

Twickenham & Richmond TRIBUNE

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Council unveils plans for Twickenham Riverside
Twickenham's Housing Estate of Horror

TickerTape - News in Brief

Planning application for Twickenham Riverside

Richmond council has submitted its plans for the development of Twickenham Riverside. View planning application [21/2758/FUL](#) for full details of the unimaginative, unambitious and unexciting plans.

Camping in Royal Parks

Royal Parks Police officers at Richmond Park and Bushy Park have noticed an increase in camping within the Royal Parks recently. Park users are reminded that tents and enclosures are not allowed without written permission, as they can damage park habitat and may injure the resident deer herds.

Attend free Richmond Mind workshops

During August and September Richmond Borough Mind is delivering a series of free workshops on mental health awareness and building resilience. These one-and-a-half hour workshops are particularly useful to those key workers, managers, employees and volunteers of charities and businesses working or living in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, as well as Borough residents, who would like to learn more about mental health and building resilience. View a full overview of the workshops and instructions on how to register [HERE](#)

Richmond Voluntary Fund consultation

The Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund is a registered charity (No. 1186870), which raises funds for local charities that support vulnerable people living in the borough. The Council is carrying out a consultation on behalf of the Richmond upon Thames Voluntary Fund to better understand local awareness of the fund. Have your say [HERE](#)

Ham travellers

It is reported that travellers have arrived in Ham this evening (Friday 27th August)



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TwickerSeal heard the news that the council will be removing the temporary toilets on Twickenham Green and Richmond Riverside on Tuesday 31st August, although (strangely) the toilets on Richmond

Green will remain until the end of September. Perhaps the hot weather forecast for September will only affect Richmond Green and not the seemingly microclimates on Twickenham Green and Richmond Riverside? Local residents will no doubt have a few choice words when their property is urinated on.

It is also interesting that the council has stated that it *“is currently considering long-term options for Richmond Town Centre”*. And what about Twickenham Green whose residents have suffered significant anti-social behaviour?

Unsurprisingly the council have trotted out the usual meaningless nonsense of the Council’s ‘Community Toilet Scheme’, which is simply not fit for purpose. TwickerSeal looked at the council’s maps showing locations for these ‘facilities’ for Richmond and Twickenham, and it’s not encouraging. He’s not sure how many mums will be able to rush their child from Twickenham Green to the nearest CTS toilet – nearly half a mile away!



COVID-19

Teresa Read

World Health Organization epidemiological COVID-19 update - 24 August 2021

Overview

With over 4.5 million new cases reported this week (16-22 August), the number of new cases reported globally seems to be plateauing after increasing for nearly two months (since mid-June). The Regions of the Americas and Western Pacific reported an increase in new cases in the past week, 8% and 20% respectively. Globally, the number of deaths reported this week remained similar to last week, with over 68 000 new deaths reported. Two Regions, Europe and the Americas, reported an increase in new deaths, 11% and 10% respectively. As of the 22 August, the cumulative number of cases reported globally is now over 211 million and the cumulative number of deaths is just over 4.4 million.

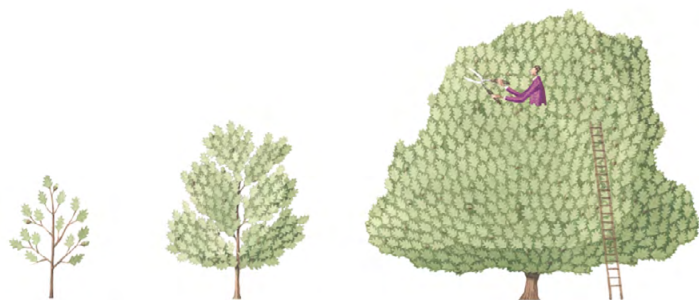
Total cases to 27 August 2021:

16,532 Richmond upon Thames

17,081 Kingston upon Thames

32,504 Hounslow

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| USA | 628,456 | Philippines | 32,728 |
| Brazil | 576,645 | Ecuador | 32,134 |
| India | 436,861 | Czechia | 30,399 |
| Mexico | 255,452 | Hungary | 30,057 |
| Peru | 198,031 | Canada | 26,855 |
| Russian Federation | 180,041 | Bangladesh | 25,729 |
| The United Kingdom | 132,143 | Belgium | 25,354 |
| Indonesia | 130,182 | Pakistan | 25,320 |
| Italy | 128,957 | Tunisia | 22,932 |
| Colombia | 124,474 | Iraq | 20,480 |
| France | 112,410 | Bulgaria | 18,647 |
| Argentina | 110,966 | Bolivia | 18,350 |
| Iran | 104,716 | Netherlands | 17,982 |
| Germany | 92,096 | Portugal | 17,689 |
| Spain | 83,861 | Egypt | 16,691 |
| South Africa | 80,826 | Japan | 15,757 |
| Poland | 75,335 | Paraguay | 15,633 |
| Turkey | 55,469 | Malaysia | 15,211 |
| Ukraine | 53,632 | Myanmar | 14,850 |
| Chile | 36,778 | Sweden | 14,682 |
| Romania | 34,490 | Greece | 13,539 |



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Inoculating the royals

By Simon Fowler

Charlotte Papendiek (1765-1839) was the daughter of Queen Charlotte's hairdresser, Friedrich Albert. In her memoirs she wrote about growing up in London and Richmond, where she spent much time with the younger members of the Royal Family. She attended a school locally where: 'on a half-holiday first to the old Maid-of-Honour (on Richmond Green) shop for my bun, then to papa at the Richmond Lodge, into the royal nursery for a little play with Prince William under the eye of dear nurse Chapman.'

Now fortunately extinct, Smallpox was a horrific virus which killed thousands each year and marked tens of thousands of survivors for life. Earlier in the eighteenth century a primitive vaccine had been introduced from Turkey. In August 1769, when Charlotte was aged five:

It was settled that Prince Ernest, her Majesty's brother, Prince William (later William IV), and myself should be inoculated. I was taken to the Queen's house (in Kew), there held by my father on one chair, the Prince by his nurse on another, their Majesties being present. It was first performed on Prince Ernest, then on myself, then on Prince William, after this manner: two punctures in the arm near to each other were made with the point of a lancet, through which a thread was drawn several times under the skin and this on both arms. The operation was performed by Surgeon Bromfield (the Queen's Surgeon), and was one of smarting pain, for we both cried. I was taken home in a sedan, kept warm, and in a few days had a convulsion, fever, and the pustules inflamed. On one arm they rose and dried off regularly. Prince William had pustules besides those on the arms, no convulsion, and was less ill, which was attributed to the female constitution being more delicate. On Prince Ernest it took no effect whatever. On our ultimate recovery all was considered right, and that we were secure from future disease.



*Coloured print of the Queen's surgeon
William Bromfield.*

Credit: Wellcome Collection

Unfortunately, the inoculation did not take. In September 1775, Charlotte caught Smallpox. For six weeks she was at death's door:

No one could give me any comfort or alleviate pain. I could only be lifted by four people, one at each corner of the sheet to have my bed made; for not a pin's prick could be placed between the pustules. Then all my beauty was gone, which before my father was flattered by. I was lost to all the fond hopes in which had he indulged.

After Charlotte's illness, her father decided that her baby sister Sophia should be inoculated, which was performed by Mr Dundas, the Queen's apothecary in Richmond. Fortunately, the inoculation worked without any side effects.

Temporary public toilets to be removed as usage drops

Temporary toilet facilities on Twickenham Green and Richmond Riverside are being removed after the bank holiday, after Richmond Council has seen a drop in usage following the easing of Government COVID-19 restrictions.

The toilets were put in place in the two locations, as well as on Richmond Green, in March to address concerns about public urination raised by local residents after the first national lockdown in 2020.

Current usage of the toilets on Twickenham Green and Richmond Riverside have dropped by approximately 80% from the peak usage earlier this year. Noticeably, usage dropped once restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs reopened to the public.



Richmond Council will be removing the two sets of toilets following the Bank Holiday, from Tuesday 31 August. The toilets on Richmond Green will remain in place until the end of September 2021. The Council is currently considering long-term options for Richmond Town Centre.

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

“I am pleased that the temporary toilets have been well used and contributed to a reduction of the antisocial behaviour issues we experienced during the first lockdown. However, we have always been clear that temporary toilets are very expensive, and not a long-term solution. As we head towards autumn and winter, demand for the public toilet provision on Richmond Riverside and Twickenham Green is falling, and businesses have reopened their facilities.”

A number of businesses offer use of their toilets to members of the public, not just customers, as part of the Council's [Community Toilet scheme](#).

Public toilets are also available in many Council buildings and a number of parks across the borough.

Method in the Madness

RuT in August

By Lucilius

My garden waste bin, which has sat rotting away on the pavement outside my house for eight weeks has proved a great boon. It forms a nice heavy (and smelly) barrier so that I can now safely get out of my front gate without immediately being run over by the e-scooters that speed along the cycle raceway previously known as the pedestrian footway.

The e-scooters in turn have helped my car driving. If I can't keep up with one, then I know I am driving within the Borough's 20mph speed limit. If I see one go through a traffic light I know it must be at red. What a boon to road-safety!

Moreover, as the waste is left longer and longer, the foxes' food supply is getting too unpalatable even for them, whilst the e-scooterists are running them over. So, we have another boon to public health.

