

# Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE

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# TickerTape - News in Brief

## Take a walk round Teddington – with a fresh pair of eyes

Spring is in the air! How about a walk round Teddington for your daily exercise? Get your free guide from the [Teddington Society](#) and find out lots you didn't know! Download [HERE](#)

## Have your say on Elleray Hall

It's not too late to sign up to tomorrow's Elleray Hall Community Conversation event. Online event **Saturday 20th March 2021, 11:00 – 12:30**. Sign up [HERE](#)

## Music & More Online Quiz for OKMT's 30th Anniversary!

Come and enjoy a fun **online** evening raising money for the Otakar Kraus Music Trust's 30th Anniversary. The event is hosted by our Patron, Councillor Nancy Baldwin, former Mayor of Richmond upon Thames. **Saturday 27th March 20:00 – 22:00**

1st prize bottle of 30th Anniversary OKMT Prosecco, plus 2 runner up prizes of Hotel Chocolat chocolates. Test your music and general knowledge with a dash of trivia and soupcon of popular culture. Details and registration [HERE](#)

## Richmond Council unveils Richmond Business Hub gateway to support for local businesses

The new [Richmond Business Hub](#) is now live with an extensive array of resources and tools to help support local businesses. It will support local businesses of all sizes and sectors by providing tailored information to help local businesses reach their full potential.

## Final call out to businesses to apply for financial support

Over the past 12 months, Richmond Council has awarded £59.0m in business grants to local businesses who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, however many have still not applied for the latest grants and time is running out.

If you are a local business owner, that has not yet applied – please go online and make your application asap. [See all the grants available and apply.](#)

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Gosh, TwickerSeal has just heard that the council has backed down and is finally going to provide toilets for Twickenham and Richmond Green! (Albeit temporary ones).

Thanks to the Twickenham & Richmond Tribune and Cllr Pamela Fleming (Conservative councillor for South Richmond Ward) for their campaign to make this happen. The only other real support for residents came from Cllr Richard Bennet (Green Party councillor for South Twickenham Ward); the local amenity groups in Strawberry Hill and Twickenham Green were not supportive.

It's a shame that residents had to endure the continued Anti-Social Behaviour last year when the council refused to consider providing temporary toilets to relieve the situation. While grateful for this step, TwickerSeal can't help but think that, after more than half a year, the council could have come up with a more permanent solution rather than the temporary solution they should have instigated in the first place. But then their dull design for Twickenham Riverside doesn't seem to include public toilets, so as usual what residents actually want is not their priority.



*In Twickenham Cllr Geoffrey Samuel (Conservative councillor for Hampton North Ward) spearheaded the campaign for toilets on the Green by – for the first time in recent years – requisitioning a Special Meeting of the Council to demand that toilets were provided.*

*In Richmond the Chair of the Richmond Society said: “The Richmond Society, a civic and amenity group of 1,270 members, has long campaigned for provision of public lavatories. Our campaign became more urgent after the anti-social behaviour witnessed last year when people desperate for relief resorted to urination and defecation on public and private property, including doorsteps and gardens.” (full letter in next week’s edition of The Twickenham & Richmond Tribune).*

# Borough View By Graeme Stoten

## Twickenham Green.

Located in West Twickenham, the Green is a substantial open area popular with informal ball games, fitness camps and last but not least the active cricket club. Hosting Summer community events and more recently drawn much commentary in the press from social overcrowding over lockdown, the uniform lines of Horse Chestnut trees bring much grandeur to the Green's triangular boundary.



# COVID-19

Teresa Read

## Overview From the World Health Organization

“After six weeks of declining cases in January and February, we are now on track for a fourth consecutive week of increasing cases. These are worrying trends as we continue to see the impact of variants, opening up of societies, and inequitable vaccine rollout. (19 March 2021).”

“As of 17 March 2021, more than 120 million cases of COVID-19 infections, with more than 2 million deaths, had been reported globally. Vaccination remains a critical tool to help prevent further illness and death and to control the pandemic.

So far, more than 20 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine have been administered in Europe and more than 27 million doses of the Covishield vaccine (AstraZeneca vaccine by Serum Institute of India) have been administered in India.”

## AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine

“Some countries in the European Union temporarily suspended use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine as a precautionary measure based on reports of rare blood coagulation disorders in persons who had received the vaccine. Other countries in the EU – having considered the same information - have decided to continue using the vaccine in their immunization programmes.

Vaccination against COVID-19 will not reduce illness or deaths from other causes. Thromboembolic events are known to occur frequently. Venous thromboembolism is the third most common cardiovascular disease globally.

In extensive vaccination campaigns, it is routine for countries to signal potential adverse events following immunization. This does not necessarily mean that the events are linked to vaccination itself, but it is good practice to investigate them. It also shows that the surveillance system works and that effective controls are in place”. (World Health Organization)”

## News from Gibraltar

The Chief Minister told Parliament on Tuesday “we have felt the real support of the United Kingdom in the provision of PPE, testing and the sovereign guarantee for our Covid spending. But perhaps, most importantly, with the provision, at no cost to Gibraltar, of the Covid vaccine in quantities that enable me to say today that Gibraltar will be the first nation to complete a whole nation vaccination programme. We will do that thanks to the UK, thanks to its Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary and thanks to its Department of Health and Care”.

## Suppression of Transmission

“As potential vaccine resistant variants continue to circulate in the UK, the need for a clear exit strategy from the pandemic has never been greater. Effective suppression of transmission remains key to preventing the emergence and spread of new variants able to escape vaccine acquired immunity. Measures such as testing, tracing, and supported isolation, coupled with mass vaccination and tight border controls, are the only logical way to ensure this third lockdown is truly the UK’s last.”

The BMJ 18 March 2021 (*BMJ* 2021;372:n710)

# COVID-19

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

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

**DO IT ALL**

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## Cases of COVID-19

### Total cases to 19 March 2021

10,583 Richmond upon Thames

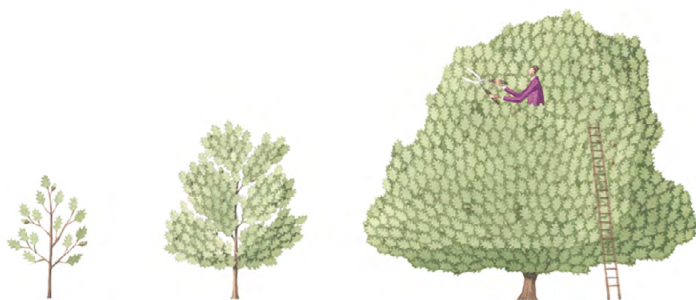
11,977 Kingston upon Thames

24,216 Hounslow

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

Deaths Worldwide 2,674,078

USA	531,855	Peru	49,330
Brazil	282,127	Poland	48,388
Mexico	195,119	Indonesia	38,915
India	159,216	Turkey	29,696
The United Kingdom	125,831	Ukraine	29,253
Italy	103,432	Czechia	24,117
Russian Federation	93,824	Belgium	22,600
France	90,893	Canada	22,519
Germany	74,132	Chile	21,816
Spain	72,793	Romania	21,787
Iran	61,492	Hungary	17,628
Colombia	61,368	Portugal	16,722
Argentina	54,036	Ecuador	16,300
South Africa	51,634	Netherlands	16,165



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# Filling up the Census

By Simon Fowler

On Sunday we should be completing the census, either by post or online. The first one was taken in 1801, Except for 1941, it has been held every ten years since then.

Originally the census was just a head count. Individuals were first listed in 1841, and full ages and occupations in 1851. Thereafter later censuses record information was required, generally relating to occupation, housing and increasingly transport.

The records relating to individuals and families between 1841 and 1911 are online. Those for 1921 will be released in January. They are immensely valuable resource for family and local historians, for the information they give about residents and the world they lived in.

At the time of the first census in 1801, Twickenham was little more than a small village with a population of 3,000 centred on Church and King streets and the riverside. Some 4,600 people lived in Richmond mainly around the Green and by the Thames.

Fifty years later the population of Richmond and Twickenham had doubled.

Had you walked the streets of either town you would have noticed a very young population, half of Richmond was under 24 years of age in 1851. Very few people were over the age of sixty. Indeed the 1851 census only identified one person locally – Joseph Bickwell – who had passed his century. He had spent his life as an agricultural labourer.

But his world was fast vanishing. In both towns newly opened railway stations stood in the middle of fields. Within little more than a decade the fields would be replaced by housing.

Most men were labourers of some kind, in the fields, on the roads or in small workshops, while women worked as house servants or as laundresses. The Royal Laundry in Richmond opened in 1847 to clean the smalls from Windsor Castle. Other people worked in strange and rather specialist trades: James Richardson, in Richmond, combined the trades of barge builder and bird stuffer, while Henry Lascelles professed to be a 'comic lecturer'. The wonderfully named Lettice Flower was a 'fancy basket maker'.

The local population was overwhelming Anglo-Saxon: well over half had been born within a mile or so of where they now lived. Despite the Great Famine of the 1840s which caused millions of families to leave Ireland, very few had made their way to the Thames valley, although historians have discovered that many had seasonal work in the market gardens. Only one person of colour can be identified in the 1851 census: 'Sookie' who was an Ayah, or governess, from Calcutta, who taught at a school for young ladies in Richmond.

The 2021 census seems fated to be the final one. So, make sure that you fill in the form; if only so that future generations can find out how we lived.



**FILLING UP THE CENSUS PAPER.**

*Wife of his Bossom.* "UPON MY WORD, MR. PREWITT! IS THIS THE WAY YOU FILL UP YOUR CENSUS? SO YOU CALL YOURSELF THE 'HEAD OF THE FAMILY'—DO YOU—AND ME A 'FEMALE!'"

## Bees

Last week, I have noticed a bee flying around a blossoming blackthorn tree. It has been a long time since I last saw their appearance on the grounds of Marble Hill Park. Most bees hibernate in the winter and will not appear until the vernal equinox. Yet their exact seasonal cycles are dependent on the microclimates of any given land.

It is known that the elderly bees are responsible for the foraging of pollen and nectar. This usually translates as a thousand and one repeated journeys to a particular plant. Its younger days might have been spent on the removal of debris or the feeding of their larvae. The little labourers also knead microscopic lumps of wax, out of which they construct the circular chambers of their communal abodes.

