to be make this award to Joe. He is the perfect recipient of our inaugural honorary doctorate award. Joe is a brilliant role model to our current students. His work on wellbeing, charity and education closely aligns with our core values of Excellence, Inclusiveness, Generosity of Spirit, and Respect, and we are proud of all he has achieved in his career so far."

Known as the Nation's PE Teacher, Joe was given the award in recognition of his contributions to the wellbeing of people across the country and charity. Joe first graduated from St Mary's in 2005 with a degree in Sport Science.

During the ceremony, Joe spoke about his journey through higher education and the dedication it took to make The Body Coach the success it is today. He also shared the motivation behind PE with Joe and his mission to get people moving every day.

He is best known for his energetic High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT) workouts, quick and healthy social media recipes, and his campaigning to get school pupils active. Through his brand The Body Coach, Joe has written thirteen books, regularly appears in the media, and hosts his own podcast and tv shows, exploring health and wellbeing.

During the first lockdown in 2020, he launched PE With Joe. This provided accessible and fun workouts, every day for families to do together at home and raised over £580k for NHS charities. Later in 2020, Joe went on to raise over £2m for BBC Children in Need as he completed a 24-hour televised workout. Joe was awarded an MBE later in 2020 for his services to fitness and charity.



The award is the first its kind made by St Mary's following its receipt of Research Degree Awarding Powers in 2021, which allows the University to confer its own doctoral degrees. The University has a strong and diverse research culture, and in the recent 2021 Research Excellence Framework, the majority of the research submitted for review was found to be world-leading or internationally excellent in its quality. St Mary's was also found to be the highest riser on the Times Higher Education Research Quality ranking, rising up by 32 places.



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Grow Wild in Richmond Parks YOUTH SUMMER SESSIONS (ages 15+)

Monday 25th July

Capturing Nature

Explore the beauty of Ham Lands by taking part in a Nature Photo Scavenger Hunt

PLEASE BRING A CAMERA OR CAMERA PHONE

Monday 8th August

Creating with Nature

Use nature found in Ham Lands to create with. Activities include Hapa Zome (leaf bashing), sun print collages and making a bee hotel to take home

Materials provided

Monday 22nd August

Studying Nature

Try out different nature surveying methods including quadrats, invertebrate and air quality surveys.

Equipment provided

Sessions run 10am-12pm

If you would like to carry out practical conservation volunteering, please join us back at Ham Lands, Mondays 1-3pm

Please register for sessions as spaces are limited

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**LET'S GO
OUTSIDE
AND
LEARN**

Original image: The Devonshire Collection, Chatsworth House



Explore the world of the poet *Alexander Pope*

Drop in and join us to learn more about Alexander Pope, have fun with our grotto craft activity, and handle objects & archaeological finds from early 18th century London, recovered from recent excavations by MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology).

When: 23 July 2022, 10:30 – 3:30

Where: Radnor Gardens, Cross Deep, Twickenham TW1 4RB

A free event, part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology



The world of early 18th century London reflected the journeys of people to and from the city and places all over the globe. With coffee from Africa, porcelain from China, silks from India, gems and precious metals from the Americas. Pope reflected all of London's life and society in his poetry.

He built a grotto beneath his house in Twickenham, where he would write, surrounded by ores and minerals collected by friends and admirers as they travelled around the world.

Although the villa was demolished in the 19th century, the grotto has survived and is now being restored by Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust, with help from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the generous support of private donors.



Pope's Grotto
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www.popesgrotto.org.uk



Brentford's second kit revealed

By [Brentford FC](#)

Influenced by the popular kits of the 1980s and early 1990s, and featuring the castle crest, Brentford's new Umbro strip goes on sale in-store on Saturday 23 July

“With our fans behind us, we are never away from home.” The words of Thomas Frank which have helped inspire our new Umbro second jersey for the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons.



