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Campaigners applaud focus on 'best use of land' but call for more action to protect and enhance green spaces. Campaigners at CPRE London today (Wednesday) welcomed the new London Plan published in draft today (Wednesday). Neil Sinden, Director of CPRE London said: 'We are encouraged by the policies it proposes to make more efficient

use of low-rise, low density industrial estates and the firm commitment to protecting the Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land. Making more efficient use of land and protecting London's precious green spaces were high on our list of priority areas for the new plan.

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Ruth Cadbury Slams Last Week's Budget

Ruth Cadbury MP slammed last week's Budget for "doing nothing for the many, and taking nothing away from the few".

Speaking in Parliament in the Budget Debate, the Brentford & Isleworth MP criticised the Government for continuing to cut funding for local services, doing nothing to address the housing crisis, and doing far too little to help those struggling to make ends meet, particularly women on whom the brunt of cuts fall.

Ruth Cadbury said "There is nothing in the Budget for local councils. They are the backbone of local public services, yet are dependent on Government grants for around half their funding. Children's and adult social care take up the largest part of their budgets, but rubbish, roads, parks, libraries and supporting a host of local organisations that provide their communities with services that are all essential Council spend".

"Hounslow Council will have to make £45m cuts to these vital services in the next two



Ruth Cadbury MP

years, after already making £20m cuts over the last two." Ruth went on to criticise the Conservative's austerity policies. "The Government has blown the post-crash opportunities by an approach that has hampered the country's growth and damaged our public services. Seven years later wages are down, growth and productivity are both down compared with our competitor countries. At same time government debt is double that of 2010 and thanks to Brexit, future growth and productivity projections have been further downgraded."

What Ruth proposed was "A budget that is committed to investing in Britain, so we have a high skill, high wage economy, investing in our infrastructure north and south. Labour's budget would have included building council housing, pausing and fixing Universal Credit, reversing tax-giveaways to the super-rich, cutting down on tax avoidance, scrapping the public sector pay cap and introducing a real living wage of at least £10 an hour."

Fulham Thief Steals Prosthetic Legs

Police are appealing for witnesses and information after a woman's prosthetic legs were stolen from inside her car. Officers from Hammersmith and Fulham received a report of a theft from a motor vehicle on Sunday, 26 November. The theft took place from a vehicle parked on Michael Road, SW6, between 14:30hrs and 16:30hrs that day. It is believed that two males on scooters smashed both the car's passenger-side windows and stole two bags from the backseat - one containing three prosthetic legs and one containing a laptop.

The victim, aged in her 40s, was in a nearby restaurant at the time of the offence. When she returned to her vehicle and discovered the theft she alerted the police. Inspector Darren Desa, of Hammersmith and Fulham Borough, said: "This is a heinous crime where heartless thieves have stolen the victim's personal property, including her prosthetic legs. This is extremely distressing for the victim. "We would appeal for any witnesses or anyone with information to contact us as soon as possible.

"I would also appeal to anyone who knows where the prosthetic legs are to do the right thing and hand them in to police or inform police where they are. They are of no use to anyone but the victim." No arrests have been made. Enquiries continue. Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101 or Tweet @MetCC. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or at crimestoppers-uk.org.

Chiswick School Holds Consultation Surgery

On Monday 4th December, Chiswick School are offering families a consultation surgery between the times of 4.30pm and 7pm. Visitors will be offered up to 15 minutes in a one-to-one meeting and subject department representatives will be present on the evening.



Wellington Primary And Hounslow Council Celebrate Expansion

Wellington Primary School and Hounslow Council marked the completion of £15m expansion project with an official opening ceremony on Tuesday 28 November. The new facilities at the school in Sutton Lane, TW3 4LB, is part of the Council's extensive expansion programme and part of its pledge to provide sufficient and high quality school places in the borough. To mark the completion of the works, the Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Sue Sampson, joined pupils and staff by cutting the ribbon to officially open the new facilities. The refurbishment and extension will provide additional classrooms to increase it from a two-form entry to a four-form entry school. It also includes £3m of remodelling and expansion to the existing school which now forms the nursery and infants school.