The practice of beekeeping has been documented by many of the ancient writers. Both Columella and Pliny the Elder have written long treatises on the nature of the bees. They described how both the ancient Romans and the Egyptians would have transported their beehives when the supply of pollen in a particular pasture was no longer sufficient. The hives, made of the bark of a cork tree or woven from the stems of wild fennel, would have been taken from their porticos and stacked on a boat.



The French, too, have developed a method of transporting their beehives across the vineyards and the pastures. It is said that these caravans, with their aforementioned maritime voyagers, would travel during the hours of the night. They would float down the river Nile by the light of their candles. Yet not all of the bees will have cared for such travelling, and some might have escaped to find their solace in the woods.

The German zoologist Karl von Frisch observed that the bees have their own *Tanzsprache* or symbolic language. Herein they perform a circular or semi-circular dance to indicate the direction of a food source in relation to the sun. A small patch of polarised light is enough to find a particular flower. A bee knows where the sun is, even if most of its light has been obscured by the clouds.



# New temporary toilets proposed for town centres

## ***Victory for campaign by the Twickenham & Richmond Tribune and Cllr Pamela Fleming (Conservative councillor for South Richmond)***

The council released the following statement:

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions remain in place, the Council is seeking to install temporary toilet facilities in three high footfall areas in the borough.

It is hoped that restrictions are going to be relaxed over the months ahead, but the Council is conscious that it will be some time before things return to 'normal'. Therefore, proposals have been agreed to move forward with plans to install temporary toilets on Richmond Green, Richmond Riverside and Twickenham Green.

During the first lockdown, the borough saw a rise in antisocial behaviour as a result of the good weather and closure of pubs, bars, and restaurants. Richmond Council held a series of public meetings to listen to resident concerns and determine how best to tackle these issues, especially concerns of public urination. The Council opened all public toilets within its control, increased the payment to businesses who joined the Community Toilet Scheme, and worked with local businesses to remind them to ensure that the sale of alcohol was carried out responsibly. In addition, COVID Marshals worked alongside the Police to inform and educate revellers on appropriate and safe behaviour.

Despite this, residents on Twickenham Green, Richmond Riverside and Richmond Green found that their property was still a target for those looking to relieve themselves.

It is hoped that the temporary facilities will provide respite for those in the local area, provide facilities for what we envisage will be an increase in visitors, and encourage those visitors to Richmond and Twickenham to be responsible and respect our borough.



Cllr Julia Neden-Watts, Chair of the Environment,

Sustainability, Culture and Sports Services Committee for Richmond Council, said:

*"We have worked really hard to try and get people to understand and comply with the rules. That includes both residents and businesses. Throughout the pandemic it has been incumbent on us all to play our part. Whilst the majority of residents have abided by the restrictions and made sacrifices to make sure we all stay safe, a small number of selfish people have made the lives of people who live in Richmond and near Twickenham Green extremely unpleasant, urinating and defecating on or near their homes. We have always been clear that temporary toilets are very expensive, and not a long-term solution. However, as the restrictions are still going to be in place for some months, we need to make this investment for the sake of our residents and those who wish to enjoy our open spaces responsibly."*

The Council is now working with local businesses and groups on the plans to install the facilities over the coming weeks. Each of the sites would be serviced five times a week, including a deep clean. Each facility would also have an attendant present for eight hours a day, to ensure social distancing and regular cleaning. Accessible facilities will be provided in 2 of the 3 sites with the third site proposed close to existing disabled toilet provision.

## The Twickenham Coalition – 'Love our town'

### Twickenham Riverside - the Council's or the Community's?

In January Richmond Council presented their plans and designs for green open space overlooking the river in Twickenham, affordable housing, etc and priority for people over cars on The Embankment. A fairly promising start, but the Council have fallen far short in so much of what they promised to deliver.

The Twickenham Coalition is a growing number of residents and community groups who want the best for Twickenham and hold Richmond Council to account to do what they said they would do for this unique spot along the Thames in Twickenham. We call on Richmond Council to pause their reckless dash to submit a planning application and instead present full plans for proper public consultation.

Here are just a few of the large number of issues that need to be rectified by Richmond Council -



#### The Council said: (quote)

The buildings should be of the appropriate style, scale and massing, sympathetic to the surroundings [so that] adjacent buildings are not overbearing/ towering over [the Diamond Jubilee Gardens].

#### What they did:

The plans showed a monolithic five-storey building built on part of the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, completely out of place in its setting and overshadowing the adjacent gardens and terraces. Plus a further four-storey block along Water Lane.

#### The Council said: (quote)

The design must create a focal point for the town (e.g. town square or similar) that accommodates activities and events as well as day-to-day use.

[Note 1: A town square for social activities, occasional events and exhibitions has been loudly called for by residents in consultations going back at least ten years.]

[Note 2: This focal point is a 'must': it is not optional.]

#### What they did:

Council officers 'suggested' that the tiered amphitheatre, as the architect called it, would be the new public/town square for Twickenham – in a far corner of the site, a very small area crossed by a route for cyclists and the occasional HGV passing along The Embankment.

Councillors have approved that our town will be without this promised focal point.



Quotes are from Richmond Council's Invitation to Tender, July 2019.



#### The Council said: (quote)

Site to be fully accessible, for example for wheelchair users, those with mobility issues and pushchairs.

#### What they did:

The 'amphitheatre', as they called it, with steps and tiered seating is inaccessible to young families and many others and also dangerous for young and old alike.

## The Twickenham Coalition – 'Love our town'

**Proposals published by Richmond Council in January** were incomplete, poorly thought out and in conflict with what the Council had promised to deliver, less than two years ago.

**The objective** of regenerating and strengthening Twickenham's business economy has been largely overlooked.

**Our shared goal** is to persuade Richmond Council

- to do what they said they would do and table new proposals – in full - for public scrutiny,
- before proceeding with a planning application
- and before more time and money are wasted on defective and unsustainable designs for this very special spot on the Thames.

To learn about The Twickenham Coalition and riverside scheme, email us - [hello@thetwickenhamcoalition.org](mailto:hello@thetwickenhamcoalition.org)

# Conservatives demand Council honesty and transparency over costs of Riverside development plan

- **Urgent publication of the full costs needed to promote honesty and transparency**
- **Diamond Jubilee Gardens must be protected in their entirety**
- **A more visionary scheme, sensitive to the needs and character of the area should be adopted**
- **Parking and servicing acceptable to all is essential, especially for the 'working wharf' that is Eel Pie Island**

March 17th 2021: Local Conservatives have called on the Council to publish the full costs related to its current riverside proposals – and to do so NOW. The anticipated figure, of above £35m for their intended development, is too high and £4.4m has already been allocated or spent, on fees alone.

Cllr Paul Hodgins leader of the Conservative Group on Richmond Council says: “When elected, the LibDems made a promise to listen and to be transparent. But they have done neither, and only said that because it was election time. Given the investment required across the borough, residents need to know how much this LibDem project is going to cost before deciding whether this is the right plan. Residents from Hampton Wick to Heathfield and Twickenham to Barnes are going to be angry when they find out how much extra money has been committed to this one project only when it is too late to do anything about it.”

The Conservatives are also calling for no parking changes to take place unless full Zone D surveys are conducted – to ensure parking and servicing space is acceptable to all affected, especially Eel Pie Island residents and businesses.

Local businesswoman and former Riverside Councillor, Jane Boulton says “Parking is integral to sustaining the whole of the Twickenham economy. How does the Council expect businesses to survive if customers are forced to go elsewhere? Eel Pie Island, for example, is an historic working wharf, and if changes are made without proper surveys, that will demonstrate how little the Illiberal Undemocrats care about our beautiful Twickenham and its history.”

The Conservatives have also committed to protect the Diamond Jubilee Gardens in their entirety – including the playground, public toilets, the Café Sunshine - which supports people with learning disabilities - and an event space all in one single area. The current proposals, and the Council’s consideration of a Compulsory Purchase Order, have placed the Gardens under threat.

Over the last twenty years, the Conservatives are the only party which has successfully made progress on the Riverside. In 2004, we built the playground and Cafe and 8 years later we created the Diamond Jubilee Gardens, which was named to honour the Queen’s 60th anniversary, with the help of local community groups.  
Will the Council now listen?



# Conservatives

# Full feedback report on proposals for Twickenham Riverside – now published

Following the publication of the initial overwhelmingly positive ‘headline’ results from the recent Twickenham Riverside engagement, the full report has now been published.

The feedback from the consultation showed that more than half of those asked said they would be more likely to visit an improved Twickenham Riverside and a further third said they’d continue visiting Twickenham Riverside.

CLLr Gareth Roberts, Leader of Richmond Council, said:

*‘I’m really pleased that we’re able to release the full findings from the recent consultation exercise. It’s clear that the majority of respondents support the vision that this Council has for Twickenham Riverside; a vision which, thanks to the beautiful designs from Hopkins Architects will create the heart for Twickenham which has been promised by successive administrations over the last thirty years but, so far, never delivered.’*

Over the past twelve months, Hopkins Architects and their team, with help from the Council, have been working hard to develop the design for the Twickenham Riverside site. This follows a design competition held in 2019.

The scheme will deliver housing (including affordable homes), office space, shops, a café and pub/restaurant and plenty of open space. This open space includes relocating the Diamond Jubilee Gardens into the centre of the proposed development, with suggestions for event space, an exciting children’s play area and pétanque pitches as well as terraced lawns, planting and trees. The proposal also includes public open space along the Embankment with a flexible events space and a widened Water Lane with inviting views from King Street.



Earlier this year, residents were asked their views on the proposals – and 829 people took the opportunity to have their say.

The results show that:

- 89% of people who took part in the consultation visit Twickenham Riverside regularly (Daily / Weekly / Monthly)
- 84% of people who took part in the consultation said that they would be either more likely or just as likely to visit the Riverside after the redevelopment (54% more likely)
- 73% of people agree that the proposed development achieves the ambition of high-quality open space and pedestrianised priority

The Council also ran a separate engagement exercise with children and young people with a summary report also being published.

The consultation results will be used to inform design development as the Council and Design Team work towards a submission of a planning application this summer.

See the full engagement report [HERE](#) (and children and young people engagement report [HERE](#))

# Trees make our lives possible

## HRH The Princess Royal and Woodland Trust raise awareness of the importance of woodland creation this International Day of Forests

HRH The Princess Royal and the Woodland Trust want to raise awareness of the importance of trees and woodland creation this International Day of Forests (Sunday 21st March 2021).