The new kit has been revealed today and will go on sale in the Bees Superstore on Saturday 23 July, 9am. The light blue design, reminiscent of our away kits from the '80s and early '90s, feature an embroidered castle crest and will be the second kit in as many years that will be rolled over for two seasons.

The castle crest was introduced in 1975 as a celebration of 'the fortress' Griffin Park, when, in the 1929/30 season, the Club went on a record-breaking run of 21 home wins. It was used by the Club for 18 seasons from 1975/76 to 1992/93. It has been reintroduced to the new kit for this two-year cycle, representing the fortress which our fans help us to build away from home.

With its stylish design and comfort, we believe it will please the fans as much off the pitch as it will the players on it. It also features ribbed cuffs and collar, signed off on the inside with 'Bee Together', our message of inclusivity and our Bee symbol printed on the neck.

Jon Varney, Chief Executive of Brentford FC, said: “The castle badge holds a special place in many of our fans' hearts and this kit gives us the chance to celebrate a period in our history while acknowledging the impact that our fans' support gives Thomas and the team, particularly away from home.



“We took the unusual decision last season to roll our home kit over for two seasons, offering more value to our fans and helping to reduce our carbon impact by extending the kit’s lifespan. The feedback from our supporters, and beyond, was overwhelmingly positive so we’ve decided to take the same approach for the new second kit.

“We know we have more to do to step up our sustainability efforts across the Club but feel that this simple step will encourage others to think differently and consider other ways to reduce their own impact on the planet.”

Adult shirts will be priced at £52 and £40 for juniors. This marginal increase (£3 for adults, £2 for juniors), in comparison with last season’s prices, is due to unavoidable supplier cost increases. In comparison with other Premier League teams’ shirt prices, and with it having a two-season lifespan, it will be one of the best value shirts in the league.

Prices of the home shirts, rolled over from last season, remain at £49 for adults and £38 for juniors.

The new second kit will be in action at both the VfL Wolfsburg and Real Betis matches on 23 and 30 July respectively.

Fans should note that, based on current sponsor contracts and possible regulatory changes, the sponsors on the kit may be subject to change for season 2023/24.

Utilita’s branding will continue to feature on the Brentford FC Women’s First Team, Women’s B Team and Academy match kits, along with all junior replica kits for this season.

Fans will be able to purchase the new second kits exclusively in the Bees Superstore in-store on Saturday 23 July (9am-6pm) and on Sunday 24 July (10am-4pm) with sales opening via our official online Bees store at 10am on Monday 25 July.



World Drowning Prevention Day 2022



Drowning is one of the leading causes of death globally for children and young people aged 1-24 years. Every year, an estimated 236,000 people drown.

More than 90% of drowning deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries, with children under the age of five being at highest risk. These deaths are frequently linked to daily, routine activities, such as bathing, collecting water for domestic use, travelling over water on boats or ferries, and fishing. The impacts of seasonal or extreme weather events – including monsoons – are also a frequent cause of drowning.

Most of these deaths are preventable, through evidence-based, low-cost solutions, such as:

- installing barriers controlling access to water
- providing safe places away from water such as crèches for pre-school children with capable childcare
- teaching swimming, water safety and safe rescue skills
- training bystanders in safe rescue and resuscitation
- setting and enforcing safe boating, shipping and ferry regulations
- improving flood risk management

This year, WHO invite you to “do one thing” to save lives on World #DrowningPrevent Day.

For social media WHO recommends that the hashtag #DrowningPrevention be used, including for World #DrowningPrevention Day.



**World Health
Organization**

Waste criminal to pay £22,555 after illegally depositing waste



Michael Shilling's vehicle caught on CCTV after depositing 3 lorry loads of waste. Vehicle crushed by Environment Agency.

The Environment Agency has successfully prosecuted Michael Shilling, who was fined £4,500, ordered to pay £6,779 costs, a £190 victims' surcharge and was ordered to pay compensation to Iron Mountain (UK) PLC of £11,086 at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court. A total of £22,555. The magistrate took into account his guilty plea during sentencing.