A further £12m has allowed us to develop the new building on Church Meadows which now forms the junior school, opened to pupils early September this year. The Wellington Primary School expansion has enabled the council to meet its pledge to ensure there are enough places for all pupils in the borough. The expansion has created an additional 420 places at Wellington Primary which will support the anticipated growth in pupil numbers. Councillor Tom Bruce, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Youth Services, Hounslow Council, said: "We have worked hard to ensure that all our children have a school place as close to where they live as possible. "For Wellington Primary, this is an exciting phase and I am sure staff and pupils will enjoy the new facilities." The project also now has new

modern facilities such as a stand-alone sports pavilion and multi-use sport pitch on Church Meadows. There is also a brand-new hall, studio, food technology room, computer suite, groups rooms, library, art room, a newly fitted kitchen and a further 16 classrooms. Debbie Norton, Head teacher at Wellington Primary School said: "We are thrilled with our new junior school and the improved facilities for our pupils. We thank Hounslow Council for investing in the education of our children and we look forward to this fabulous new building serving the community for another 80 years." For more information about Hounslow Schools visit hounslow.gov.uk/schools

Sustained Pressure From Rupa Huq MP Forces Government Review Of Abortion Clinic Protests

The issue of harassment in Ealing and what local MP Rupa Huq has called "the menace of Mattock Lane" looks like it may be resolved with the announcement by the government will undertake a review into safety of women around abortion clinics with a view to changing the law. The enquiry will examine evidence gathered from the police, local authorities and healthcare providers. The review will see what more needs to be done and the Policing Minister Nick Hurd has written to the National Policing Lead for Protest, Deputy Chief Constable Rachel Swann to begin this work before considering what further action the government can take to protect those using or working in abortion clinics. This could include bolstering existing or creating new police and civil powers. The announcement comes in the wake of sustained campaigning on this issue from Ealing Central and Acton MP Rupa Huq and follows on from the near unanimous vote by Ealing Council on the 10th of October to look into the introduction of a Public Spaces Protection Order around the Mary Stopes Clinic on Mattock Lane. Since then Rupa has questioned Home Secretary Amber Rudd in Parliament on the issue, forced a debate in Parliament on public order legislations outside of Family Planning Clinics and has written to the Home Secretary to ask for the introduction of legislation for buffer zones outside of Family Planning Clinics. The letter spearheaded by Rupa was co-signed by another 112 MPs from across five Parliamentary Parties, with signatories from 4 party leaders including the Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn MP and is thought to have been particularly influential in forcing this action from the Government.

Following a telephone call from the Home Secretary Rupa Huq MP issued the following statement: "I have been speaking out on this issue in Parliament for some time now, so I am pleased that the Home Secretary is undertaking a comprehensive review into the daily intimidation that women face when trying to access NHS provided healthcare. Whilst I welcome this review, the demands of the original campaign remain. A radial zone to exclude protests within 150 metres and no less must be drawn. This would include silent praying, singing hymns, displaying foetus images and leaflet distribution. The complete anonymity of women seeking terminations should be protected as one would expect with any other NHS procedure. The situation in my



Rupa Huq MP on BBC News

own constituency and conversations I've had with colleagues of all parties - including Amber Rudd whose own Hastings seat has one such clinic - made me come to the conclusion that it is high time this was addressed. I welcome the review then with cautious optimism and hope that it reports in timely fashion rather than pushing this important issue into the long grass." The Ealing MP told The Chiswick Herald "The Home Secretary called on Saturday evening to inform me of her plan to move forward with an in-depth assessment. It is great that Home Secretary has taken this forward nationally from a campaign which began locally in Ealing and is a huge credit to groups such as Sister Supporter and BPAS who have worked hard with me to get to this point".

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Council is proposing to build over Green Belt land the size of some 150 football pitches, the proof of the plan will be in what the Mayor does to pursue these aspirations. He needs not just to oppose applications for development adversely affecting Green Belt but to challenge emerging plans by London Boroughs to allocate Green Belt for development - such as the alarming proposals in the draft Hounslow West of Borough Local Plan. Neil Sinden continued: 'While welcoming recognition of the importance of the Green Belt, we are disappointed at the lack of measures to enhance the quality and value of London's green spaces. Too many parks, for example, are damaged by noise pollution - second only to air pollution in its damaging impact on human health. We would like to see a much higher priority given to tackling noise and a strategic approach to protecting and enhancing a network of places of relative tranquillity

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Ruth Cadbury MP 'Delighted To Support' #GivingTuesday

#givingtuesday is the global day of giving that follows Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as a day to give back. Ruth Cadbury MP was in Parliament to celebrate the great things that are achieved by charities every day.