The Trust aims to establish 50 million trees across the UK over the next five years, and recently announced £2.9m to help fund green spaces for local communities across the UK, calling on more people to get involved in tree planting in urban areas.

The Princess Royal, who has served as Patron of a number of Woodland Trust projects, [has recorded a video message](#) to mark the International Day of Forests. Her Royal Highness said:

*“Life has changed for all of us over the last 12 months and during the most challenging of times we have become aware of the importance of having regular access to green space.”*

Around 80% of people in the UK currently live in urban areas, yet only 15% of the population currently has access to local woodland within 500m of their home.

Evidence shows that accessing greenspace can greatly benefit both physical and mental health - a topic which has been high on the agenda since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, and which highlighted the need for more accessible green space for people.



Studies of hospital patients previously found that they recovered more quickly with a view of trees and nature from their windows and additional research showed that being in close proximity to trees enhanced people's mood, improved self-esteem and lowered blood pressure.

By creating more green space in urban areas, not only does it help to improve wellbeing but is a driving force in tackling the climate and nature emergencies by locking up carbon and creating more havens for wildlife.

### **HRH continued:**

*“People have found comfort in woodland - they are calming and magical places. We all benefit from our woods and trees but could do with a great deal more of them.”*

### **Dr Darren Moorcroft, CEO at the Woodland Trust said:**

*“Woodland cover in the UK is one of the lowest in Europe at just 13%, and as a country we need to do more to increase it to help meet the needs of wildlife and people. Woodland Trust woods are free to access for all and always have been. We firmly believe that everyone across the UK should have access to the benefits that woods, trees and nature provide – regardless of circumstance. If the last 12 months have shown us anything, it's that people across the UK found their local woods extremely valuable and a place to seek solace in what has been a difficult time for many. Reconnecting with nature has been a lifeline and that is why the Woodland Trust is calling on people to help us establish 50 million new trees by 2025, helping expand our natural heritage and safeguard its future for our children and grandchildren.”*

### **HRH The Princess Royal also encouraged people to do what they can to help, adding:**

*“There are many ways to get involved. If you can help in any way, please visit the Woodland Trust website. On this International Day of Forests, enjoy the trees, respect what they do for us now and help us plan for our future with many more trees.”*

For more information about the Woodland Trust or to watch the full video from Her Royal Highness, please visit [www.woodlandtrust.org.uk](http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk).

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Dear Tribune,

## **20mph Speed Limit**

According to Richmond Council's press release of 17 March 2021, the blanket 20mph speed limit in Richmond has been hailed a success (even though it is constantly ignored).

The report says: 'Richmond Council carried out speed surveys on seven straight days last year and found a speed reduction of 1mph across all sites surveyed.'

Seven days? Wow! That's 1.9% of a year.

And 1mph? Double Wow!!

And how many sites? And where?

Such a survey is of even more dubious accuracy than the one carried out to introduce the 20mph limit in which only 5% of Richmond's population were surveyed. Or the 19% who were surveyed for the introduction of the ULEZ zone.

Transport and Air Quality Committee chair Councillor Alexander Ehmann said:

"Those sorts of reductions are game-changing and, likely, life-saving".

Of course, road safety is not a game.

But what proof is there? Just saying "likely" does not prove anything.

Cllr Ehmann also said:

"While we have been pleased by the drop in speeds, we won't rest on our laurels. There is still more work to be done to make our roads even more safe over the coming year."

How? By getting everyone on bicycles or electric scooters?

The report also says that research has shown that a 1mph reduction in average speed equates to a 5% reduction in accidents.

At that rate, a further 20mph speed reduction to zero mph will equate to a 100% reduction in accidents.

Is such a logical calculation what we can expect next from our council?

Perhaps another survey of the same 5% of the population will give it the go-ahead?

Let's hope they DO rest on their questionable laurels otherwise we'll all soon be back in the dark ages.

**Michael Jay, Richmond**

Dear Editors,

### **Anti Ageing**

What is it with this LibDem Council! Have they got a hatred of elderly and disabled people, people who don't have mobile phones, people who can't travel by bus or walk very far but rely on cars to get about.

Removing parking from Twickenham riverside is bad enough but now they are going to remove pay and display machines that take cash, forcing people to use their mobile phones to pay for parking. What do you do if you don't have a mobile phone? There should be signs up on the A316 saying "Elderly not welcome in the Borough of Richmond upon Thames".

### **A Twickenham pensioner**

(Name & Sddress supplied)

Dear Sir,

### **Twickenham Riverside**

In the Council's consultation on the new plans for Twickenham Riverside, people were asked "What aspect of the design do you particularly LIKE? I thought that the responses were very revealing.

Only :

- 27% liked the removal of parking
- 14% liked the event space
- 5% liked the shops/retail
- 4% liked the play area
- 4% liked the design
- 4% liked the provision of housing.

Hardly a resounding endorsement of the Council's plan for the rejuvenation of Twickenham Riverside and an expenditure of £35m+ of our money.

Yours sincerely

(Name & Address supplied, Twickenham)



# Church Street to be permanently pedestrianised

By Shona Lyons

On the 18th of March the council unanimously voted to keep Church Street pedestrianised permanently. This followed a consultation where 94% of the 1,547 people surveyed were in favour of this. Initially this was introduced in June by the council to help with social distancing and help the restaurants, pubs and retail shops continue to do business even with the restrictions.



Until September 2020 the food and beverage outlets did a roaring trade helped by scorching summer temperatures and everyone could see how pedestrianisation was a natural and obvious development for this street. With no traffic for the first time ever, people could stroll down the street after 10am, cycle freely and bring their children and pets to relax, eat and drink and browse the shops making this a beautiful and peaceful destination for all the community to enjoy.

The advantages of pedestrianisation have also been noted by other businesses and we have had a steady stream of enquiries for the final empty premises in the street. Gail's bakery have now taken 35 Church Street and we have heard on the grape vine that number 32 will be signed for this week. There are rumours it may be a sushi bar. Here in the square even in lock down the two empty properties were snapped up too and we now have here offices for Hedson Construction and Rail and also a new boutique Hair Salon run by Becky and Jo (Violet Piper Hair) who did have chairs locally but decided to set up together their own salon.

As I write, I am looking across the square in Church Street to the prestigious offices at 5/6, currently occupied by Tech21 and Nurvv. They will be vacating the building in the coming months, so Martin Campbell is marketing it. Before they leave, I would like to thank them, on behalf of all the businesses in Church Street, for keeping the overhead festoons of lights powered throughout lockdown, bringing brightness to what would otherwise have been a very dismal time.

12 April is just around the corner and restrictions on non-essential retail are going to end, and the pubs (Not the Eel Pie as this will open later on in May when they can also have drinkers and diners inside) and restaurants will be coming out onto the street again for Al Fresco dining weather permitting.

We are working with the council to have the yellow lines, parking bays and signage to be Enhanced. & the council are also working with the few traders and residents who voiced concerns and hopefully these will be resolved satisfactorily to everyone's benefit too.

The majority of the traders here in the street and we know our local community too, are all excited now to see how this beautiful and vibrant space will evolve!

# Flowers on the Green

Following the cancellation of the planned vigil to be held on Twickenham Green last Saturday, local residents instead left flowers at the Amélie Delagrangé memorial bench.



Photo by Doug Goodman

## Blossom Watch

As blossom starts to reappear to brighten up our year, we are reminded that in an ever-changing world, nature will always be a source of comfort for many of us. Discover more about these beautiful blooms that you've noticed during #BlossomWatch and the benefits they bring.

In the coming weeks we'll be sharing where you can see dazzling blossom displays near you, and how we're involving the community in the joys of the season.

Blossom is one of the first signs that spring is well and truly on the way, and is a welcome sight of colour after the frosty winter months. From the pinker hues to the cloudy white, these delicate blossoms are a joyful sight and a reminder that warmer days are on their way.

Blossom is not only beautiful to look at, it also supports a variety of wildlife. Take a moment on your daily walk or run to look out for birds, butterflies or bees that might be attracted to blossom trees down your street.

We're asking you to share the beauty of blossom on social media. Upload pictures of your local blossom, tag the location of where it is and use #BlossomWatch to spread the joy of spring with others. Helping nature and spring blossom flourish is simple when you donate to our everyone needs nature appeal or help to plant a tree.

Find more information [HERE](#)



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# Council acts on parking machine concerns

The Council will bring forward the removal of parking 'pay and display' machines in the borough to help improve safety, reduce fraud and to make way for further tree planting opportunities.

The first phase will see the removal of 100 parking machines in residential areas before the end of June this year - with the first 50 being removed before the end of March. All nearby properties will be sent letters with details of the removal and instructions on how to pay by mobile phone.

Instead of using the parking machines, visitors to those streets will be able to pay for parking using [RingGo](#) on their mobile phones. RingGo is a quick, easy to use mobile phone application service, which lets you pay for parking with a credit or debit card. The service is free to download and use. Richmond Card holders will still be entitled to its benefits when paying with RingGo and just need to apply for residency status on the [RingGo website](#), using proof of address. As an alternative to the RingGo option, residents can use [visitor permits](#) for their visitors.

Since the policy for removing the machines was approved by the Transport and Air Quality Committee in March 2020, plans to remove the machines have been accelerated. This follows an [upsurge in parking machine fraud](#) and a decline in usage of the machines for payment. More people are choosing to go cashless and use payment apps, including RingGo. The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified this because of hygiene concerns associated with cash and physical terminals.



The Council will be looking to make the most of the free space provided by the removal of these terminals and is investigating additional tree planting at these locations.

Cllr Alexander Ehmann, Chair of the Transport and Air Quality Committee, said:

“Last March, the Council agreed that a number of parking machines should be removed in response to their declining use and the increasing uptake of RingGo. Following a recent [upsurge in parking machine fraud](#) and heightened COVID-19 hygiene concerns associated with the use of cash and physical terminals, the Council have decided to bring forward the decommissioning of some of the least used terminals.

“These changes reflect the changing habits of our residents and also have the added benefit of freeing up important street space for pedestrians and additional tree planting.”

If you have any comments or concerns on these changes, please email [ParkingPolicy@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:ParkingPolicy@richmond.gov.uk). For help with your Richmond Card or registering with RingoGo please visit the [Richmond Card pages](#) or call 020 8891 1411.