Everyone says Richmond Council is incompetent. No so, it is a well thought-out secret plan to solve the Borough problems: waste collection, road safety and pest control "all sorted" by a single cunning scheme. Action plans are so last-year, the skill lies in today's brilliant inaction plan.



NHS and Council thank Quins rugby club as Stoop vaccination clinic is due to close

In the past seven months sports clubs, arts venues and shopping centres across south west London have been transformed into warm and friendly community vaccination centres where local people feel safe to go to get COVID-19 jabs.

Since the Twickenham Stoop Stadium vaccination site opened in February 2021, the NHS in south west London and Harlequins Rugby Club have delivered well over 75,000 COVID-19 vaccinations.

However, with almost all COVID-19 restrictions being eased, Harlequins needs to reopen the stadium to fans for the new league season, which starts next month.

Vaccinating will stop at the Harlequins clinic on Monday 30 August 2021, but there will continue to be capacity for hundreds of vaccinations each day at nearby vaccination sites.

These include the Richmond GP-led centres at Essex House in Barnes, Acorn Group Practice in Twickenham and York Medical Practice. The Roehampton vaccination centre at Queen Mary's Hospital is offering vaccination, and nearby in Kingston vaccination is also available at the Hawks Road vaccination site, as well as Ace and PSM Pharmacies. View a list of further [vaccination sites](#).

There is further capacity for thousands more vaccinations each day across south west London at five community vaccination sites, three hospital hubs, GP led vaccination centres, and numerous community pharmacies.

Dr Patrick Gibson, Richmond GP lead said:

"We are immensely grateful to the team at Harlequins for their support, with many of their staff becoming part of the NHS vaccine family. This strong relationship means that we know we can call them again if needed in the future and meanwhile Quins has gained a legion of NHS fans.

"For people eligible for their first or second doses, there are a host of sites and more than enough appointments available nearby and I would urge them to come forward at the right time – the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and will protect you, your family, your friends and the wider community."

Harlequins CEO Laurie Dalrymple, added:

"It has been Harlequins' honour to host the NHS vaccine rollout over the last seven months. To see 75,000 doses handed out in The Chris Robshaw Bar has allowed us to contribute to the protection of both our local community and the general population during an immensely challenging period for the entire world.

"While we look forward to hosting full stadiums once again, we wish our friends in the NHS nothing but the best with the continuation of the vaccine rollout. And of course, a huge thank you to those in the NHS that have worked tirelessly to help protect us all. It has been a privilege to work alongside you."

More than 1.8 million vaccinations have now been given across south west London and over the summer we have the capacity to deliver a further 170,000 doses to local people who have not yet come forward. This includes second doses as well as those who have not yet been vaccinated and need first and second doses.

It is never too late for people to get vaccinated and bookings can be made on the [National Booking Service](#). Alternatively, call freephone 119. See all the information about vaccination walk-in and pop-up vaccination sites in [South West London](#).

Second doses are available to people over 18 who had their first dose eight weeks ago, in line with JCVI guidance.

Find out more about the [COVID-19 vaccination programme](#).



Hampton North Ward News

Councillors Geoffrey Samuel and Kate Howard

TREES TO BE FELLED

The Council is proposing to fell [and replace] the following trees:

- A dead sweet gum tree outside 28 **Hanworth Road**
- A blackthorne near 55 **Bishops Grove** [wrong location]
- A decayed ash tree in the **Tangley Car park** near the fence

PAVEMENT-SPRAYING

A resident was concerned that the spray used could be reaching the grass verges – thereby destroying the Council’s attempts to promote biodiversity. We have available almost 20 pages of detail about the spray used. Its base is potassium salt of glyphosate which is regarded as non-hazardous with no precautions needed. However it recommends that the spray should not reach non-target areas.

WASTE COLLECTION ETC

We continue to receive many complaints about this service and follow up every complaint. The unwelcome suspension of green waste collection ended on 16th August. The ‘Dump’ at Townmead is now open although not fully and visits have to be booked well in advance. These problems may be the cause of the fly-tipping reported to us.

ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS AT THE JULY COUNCIL MEETING

We received answers to four of our questions. (i) The Council declined to cancel the Waste Contract with Serco (ii) There is a one-year trial of rented e-scooters: however there is continuing use of illegal privately-owned scooters with potentially dangerous consequences: the Council will welcome further Police action (iii) The Council is prepared to discuss chicanes for the Longford Close/Dean Road bridge: (iv) No commitment to subsidise chargers for electric vehicles on large estates but the intention to produce a long-term strategy. We shall continue to pursue this whole issue. We shall raise a further four questions on matters of concern to residents at the next meeting at the end of September

SHOOTING STAR HOSPICE

On 5th August, 16 years to the day the first family was welcomed, Shooting Star opened for the first family therapy appointments since the temporary closure due to Covid. This

is being followed by counselling for parents, drama, interactive play and music therapy for supported children and siblings and then a full schedule of activities in the Autumn. Shooting Star has our full support

ALL SAINTS CHURCH NEWS

Rev Donna Williams tells us that she has now been Vicar for six months and has enjoyed meeting people. The Church is open and has begun to have some community events- including a Pizza in the Garden and a mini-fete. Even more is planned! A third worship service, designed to be a contemporary service with children's groups, begins on 3rd October at 4.30pm. The Church hopes to begin its planned development next year so that it can expand for the benefit of the community in Hampton. More news available on allsaintshampton.co.uk

SHORTER ITEMS

- We are continuing to represent the views of residents on the proposed pitch on **Hampton Common**
- We share the disappointment of residents that there has been no action on the agreed consultation on traffic/parking in **Hanworth Road**
- All too often contractors do not restore pavements/roads after undertaking work. At our instigation the Council is now pursuing OpenReach over unfinished work in **Rumsey Close**
- We took action to ensure that rubbish left by a Contractor was removed in **Fulmer Close**
- At our request the Council will take further enforcement action over anti-social parking in **Hawthorn Close**
- We have followed up two issues over noise. In one case urging RHP to take action over noise in **Pigeon Lane** and in another where the Council pursued with an innocent resident wrongly reported noise
- Have you received a Parking Charge [PCN] which you regard as unfair? If so, let us know at once.
- We would welcome further comments on two further issues: **e-scooters** and **"No Mow May"** ...

Keep in touch with us by phone or gjshn@btinternet.com: tell us of issues which concern you: we are both here to help

Cinderella meets the monsters - Halloween Panto

Join Teddington Theatre Club for a fun-filled half term pantomime for Halloween. Make sure to grab your tickets when the box office opens on Wednesday 1 September 2021.

Cheer Cinderella, laugh at the ridiculous Ugly Sisters and hiss the Wicked Witch Stepmother as we spookily re-imagine the best-known rags to riches story ever told. They will be lots of bad jokes, audience participation, glitz, glamour, glorious gags, plus a few surprises! It will probably be the best Halloween pantomime you have ever seen!

Dates:

Wednesday 27 to Friday 29 October at 7.30pm

Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 October at 2pm and 6pm



Box office opens Wednesday 1 September 2021 with family ticket deal available.

Find more information [HERE](#)



ROYAL MAIL FRAUD – IT'S VERY CLOSE TO HOME



by Mac McInerny, Heatham Alliance community group
and Neighbourhood Watch

Fresh warnings were issued earlier this year about several versions of the so-called 'Royal Mail' scams, but even people who are naturally wary can be taken in by these very persuasive swindlers.

Sad to say, one victim was a close relative of a member of Heatham Alliance, our own community group, and he was conned out of £5,000 by a fraudster a few months ago.

In this particular case the 'Post Office' imposter phoned and suggested that, before making payment for the parcel delivery, he rings the fraud department of his bank to verify their legitimacy. The imposter asked which bank the targeted victim used and gave the fraud department's number for him to call.

The telephone number they gave was indeed authentic, but the criminal had stayed on the line ready to take the call from the victim. The victim was told that the transaction was completely authentic, the payment was put through, no parcel arrived and £5,000 was stolen from the account.

After a complaint was made to the bank, eventually they reimbursed £3,500 of the money taken from the account. That still left the victim £1,500 out of pocket. Not an enormous sum to lose, but a lot of money when you are young, self-employed and receiving no financial help from the government during the pandemic.

Remember, a cold call is very likely to be from a fraudster, so do not enter into a conversation. If they are persistent, just hang up. Never give any personal information, such as your address or date of birth, your savings or pension, your income or your job.

Just to remind ourselves –

If you suspect that you have been a victim of fraud, contact your bank immediately and dial 101 or dial 999 in an emergency or if the fraudster is nearby.

NB Call your bank on a different phone otherwise the next person you speak to could be a fraudster again. Ditto when you call the police!

STAY SAFE FROM FRAUD

Waste and recycling collections one day later next week following Bank Holiday weekend

Following the Bank Holiday on Monday 30 August, Richmond Council will carry out general waste, food waste, garden waste and recycling collections for domestic properties one day later than usual, for one week.

For example, Monday collections will take place on Tuesday, and Tuesday collections on Wednesday.

Over the Bank Holiday:

- There will be no collections for bulky waste available on Monday 30 August
- There will be no change for those receiving commercial waste and recycling collection services

Normal domestic collection schedules for all waste and recycling services will resume on Monday 6 September 2021.