This is the fourth year #givingtuesday has taken place in the UK, a campaign which encourages people to 'do good stuff' for charity. Over 2,000 charities and businesses have signed up as partners in the campaign including Cancer Research UK, The Big Give, Royal Bank of Scotland, Morrisons, Sainsbury's, the Co-Op and Radley.

Ms. Cadbury will be attending a Local Tesco's in Brentford and Isleworth on Thursday to kick start their food collection between Thursday 30th November and Saturday 2nd December. Since 2012, over 30 million meals have been donated to help FareShare and The Trussell Trust support people in need across the UK. Last year, #givingtuesday broke a Guinness World Record for the most online donations in 24 hours as peo-

ple gave \$48 million to good causes globally, with the UK being the second largest contributor. #GivingTuesday now runs in over 70 countries including the US, Canada, Germany, Spain, Singapore, Australia, Tanzania, Russia and Ireland.

It is led in the UK by the Charities Aid Foundation, one of Europe's largest charitable foundations which supports charities in managing their money and helps people and businesses give to good causes. The strapline for the campaign is 'do good stuff', encouraging people to do anything from donating money, volunteering, or simple acts of kindness that have huge impact.

Charities, businesses and individuals can sign up to be part of the event at www.givingtuesday.org.uk or connect via Facebook and Twitter.

Ruth Cadbury for MP for Brentford and Isleworth said: "I'm delighted to support #givingtuesday, supporting my local charities and encourage everyone in Brentford and Isleworth that is able to get



involved. It's a great event and an exciting opportunity for charities and businesses locally to showcase the work they do all year round. Hounslow Food Box in particular feeds so many and is in need of donations of non-perishable food and baby formula milk."

Ashleigh Milson, #givingtuesday project lead at the Charities Aid Foundation said: "#givingtuesday is a day all about giving back, and we're delighted to have Ruth Cadbury MP on board"

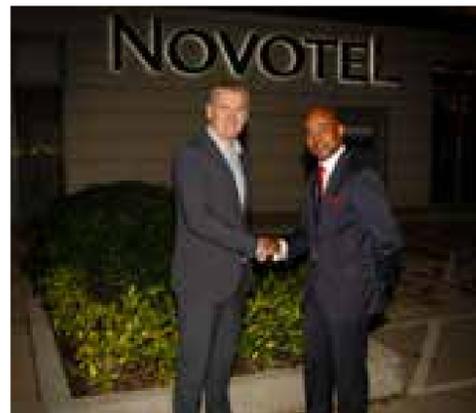
"The UK is one of the most generous countries in the world, and we at CAF are proud to run this campaign here - it's a fantastic opportunity to showcase all the great things that people and businesses are doing for charity."

Brentford FC Partners With Local Novotel

Brentford Football Club is delighted to announce another Official Club Supplier Partnership. The club has entered a strategic partnership with local hotel Novotel London Brentford, solidifying an existing relationship. After more than three years working with the Club, Novotel London Brentford has now signed up as a Brentford FC Official Club Supplier for the 2017/18 season and beyond.

Brentford FC has been using the nearby Novotel, which is on the corner of Ealing Road and Great West Road - a few minutes from Griffin Park, as part of match preparations in recent years. Before every home match the Brentford players use the modern and contemporary hotel for their pre-match meal and analysis. It is also used to house new signings before they find permanent accommodation in the area and by the Club for meetings and events.

James Parkinson, Brentford Commercial Director, said: "Novotel London Brentford has always been very sup-



portive of The Bees. Our First Team certainly enjoy the set up and association with such a prestigious hotel property. Brentford FC are moving into exciting times with the launch of digital partnerships and a new stadium move. To build on our relationship during this period and take key partners on this journey shows the Club taking positive commercial steps."