Mr Shilling (61) of Raspberry Hill Park Farm, Iwade, Kent pleaded guilty to be controlling or was in a position to control the use of a Scania Skip Loader and knowingly causing waste to be unlawfully deposited at Gills Terrace, Otterham Quay Lane in Rainham Kent, a site owned by Iron Mountain (UK), on 14 December 2020.

Matt Higginson, Environment Manager for the Environment Agency, said: "This prosecution and the seizure and crushing of the vehicle shows that we will search out and prosecute anyone found to be dumping waste illegally.

"Illegally depositing waste without regard for the environment and the law has the potential to harm our natural resources, blight communities and undermine the legitimate businesses that follow the rules. You won't get away with it.

"We encourage everyone to check that their waste collector is registered as a waste carrier".

On 22 December 2020, an Environment Agency officer was made aware that waste had been deposited at the land at Otterham Quay Lane. On 8 January 2021, the officer received more information, including CCTV footage, that showed that Mr Shilling's vehicle entered the site three times on the evening of the 14th December.

The waste found onsite was shredded material comprising plastics, paper, mattress fabric and fibre. An employee of Iron Mountain (UK) plc made a statement saying the waste was smouldering when he arrived at work at the site on 15 December 2020.

On the 25 February 2021, an Environment Agency officer, accompanied by Kent Police, visited Raspberry Hill Park, near Iwade, Kent, located the lorry used on the 14 December to deposit the waste. The Environment Agency and Kent Police seized and crushed the vehicle for alleged waste offences.

To check a waste collector is registered as a waste carrier, you can check on Gov.UK here [Access the public register for environmental information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

The Transpennine Route Upgrade Programme

Government has put the Transpennine Route rail upgrade on a firmer footing, but there remains a risk of delays and cost increases, and it is not yet clear how the upgrade's intended benefits will be achieved, according to the National Audit Office (NAO).

The Transpennine rail route provides the most direct rail link between Manchester and Leeds, as well as connecting smaller towns and commuter areas in the north of England. In 2011, the Department for Transport (the Department) first announced its intention to improve the route through the Transpennine Route Upgrade Programme (the Programme). In its Integrated Rail Plan in November 2021, the Department announced that the Programme would be delivered as Phase One of Northern Powerhouse Rail.



The Department has developed a clear case for investment in the Transpennine route, but it has taken too long to decide how to upgrade it. In the decade prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, passenger journeys provided by the two main train operators of the route increased from 106 million to 137 million, resulting in overcrowding. Work on the Programme first started in 2015 but was paused. Since 2017, the Department has repeatedly altered the scope of the Programme to meet differing ministerial priorities and budget constraints. As a result, £190 million of the £1 billion Network Rail has spent on the Programme has been on work no longer needed.

The Department has committed to the Programme as a core element of its plan for rail in the north of England and the Midlands. The scope includes additional track to increase capacity for passenger and freight services and to improve journey reliability. As at May 2021, the Department forecast that the Programme will cost between £9 billion and £11.5 billion in cash terms and that it will be completed between 2036 and 2041.

Negotiations between Network Rail and train operators to agree track access for construction work on the route will be difficult, which creates a risk of delays. Network Rail must gain repeated access to the track for construction, disrupting train and freight operators, and therefore passengers and businesses. The Programme will also need buy-in from local leaders, businesses and landowners for timely access to land and to agree development.

The Department has not yet committed to funding the rolling stock needed to achieve the Programme's full benefits. The upgraded route will require electric trains that are compatible with new signalling systems. Until funding is confirmed there is no certainty that rolling stock will be at the required level.

It is not yet clear how the Department and Network Rail will manage the cost of inflation. The Department and Network Rail have not yet agreed how sharp rises in the cost of energy and materials will be funded. It is also not clear if Network Rail and supply chain contractors will be able to fully address labour shortages, which may also increase costs.