# Twickers Foodie – By Alison Jee

## CHEFS AT HOME – LOCKDOWN RECIPES TO HELP THEIR INDUSTRY

As regular readers will know, I feel very strongly about the plight of our beleaguered hospitality industry, which, I feel, has been treated most unfairly by our draconian lockdown regulations. So I was delighted to learn that a group of the UK's most-loved chefs, including Jamie Oliver, Tom Kerridge, Raymond Blanc and Angela Hartnett, have contributed to a unique collection of home-cooked recipes, ***Chefs at Home***, (£26, hardback) in aid of the charity **Hospitality Action**. It marks the one-year anniversary of the first national Covid-19 lockdown.

Published at the end of this month, it's a compilation of dishes our celebrated chefs cooked for their own families when ingredients were limited and supermarkets had queues - online and outside! What's more, **100% of all royalties** will be going to Hospitality Action. Jason Atherton, chef-patron and Principal Patron, Hospitality Action, says: When lockdown began in March 2020, we all felt a deep sense of loss, but this was tempered by the joy of spending precious time at home with our families. Behind our closed doors, we all did what we do best: we cooked...and cooked. So, when Hospitality Action asked us to contribute to ***Chefs at Home***, we had lists of recipes as long as your arm to offer up. All the dishes in this book were conceived and cooked with love: think butties, Monster Munch and mash, not foams, soils and emulsions."



As I am still awaiting, with excitement, the copy that I immediately purchased online, I was sent a small 'taster' of the book by the publisher, and chose a couple of recipes from this to share with you.



Hopefully it will encourage you, too, to go online and support this industry, which - one way or another - employs such a massive proportion of the UK workforce!

And **Tesco** is offering another way you can help the industry: It is launching a service (12p.m. to 7 p.m. daily) to give wine lovers access to tailored tips from top sommeliers and, at the same time, raise funds for Hospitality Action. This free-to-use SMS service is available till 16 April. It will deliver bespoke bottle recommendations from leading sommeliers by text, to help you elevate your evenings. This service operates in real-time, offering advice within 30 minutes. For every recommendation, Tesco will give £1 to Hospitality Action. Simply text "WINE" to 82228 (standard network rates apply) and follow the

steps. (Further information [here](#))

### **POWER OMELETTE - from Sat Bains** (Serves 2)

"Power up your mornings with my take on the classic omelette. The pairing of bacon, spicy chorizo, red pepper and red onion submerged in six whole eggs, coupled with a chilli avocado side and a helping of cottage cheese, will put meat on your bones and help you to tackle whatever the day brings."

- olive oil
- 2 rashers of back bacon, chopped into lardons
- 100g chorizo, chopped
- 1 long red pepper, deseeded and sliced



1 red onion, sliced  
6 eggs, lightly beaten  
1 avocado  
chilli flakes, to taste  
salt and freshly ground black pepper  
100g cottage cheese, to serve

Drizzle a little olive oil into a large non-stick frying pan and set over a medium heat. When hot, add the bacon and chorizo and sweat for a few minutes, until caramelised. Add the pepper and onion and cook for about 3–5 minutes, until soft.

Season the beaten eggs with salt and pepper, then add them to the pan. Cook gently, moving the outside of the eggs to the centre to incorporate all the ingredients, on a low heat for about 15 minutes, until the omelette is mostly set with a slight wobble in the middle.

Meanwhile, halve and destone the avocado and scoop the flesh into a bowl. Sprinkle with salt, pepper and chilli flakes, to taste, and drizzle with a little olive oil.

Once the omelette is ready, turn off the heat and allow it to rest and set fully for a few minutes. Cut the omelette like a tart and serve it with the avocado mixture and a dollop of cottage cheese.

### **HALLOUMI LOAF - from Selin Kiazim (Serves 4–6)**

“This is such an easy loaf to make and it’s great to have in hunks for breakfast or as a snack with a cup of tea. It proved a firm favourite for us at home during lockdown. You could use a mixture of olives and halloumi, or just straight olives, if you prefer – just pit them and roughly chop before adding to the mixture.”

500g plain flour  
7g sachet of fast-action dried yeast  
½ teaspoon fine salt  
½ teaspoon caster sugar  
125ml extra-virgin olive oil  
½ onion, finely chopped  
2 x 225g blocks of halloumi, cut into 1cm cubes  
1 tablespoon dried mint

In a large bowl mix together the flour, yeast, salt and sugar. Add 400ml of water and half the olive oil to form a thick batter.

Add the onion, halloumi and dried mint and mix well.

Use the remaining olive oil to heavily grease a 900g loaf tin. Place the mixture into the tin and spread it out evenly. Cover with a damp cloth and leave it to rise in a warm place for about 2–3 hours, until doubled in size.

Preheat the oven to 210°C/190°C fan/Gas mark 6–7.

Place the risen loaf, in the tin, in the oven for 35 minutes, or until golden brown and a lovely crust has formed. A skewer inserted into the centre should come out clean.

Leave to cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out on to a wire rack to cool completely, before cutting into portions.



Extract taken from Chefs at Home: Delicious Family Recipes from the UK’s Leading Locked Down Chefs (£26, Jon Croft Editions) Photography © Kris Kirkham

# CRUISE BRITANNIA. WE ARE SAILING!

Travel news by Bruce Lyons



Not since 1588 and the Spanish Armada have the British Isles seen so many cruises around these fair Isles, in fact I think if Sir Francis Drake knew he would turn in his grave. UK Domestic cruising has been growing in recent years, in 2003 there were only 42 ports in use for seagoing voyages but this year that has jumped to 74. Better weather has helped too, with warmer summers from Global warming but the Pandemic is the real deal breaker.

For many years small vessels have been popular in the Highlands and Scottish Isles, even with our Queen regularly chartering a boat for a family cruise as have other Royals. These small, often converted fishing, boats have proved immensely popular but this season you will be challenged to find space on some of the small cruise vessels ideally suited to small ports with a galaxy of itineraries and running from between May 17 (the OK season; Government approved) thru to October.

The year has been spent on making Cruising safe with new health protocols in place and changes on board with reduced capacities. Currently CLIA (Cruise Lines International Association); Cruise Britain and the Ministry of Transport is working on protocols for safe embarkation and disembarkation – and we will all hear in good time what the regulations are. The expectations are that all crew will be tested each cruise.



So where are we at this moment? From May 17th there are many sailings with mixed durations – even short cruises from a variety of UK ports with itineraries covering the Channel Islands, The Scillies, Isle of Man, the South Coast as well as the Traditional Scottish Isles. Something for everyone.



Vessel sizes range from 12 berth to 3500 – There are the older traditional Scottish Vessels like **Lord of the Glen** (54 passengers) to newly renovated mid- size vessels like the 160 passenger **Sea Venture** (4 sailings of 7 days to round Ireland and 2 in Scotland) and the beautiful small ship Hebridean Sky of Noble Caledonia (100 passengers) or the World's largest Square Rigger sailing vessel- The **Golden Horizon** the August 4th sailing includes Cowes Week and the Channel Islands- There are even passenger barges on the Thames or the stately **Edward Elgar** sailing the Severn Vale and along the Sharpness Ship Canal to Gloucester, this a 22 passenger vessel that meanders through rolling countryside at a stately 4 miles an hour.



Hurtigruten the Norwegian Expedition and Norwegian Coastal Voyage specialist has positioned two of its vessels (the **MAUD** & the **Fridtjof Nansen**) in the UK this Summer and these sailings do most of their excursions in adventure style “ribs” reaching often near inaccessible spots with rare wild life

So if you fancy an afloat staycation this is the year, possibly a unique time as most will revert to their usual sailing grounds and the choice will not be there – no time like the present – enquiries to [bruce@crusadertravel.com](mailto:bruce@crusadertravel.com)

# REMEMBER! TRAMS

By Doug Goodman

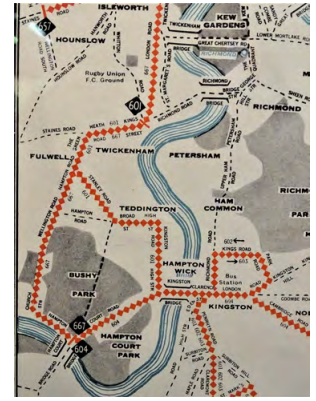
On Saturday March 23rd 1861 trams began operating in London with one of the first routes running between Bayswater and Marble Arch. The single-track line only survived for six months due to accidents caused by the raised step rail and protests from the wealthy classes living along the route: they objected to the noise and the difficulty of using their own private carriages.



London Transport Museum



Signs in LT Museum



Trams to Twickenham

Introduced in America 30 years earlier by George Train these 'streetcars' made their debut in Birkenhead in 1860 and in London a year later. Initially four cars pulled by horses formed this novel method of transport and horse-drawn trams continued working until 1915. Electric trams with overhead power cables arrived in 1901 and by 1903 there were 300 in service. Trams ran in London until 1952 but from then until 2000 none existed in the capital. The trolleybus, introduced in 1931, followed the fate of the trams in May 1962.

In September 1902 trams arrived in Twickenham and a depot was built in Fulwell to accommodate 100 of them. The line cost £16,000 per mile to construct, caused considerable disruption and required Heath Road to be widened by 45 feet. In the London Transport Museum there's a tram line map showing numbers 601 and 607 passing through Twickenham. There's also a poster in the Covent Garden Museum urging travellers to take the tram for the ruby.



Rugby Poster in LT Museum



Seaton Tramway Devon



Tramcars in San Francisco



Hong Kong 1981

Today, if you want to ride on a tram, there's the South London Tramlink from Wimbledon to the Croydon area which provides a valuable cross-London service. Many UK cities have modern tram routes but if you want to see the old ones visit the London Transport Museum's splendid collection of vehicles, while at the National Tram Museum in Crich in Derbyshire you can examine 60 trams. For a nostalgic ride visit the Seaton to Colyton line in East Devon. Fourteen trams, including three from London, run on three miles of former railway tracks. The route takes you along the Axe Valley and from the open top there's a great view of water birds feeding in the muddy banks of the estuary. Story and images by Doug Goodman.

Reading: Twickenham and Kingston Tramways by Robert Harley

If any readers have memories of taking a tram from Twickenham please write to the editor.



## The Digital Divide

During the last week Sir Tim Berners-Lee, inventor of the World Wide Web (WWW) in 1989, has once again spoken about the Digital Divide: “About one-third of young people do not have Internet access and many more people lack connections that are good enough to allow them to work or learn from home.”