Terence Beach, General Manager Novotel London Brentford said; "We are delighted

to be supporting our local club, Brentford FC, welcoming the new signings and hosting meetings and events for the Club. Our hotel is perfect for business and pleasure with built-in meeting rooms for people to work as well as areas to relax and unwind after a busy day so is ideal for team members to enjoy."

For more information on Novotel London Brentford, please visit: novotel.com

£997,000 For Hounslow Community Arts

Watermans arts centre in Hounslow has been awarded £997,063 from Arts Council England to continue a programme of people-focused art and culture development in the area.

Creative People & Places is the Arts Council's national investment in engaging new audiences in the arts, in areas where there is little or no access to arts and culture. In Hounslow, people's involvement in the arts is significantly below the national average.

Since 2014 Creative People & Place Hounslow has worked from the grass roots up to create a confident, colourful and creative borough. Led by Watermans, activities have included launching the Hounslow Community Choir, developing arts hubs in the area, supporting small arts organisations with training and business support, and providing free, high-quality art and culture like the Winter Lights event and drop-in drama at Benson and Estridge estate.

This new award of £997,063

will secure the project's future for another three years.

Joyce Wilson, London Area Director, Arts Council England, said:

"Creative People & Places is about more than just great art, it's about supporting communities to shape their own arts and culture provision. This is what we've seen happening across Hounslow with the direction of Watermans. I'm pleased we are able to continue this project and see more impact in this community."

Watermans leads the Creative People & Places Hounslow consortium, including community arts organisations, a community development trust, Hounslow Music Service and the local authority. Jan Lennox, Director, Watermans, said:

"It's been extraordinary working with so many local people who have brought so much to this programme, creating the kind of borough that they want: from

Salisbury Café that was transformed into a gallery featur-



ing the work of local artists, to the many participants from all backgrounds in the huge, annual Winter Lights festival. We've also seen so many people inspired by taking part in the arts in the range of groups springing up around the borough, from bhanga in the Beavers Estate to a brass band in Feltham." There are 21 independent Creative People & Places projects, each located in an area in England where people have traditionally had fewer opportunities to get involved with the arts, including Barking & Dagenham in East London. Projects have reached over 1.2 million people since 2015, 90% of whom do not regularly engage in the arts.

Bedford Park Society Calls For Objections To Third Runway

The Bedford Park Society has called for objections to a third runway at Heathrow. A message on their official website is as follows:

"Act now to lodge your objections to the Third Runway consultation. Find out more about how to do this and the points you may want to include.

The Government has extended the consultation period on the proposed Third Runway at Heathrow until 19 December. This follows the publication of new information reinforcing the negative environmental impact on west London, particularly on air pollution levels, and revised figures putting Gatwick ahead in terms of the economic benefits.

Even if you lodged an objection during the previous consultation period, you are asked to add your voice again in opposing the Third Runway in order to demonstrate the strength of local opinion



Heathrow Terminal 5

and have an impact on the decision-making process. Officially produced noise maps show that Bedford Park will have significantly increased and highly disruptive aircraft noise if the new flight paths are organised, as expected, to minimise the total number of people affected.

You can respond using the online form but it's probably easier to send your comments by email: RunwayConsultation@dft.gsi.gov.uk (or write to: Freepost RUNWAY CON-

SULTATION) to avoid tackling the technical language in the online form. Please bear in mind that if you do use the form, you are free to write whatever you want about your objections and that there is no need to give a lengthy response whichever medium you use.

The Society is preparing a formal response but we encourage everyone to submit an individual objection, as the volume of objections lodged is critical."

Local School Benefits From Co-Op Fund



Student Receive Cheque From Mr Shah, Manager Of The Co Op On Boston Manor Lane

Brentford School for Girls was delighted to receive £1295.96 from The Co-op Local Community fund.

The school's local Co-op on Boston Manor Road in Brentford supported the school as one of their local charity causes.

In total there are more than 4,000 causes across the UK that benefit from the community fund awards which are supporting and making a difference in local communi-

ties. Every time a customer purchased a product from the Boston Manor store over the six month period 1% of the customer's total spend went towards the school.