Residents are asked to ensure their recycling and refuse is available for collection by 6am on collection day at the boundary of their property beside the entrance, for example where their front garden or drive meets the pavement.



To reduce issues with street litter and trip hazards, only households without front gardens, drives or equivalent are permitted to present recycling and refuse on the pavement and should only do this after 8pm on the day before collection.

Residents are reminded that Townmead Road Household Waste and Recycling Centre will be open over the Bank Holiday, but [booking](#) is essential. Please note Townmead Road is not currently accepting cardboard. Residents can book a slot to bring household waste to Townmead Road for free.

View your [revised collection day](#). For any further enquiries please call 020 8891 1411.

Please see new collection day for next week:

- Monday 30 August will be recovered on Tuesday 31 August
- Tuesday 31 August will be recovered on Wednesday 1 September
- Wednesday 1 September will be recovered on Thursday 2 September
- Thursday 2 September will be recovered on Friday 3 September
- Friday 3 September will be recovered on Saturday 4 September

Commemorating Bernardo O'Higgins' Connection with the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

On Friday morning (27th August) Ambassador David Gallagher gathered on Richmond Riverside with Richmond's Mayor Cllr. Geoff Acton, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Suzette Nicholson, Cllr Pamela Fleming (South Richmond) and Chile's Military Attaché Colonel Carlos Parra. A wreath was laid at the bust of liberator of Chile Bernardo O'Higgins to commemorate his birth.

“Bernardo O'Higgins studied for a while in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames; he lived at 2 The Vineyard and a blue plaque commemorating his stay was erected by the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission in 1994.”



Photo: London Borough of Richmond upon Thames

For more about Chile and its history, information can be found at the following link:
<https://worldinfozone.com/country.php?country=Chile&page=2#history>
(WorldInfoZone: Chile - Teresa Read).

Richmond Film Society - the very best in World Cinema

Following its long enforced COVID absence and a very successful screening on 20 July, Richmond Film Society's 58th Season opens at The Exchange on 14 September at 8:00pm with 'Can You Ever Forgive Me ?'.

The season, which runs until June 2022 with screenings on alternate Tuesdays at The Exchange, comprises 19 films of international repute, including features from Europe, Africa, Japan, Saudi Arabia and South Korea.

Membership for the 19-film programme is £40, which equates to £2.11 per film (£25 for full-time students).

Although the vast majority of our 250 plus Season 57 members have renewed, we anticipate being able to welcome some new members for the forthcoming season.

For further information on membership and the programme of films, see www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk or email admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk



East Sheen

A taste of France and Germany in East Sheen

On Friday 10 September shoppers in East Sheen will be entertained from 1.30p.m. by St. Margaret's Elastic Band performing a programme of French, German and English music on the green outside the library.

At 2.30pm. local MP Sarah Olney will unveil a magnificent new information board about Richmond's twin towns of Fontainebleau in France and Konstanz in Germany. Sarah will be joined by the mayor, Councillor Geoff Acton, and members of the Richmond in Europe Association who commissioned the board.

In the days before the ceremony East Sheen library will be staging a display about the twinning and local traders will be invited to adopt a French or German theme on the day.

Everyone is invited to attend. French or German costume is optional.

Ham and Petersham

Reunited at last

Ham and Petersham SOS members attended an event on 24 August to celebrate the end of COVID-19 restrictions, allowing them to meet up with friends they hadn't seen since before the pandemic took hold.

Supported by trustees, volunteers and MPS Richmond Cadets, over 50 older and or disabled Ham and Petersham residents enjoyed a visit from the Mayor of Richmond, sandwiches, cakes, tea and an ice cream or two in the lovely setting of the Woodville Centre sensory garden.

This annual Garden Party provided a great way for friends to catch up in the sunshine whilst also giving local residents the opportunity to talk to Healthwatch Richmond and Ham Close Development staff. Whilst being the highlight of the summer, the event allowed members to touch base with Ham and Petersham staff and volunteers (many of whom they have only spoken to over the phone for the past 17 months,) and enabled the community to come together and celebrate.

Ham and Petersham SOS were lucky with the weather and look forward to resuming many more of their usual activities in September. They have capacity for new members from the local area and are always happy to welcome new volunteers!

Whitton

Join Whitton Netball Club

Whitton Netball Club are hosting open training sessions on Tuesday 31 August at Stanley School (TW11 8UH).

They are a competitive club and play in both the Kingston and Surrey leagues and are looking for players to join to help them reach their ambitious club goals for this coming season.

We offer great coaching and a fabulous community of women who share the love of netball!

AUGUST FOOD AND DRINK NEWS

Crosta & Mollica, meaning ‘crust & crumb’ in Italian, was founded with a desire and dedication to bring well-made Italian food to the UK, and the company has certainly succeeded! From delicious wood-fired pizzas to versatile piadina flatbreads, savoury artisan biscuits, crostini and more. Every product is made in Italy - one bite and you’ll almost think you’re there. I’m particularly partial to the Fennel Seed Tarallini (£1.99 for a bag of crispy biscuits that are the perfect accompaniment to drinks, without overshadowing the flavour of your drink). Also delicious are the Olive & Rosemary Ovali – great for adding a topping or for dunking. Available from Ocado, Waitrose, Sainsbury’s, Tesco, Marks & Spencer and lots of independent food retailers.



Caorunn (pronounced Ka-roon) is the Gaelic name for the rowanberry. And this berry is one of the five unique Celtic botanicals at the heart of Caorunn Gin. Yes, a fabulous Speyside gin from a region famous for its whisky! It’s unique in being distilled in a working copper berry chamber, to extract maximum flavour from the botanicals - and it’s great addition to Scotland’s spirits repertoire. With notes of heather, citrus blossom and then juniper, it leaves a pinch of peppery rye lingering, after a subtle sweetness of heather honey. I like it as a G&T, with a slice of apple, instead of citrus, but there are lots of great cocktail recipes on its website. Caorunn also makes a fab martini. Treat yourself to a bottle – it’s around £28 for 70 cl from major supermarkets and online retailers.

We’re already great fans of **Jason’s Sourdough** breads, so were pleased to discover that some new products have been added to the range. The ‘Straight Up’ range uses original Geary family bakery recipes and includes The Great White, Majestic Malted and Olive & Basil. They’re ideal for sandwiches and make brilliant toasties too. Available from Ocado £2



For those times when you fancy ice cream, but know you shouldn’t, as you’re trying to lose weight... there’s now a perfect solution. **Oppo** is a great, feel-good indulgence, and you’d never guess it has over 50 per cent less sugar. Widely available from most supermarkets at around £4 a 475ml tub in a range of delicious flavours – you can just have a tiny amount, or pig out with a whole tub for under 400 calories! The individual ice cream bars are also fab (Madagascar Vanilla Almond or Chocolate & Hazelnut Sticks) and less than 150 calories each, plus you can squeeze them into the corners of the freezer!

Next month sees Zero Waste Week and if, like me, your kitchen waste bin liners become unhinged, making recycling messy, help’s at hand. This smart, Easy-Clean 2.83L Compost Bin from **OXO** is great. It sits on my kitchen counter (looking much cooler than the free one from the council!) and the clever design neatly holds the bag securely in place. The flip up lid allows opening and closing with one hand, so not only making life easier, but also looking stylish. Available from John Lewis £17 in white or grey.



Hølidåy

by David Hoskin

Elf Lyons at the Hen and Chickens, Camden Fringe

The soundtrack of *Blue Heaven*, the voice-over of a bland TV presenter and the zippy sound effects compensated for the starkly furnished stage as this unusual one-man show opened. We were given immediate insight into this one person, played by David Hoskin, sitting there asking for nothing, simply living a bland man's life. His mime skills and strong interaction with the audience were impressive and made this a promising start.

With carefully calculated blackouts, we were offered chapters into the unfulfilled existence of this man, who appeared in desperate need of a holiday. The opportunity quite literally came to his door. There the atmosphere of a busy airport, the bland muzak, the flight and overwhelming arrival at a busy holiday destination: not to mention the beach, and the grimness of holiday makers there.

By clever interaction with the audience and with skilled puppetry ... and a beach ball, Hoskin used his slick talent to the full. After narrowly escaping a ghastly threesome, and pondering that holiday friends don't really exist, he is stranded in a dark forest. Sadly, I felt the consistency slowed down at this point, and despite the clever sound effects, my engagement fell away.



The perky homecoming and greeting of cats brightened up this curious piece, bringing it back on track. The breaking glass effect of his home smashing round his ears made a bleak finale, restoring its vibrancy.

A well thought-out piece, sharply written, brutal, funny and sad, *Hølidåy* had a lot to carry for fifty minutes. I loved being treated to Hoskins' strong stage presence, obvious talent and versatility. The direction of by Elf Lyons, himself an award-winning comedian and clown, enhanced a show that was genuinely funny and enjoyable for the majority of its scenes. I left the theatre feeling very impressed.

Read Heather Moulson's review at www.markaspen.com/2021/08/24/holiday

Photography by Elf Lyons



The Bean Spillers

Gigglemug Theatre at the Hen and Chickens, Camden Fringe until 29th August

Not expecting immediate interaction with the cast, I found a seat in this enigmatic and semi-full auditorium. However, two very genial actors dressed in black greeted me instantly. My first instincts are to keep my head down but, in this case, I found the experience warm and welcoming.