Although Berners-Lee was talking mainly about young people, many of all ages are in a similar situation which should be recognised by national and local government. (The Digital Divide affecting older people was highlighted in Edition 219 of The Twickenham & Richmond Tribune (page 11).

**Note: for those who do not have access to the internet The Twickenham & Richmond Tribune can be obtained from Crusader Travel in Church Street.**

## The Early World Wide Web (WWW) - a rich selection of blogs and websites

Six years after the invention of the World Wide Web the World InfoZone project (shown on one of the early BBC Click programmes) recognised the importance of the internet to educate and connect people throughout the world:

“The web that many people connected to years ago is not what new users will find today. What was once a rich selection of blogs and websites has been compressed under the powerful weight of a few dominant platforms. This concentration of power creates a new set of gatekeepers, allowing a handful of platforms to control which ideas and opinions are seen and shared.” (‘The web is under threat’ Tim Berners-Lee on making the web work for everyone - 2018 -The British Council)

## World InfoZone Galleries

Over the years World InfoZone has connected with many people including photographers who have contributed to providing a snapshot of the world. This week there are some colourful photographs of Jordan kindly provided by Jordan Tourist Board in London.

## This week: Photographs of Jordan







Perhaps the most well-known example of architecture in Jordan is the city of Petra, a World Heritage site protected by the Petra National Trust. A strategic point on trade routes, Petra was partly built and partly carved into rock two thousand years ago.

Another World Heritage site in Jordan is the desert castle of Quseir Amra, one of the castles built by the Caliphs of the Umayyad dynasty. Kerak, on the approach to Jerusalem, is an example of a Crusader castle (captured by Saladin when he defeated the Christian Crusaders).

Jordan also has a number of ancient Roman buildings, such as the amphitheatre in Amman, the Temple of Artemis and the hippodrome in Jerash.

Jordan is famous for its scenery. The Wadi Rum has some of the most spectacular desert scenery in the world. Other well-known Jordanian landscapes include the coast off the Gulf of Aqaba and the Dead Sea.

More photographs of Jordan  
<https://worldinfozone.com/gallery.php?country=Jordan>

<https://worldinfozone.com/features.php?section=Jordan>

About the World InfoZone project  
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# ANT CHLOE SEQUEL TEACHES CHILDREN ABOUT NUMBERS AND THE IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK IN AID OF CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Following the success of the initial Ant Chloe book and video last year, a charming new video and print book sequel is set to teach children about the importance of teamwork and numbers. At the same time, it will be raising funds for children's charity Momentum. Written and illustrated by



mother of two Barbara Panetta of Richmond, Surrey. Chloe and the Gr-ant-father Clock is available as a video book on the Ant Chloe YouTube channel, voiced by Sally Phillips. The contribution of the British award-winning actress, television comedian and presenter of BBC's Sunday Morning Live

follows ITV presenter Ben Shephard, who kindly did the voice over for the first book in the Ant Chloe series, Chloe's Promise.



*"Lovely story and beautiful illustrations..."* Ben Shephard's praise for Chloe's Promise.

Chloe and the Gr-ant-father Clock is a delightful new story about teamwork and how, only by using the diverse skills of each of the family members, including all her brothers and sisters, the little ants fix the problem of the broken Gr-ant-father Clock. As well as securing the involvement of Sally Phillips, Barbara Panetta was also able to enlist the generous collaboration of composer and pianist Alessandro Viale, who created a bespoke soundtrack for the video book, performed with Laura Marzadori, lead violinist of the theatre of Milan La Scala.



Children's psychologist Giovanna Campolo helped to ensure that the moral of the story is appropriate for children of three years and above. The result is a charming, illustrative lesson about teamwork, learning numbers and the value of the unique skills of each individual person, that is sure to engage and boost self-confidence in any small child.

The video is available on the Ant Chloe YouTube channel. <https://youtu.be/eu5wYUksfAM>

For more information visit the website [www.antchloe.com](http://www.antchloe.com). The paperback version of the book will be available on 10th of March 2021.

# St Mary's University

## St Mary's University Receives Research Degree Awarding Powers

The Privy Council has announced that St Mary's University, Twickenham has received Research Degree Awarding Powers (RDAP), with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

RDAP allows the University to confer research degrees to students, such as a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) or Master of Philosophy (MPhil). The awarding of RDAP is the final stage of St Mary's achieving full Degree Awarding Powers, having achieved Taught Degree Awarding Powers in 2006 and its full University title in 2014.



The achievement of RDAP is a significant quality marker in respect of research provision, the research environment, staff capability and the quality of research at St Mary's. It is a recognition from the wider academic community, nationally and internationally, of the University's research and academic excellence and it is a launch pad for St Mary's to continue its growth.

St Mary's has a strong and thriving research culture. Academics and students at the University are engaged in research in a diverse range of subjects including [the crimes of modern slavery and human exploitation](#), [developing exercise equipment for astronauts on the International Space Station](#), [the sociology of religion](#), and [end of life care](#) amongst much more.

The formal process of applying for RDAP

began in 2017 and saw St Mary's welcome a team of observers from the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA). They met with staff and research students from across the University to understand the research culture and observed over 50 meetings and committees to ensure that St Mary's upheld the most stringent academic standards.

In their report to the Privy Council, the QAA found that St Mary's governance was "well prepared, managed, and chaired" and that the "Senior Management Team's approach to tackling challenging issues is characterised by a dynamic combination of care and determination.

"The University's strategic plan articulates the University's values as a series of key ambitions and targets, including the acquisition of RDAP. It also sets forth a programme of educational and physical development and establishes a clear and ambitious vision for the University."

Speaking of the awarding of RDAP, St Mary's Vice-Chancellor Anthony McClaran said, "It's gratifying to see St Mary's receive Research Degree Awarding Powers. When we set ourselves this ambitious target in our Strategic Plan, we wanted to give St Mary's the foundations on which to base its future stability and growth. Achieving this target is a great recognition of the quality of the research conducted by our staff and students, and the standards they uphold as an academic community."

St Mary's Provost Prof John Charmley added, "I look forward to seeing the research culture at St Mary's grow and broaden as we welcome more research students from across our academic portfolio. This is the culmination of many years work from staff across the University, and I would like to thank everyone for their contributions, particularly the Research Office, without whom this would not have been possible."



St Mary's  
University  
Twickenham  
London

# New school in East Twickenham ready to welcome pupils

Pupils from Deer Park School will be able to move into their new school building next month, as teachers get ready to be handed the keys to their permanent home in East Twickenham, after over five years in temporary facilities.

Deer Park School opened in September 2015 on a temporary site at Richmond Adult Community College, where it has remained while the new building was constructed. It is a Free School sponsored by Bellevue Place Education Trust and will have a capacity of 420 pupils by 2024/25. It will occupy the first and second floor of a new development in East Twickenham, above the recently opened Lidl supermarket.

The new school includes a large dining hall, dedicated Library and specialist classrooms for Art and Design, and for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) lessons. In addition to the on-site playground, the school has made a number of arrangements for offsite sporting activities. The Multi Use Games Area provided at first floor, will support the provision of games such as football, netball, basketball and hockey on site. This is secured for safety and to prevent balls going into neighbouring gardens.

There are also outdoor learning spaces provided at the second floor, including a gardening terrace and outdoor classroom, and the reception classes will have a covered canopy.

Councillor Penny Frost, Chair of the Education and Children's Services Committee, said:

*'I am so delighted that the children of Deer Park School, and their teachers, are finally able to move into this brilliant new facility. I've been amazed at the resilience of the pupils, their parents, and staff, learning and*



*working in their temporary accommodation for over five years. I would also like offer my thanks to Richmond Adult Community College for providing the space for the school during this time. Demand for places at schools in Richmond upon Thames is high - our schools are deservedly popular owing to the fact that they continue to top the league tables and offer excellent, inclusive education for local children. I am grateful for the work Council and Achieving for Children officers did to secure this site for educational use and I will continue to work to make sure all our students have access to the facilities they need to support their learning and future success.'*

Alexander Lee, Head Teacher of Deer Park School, said:

*'We are thoroughly looking forward to the opportunities and broader horizons that this new premises affords our children. Schools, of course, are not defined by their buildings, and we are proud of the high standards and cohesive community that have characterised Deer Park School in its journey to date. However, the state-of-the-art facilities of our new home bring us an exciting range of possibilities for the future and afford us the ability to build an increasingly innovative and high-quality learning experience for our children. Our families and staff have shown exceptional commitment in bringing about this wonderful opportunity, and we are excited to continue working together to bring our children the best provision possible.'*



# RFS The Best of our Recent Historic Screenings

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## A SECOND CHANCE

A new series for those of you who are missing Richmond Film Society's screenings or, indeed, trips to the cinema generally as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Their committee is producing a number of weekly recommendations of films screened during the last 20 years that were extremely well received by their audiences. Should the notes reproduced below entice you to try and catch-up with this recommendation, then you should be able to do so, as it is available on streaming services and for purchase as DVD/Blu-Ray discs from the online retailers as indicated below.

**RFS Context: A SECOND CHANCE** was 760th film screened by RFS on 29th November 2016. **A Second Chance** was the fifth ranked film of Season 54, it got an approval mark of 88% from those attending; from season 54 we have also already featured its top four ranked films, in order: **Tehran Taxi**, **Mystery Road**, **The Commune** and **Slow West** as **Issues 29, 35, 38** and **41** respectively. **A Second Chance** can be streamed from Amazon Prime plus the discs are available from Amazon and others.

### A SECOND CHANCE

Country: Denmark, 2014  
Director: Susanne Bier  
Screenplay: Anders Thomas Jensen  
Language: Danish  
Editor: Pernille Bech Christensen  
Running Time: 105 min., colour  
Cinematography: Michael Snyman  
Music: Johan Söderqvist

### Leading Players:

Nikolaj Coster-Waldau	(Andreas)
Ulrich Thomsen	(Simon)
Nikolaj Lie Kaas	(Tristan)
Thomas Bo Larsen	(Klaus)
Peter Haber	(Gustav)
Roland Møller	(Mand på klub)



To say much about the plot of Suzanne Bier's film about parenthood would be to risk depriving it of its power - the less you know going in, the better. The film is about a married couple Anna and her policeman husband Andreas and how they deal with their own tragedy. Suffice to say it is about the choices we can make when faced with the 'unthinkable'. It is about how we are able to not only blur the line between right and wrong but also move it completely whilst still, self deceivingly, believing that you are still the good guy.