Passengers' awareness of the planned upgrades to the Transpennine route is low, which is a concern because of the disruption it may cause to their journeys. This creates a risk that passengers will switch to other forms of transport to avoid disruption during upgrade works and will not return in the long-term. Network Rail is developing its communications approach with train operators and plans a large marketing campaign for autumn 2022. It is also minimising the use of rail replacement bus services throughout the Programme as they are unpopular with passengers.

The Department and Network Rail are taking reasonable steps to set up the Programme for success, including applying lessons from other major infrastructure projects. It is still at an early stage, and the real test will come as construction work begins in earnest. However, by now the NAO would expect Network Rail and the Department to know how success will be measured. The NAO also finds that:

- It is not yet clear how other government departments and local government will help deliver the Programme's benefits;
- It has not been determined how the Programme will be managed as part of Northern Powerhouse Rail to ensure the benefits and connections between the two projects are fully aligned; and
- It is not yet clear if the Programme's design will provide long-term resilience to climate change.

The NAO recommends that the Department and Network Rail set out how they will measure the benefits of the Programme, such as reduced carbon emissions, and that they should also monitor the impact of disruption on passengers.

Gareth Davies, the head of the NAO, said:

“Rail passengers in the north have contended with increasing over-crowding and delays for too long. It is good that plans for the Transpennine Route upgrade are now agreed, but there are still significant risks to the programme's progress that could cause further disruption. The Department for Transport, Network Rail and government must work together to manage these challenges and deliver the expected benefits for rail users.”

Click here for the [full report](#) and here for the [PAC Chair statement](#)



National Audit Office

WHO releases global COVID-19 vaccination strategy update to reach unprotected

WHO published an update to the Global COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy today, in response to the spread of Omicron subvariants, advances in vaccine evidence, and lessons from the global vaccination program.

In the first year of rollouts, COVID-19 vaccines are estimated to have saved 19.8 million lives. Through unprecedentedly large and rapid rollouts worldwide, over 12 billion doses have been administered globally, in nearly every country in the world, resulting in countries reaching 60% of their populations on average.

Yet only 28% of older populations and 37% of health care workers in low-income countries have been vaccinated with their primary series. 27 of WHO's Member States have not yet started a booster or additional dose program, 11 of which are low-income countries.

The strategy aims to use primary and booster doses to reduce deaths and severe disease, in order to protect health systems, societies and economies. On the way to reaching the 70% vaccination target, countries should prioritize achieving the underpinning targets of vaccinating 100% of health care workers and 100% of the most vulnerable groups, including older populations (over 60s) and those who are immunocompromised or have underlying conditions.

“Even where 70% vaccination coverage is achieved, if significant numbers of health workers, older people and other at-risk groups remain unvaccinated, deaths will continue, health systems will remain under pressure and the global recovery will be at risk,” said WHO Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. “Vaccinating all those most at risk is the single best way to save lives, protect health systems and keep societies and economies open.”

To ensure vaccines reach the highest priority groups, the strategy emphasizes the need for measuring progress in vaccinating these groups and developing targeted approaches to reach them. Approaches include using local data and engaging communities to sustain demand for vaccines, building systems for vaccinating adults, and reaching more displaced people through humanitarian response.