An exciting duo, Sam Cochrane and Alex Prescott, accompanied by a talented pianist who interacted with ease and timing, these bean spillers exuded a witty and vibrant rapport. The theme, we are told, is "Gossip".

They are literally about spilling the beans, and they certainly delivered. Scouting for rumours and stories amongst the enthusiastic audience, they gleaned a dubious story from someone in front of me. I was quite relieved they chose him, as I had gone quite blank. Introducing their guest of the evening, Katy Schutte, there was a strong interaction with everybody. Reminiscent of Morecambe and Wise, they have a different guest every night and this particularly versatile guest proceeded to blend in well.



Dancing, razor sharp improvisation and random fun, the entertainment did not stop and it kept up a strong consistency. With great support from the audience, a spontaneous song, dance and acting out of an entire play through this one random rumour was clever and detailed. Very inventive with good stage presence, the pair quickly turned a rumour into sheer comedy. Moreover, this spontaneous piece ended the story with a moral. A very well done job in sixty minutes.

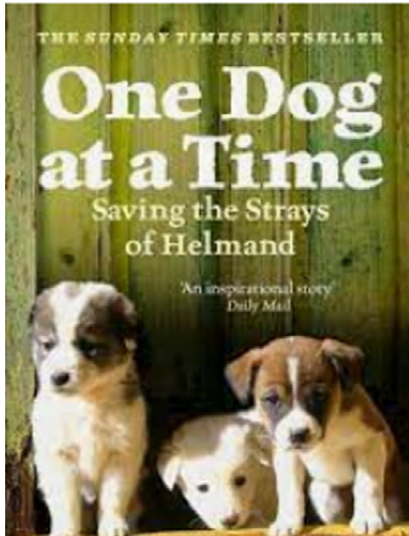
The Bean Spillers is presented by the Gigglemug Comedy Theatre, a past winner of The Edinburgh Stage Award, I would certainly recommend catching them at Edinburgh next year, not to mention here and now at the Camden Fringe.

Read Heather Moulson's review at www.markaspen.com/2021/08/27/bean-spill

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Pen Farthing; One Dog at A Time

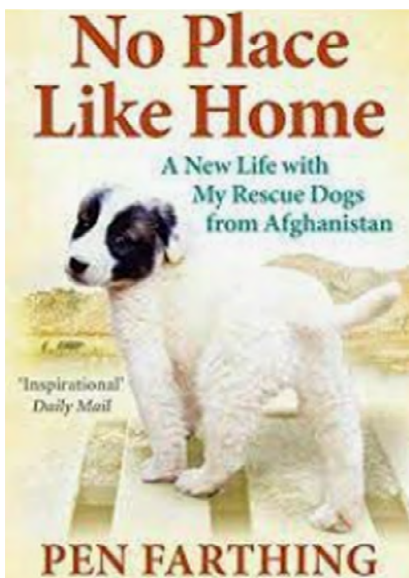
Travel news by Bruce Lyons



Over time (20 years and more) we worked with 40 Commando (Marines), Help for Heroes, Adventure Training and more..... Back in the '90's we started taking small groups for the "Services" diving in the Red Sea, some of the best diving in the world. In fact, we were even commissioned by the MOD to deliver a Rest and Recuperation programme for over 1000 servicemen to break off – in the Red Sea – on their return from the Oman exercise "Saif Sareea" of 2001 to take place that November.

We spent six months preparing the arrangements – we were even flown out by helicopter to make a presentation "on board" HMS Ocean, and sent all over England & Cyprus (Camp Bloodhound) to brief different units. In late August it was all ticketed, booked and paid for – and then disaster struck "9/11" and shortly after the MOD cancelled the whole programme and the servicemen were being deployed to Afghanistan – My biggest booking ever cancelled!

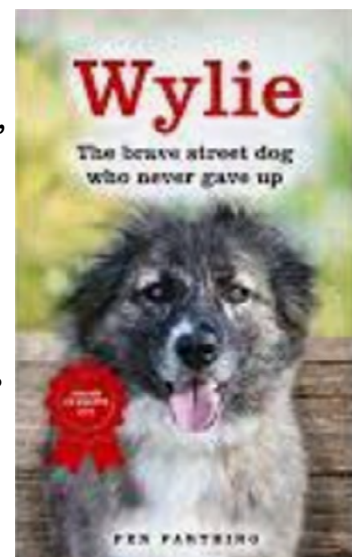
From that time on we continually worked for various service establishments and among our contacts was Pen – known to us as Penny Farthing. On one occasion he came to the office with his laptop and talked about his work with rescue dogs in Afghanistan – this was before he left the Marines.



We took groups to the Red Sea diving but also disabled servicemen to Learn to Dive for Help for Heroes to both here and elsewhere, Malta, El Hierro (Canaries) and Jordan. We also arranged sailing trips in the Canaries, rowing in the Scilly Isles, & skiing in Norway.

Another programme we planned for the Commandos was Sky Diving in California – most of the Commando groups were from returning units from Afghanistan as they "earned" an extra leave they could "convert to an Adventure Training Exercise" - It was in this time we met Penny, before he left the Marines and started the charity Nowzad. Pen is inspirational and passionate about his rescued dogs and cats, he is even an acclaimed author. We have been following his struggle to get home- sadly till now unsuccessful.

We all wish him, Lisa and his staff at Nowzad well and a safe journey home – hopefully with his beloved Dogs and Cats. By the way his books are a good read, *No Place like Home*, *One dog at a time* and *Wylie, The Brave Street Dog who never gave up!* The last is an unbelievable story – get it now. And if you too are looking for an adventure, well you know where to come!



TRAVELLER'S TALES 104

DORSET AND DEVON

Doug Goodman visits some of the top spots in Dorset and Devon



During our two week summer holiday in Dorset the weather wasn't too kind. On the rare hot, sunny days the beach at Lyme Regis was packed and on the frequent wet days the town was full of visitors in plastic macs looking rather forlorn and searching for something to do. However with so much to do and see in West Dorset and East Devon, two weeks was hardly sufficient to visit the many places on our 'must-do' list. Early morning on Lyme's beach between the town and nearby Charmouth is the perfect time to look for fossils, admire the changing light over Golden Cap and to watch the cormorants fishing. Lyme has many good restaurants and pubs along with independent shops. If you don't manage to find an ammonite on the beach there are plenty of shops selling all sorts of fossils. The sandy beach is safe, protected by the famous Cobb and gentle walks along the river to Uplyme and a seven mile, demanding trek on The Undercliff offer the chance to escape the crowds. The one thing lacking in the resort is sufficient parking for the hundreds of summer-time day visitors.



Crowded Beach

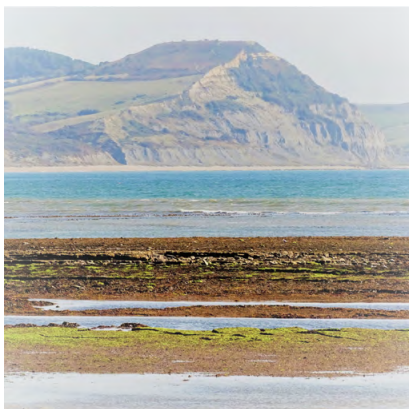


Lyme Regis



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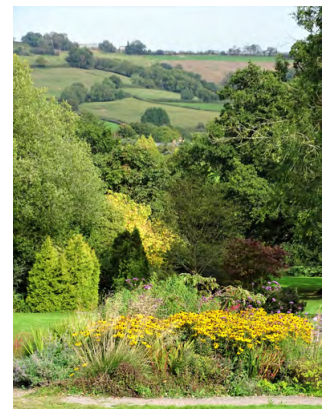
Beer is a pretty fishing village with art galleries, an antique showroom, several pubs and brightly painted boats on its small, pebbly beach. Caves and the much loved donkey sanctuary are nearby. Several grand gardens are well worth a visit with Burrow Farm, between Axminster and Honiton, being my favourite. Over many decades it was designed by Mary Benger and offers tranquillity, beautiful vistas and a wealth of colour year-round. Burrow Farm Gardens is listed amongst the UK's top 28 gardens in a national magazine. Another favourite is Forde Abbey to the north-east of Axminster. Dating from the 12th century the abbey was home to Cistercian monks for 400 years and it's wonderful to see so much of a medieval monastery preserved as an integral part of a private home. Crocus and tulip times are when the grounds look their best but at any time of the year the gardens are magnificent.



Golden Cap



Boats at Beer



Burrow Farm Gardens

AROUND BRIDPORT

Near the ancient market town of Bridport is Symondsburry Estate, a country destination with accommodation, shops, a restaurant, cycle hire and the Lyme Bay Arts Gallery, where painters, glass artists and ceramicists exhibit their work. Walking from here is popular and with a detailed Ordnance Survey map you'll find paths and tracks through fertile fields and sleepy villages. From the top of Colmer's Hill, after a very steep climb, the views are stunning. On Saturdays and Wednesdays Bridport is taken over by market stalls and traders offering antiques and local souvenirs. Lunch in the courtyard of the Bull on a sunny day is most relaxing. Further afield is Dorset's county town Dorchester with a military museum and a recently reopened local history museum. We stopped at Sculpture by the Lakes some six miles east of Dorchester on the way to visit the house of T.E. Lawrence at Clouds Hill. The tiny house is where the soldier, diplomat and writer, who became known as Lawrence of Arabia, lived in the 1930s to escape from public fame. The spot where a motorcycle crash caused his death in May 1935 at the age of 46 is situated by a view point for the Bovington Tank Museum.