The film is a succession of well-timed punches to the gut, and the cast is good enough to make the characters' difficult choices understandable. She has a keen eye for direction and uses dramatic timing to ramp up the tension but also perfectly timed plot reveals – and there are a fair few here. Nikolaj Coaster-Waldau carries a lot of the weight of the film, but he's well-supported - May Andersen is impressive as Sanne in her first acting role, and Bier's previous collaborator Nikolaj Lie Kaas does well to avoid making his character one-dimensional.

On Nikolaj Coaster-Waldau the man can act. He's also got amazing screen presence, and it's both those things that saves this rather slow film and turns it from interesting to mesmerising. It raises interesting moral dilemmas as well, makes you question "what would I do?". I did not see some of the twists coming, so that added to the enjoyment. If you're very into American movies, or like a lot of action in your films then this probably isn't for you. But if you enjoy superb acting, tense and occasionally heart-rending storytelling then enjoy this. It's a must.

The film gives an example of how a "perfect life", suddenly can turn into a living nightmare. And how the wrong choices can be devastating for everyone involved. The couple really pull it off in this film. Without their strong presence and convincing characters, the film would not been as good as it actually is. They make it a strong and powerful drama. Otherwise the story in the film is very simple, and I must admit, not the strongest and most interesting. It is too straight forward, with few surprises. But the actors make it worth Your while to watch it, and they manage to lift this drama.

Not an easy watch by any means, and not an entertainment, but a very well-made and powerful social drama. It is superbly acted. This is a film that trades on the reveals and twists and as such may not be one to see over again; but it is still powerful enough to recommend and indeed warrant at least one good viewing.

***The original from Douglas McVicar is sadly lost so the above is a 2020 version after IMDb***

## Gibraltar Alive: A scenic view of the Rock

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# Petitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

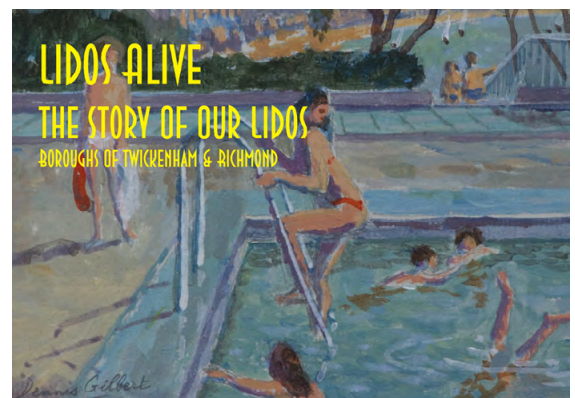
More importantly though, it provides the local people with an everyday escape from modern life, an accessible urban retreat.

Such a facility on Twickenham Riverside would act as a Magnet and contribute to the rejuvenation of the town. The petition can be viewed [HERE](#)

## An Ideal Present for just £6

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

To purchase a book contact [info@TwickenhamTribune.com](mailto:info@TwickenhamTribune.com)





## BRENTFORD FC

### Second-half fightback from Rams denies Bees

#### Derby County 2 – 2 Brentford

Brentford were left to settle for a point at Pride Park after a spirited comeback from Derby County saw the home side come from two goals down in the second-half. Goals from Ivan Toney and Sergi Canós looked to have put the Bees in a commanding position but substitutes Lee Gregory and Louise Sibley came on for a devastating impact and ensure the home side got a point from their evenings work.



Brentford got off to a quick start and took the lead inside the opening ten minutes. Bryan Mbeumo was fouled from behind by Lee Buchanan and the referee was left with little option but to award a penalty. From the resultant spot kick top scorer Toney stepped up to send Kelle Roos and give the Bees an early lead.

Mbeumo himself then had a couple of promising openings in the early stages. First he dragged a shot wide after Mathias Jensen had teed him up one-on-one against Roos. The Frenchman was then also denied by a good block from Derby central defender Andre Wisdom after cross from the by-line by Toney had found him with space at the back post.

The Bees did however eventually double their lead with just over twenty minutes played. A long pass along the ground from David Raya was flicked inside by Toney on the halfway line and Mbeumo nipped in ahead of Wisdom to release Canós down the left flank. The winger dribbled into the box before cutting inside past Nathan Byrne and curling through his legs and into the bottom corner.

Just two minutes into the second-half Brentford's lead was reduced as substitute Gregory converted from close range. Jason Knight had initially picked up a loose ball in the final third and found Colin Kazim-Richards who turned the ball around the corner for Byrne in space. Byrne then delivered a cross along the edge of the six-yard box where Gregory was unmarked to score.

Derby were a rejuvenated team in the second-half and following their equaliser went close to scoring again, once again through Gregory. After Brentford had failed to clear their lines from a corner the ball once more found its way to Gregory but Raya was alert to get out quickly a block the attempt with his leg.

With just three minutes of normal time to play Derby ensured they would be getting a share of the spoils after a magnificent individual strike from Sibley. There didn't appear to be much on when a headed clearance from Winston Reid bounce on the edged of the area but fellow



substitute Patrick Roberts exchanged passes with Sibley, who then picked out the top corner and rescue a point for the Rams.

## **Bees receives call ups ahead of international break**

A number of first team players at Brentford have received international call ups for the upcoming international break across a number of countries and age groups.

Christian Nørgaard, Mathias Jensen and Henrik Dalsgaard are set to be in action for the Danish national team as they get their 2022 World Cup qualifiers underway with fixtures against Israel, Moldova and Austria.

Strike Marcus Forss will be in the senior Finland squad as they face games against Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ukraine and Switzerland also in the European section of qualifying for the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

Meanwhile Ethan Pinnock has received his first ever international call up for the Jamaica national team and he will link up with the Reggae Boyz for an international friendly against the USA later this month.

At U21 level Vitaly Janelt will join up with the Germany U21 team in the European Championship for fixtures against Hungary, Netherlands and Romania.

Finally, also in action at the U21 European Championships will be the Danish duo of Mads Bech Sørensen and Mads Roerslev who have games against France, Iceland and Russia in the group stage respectively.

## **UP NEXT FOR BRENTFORD**

Opponent: Nottingham Forest (H) Saturday 20th March 12:30 Brentford Community Stadium

Nickname: Forest

Competition: Championship - Matchday 37

Manager: Chris Hughton

Opponent record: P37 W10 D11 L16 GF29 GA37 (18th in Championship)

Interesting fact: When Trevor Francis signed for Nottingham Forest from Birmingham City he became the first ever British footballer to command a transfer fee of £1 million.

***Come on you Bees!***

# England team announcement: Ireland v England - Guinness Six Nations

Eddie Jones has named his England side for their final Guinness Six Nations match this weekend. England will travel to Dublin to play Ireland at the Aviva Stadium on Saturday 20 March (4.45pm KO).

Jones has selected a largely unchanged 23 from the side that beat France 23-20 in a closely contested game at Twickenham last weekend. Elliot Daly comes in at outside centre, with Henry Slade out due to a calf injury.

Owen Farrell captains the side at inside centre, George Ford is at fly half and Ben Youngs at scrum half. Max Malins stays at full back with Anthony Watson (right) and Jonny May (left) on the wings.

Props Mako Vunipola and Kyle Sinckler join hooker Luke Cowan-Dickie in the front row. Charlie Ewels and Maro Itoje make up the tight five. Mark Wilson is blind-side flanker, Tom Curry stays as open-side flanker and Billy Vunipola is No. 8.

Joe Marchant has been called-up to the 28-player squad. He is named as finisher alongside Jamie George, Ellis Genge, Will Stuart, Jonny Hill, Ben Earl, Dan Robson and Ollie Lawrence.

Eddie Jones said: "This is our most important game of the tournament and we want to finish well. We're anticipating a hard, tough game against Ireland and we've picked this team to cope with that. We want to take it to Ireland physically and play the rugby we want to play."



Ireland v England is live on ITV 1 and BBC Radio 5 Live.

## England XV Starters

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|---|---|
| 15. Max Malins (Bristol Bears, 7 caps)      | 1. Mako Vunipola (Saracens, 66 caps)          |
| 14. Anthony Watson (Bath Rugby, 50 caps)    | 2. Luke Cowan-Dickie (Exeter Chiefs, 30 caps) |
| 13. Elliot Daly (Saracens, 51 caps)         | 3. Kyle Sinckler (Bristol Bears, 43 caps)     |
| 12. Owen Farrell (Saracens, 92 caps) (C)    | 4. Maro Itoje (Saracens, 47 caps)             |
| 11. Jonny May (Gloucester Rugby, 65 caps)   | 5. Charlie Ewels (Bath Rugby, 20 caps)        |
| 10. George Ford (Leicester Tigers, 76 caps) | 6. Mark Wilson (Newcastle Falcons, 22 caps)   |
| 9. Ben Youngs (Leicester Tigers, 108 caps)  | 7. Tom Curry (Sale Sharks, 32 caps)           |
|   | 8. Billy Vunipola (Saracens, 60 caps)         |

## Finishers

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|---|---|
| 16. Jamie George (Saracens, 58 caps)        | 20. Ben Earl (Bristol Bears, 12 caps)           |
| 17. Ellis Genge (Leicester Tigers, 27 caps) | 21. Dan Robson (Wasps, 11 caps)                 |
| 18. Will Stuart (Bath Rugby, 11 caps)       | 22. Ollie Lawrence (Worcester Warriors, 5 caps) |
| 19. Jonny Hill (Exeter Chiefs, 8 caps)      | 23. Joe Marchant (Harlequins, 4 caps)           |

# DETERMINED SUPPORTERS VOW TO RACE FOR LIFE AT HOME

DETERMINED London fundraisers are set to Race for Life at Home and carry on the fight against the disease as the nation looks beyond lockdown.

Organisers Cancer Research UK have postponed events for the spring and early summer to protect people's health as the country emerges from the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes Race for Life events which had been due to take place at:

Hyde Park, Regent's Park, Battersea Park, Finsbury Park, Victoria Park, Clapham Common, Crystal Palace, Richmond Park, Kingston and Kempton Park, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Croydon, Enfield, Epping and Epsom.

COVID-19 has caused a devastating loss of research funding. Cancer Research UK is predicting a staggering £300 million drop in income over the next three years which could put future medical breakthroughs at risk.