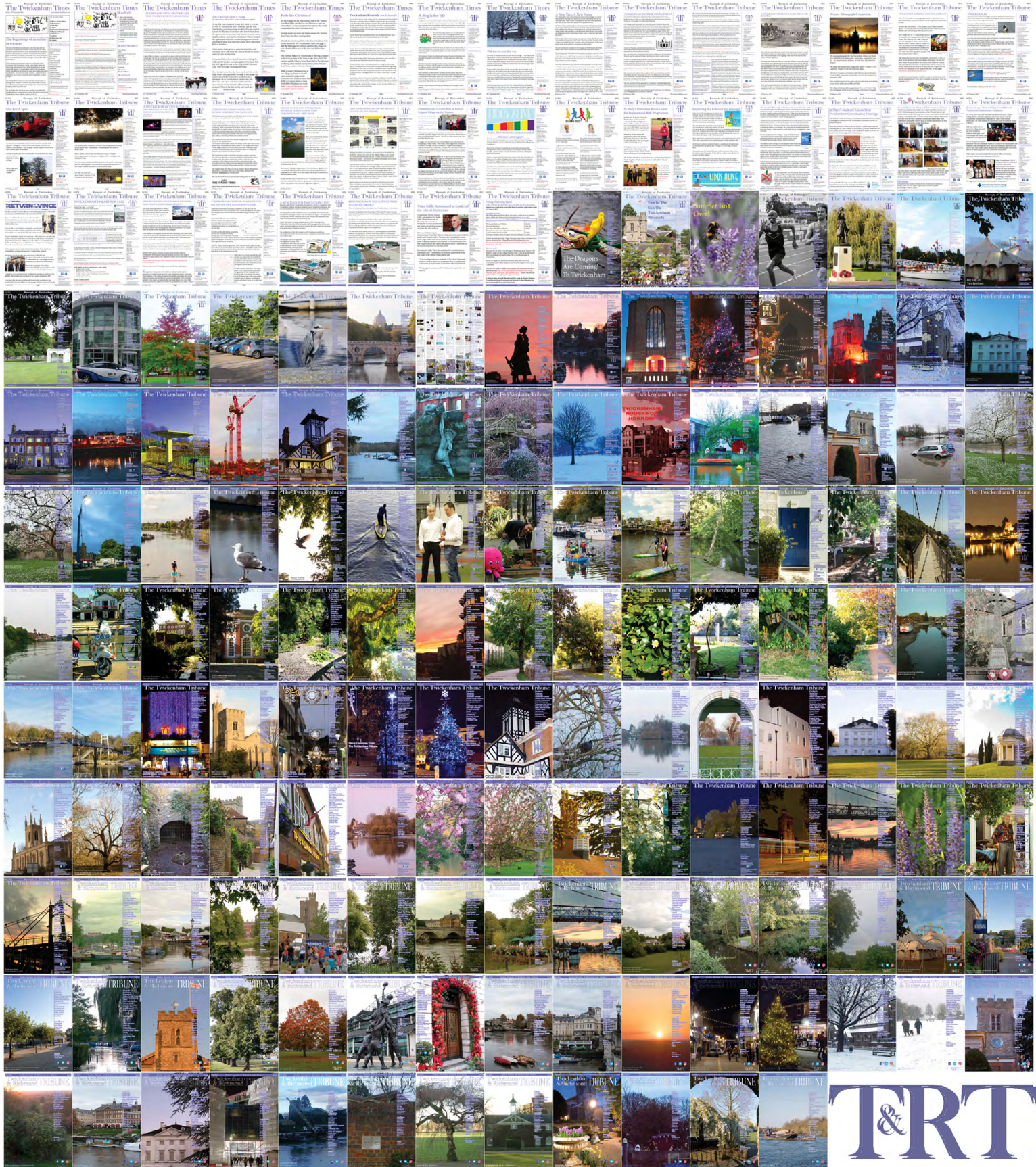
The strategy also has the goal of accelerating development and ensuring equitable access to improved vaccines to substantially reduce transmission as the top priority but also to achieve durable, broadly protective immunity.

Current vaccines were designed to prevent serious illness and death, which they have succeeded in doing, saving millions of lives. However, they have not substantially reduced transmission. As the virus continues to circulate widely, new and dangerous variants are emerging, including some which reduce the efficacy of vaccines. It is fundamental to continue investing in research and development to make more effective, easier to administer vaccines, such as nasal spray products.

Other vital actions to take include: equitably distributing manufacturing facilities across regions and supporting strong vaccine delivery programs. WHO will continue to collaborate with COVAX and COVID-19 Vaccine Delivery Partnership (CoVDP) partners to support countries with rollouts, such as through packaging COVID-19 vaccination with other health interventions.



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