Lyme Bay Arts Centre



Colmer's Hill near Bridport



View from Colmer's hill

INTO DEVON

We headed west through Honiton, stopping to collect an antique clock which had been restored and repaired. The town is famous for its lace industry with a long, wide main street where markets are still held. Between Bow and North Tawton lies Nichols Nymet House owned by my nephew and his wife. The Georgian Manor House, built in 1816, offers B&B in rooms with four-poster beds and views across the countryside as well as self-catering cottages. (www.devonbedandbreakfast.co.uk) We spent many happy Christmas celebrations there while exploring Oakhampton and Dartmoor. The highlight of our two week holiday was a visit to Bovey Castle, near Moretonhampstead, for a family lunch. The castle, built in a neo-Elizabethan style opened as a hotel and golf course in 1930, became Bovey Castle in 2003. Twenty two lodges, a spa, swimming pool and second restaurant were added and as a result five star status was achieved under the ownership of Eden Hotel Collection. The hotel's staff was very friendly and helpful and the lunch in Smith's restaurant, (named after the estate's original owner W.H. Smith) was superb. From October 1st two nights including a dinner and breakfasts cost £349 per room, per night based on two sharing. (www.boveycastle.com). Reminiscing over coffee with relatives in the oak-panelled drawing room was the best part of a two week stay in Dorset and Devon.



Forde Abbey



Nichols Nymet House



Bovey Castle

Into the Bermuda Triangle!

By Michael Jay

Teresa Read's recent article about Bermuda reminded me of my visits there when I was a very junior BOAC Second Officer flying the Super VC10, a wonderful aircraft. It's a pretty place but there was always a 40 knot crosswind on the approach which made landings hard work. As it was (and probably still is) an island, we carried extra fuel called Island Reserve in case of bad weather and there was no GPS so you had to be meticulous with the navigation otherwise you could finish up in the sea.

It was a daylight flight each way so, with no navigation aids in the Atlantic Ocean, this meant astro navigation using the periscope sextant which went up through the flight deck roof. For readers who are navigators, we used dead reckoning with Consol and Loran* and Sun, Moon and Venus shots when visible plus the occasional weather ship fix. Taking three star shots every 40 minutes meant a lot of complex mathematics but it was very accurate and worked extremely well, partly because every pilot was also a qualified navigator so knew what was going on and kept an eye on things.

Incidentally, on another flight the Loran failed which made things rather difficult. One of the stewardesses came up to the cockpit for her hourly check to make sure everyone was ok and, seeing the navigator looking puzzled, asked what was wrong. Incredibly, it turned out that she had worked in the factory which made the Loran sets so, using the flight engineer's tool kit, she took it apart and actually repaired it in flight. Another stewardess had a degree in aerodynamics and knew more about the wings than the crew – so they're not just pretty faces!

On one Bermuda trip, our captain told me that he had once gone to the airport restaurant for a coffee while refuelling only to find it full of TV news cameras because the US Air Force base commander appeared to be having a violent row with a man dressed as a cowboy. (The airport was dual British civil and USAF).

The cowboy turned out to be a wealthy private pilot who owned a fully restored B-25 Mitchell bomber which he had flown from Carolina to Bermuda to play golf – with his wife and children in the back and his golf clubs in the bomb bay.

Apparently, the military radar controller had seen a dot on his screen which looked lost and was flying past Bermuda and out into the Atlantic where it would have run out of fuel. So they sent up an aircraft to intercept it and escort it back to Bermuda where they planned to impound it.

The row was about whether the USAF commander had the right to do that even though he had saved all their lives. After a lot of shouting, the cowboy finally said: "I'm an American citizen. I'm going home to complain to my senator and have you busted, and YOU can't stop me".

It got so heated that the base commander finally banged his fist on the table and said: "If you take off, I'll send my guys up to shoot you down".

To which the cowboy retorted: "Well, I got guns, too!"

And he had!



*British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) Vickers VC10 Srs1101 G-ARVH at London Heathrow Airport, 1972
Photo © Steve Fitzgerald collection*

You can imagine the scene with the wife and two kids in the gun turrets blazing away at the US Air Force! Echoes of the real Memphis Belle!

After they had all calmed down, the cowboy walked out to his aircraft only to find it had been locked up and he either had to swim back or buy a ticket and come with us!

We once taxied out there and the aircraft felt as though the left brakes were dragging. From the terminal to the runway was a very long way and we were halfway there so, rather than go back, our flight engineer decided to go down into the radio equipment bay, the entrance to which was a hatch in the floor of the First Class cabin, and then open the bottom hatch and drop about four feet out onto the taxiway. He could then walk along beside the wheels to check they weren't hot, and climb back in.

I went down with him with a headset to keep in touch with the two other pilots in the cockpit. We opened the hatch and he lowered himself out not realising that we were actually doing about 30 mph. There was a rather strangled cry as he splattered onto the ground and, when I cautiously hung out and peered back, he was rapidly disappearing into the distance behind us. I immediately called the cockpit and we slowly came to a halt. After quite a long time, he managed to catch up with us and checked the brakes which were okay.

He then tried to climb back in but the hatch being only 18 inches wide meant he could not get a proper grip to pull himself up. I offered my hand and heaved him up – only to bang my head on the low ceiling of the radio bay. I involuntarily let go and he crashed back onto the runway again!

This happened several times by which time he was not very happy and I was praying the First Class passengers couldn't hear his language. I finally solved the problem by making a loop on the headset lead which he used as a ladder. He looked rather shredded when we got off in London!

Incidentally, when we did training flights over Shannon some of the flight crews would open this hatch in flight to look down at the ground. No passengers on board of course and it was a wonderful view but it was something which I did not fancy trying as my Bermuda experience had taught me it was hard enough to climb back in from four feet – let alone from 3,000 feet!

On another Bermuda trip, all three autopilots failed after take-off and we had to hand-fly the aircraft all the way back to London which took about nine hours. People today think that flying is completely automatic (it isn't) and I can assure everyone that a big aircraft at 40,000 feet doing 570 mph is extremely sensitive on the controls which makes hand-flying a very tiring job so we all took 20 minute turns. By the time we got back our arms were completely exhausted but the passengers hadn't felt a thing, a tribute to the skill of the pilots.

Flying over Bermuda was the only time I have seen a UFO. It was stationary, bright silver, and looked like an upside-down, old-fashioned kite. I even put the sextant up through the roof for a magnified look but there was no way we could identify it. Nothing on the weather radar, either. It was obviously very high and we gradually passed under it.

Strange things happen in the air but, having flown through the so-called Bermuda Triangle countless times, I am absolutely sure that all the mysteries about it are complete nonsense fabricated by journalists who write books about it.

Maybe I should write one myself !

*Michael Jay
BOAC Super VC-10,
British Airways Boeing 757, 747-100, 747-200 & 747-400 (retd).*

Consol was a navigation system using Morse dots and dashes for bearings. Loran, short for **Long Range navigation, was a hyperbolic navigation system using special charts.*

WIZ TALES - Taiwan

Teresa Read



The island of Taiwan, known at one time as Formosa, lies close to the mainland of China.

Taiwan is dominated by the Central Range of mountains which run north to south. The tallest peak is nearly four thousand metres high. Much of the island is forested. In the east the mountains reach close to the sea; in the west there is a fertile coastal plain.

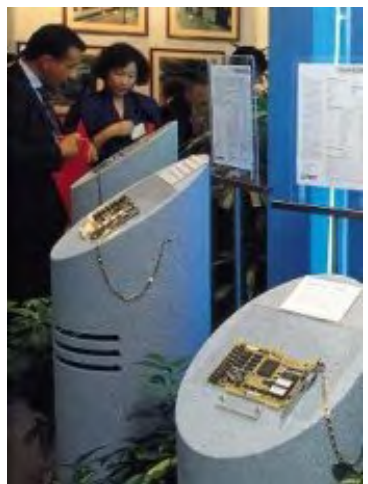
Ten percent of Taiwan has been declared conservation areas: national parks, nature reserves, natural forest preserves and wildlife refuges.

In 1684 Taiwan was conquered by the Manchus and officially became part of China. At the end of the 1895 war between China and Japan Taiwan was handed over to Japan. The island remained under Japanese rule until the end of the Second World War when it was given back to China.

When the Nationalist Party was defeated by the Communists under Mao Tse-tung in 1949, Chiang Kai-shek, the leader of the Republicans, fled to Taiwan with around one and a half million supporters forming the Republic of China. On the mainland Mao Tse-tung declared the formation of the People's Republic of China.

In November 2015 Taiwan's President and China's President held talks in Singapore, the first meeting since the Chinese Civil War in 1949.

Taiwan is on the UK's green watch list



The photographs were provided by the Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in New York.