Now, undeterred women and men are vowing to raise funds by completing their own Race for Life 5K in their nearest green space this April. They plan to take part outdoors either alone or in small, socially distanced groups to help people with cancer. People can visit [raceforlife.org](https://raceforlife.org) to enter Race for Life at Home for £5\* then receive a Race pack which includes a medal.



Lynn Daly, Cancer Research UK's spokesperson for London said:

“Even while we're still apart, we can unite against cancer.

“There are a million reasons to Race for Life at Home, to help save lives, for those who have had vital treatment delayed or just for a reason to get off the sofa. We want people to run, walk or jog 5K and raise money for life-saving research.

“The truth is, COVID-19 has slowed us down. But we will never stop and we are absolutely determined to continue to create better cancer treatments for tomorrow. But we can't do it alone. Sadly, cancer touches almost every family at some point. Every step our scientists take towards beating cancer relies on our supporters That's why we need as many people as possible across the capital to join us, to stand united and do something extraordinary to help beat cancer.”

Cancer Research UK's Race for Life, which has been in partnership with Tesco for 20 years, is an inspiring series of 3K, 5K, 10K, Pretty Muddy and Pretty Muddy Kids event which raise millions

of pounds every year to help beat cancer by funding crucial research. Money raised through Race for Life events funds world-class research to help beat 200 types of cancer- including bowel cancer, prostate cancer, lung cancer, testicular cancer, brain cancer, children's cancers and leukaemia.



A live broadcast on the Cancer Research UK Race for Life Facebook and Race for Life Instagram pages on Saturday April 2 th will include an energiser from a fitness expert as well as inspirational messages of support from people who have been through cancer. Participants are then invited to run, walk or jog 5K. Organisers are also inviting participants to share photos and videos on social media using the hashtag #RaceatHome

Every year around 3,100 people are diagnosed with cancer in London\*\* and one in two people in the UK born after 1960 will get cancer in their lifetime. \*\*\* But the good news is more people are surviving the disease now than ever before. Cancer survival in the UK has doubled since the early 1970s and Cancer Research UK's work has been at the heart of that progress.

Lynn added: "We're constantly monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are working hard to move our mass participation Race for Life events to the autumn and to make sure they can go ahead safely and with all necessary COVID-19 guidelines in place. \*\*\*\*

"We'd love to invite as many people as possible to Race for Life at Home this spring, then physically come together in the autumn to join us for Race for Life in London."

Some new dates for autumn events have been confirmed, including:

- Battersea on 2 August
- Epping on 25 August
- Blackheath on 5 September
- Croydon on 19 September
- Crystal Palace on 3 October
- Finsbury Park on 3 October
- Richmond on 2 October

Other events are still waiting for dates, including: Hyde Park, Regent's Park, Victoria Park, Clapham, Hampstead, Hillingdon, Kingston and Kempton Park, Epsom, Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Enfield,

For more information or to sign up to Race for Life at Home this April and visit [raceforlife.org](http://raceforlife.org) or call 0300 123 0770. Join in and share with #RaceatHome



# Support for children's education during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic

The Department for Education (the Department) took action to support schools and pupils in response to COVID-19, including ensuring that schools remained open for vulnerable children and funding online resources for those learning at home. Aspects of its response, however, could have been done better or more quickly, and therefore been more effective in mitigating the learning pupils lost as a result of the disruption.

On 23 March 2020, schools first closed to all pupils except vulnerable children and children of critical workers to help limit transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Schools remained closed to most children between March and July, and the challenge presented by so many children having to learn at home was unprecedented.

The Department had no pre-existing plan for managing mass disruption to schooling on the scale caused by COVID-19. From April, the Department developed COVID-19 response plans to support schools and vulnerable children. It also established nine regional education and children's teams (REACT), which focused particularly on vulnerable children. However, it was not until the end of June that it began to formulate a plan that set out objectives, milestones and risks across the Department. The Department has not yet systematically evaluated its response to the early stages of the pandemic to identify lessons for potential future disruption to schooling.

In the early stages, recognising the challenges that schools were facing, the Department set no requirements for in-school and remote learning, but it gave more direction as the pandemic progressed. The Department decided that, for the 2020/21 academic year, it needed to make clearer schools' responsibilities for providing remote learning given the continued disruption, and placed a legal duty on schools to deliver this learning. It also strengthened its expectations about the quality of online and offline resources that schools should provide to pupils learning remotely.

Most vulnerable children did not attend school between late March and the end of the summer term, increasing risks to their safety and welfare. The proportion who attended school or college remained below 11% from 23 March to late May, rising to a weekly average of 26% by the end of the summer term. The Department and Ofsted were concerned that this could result in increased levels of hidden harm. A survey of local authorities found there was a 15% decrease in the number of referrals to children's social care services in the weeks surveyed between 27 April and 16 August, compared with the average for the same period over the previous three years.

Children from different backgrounds had contrasting experiences of remote learning. The Institute for Fiscal Studies found that, at secondary level, 82% of pupils in private schools had received active help, such as online classes, or video and text chat, compared with 47% of secondary state school pupils in the poorest fifth of households. Schools in more deprived areas may have held back from adopting online activities to limit the impact of children's unequal digital access at home.

The Department funded a national online resource to support remote learning from April onwards. The Department initially provided £500,000 to help fund Oak National Academy, and in June it agreed to give a further £4.34 million. Oak National Academy's data indicates that on average 220,000 people used its website daily from 20 April to 12 July. Stakeholder groups felt Oak National Academy was a helpful, high-quality resource.

The Department provided laptops, tablets and 4G routers to some children in need of support, focusing on those with a social worker or those who had left care, alongside disadvantaged pupils in year 10. In the summer term, it spent £95.5 million on IT equipment, including on 220,000 laptops and tablets, and 50,000 routers. It did not distribute most of the equipment until June, meaning that many children may not have been able to access remote learning until well into the second half of the summer term. The Department continued to distribute laptops, tablets and routers during the 2020/21 academic year, and by December 2020 it had delivered almost 617,000 items in total.

The disruption to schooling is likely to have long-term adverse effects on children's learning and development, particularly for those from disadvantaged backgrounds. In a July 2020 survey, the National Foundation for Educational Research found that 98% of teachers considered their pupils were behind where they would normally expect them to be. The Education Endowment Foundation projected that school closures in the 2019/20 academic year might widen the attainment gap between disadvantaged children and their peers by between 11% and 75%, with a median estimate of 36%, likely reversing progress in narrowing the gap since 2011.

In June 2020, the Department announced a £1 billion programme to help children and young people catch up on learning lost during the period of disrupted schooling. The programme consists of a £650 million universal catch-up premium allocated to schools on a per-pupil basis, and a £350 million National Tutoring Programme targeted at disadvantaged children. In February 2021, the Department set out a further £700 million of funding.

The National Tutoring Programme schemes may not reach the most disadvantaged children. Although the tuition partners scheme is aimed at disadvantaged children, the Department has not specified what proportion of children accessing it should be disadvantaged (for example, eligible for pupil premium funding). At February 2021, of the 41,100 children who had started to receive tuition, 44% were eligible for pupil premium. Demand for the academic mentors scheme has outstripped supply. At January 2021, 1,789 eligible schools in disadvantaged areas had requested mentors. By February 2021, mentors had been placed in 1,100 schools, meaning over 600 schools that requested a mentor had not received one.

The NAO recommends that the Department should track the longer-term impact of COVID-19 disruption on all pupils' development and attainment, focusing particularly on vulnerable and disadvantaged children, and respond to the results. This should include assessing the catch-up programme and acting quickly to ensure it is achieving value for money, and the National Tutoring Programme schemes are reaching disadvantaged children as intended.

Gareth Davies, the head of the NAO, said:

“The disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was an unprecedented challenge for the Department for Education and schools. During the early months, the Department gave schools considerable discretion in how they supported their pupils, which reduced demands on schools but contributed to wide variation in the education and support that children received.

“The evidence shows that children's learning and development has been held back by the disruption to normal schooling. It is crucial that the Department monitors the impact of its catch-up arrangements, particularly on disadvantaged children, and acts on the results.”

View full report [HERE](#)



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# Ageism is a global challenge: UN

**Ageism leads to poorer health, social isolation, earlier deaths and cost economies billions: report calls for swift action to implement effective anti-ageism strategies**

Every second person in the world is believed to hold ageist attitudes – leading to poorer physical and mental health and reduced quality of life for older persons, costing societies billions of dollars each year, according to a new United Nations report on ageism.

The report released today by WHO, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), calls for urgent action to combat ageism and better measurement and reporting to expose ageism for what it is – an insidious scourge on society.

The response to control the COVID-19 pandemic has unveiled just how widespread ageism is – older and younger people have been stereotyped in public discourse and on social media. In some contexts, age has been used as the sole criterion for access to medical care, lifesaving therapies and for physical isolation.

“As countries seek to recover and rebuild from the pandemic, we cannot let age-based stereotypes, prejudice and discrimination limit opportunities to secure the health, well-being and dignity of people everywhere,” said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General. “This report outlines the nature and scale of the problem but also offers solutions in the form of evidence-based interventions to end ageism at all stages.”

## Findings from the report

Ageism seeps into many institutions and sectors of society including those providing health and social care, in the workplace, media and the legal system. Healthcare rationing based solely on age is widespread. A systematic review in 2020 showed that in 85 per cent of 149 studies, age determined who received certain medical procedures or treatments.

Both older and younger adults are often disadvantaged in the workplace and access to specialized training and education decline significantly with age. Ageism against younger people manifests across many areas such as employment, health, housing and politics where younger people’s voices are often denied or dismissed.

“Ageism towards younger and older people is prevalent, unrecognized, unchallenged and has far-reaching consequences for our economies and societies,” said Maria-Francesca Spatolisano, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs in the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. “Together, we can prevent this. Join the movement and combat ageism.”

Ageism has serious and wide-ranging consequences for people’s health and well-being. Among older people, ageism is associated with poorer physical and mental health, increased social isolation and loneliness, greater financial insecurity, decreased quality of life and premature death. An estimated 6.3 million cases of depression globally are estimated to be attributable to ageism. It intersects and exacerbates other forms of bias and disadvantage including those related to sex, race and disability leading to a negative impact on people’s health and well-being.