Mrs Partington, Brentford School for Girls Business Manager, commented "Store Manager Mr Shah and his team have once again worked really hard in supporting the school with nominating us for this project for a second time and for their on-going support

sponsoring us at other functions throughout the year, we are all extremely grateful".

Two students from the school were able to go to meet Mr Shah and his staff to thank them all personally.

To find out more about The Co-op Community fund pop into the local Boston Manor Road branch and whilst visiting you could sign up to become a Co-op Member, it only costs £1 and makes a difference to a cause of your choice.



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Hounslow's Foster Carers' Dedication Honoured At Awards

Hounslow Council's foster carers have been recognised once again for the commitment they show to the borough's children in care.

Foster carers were honoured in recognition of their work at the annual foster carers awards ceremony which took place at the Clayton Hotel, Chiswick, on Friday [17 November].

The event was attended by Maria Pedro, The Queen's Representative, Deputy Lieutenant for Hounslow, Councillor Sue Sampson, the Mayor of Hounslow, Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council, and Councillor Tom Bruce, Cabinet Member for Education, Children's Services and Youth Services, Hounslow Council.

They were joined by the Council's fostering team, the director of children's services, and ward councillors.

The awards ceremony, now in its nineteenth year, recognises carers' long service and outstanding commitment to looking after local children and young people.

Awards were presented to:

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15 years service

- Tracy and Paul Treadaway

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Councillor Tom Bruce, Cabinet member for Education and Children's Services,

Hounslow Council, said: "Each year we hear about the truly wonderful dedication that our foster carers show to the children in our care.

"They provide a safe, secure and stable home and just as importantly care and affection, for however long these children and young people are with them.

"It's fantastic to see so many carers who have been fostering for so long, which goes to show how rewarding being a foster carer can be."

Hounslow currently has 110 approved households that provide foster care.

The Council is keen to hear from residents who are interested in becoming a foster carer. To find out more about it and for more details on the service, visit

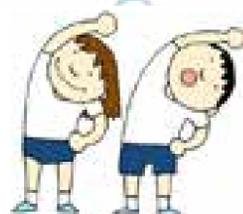
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Dedication Rewarded: Sultan Mahmood Collects An Award On Behalf Of Him And His Wife Iffat Mahmood. He Is Pictured With The Mayor Of Hounslow, Cllr Sue Sampson And Cllr Tom Bruce, Cabinet Member For Education, Children's Services And Youth Services, Hounslow Council.

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Small Business Saturday Returns To Hounslow This Weekend



Councillor Steve Curran

Shopping local is the key as Small Business Saturday returns to Hounslow on Saturday 2 December.

Residents are being urged to think about visiting the shops that are on their doorstep in town centres across the borough in what is said to be the busiest shopping day of the year, with three weeks to go to Christmas Day.

This year, there is an opportunity for a local retailer to be crowned winner of a festive shop window of the year competition.

A reminder that entries must be in by Thursday 30 November – businesses are asked to send in a photograph of their decorated window and contact details to enquiries@investhounslow.com

On Saturday, there will be

a host of festive events taking place across the borough to entertain families as they shop, including at the Isleworth Christmas market, which hosts over 30 stalls.

Other town centres will also be in full flow for Christmas with a range of crafts, food and more on offer.

Small Business Saturday, an initiative that originated in the United States, is now held annually and in recent years has seen the profile of local businesses rise as residents and visitors were encouraged to visit independent shops and spend time in their local High Street as they hunt for Christmas gifts.

The event is also aimed at creating a more long-term boost for local businesses and the communities they are in.

Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council said: “We encourage all residents and visitors to the borough on Saturday 2 December to celebrate and support the local shops and businesses and the part they play in the community.

“We want to make sure our local businesses are given the support they need to thrive as much as possible. On this, the busiest shopping day in the run up to Christmas, there’s no better time to visit your local High Street and perhaps find something different for your gifts this year and show your support at the same time.”

For more details on Small Business Saturday, visit smallbusinesssaturdayuk.com/

Lib Dems Condemn Tory Position On EU Citizen Rights

Chiswick’s Liberal Democrats have condemned the Conservative Government’s continued failure to clarify the rights of EU citizens currently living in the United Kingdom.