More photographs of Taiwan:

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

China: Information and photographs:

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St Mary's University

St Mary's Student finishes top of the table in British Milers Club Points Series

Current student at St Mary's University, Twickenham, Thomas Randolph won the [British Milers Club \(BMC\)](#) Grand Prix point series at the weekend.



In partnership with [British Athletics](#) and sponsorship from Saucony, the BMC aims to improve the world standing of UK distance running.

Thomas received £1,000 after claiming first place in the 800m at Eltham on Saturday, bringing his total points of the series to 88, six points clear of second place. This win adds to an already successful year for Thomas after his impressive performance at the [U23s European Championships](#) in July and last week he ran 1:44.98 placing 9th on the 'all-time U23s in Britain' list.

Performance Coach and EPACC Co-ordinator at St Mary's, Craig Winrow, said, "Thomas has had a fantastic season so far. The last few years have been difficult, but he has shown great determination to now elevating himself into a world class 800m runner".

St Mary's Lecturer Appointed on to Editorial Board of New Academic Journal

Senior Lecturer in Literature and Popular Culture at St Mary's University, Twickenham, Dr Richard Mills has been appointed to the editorial board of a new academic journal,

The Journal of Beatles Studies, published by Liverpool University Press.

It is the first journal to recognise the Beatles as an object of academic research and will feature original essays, notes, and book and media reviews. The journal will examine the influence of the Beatles on cultural values, the economy, and consumerism. While also using the Beatles as a point of access to explore broader historical, social, and cultural issues.



Richard will be working alongside Dr Holly Tessler, Programme Leader of The Beatles, Music Industry and Heritage MA at the University of Liverpool, Professor Paul Long, Monash University, and Christine Feldman-Barrett, Griffith University, and author of *A Women's History of the Beatles*.

Speaking of his appointment, Richard Mills said, "I'm thrilled to be involved in this project. A journal dedicated solely to the Beatles is long overdue – Beatles studies is a growth area; it is very exciting! Academics and Beatles fans alike can look forward to excellent research coming out of Liverpool University Press".

The journal will be published three times a year, with the first issue being available in September 2022. Find out more on the [Liverpool University Press website](#).



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BRENTFORD FC

Bees held in first away day of the season

Crystal Palace 0 – 0 Brentford

Brentford made in two in a row without defeat in the Premier League as they continued their fine start to the season at Selhurst Park. Both sides had chances throughout the game but the first point of the road for the Bees this season will give them further confidence with the international break on the horizon.



The home side produced the most promising opening early on in the first-half and were unlucky not to take the lead when loanee Conor Gallagher combined well with Wilfried Zaha through the middle. Zaha initially picked the ball up on the right wing and the found the midfielder breaking into space in the box, where he crashed a shot that rebounded off the underside of the crossbar and away to safety with Álvaro Fernández beaten.

Brentford themselves hit the woodwork themselves soon after from a set piece situation. With Bryan Mbeumo and Sergi Canós standing over a free-kick from a wide right position it was the Frenchman who delivered. His strike was dipping towards the far corner and struck the top of the crossbar on its way over with Vicente Guaita committed at full stretch.

Before the interval the Bees went close once more through talisman Ivan Toney after an excellent high press and tackle from Frank Onyeka on Cheikhou Kouyaté had won the ball back up the field. Rico Henry picked up the loose ball and within a matter of moments he had found Toney in the box, who on the swivel guided a shot goalwards, but straight at Guaita.

Crosses into the box were proving to be dangerous for both sides in the game and during the second-half both sides had chances from deliveries out wide. From a throw in Joel Ward exchanged passes with Gallagher, before latching onto a ricochet and teasing a ball towards the back post. Waiting was Christian Benteke and the Belgian outleapt Canós, but his header dipped over the crossbar.

At the other end a corner kicked from Mbeumo caused problems at the back for the Eagles when Guaita came to gather the ball but missed it, allowing Toney to get a head to the ball but his effort too went over the crossbar.

The final chance of the game came when Crystal Palace played the ball intricately out from the back starting with Guaita and the ball being flicked on in the middle of the pitch by Benteke. The ball then came to Zaha who released the ball inside to James McArthur who rifled a shot towards the top corner. David Raya had to dive at full stretch to get a fingertip and divert the ball over to ensure both sides would claim a point on a goalless afternoon.

Bees come from behind to go through in the League Cup

Brentford 3 – 1 Forest Green Rovers

Brentford were forced to work for their passage through to the Third Round of the League Cup as they recovered from going behind early on to beat League Two side Forest Green Rovers.

Jake Aitchison had poked home inside the opening ten minutes to set up a potential upset but guided by Yoane Wissa's first Brentford goal, the Bees found a way back into the tie and further strikes from Bryan Mbeumo and Marcus Forss sealed the game as Rovers finished with ten men after Ebou Adams was dismissed late on.

The Bees in fact could have taken an early lead when Wissa slipped in Forss, who rounded the goalkeeper. The Finn then teed the ball up to the back post where Mads Bidstrup volleyed back across goal but Lewis Thomas recovered to make a great double save – initially keeping off the Dane's effort before then diving across to tip Halil Dervisoglu's strike from the edge of the six-yard area.

The away side didn't show any fear against the Premier League opponents and they capitalised on a misplaced pass to nip in and take the early lead. Regan Hendry picked up the loose ball and then broke into the box at pace. Hendry was then able to slip the ball into the path of Aitchison who squeezed the ball past Álvaro Fernández.

Things could have gone from bad to worse for Brentford soon after when a dangerous ball was whipped in with pace from Nicky Cadden on the left wing and arriving in the box was Josh March, who arrived in between the Brentford defence but could only head over.

After the half-time interval Brentford were much improved and their Premier League quality began to show through. With just over an hour played at the Brentford Community Stadium Wissa scored his maiden goal from the Bees after some good play on the edge of the area. Running onto a ball from Saman Ghoddos the winger spun his man and curled the ball into the bottom corner and out of the reach of Thomas for the equaliser.

Substitute Mbeumo helped to change the game to and he should have put Brentford ahead when he went clear through on goal one v one against Thomas, but the Frenchman pulled his shot narrowly wide.

He soon made up for it however as was turning away to celebrate putting the Bees 2-1 to the good. The goal came after a teasing cross from Dominic Thompson was delivered towards the back post and Mbeumo escaped his marker to guide his header on the run into the back of the net.

Hopes of a Forest Green comeback were effectively extinguished when with just under ten minutes to play Adams was sent off for a two-footed lunch of Vitaly Janelt that Will Finnie had no choice but to issue the red card.

With the man advantage Brentford took advantage and rounded off the night by scoring a third. Substitute Sergi Canós went on a magical run dribbling through a number of challenges and then slid the ball across goal for Forss to seal Brentford's place in the draw for the next round.

Bees to face Oldham Athletic in League Cup

Brentford will face League Two side Oldham Athletic in the Third Round of the League Cup following the conclusion of the draw. In the first non-regionalised draw of the competition so far the Bees will welcome the side from Greater Manchester to the Brentford Community Stadium in a tie to be played on the week of the 21st of September with details to be finalised.

Oldham Athletic have progressed through two rounds already to reach this stage and have gone through via penalties on both occasions. In the First Round they drew with Tranmere Rovers before

prevailing 4-3 on penalties and then in the Second Round following a 0-0 draw with Accrington Stanley they once more won on spot kicks, this time 5-4.

UP NEXT FOR BRENTFORD

Opponent: Aston Villa (A) Saturday 28th August 15:00 Villa Park

Nickname: The Villa, The Lions

Competition: Premier League – Matchday 3

Head Coach: Dean Smith

Interesting fact: Aston Villa hold the record for the most played top flight fixture in English Football with over 200 meetings in the league.

Thomas Frank pre match quotes:

On rotating the squad in midweek and keeping players fresh:

“Yes. I think the freshness is important at a certain stage. I also think that we showed last year that we could produce and a squad that could go Saturday, Tuesday, Saturday, Wednesday, Saturday, with only a few changes per game. So the fitness level is extremely important for us. That’s a part of how we evaluate the performances. [With] new players coming in there’s certain standards or markers that they need to achieve before we want to play them consistently. It’s a big thing for us because that’s clearly effective too, especially the pressing and the intensity in the pressing but also the ability to go constantly running at teams for example but it’s nice to see nine other players [in the team]. Every time you evaluate a player you just get some extra info about the players. Good and bad. So I always enjoy that.”

On VAR:

“I’m please. I think it’s a tool we will use in the future that’s why when people were moaning a lot at the beginning I was thinking ‘you can moan all you want but I think it will stay there for the rest of football history.’ What I would say is that I understand why a lot of people moan because the procedure of how it worked was not good, which is not a surprise because when you try something new there will be some slips and there will be some mistakes, but now I think it’s a much better rhythm in games. I think the refs and all the guys working with the VAR deserve quite some praise for the way they’ve adjusted things.”

On the best and worst aspects of Premier League Football:

“The best of course is to match yourself against some of the best clubs in the world or in England depending on how you see it. I still think it’s a massive task and achievement for us to match ourselves against Crystal Palace but of course a club like Arsenal. That’s the best definitely. And then I know the crowd came back so that’s a little bit double sided because they would have also come back in the Championship but that’s been fantastic. The worst of course is the media circus. Don’t worry I’ll keep turning up.”