“The pandemic has put into stark relief the vulnerabilities of older people, especially those most marginalized, who often face overlapping discrimination and barriers – because they are poor, live with disabilities, are women living alone, or belong to minority groups,” said Natalia Kanem, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund. “Let’s make this crisis a turning point in the way we see, treat and respond to older people, so that together we can build the world of health, well-being and dignity for all ages that we all want.”

Ageism costs our societies billions of dollars. In the United States of America (USA), a 2020 study showed ageism in the form of negative age stereotypes and self-perceptions led to excess annual costs of US\$63 billion for the eight most expensive health conditions. This amounts to US\$1 in every US\$7 spent on these conditions for all Americans over the age of 60 for one year (see note to editors).

Estimates in Australia suggest that if 5 per cent more people aged 55 or older were employed, there would be a positive impact of AUD\$48 billion on the national economy annually. There are currently limited data and information on the economic costs of ageism and more research is needed to better understand its economic impact, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

“Ageism harms everyone – old and young. But often, it is so widespread and accepted – in our attitudes and in policies, laws and institutions – that we do not even recognize its detrimental effect on our dignity and rights said Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. “We need to fight ageism head-on, as a deep-rooted human rights violation.”

### Combatting ageism

The report notes that policies and laws that address ageism, educational activities that enhance empathy and dispel misconceptions, and intergenerational activities that reduce prejudice all help decrease ageism. All countries and stakeholders are encouraged to use evidence-based strategies, improve data collection and research and work together to build a movement to change how we think, feel and act towards age and ageing, and to advance progress on the [UN Decade of Healthy Ageing](#).

Note to Editors

The Global report on ageism compiles the best evidence on the scale, the impact and the determinants of ageism, effective strategies to tackle the problem and recommendations for action to create a world fit for all ages. The report is directed at policymakers, practitioners, researchers, development agencies and members of the private sector and civil society.

- Ageism arises when age is used to categorize and divide people in ways that lead to harm, disadvantage, and injustice. It can take many forms including prejudicial attitudes, discriminatory acts, and institutional policies and practices that perpetuate stereotypical beliefs.
- Prevalence figures based on a survey of 83 034 people in 57 countries found one in every two people held moderately or highly ageist attitudes (i.e. stereotypes and prejudice). More information: <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/17/9/3159>.
- Excess costs of health care: Ageism influences health through three pathways: psychological, behavioural and physiological. Psychologically, negative age stereotypes can exacerbate stress; behaviourally, negative self-perceptions of ageing predict worse health behaviour, such as noncompliance with prescribed medications; physiologically, negative age stereotypes predict detrimental brain changes decades later, including the accumulation of plaques and tangles and reduction in the size of the hippocampus.

In the USA, ageism led to excess costs of US\$63 billion for a broad range of health conditions during one year. This amounts to US\$1 of every US\$7 spent on the eight most expensive health conditions for all Americans over the age of 60 during one year. The excess health care spending due to ageism was derived from the following: (a) number of Americans aged 60 years or older in 2013; (b) prevalence of interpersonal and self-directed ageism based on percentage of people that agree to the following statements: “You are treated with less courtesy or respect than other people”, “Forgetfulness is a natural occurrence just from growing old” and “The older I get the more useless I feel.” (c) evidence of the impact of such ageist statements on the eight health conditions; (d) prevalence of the eight health conditions in 2013, the most recent year for which health care spending was available; and (e) Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) costs per person of the eight health conditions in 2013.

More information:

<https://academic.oup.com/gerontologist/article/60/1/174/5166947>.



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# WHO Director-General's opening remarks at panel discussion on the intersection of health and economics, London School of Economics – 17 March 2021

Thank you so much, Baroness Minouche, and thank you for hosting this event today, it's an honour to join you.

Professor Mariana Mazzucato,

Dr Clare Wenham,

Distinguished guests, dear colleagues and friends,

Thank you all for joining us today for this very important conversation.

I don't need to tell you that COVID-19 is an unprecedented global crisis that has shaken the foundations of social, political and economic security.

The pandemic has exposed and exploited the gaps in our health systems and the inequalities of our societies.

It has overwhelmed health systems in even the world's strongest economies.

In some public debate, the response to the pandemic has been framed as a choice between health and the economy.

But that's a false choice. We do not have to choose between lives and livelihoods. They always go together.

For years, WHO has been trying to make the economic case for investing in health.

The pandemic has made the case all too clearly: health and the economy, development and stability, are integrated and inter-dependent.

When people are healthy, they can learn, earn and innovate.

When people are sick, the whole of society suffers.

A major health emergency can derail a society and an economy.

People and communities who are already vulnerable suffer the most.

But investments in health systems don't just prevent damage, they can also boost the economy.

For example, the UN Commission on Health Employment and Economic Growth has projected

the creation of about 40 million new health sector jobs by 2030 globally.

This is critical for health, but also means that more people will receive a regular salary.

And because women make up 70% of the global health workforce, jobs for health workers are also an investment in gender equality.

However, not all investments in health are created equal, and how countries finance health can also have implications beyond the health sector.

For example, linking health insurance to employment can cause significant inequalities in societies with a large informal sector, or when a sudden economic downturn causes job losses, as we have seen with COVID-19.

But the economics of health go far beyond the health system itself.

In fact, the most cost-effective investments in health are those that prevent or delay people needing to use the health system, by addressing the reasons people get sick and die – in the food they eat, the water they drink, the air they breathe, and the conditions in which they live and work.

Countries spend billions treating lung cancer instead of stopping the scourge of tobacco;

Treating obesity, diabetes and heart disease instead of promoting healthy diets;

Treating injuries instead of making roads safer;

Treating depression instead of promoting mental health;

And responding to outbreaks instead of investing in preparedness.

We need to make different choices.

Addressing the key public health challenges of today and the coming years requires that we reach beyond the health sector to tackle the social, economic and commercial determinants of health.

We know, for example, that taxes on tobacco help to reduce consumption, and similar approaches are needed to address the health effects of alcohol, sugar and fossil fuels.

So, we don't just need more investment in public health. We must also rethink how we value health.

The time has come for a new narrative that sees health and health systems not as costs, but investments that are the foundation of productive, resilient and stable economies.

And we need to elevate health as a social goal, making it a core objective of economic policies.

That is why WHO is establishing a new Council on the Economics of Health for All, chaired by Professor Mariana Mazzucato, to focus on the links between health and sustainable, inclusive and innovation-led economic growth.

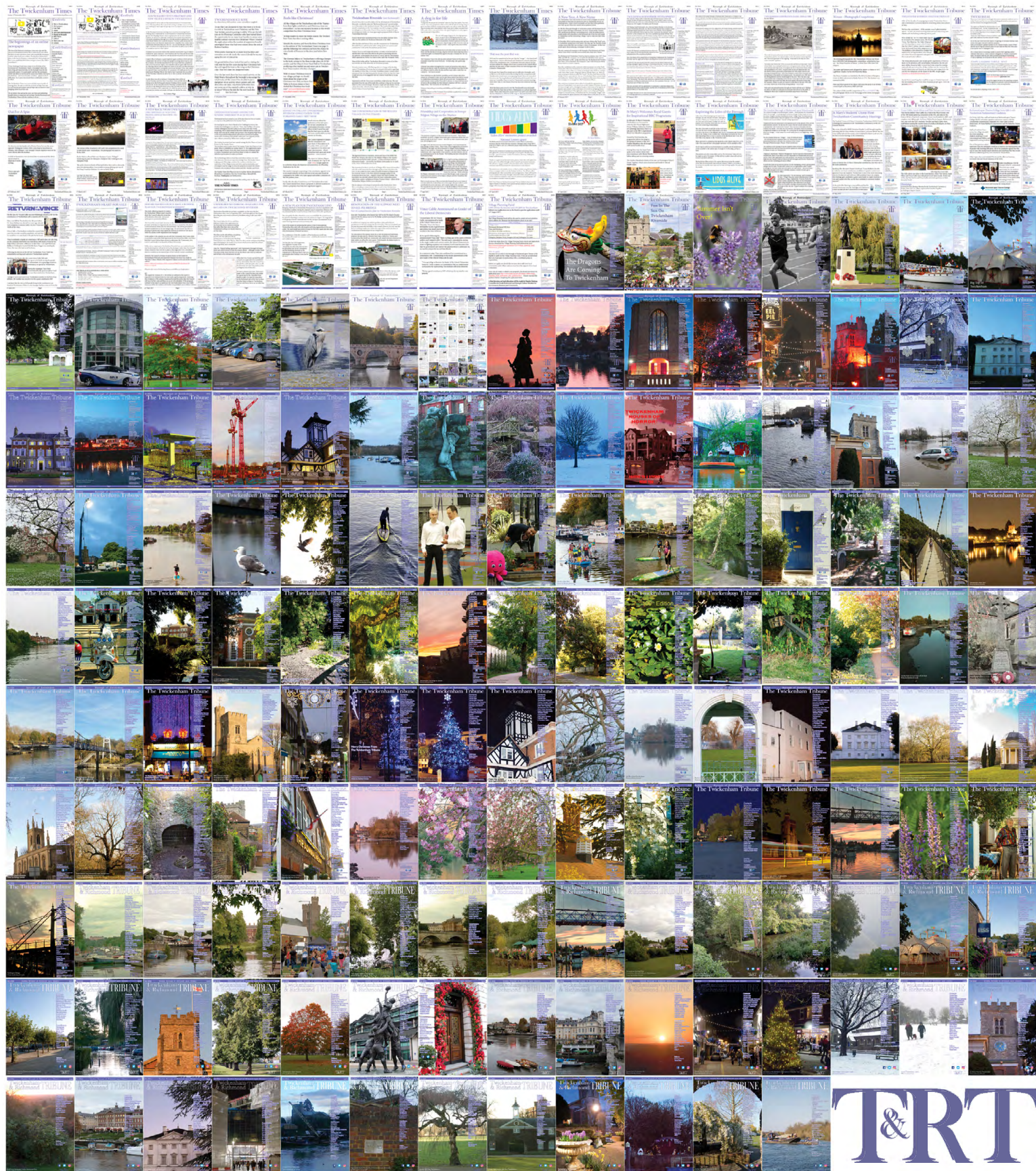
So thank you, Mariana, for agreeing to Chair the council, and I look forward to our work together.

My friends, your partnership is essential, not only for defeating this pandemic, but for building the healthier, safer and fairer world we all want.

I thank you.



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