A recent poll from the EU citizens’ group the3million claims that the Government’s proposed ‘settled status’ is overwhelmingly rejected by EU citizens living in UK.

“The Government’s willingness to play games with the rights of EU citizens will be met with anger and anxiety by the thousands of EU citizens living in Chiswick and Hounslow. While they rightly worry about their futures, the Conservatives keep treating them and Britons living in the EU as pawns in their dodgy chess game,” said Chris Gillie, prospective Lib Dem council candidate for the Turnham Green ward.

The Liberal Democrats support the #RightToStay campaign and have a long history



of supporting civil liberties nationally and locally.

Hounslow has the 7th highest concentration of European citizens of any constituency in the whole of the United Kingdom, all of whom are entitled to vote at local elections. Local Liberal Democrats are concerned about the impact of Brexit on the rights of Chiswick’s many EU citizens and their families. Gillie’s own mother, who is French, is ‘distressed’ about whether she will have a right to stay and on what terms.

Local Liberal Democrats are also concerned about the impact on the local NHS and

public services as Brexit begins to deter EU nationals from coming to work in the UK.

“Liberal Democrats are passionately committed to protecting the full rights of EU citizens living here and to defending those rights in the face of a divisive Tory Brexit. They should be concerned local Conservative councillors won’t stand up against Brexit because some voted for it. As for Labour, who knows where they REALLY stand on Brexit and locally residents can’t afford to give Labour carte blanche next May,” said Gillie.

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Rupa Huq MP Tells Parliament That Government Policy And Budget Changes Will Exacerbate London’s Housing Crisis

Speaking on the day of the budget Ealing Central and Acton MP Rupa Huq claimed that greater transparency of international finance is needed to stop damaging the capital’s property market. She told the House of Commons “As a London MP I am acutely aware of the housing crisis in our capital. The UK property market seems to be skewed by the apparently uncontrolled flow of anonymous and potentially laundered money from those secrecy jurisdictions.” Huq then addressed the Stamp Duty exemption announced earlier in the day on properties selling at up to £300k to help first time buyers claiming “the Office for Budget Responsibility is already saying that it will only inflate prices rather than address the real problem.” Indeed the OBR have claimed that those who will benefit most from the Chancellor’s move are those who already own homes.

The debate which was led by the Parliamentary Group on Anti-corruption, of which Dr Huq is co-chair, largely fo-



cused on issues related to the revelations in the so-called ‘Paradise Papers’ which identified how a variety of individuals and multi-national companies have sheltered their wealth in secretive tax havens and followed the budget statement. Huq also pointed out that it was morally wrong to dodge tax even when legally possible and took a pot shot at one of the most famous offenders when she declared in Parliament “Even if he acted within the letter of the law, the be-

haviour of Bono of U2 was close to the edge.”

After the debate she told us “I was very disappointed with the government response. David Cameron at least talked the talk on cracking down on corruption but from Theresa May there has been no action in a government with the wrong priorities all round: they didn’t even mention social care which is the biggest crisis of our times for any MP”.

Hounslow Parks Back With The Council



Gunnersbury Park

Hounslow Council has committed to take back the management of the borough’s parks, all of which it owns, from contractors Carillion. At a Cabinet meeting last night [Tuesday, 21 November], it was agreed that the Council’s wholly-owned company, Lampton 360, will use to handle parks management

from April 2018. Councillor Samia Chaudhary, Cabinet Member for Green Policy and Leisure, Hounslow, said; “By making this change, all the borough’s parks will be maintained to the same high standards, investment made in new vehicles and equipment, and savings of over £1 million per year will be

made.” “As such, the transfer will help achieve the Council’s promises of making Hounslow a cleaner, greener borough, encouraging active and healthy communities, and delivering quality services and value for money.”