Hampton & Richmond Borough

Beavers fall to last gap defeat

Hampton & Richmond Borough 1 – 2 Havant & Waterlooville

Hampton & Richmond Borough conceded an agonizing last minute winner to record their first defeat of the season in their first home game at the newly renamed Cleo



Saul Beveree Stadium. Jerome Slew had cancelled out the opener from Emmanuel Adebawale in the first-half and the Beavers could have claimed all three points, only for Slew to miss a penalty with just over ten minutes remaining, The Hawks took full advantage and scored late on through Alex Wall to consign Hampton & Richmond to late heartache.

The away side are one of the favourites for the division this season and made a very strong start. Alan Julian was called into action twice early on and produced two great saves to repel Havant. First, he did magnificently well to tip over a dipping strike from Tommy Wright in the middle of the pitch and he then followed it up minutes after with more alert goalkeeping, as he came out to block a shot from James Roberts.

When the goal came it was deserved and it came after a long free-kick was initially cleared, but then recycled into the box where defender Adebawale found himself with time and space to slide the ball past Julian and give the Hawks the lead.

Hampton & Richmond responded well though and Kadell Daniel went close when he header over from the edge of the six-yard box. Jake Gray then nearly got on the end of a cross from Ryan Gondoh at the back post as the Beavers responded better after going a goal down.

The equaliser came before half-time and Slew made in two in two games for the striker having scored on the opening day route of Eastbourne Borough. The goal was a flash of individual brilliance as he clinically curled the ball in at the front post and out of the reach of Ross Worner.

Right at the start of the second-half the Beaver had a great chance to take the lead but Daniel headed wide from a Gondoh cross from inside the six-yard box.

Adebawale could have added to his earlier strike in the first-half when he got on the end of a cross but the tall defender couldn't direct enough power on the shot and Julian gathered easily.

The game turned with just over ten minutes to play as David Fisher was brought down by Worner for a penalty to Hampton & Richmond. Up stepped Slew but the striker fired over and the scores remained level.

Havant & Waterlooville would take full advantage as the clock ticked into the last minute when Wall popped up at the back post to tuck in a late winner that will frustrate Gary McCann and the rest of the Hampton & Richmond side.

Beveree Stadium renamed Cleo Saul Beveree Stadium

Hampton & Richmond Borough will be playing at the newly renamed 'Cleo Saul Beveree Stadium' during their centenary season after the name of the ground was raffled off for the duration of the 2021/22 season.

The ground will be named after Cleo Saul who is just five months old after her father Jimmy's ticket was drawn out during a live ceremony. Saul, who became following the club through the popular video game Football Manager, was delighted by the news when he spoke to club media,

"I was shocked and delighted to win the 'Your Name On Your Stadium' draw. Cleo is my five month old daughter - it's certainly a story to tell her when she's older! I used to play as Hampton & Richmond on Football Manager, and from that started going to the Bev in 2017. I'm really looking forward to bringing Cleo along to the stadium with her name on it on Bank Holiday Monday for the Maidstone game."

Hampton & Richmond announce double signing as one departs

Hampton & Richmond Borough have announced the arrival of a further two players as they look to build their squad for their centenary season.

Ronan Hutchins has arrived after impressing in pre-season where he scored in victories against a QPR XI as well as away to Knaphill FC.

Speaking to club media about the signing manager Gary McCann was delighted to complete the deal. “I’m really pleased to get Ronan over the line. He’s impressed me throughout pre-season when he’s been healthy. He’s only 18, but he has all the attributes to have a really good career. With that in mind he is on contract with us, we hope he continues to progress, and becomes an important member of our squad.”

Hutchins himself added, “Right from the start, everyone has been so welcoming, and I feel like I’ve fitted straight in with the lads. The Gaffer’s training sessions are intense with high energy and for me that is very important. His confidence in my ability and what I can bring to the table was a massive part of me signing. I feel I have a great opportunity to show what I am capable of, and also to improve as a footballer with all the players experience and the brilliant staff around me.”

Also joining the Beavers after doing well in pre-season is Brandon Barzey who arrives from Hanworth Villa.

Gary said that, “Brandon has been on our radar for a while, and our friend Simon Haughney at Hanworth has highly recommended him. He has impressed myself and my staff since being involved with the club. He gives us something a bit different, and I’m confident he can make the step up and add to our squad.”

It has also been officially confirmed that Razzaq Coleman De-Graft has departed the club and signed for Lewes FC. The wide player arrived in February 2020 and leaves with the blessing and wishes of McCann.

“It’s with regret we see Razzaq move on to Lewes, but hopefully he can push on there. It’s not been through lack of effort, or ability from both parties, that it hasn’t quite worked out for him - unfortunately that’s football. We certainly wish him well at Lewes, he’s a great person who is always welcome back at the Bev.”

UP NEXT FOR HAMPTON

Game 1

Opponent: Concord Rangers (A) Saturday 28th August 15:00 Thames Road

Nickname: The Beach Boys

Competition: National League South – Matchday 3

Manager: Chris Search

Interesting fact: The club reached the final of the 2019–20 FA Trophy, losing 0–1 to Harrogate Town in a final played in May 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Game 2

Opponent: Maidstone United (H) Monday 30th August 15:00 Beveree Stadium

Nickname: The Stones

Competition: National League South – Matchday 4

Manager: Hakan Hayrettin

Interesting fact: The current club filled the void left by the old Maidstone United, which was a member of The Football League between 1989 and 1992. That club was forced out of the league following bankruptcy but the nucleus of a new club was built around the youth squad.

A rosy outlook at Gardeners World Live

Colin Squire OBE, Chairman Emeritus of Squire's Garden Centres, has been awarded the prestigious Dean Hole Medal by The Rose Society UK in recognition of his work with and love of roses. The award was presented by John Anthony, Chairman of The Rose Society, in Peter Seabrook's rose bed exhibit at BBC Gardeners' World Live at the NEC in Birmingham on 25th August 2021.

The Dean Hole medal was introduced by the National Rose Society, the forerunner of today's society, in 1909 for 'service to the genus rosa' and is the most highly regarded honour in the field of roses. Notable past recipients include Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and The Queen Mother in 1980, and David Austin in 1999.

Derek Lawrence, Chairman of the 'Honors Committee' at The Rose Society UK said;

"We are delighted to bestow the 'Dean Hole Medal' to Colin Squire OBE. He has given such an outstanding contribution to the rose world with his selfless determination to ensure that the general public are aware of the sheer beauty, fragrance and attributes of the rose. Since 1977, he has lavishly hosted the National Amateur Rose Show at Squire's Garden Centres. He also graciously agreed to become President of The Rose Society in 2017, and has steadfastly given both moral and practical support to the Society, whenever required.

Colin loves roses, and actively promotes the sheer charms of the 'Queen of all Flowers'. It was the Reverend Samuel Hole (known as Dean Hole) who instigated the first national rose show back in 1858, and who famously quoted; 'He who would have beautiful roses in his garden must have beautiful roses in his heart'. This admirably sums up Colin, who richly deserves this most prestigious of Honours."



L-R: Ray Martin (The Rose Society), Colin Squire OBE (Squire's Garden Centres), John Anthony (The Rose Society) & Peter Seabrook

Colin Squire OBE, Chairman Emeritus of Squire's Garden Centres commented;

"I feel so very honoured and privileged to have been awarded the Dean Hole medal by The Rose Society. Roses hold such a special place in the history of gardening and in the hearts of many people. I would encourage anyone with a love of roses to join The Rose Society UK.

I am often asked to name my favourite rose. I am always drawn to 'Peace'. It is an excellent Hybrid Tea Rose with pale yellow flowers on a hardy and vigorous plant. It was developed by famous French grower Meilland shortly before World War Two. To ensure the survival of the variety he sent cuttings to friends overseas just before France was invaded. The Americans called the rose 'Peace', announcing the official name on the day Berlin fell. A rose was given to each of the United Nations delegates who met in 1945. So this is a very special rose indeed, and we certainly need a little more Peace in the world right now."

The Rose Society UK is always keen to welcome new members. Membership is only £10 each year, and there are a host of benefits including:

- The Rose Times – a quarterly newsletter which informs, educates and entertains about all things rosy, including specialist features on rose growing, research and events.
- Discounts – from participating rose growers.
- Expert Advice – from a network of skilled and experienced rosarians who are all willing to help assist and advise on all matters regarding the culture and love of roses.
- Free entry to national shows – in Malvern, Shepperton and Harrogate.
- Exhibit your roses – new rose growers are always welcomed at the Rose Society's national shows, where there are special classes for amateur breeders and novices.
- Online shopping – purchase specialist products from the Rose Society's online shop.

To find out more and become a member of The Rose Society go to

www.therosesociety.org.uk



WHAT'S ON AUTUMN EVENT SERIES



Twickenham Conservatives

We are looking forward to starting a new series of speaker events over the autumn. Usually these will be our First Monday events, as we used to do before lockdown, but we have a couple of exceptions to the usual dates of first Mondays in the month, due to speaker availability, party conference, etc.