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Ethical Debt Collection In H&F To End Use Of Bailiffs

H&F Council will no longer use bailiffs to collect council tax debt from 1 April 2018. New, ethical debt collections have launched in the borough – with a brief to save public funds by ending the use of bailiffs for council tax collection, and helping residents avoid debt in the first place. In a revolutionary new joint venture, Hammersmith & Fulham Council and 1st Credit are setting out to improve the treatment of those who owe debts to the council. We also want to dramatically reduce the number of cases that end up in court. “Heavy handed debt collection in the public sector is counter-productive: court action, bailiffs and lawyers all cost money, and can create high levels of stress and anxiety in families that find themselves in debt,” said Cllr Max Schmid, H&F Cabinet Member for Finance. “We are determined to offer an ethical approach to debt management that both helps residents at risk of falling into debt and saves money for taxpayers at a time of massive funding cuts from central government.” This new partnership changes the way public sector debts are handled, applying Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) standards to public debts, as well as private sector debts. The scheme – called H&F Ethical Debt Collections – will see the ending of the use of bailiffs for council tax debt from 1 April 2018, avoiding increased hardship for residents and greater expense for the council. “Using bailiffs can have unintended consequences. For example, if a bailiff pressures someone into paying their council tax arrears at the expense of their rent, they are more likely to be evicted and end up in temporary accommodation. This can have severe emotional costs for the evicted family and huge financial costs for the council and other parts of the public sector. “So instead of bailiffs, we will be using our own ethical debt collection approach. In



simple terms, it means never asking anyone to pay more than they can afford, treating people with courtesy and respect, and carrying out proper income and expenditure assessments to agree what can be paid and over what period. It'll take us a little time to make the change, but we'll do so by April next year. “Our decision to not use bailiffs is not going to allow anyone who should be paying their taxes to avoid doing so. Anyone who can afford to pay but refuses to do so will be pursued using more effective, and more ethical, legal means.” The joint venture has already started taking over collections in the borough, beginning

that this can be done – and we look forward to working with the council and many other local authorities to support them in addressing this challenge.” “There is a huge gulf between best practice in the private sector and normal practice in the public sector, and we want to see Financial Conduct Authority standards applied to all,” added Cllr Schmid. “The consequences of poor debt collection practices put a strain on our council budgets as well as those across the public sector and can be devastating to the wellbeing of families affected.” “In addition, costs of temporary accommodation, increased demand on temporary housing, social services and education services, affects physical and mental healthcare – can all result from heavy-handed use of bailiffs, putting a strain on the public purse.” Eddie Nott, UK Managing Director of 1st Credit, said: “It is time for public sector debt collection to change. We have developed analytical, ethical ways of working with individuals in debt to resolve their financial problems – protecting the vulnerable while maximising the money collected. “With an organisation the size of H&F there is enormous scope to set up a system of ethical debt collection that increases efficiencies, raises funds for the council to reinvest in local services and protects its residents from the negative effects of debt.” This new venture continues a move, which started in October 2015, to help residents in the borough avoid getting into troubling debt situations with the council. Since then, our Rental Income Team recruited three new staff members tasked with advising residents on managing their accounts with the council. Since then, the team has dealt with 763 local residents to generate £798,000 in extra income for the council, while helping residents avoid the stress of falling into debt.

Rare Handscroll Breaks Records At Chiswick Auctions

Two records were broken at Chiswick Auctions in this season's Asian Art sales. A rare handscroll broke the house record for the top price achieved for a single Lot. The remarkable 30 metre handscroll sold for an impressive £267,600 including premium. Competitive bidding in the saleroom and on the telephones saw a record sale total with a hammer of just over £1.1 million achieved across Fine Chinese Paintings and Asian Art. The star lot, by internationally recognised Chinese artist, Xu Naigu (1785 – 1835), features 97 calligraphic inscriptions which span 127 years by renowned historical figures. Contributors include the Chinese scholar, Weng Tonghe (1830 – 1904), who was appointed as tutor to two consecutive Emperors, and the Chinese journalist and member of the Chinese Nationalist Party, Dai Jitao whose speculated love child was adopted by President Chiang Kai-shek (1887 – 1975). The handscroll would have been displayed at literati gatherings where connois-



seurs gathered for esoteric artistic and philosophical debates with honoured guests invited to contribute. The work, illustrated and meticulously catalogued across 8 pages in the printed catalogue, won the prestigious ASIAN ART IN LONDON 2017 Commendment Award. Other stand-out results include a landscape painting by Huang Binhong (1864 – 1955) which sold for £51,250 incl. premium and was the featured Lot on the catalogue cover. A calligraphic hanging scroll by Huang Daozhou (attributed to, 1585 – 1646) also sold for £52,500 incl. premium. Begun in 1821, the scroll unusually has no inscriptions between 1828 and 1898 until it was 'rediscovered' by loyalists to the waning Qing dynasty. The inscriptions which date