Friday 3 September 8pm, Iain Dale

We begin this event series with a session with writer, broadcaster and political commentator Iain Dale. Come and join us at the **Royal Oak, 13 Richmond Rd, Twickenham TW1 3AB** for an *In Conversation* style event. You will know of Iain from his Conservative Home columns and his LBC show, and from running Biteback Publishing, as well as the many projects and campaigns he has run within and around the Conservative party for many years. We are delighted that he will join us for an hour on Friday 3 September to talk about his experiences in political life, and particularly his book *Why Can't We All Just Get Along...*



This event is free of charge. Please arrive between 7:30 and 8pm to buy your drinks at the bar and join us upstairs in the function room for this event. With our apologies, there is no step-free access to the room where we will hold this event. We are sorry for this limitation, and are working to find more accessible premises for future events.

You are very welcome to bring friends, neighbours, colleagues and anyone who is interested in Conservative politics, whether or not they are party members. We would love to meet people who have not yet joined the party, so please bring with you anyone local who is sympathetic to the Conservative Party and will enjoy the evening.

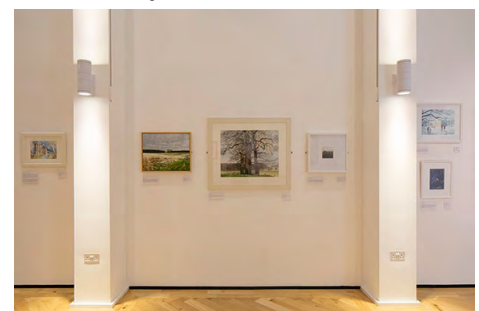
Calling all artists living or working in Richmond Upon Thames

Orleans House Gallery is inviting submissions from artists living or working in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames for the November open call exhibition – Breaking Ground.

Running alongside Richmond Literature Festival, Orleans House Gallery will curate an exhibition of work by local artists responding to the same stimulus as this year's festival – 'how we can build a better world that is more sustainable, more inclusive and more equal?'. The exhibition will run in the Stables Gallery at Orleans House Gallery from 6 to 21 November.

The deadline for proposals is 12 noon on 11 October.

Visit the [Orleans House Gallery website](https://www.orleanshousegallery.com) to find out more and apply.



Empowering sustainable food production

Through the [Measurement for Recovery \(M4R\) programme](#), NPL supported IntelliDigest by providing guidance on monitoring potential gas emission to ensure the safe use, within a residential environment, for IntelliDigest's nature inspired robot-iDigest. The robot-iDigest uses an enzymatic process to break down food waste into sustainable chemicals.

The UK food and drink sector produces 10 million tonnes of food waste each year, according to the Waste and Resources Action Programme. Much of this is incinerated or composted, creating carbon dioxide and air pollutants that contribute to climate change and health problems, respectively. One solution is large-scale food waste digesters which break down food into a gas that can be combusted for heating. However, this process is usually very slow, taking around three weeks to completely digest food material, which is not suitable for most applications.

IntelliDigest is developing the iDigest, the world's first 'automated bio-upcycler' which processes food waste to produce sustainable chemicals in just eight hours. The sustainable chemicals can be used in agriculture and in producing circular packaging. The company is working with Revolutionise London (ReLondon) to assess the potential applications of the technology in hospitality, offices, household food waste collection, and other sectors. The product is designed to be used anywhere that food waste is generated, it is therefore important that its use does not pose a risk to health. Proving this is a key requirement to commercialising the product and essential to getting buy in from ReLondon.

The COVID-19 pandemic delayed plans to commercialise iDigest and M4R provided the support to enable the service and speed up the commercialisation of the device. NPL conducted a review of academic literature to assess the likely gas emission based on the chemical processes involved within iDigest. NPL scientists then reviewed commercially available sensors and filters which could be incorporated into the product to check for these contaminants. This was presented as a report advising on options for sensors and filters that were critical for device design, and how they should be setup to deliver effective gas monitoring.

The report enabled IntelliDigest to understand the options for quality control sensors and portable analysers that they could use to monitor emissions from the new system and provided guidance on strategies for integrating them. Once deployed, these devices will help them to demonstrate the safety of the solution for use in a residential environment, boosting confidence to customers needing to dispose of food waste, which may include domestic, retail and hospitality buyers, and prove the gas produced is suitable for use.

Considering the different feedstocks that will be put into iDigest in operation, inline monitoring is crucial to validating the safety of the process against feedstocks or different operating conditions. This advances the product development of iDigest as a commercial product. They plan to launch during COP26 in November 2021 and estimate that the M4R project reduced their time-to-market by three months, enabling them to meet this key date. The data proving gas safety will support sales of the new product by increasing end user confidence and has already helped them gain serious interest from customers including Marriott Hotels. This data also played an important role in pitching for funding in March 2021 and may be also used for future grants and investment.

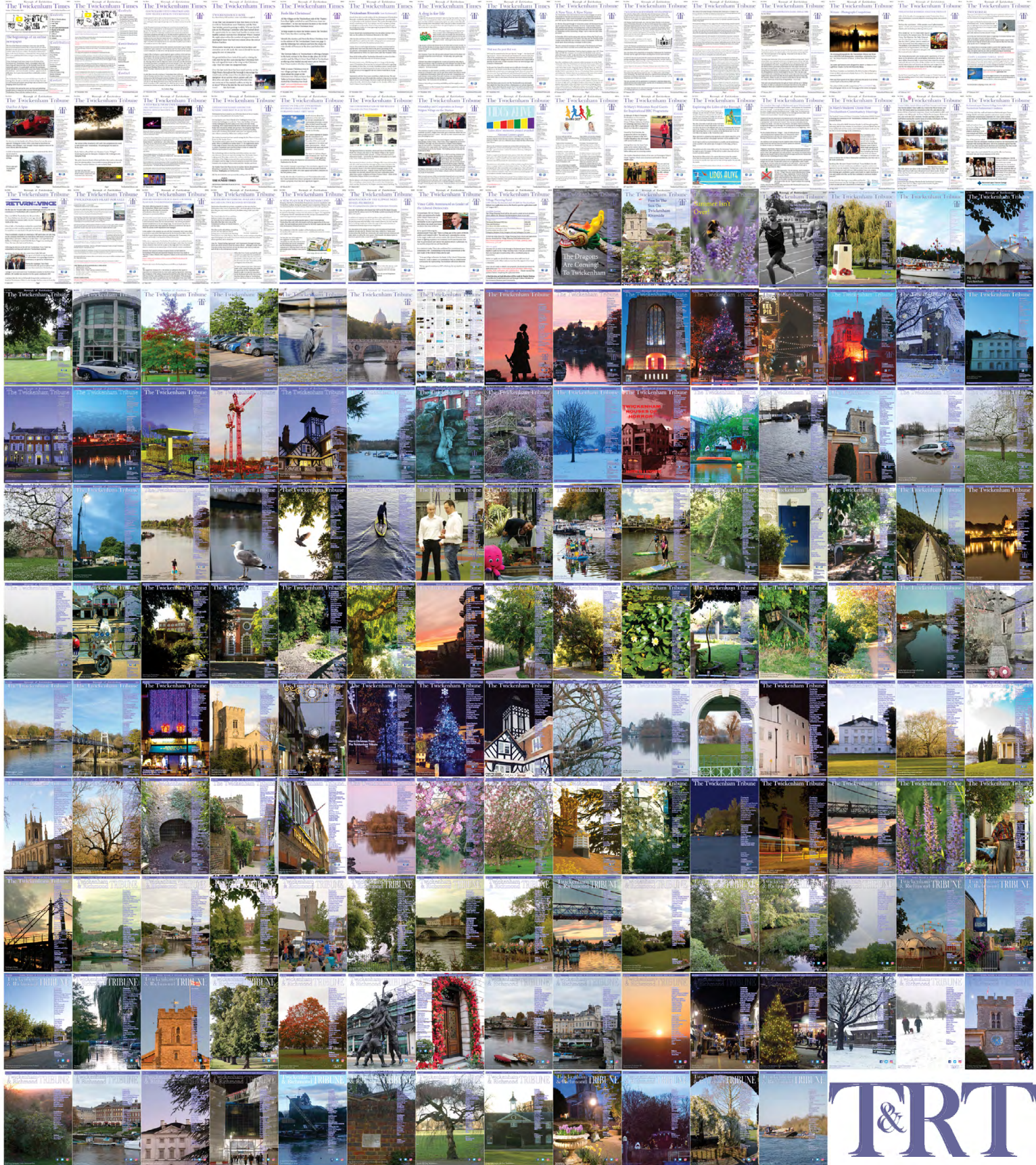
Once launched, iDigest will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by diverting food waste from landfill, supporting local councils' Clean Growth Strategy and net zero ambitions. It will also reduce exposure to bioaerosols for those storing and handling food waste.

Femi Omoniyi, Higher Research Scientist, NPL said: *"Working alongside other colleagues at the biogas purity laboratory at NPL, we were able to advise on sensor requirements for this novel process. We were also able to gather more information on the perception of stakeholders in the biogas industry on contaminants realised from biogas production and review current sensors and commercial analysers for biogas quality monitoring. Monitoring of the reviewed contaminants will be crucial for Intellidigest's process to ensure the quality of gas from the iDigest."*

Ifeyinwa Kanu, Founder and CEO of IntelliDigest, said: *"NPL were very knowledgeable about gas analysis and delivered what we needed to a high standard. The output was very valuable to our product development and has reduced our time to market by three months."*



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