Welcome Budget Backing For Small Business Says Local Specialist

Small businesses received some welcome backing in today's Budget, according to a local tax specialist. Franck Sidon who runs TaxAssist Accountants in Chiswick said: “Local business owners have grown used to bearing the brunt of Budget changes and new legislation and receiving little in return, but the Autumn Budget has at last given them some good news to encourage investment and growth. “The £44 billion housing investment announcement will be a welcome contribution to local economies, with many local businesses, particularly in the construction industry, reaping benefits. “Many local business owners will also be looking at available opportunities under the £2.5 billion scaled-up British Business Bank, the £500 million investment announced for new technologies including 5G mobile networks and fibre broadband and £2.3 billion investment in research and development.



“The Government has clearly listened to the Federation of Small Businesses and halted plans to lower the VAT threshold. Keeping that at £85,000 for the next two years will be welcome news for many small firms and self-employed business people. The personal allowance will increase to £11,850 from April and the higher rate threshold moves to £46,350. “Cancelling the planned rise in fuel duty will help those businesses which deliver products and services to our homes, where cars and vans are essential not a luxury. Many business owners will also be relieved that vans are excluded from the planned increase in vehicle excise duty for diesel vehicles. In the future, local business owners will want to look closely at the potential benefits of electric cars as company vehicles. “Business rates will now increase in line with the consumer prices index, instead of the higher retail prices index and many local businesses will be delighted to see the back of the so-called 'staircase tax' which would have hiked their rates bills if their workspace was split over more than one floor of a building. More frequent valuations are also welcome and many local pubs will benefit from a £1,000 discount for another year. “We will be looking in more detail at the many announcements made by the Chancellor which will impact on small businesses, but overall there has at last been some recognition for the over five million small businesses across the U.K. who contribute a massive £1.8 trillion to our economy.”

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St Paul's Girls' School Receives Assault Claims By Ex-Pupils



St Paul's Girls' School in Brook Green, Hammersmith

St Paul's Girls' School (SPGS) has received claims of abuse happening between the 1970s and 1990s, after asking ex-pupils for stories for a upcoming drama piece.

The school, located in Hammersmith and Fulham, has passed on relevant information to the authorities. Sarah Fletcher, headmistress said on those who came forward "Two wrote from personal experience, others about what they had heard from friends."

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Businessman Jailed For Heathrow Thefts

A businessman from Germany who stole airport passengers' luggage worth around £20,000 during work trips to London has been jailed for 16 months today (Tuesday, 21 November).

Isleworth Crown Court heard how the Met Police and Heathrow Airport Ltd teamed up to identify and arrest Bjorn Beil, 36 (16.12.80) from Düsseldorf after he stole suitcases during trips to the Capital on 13 September and 4 October this year.

Beil pleaded guilty to nine counts of theft at the same court on 24 October.

Officers from the Met's Aviation Policing Command followed a number of lines of enquiry, including trawling through hours of airport CCTV from the two days, in order to identify Beil.

Beil was shown stealing luggage from carousels and taking it into toilets, where he helped himself to valuables

including an Apple laptop, Louis Vuitton trainers and a Chanel handbag, then left the remaining luggage behind.

In the early hours of 23 October, Heathrow Airport Ltd identified that Beil was at the airport and informed the Aviation Policing Command.

Beil, who was due at a business meeting in central London that day, went to the luggage carousel for another flight where he stole a suitcase.

Officers caught him red-handed, arresting him moments later as he headed to a toilet. They found his mobile phone contained photos of some of the items he had stolen, including the Louis Vuitton trainers.

Investigating officer, PC Barry Munnely of the Aviation Policing Command, said: "Beil used his business trips as an opportunity to commit crime in the UK. When he arrived at the airport, Beil headed



Bjorn Beil

for the luggage carousels and helped himself to other people's suitcases.

"The Met and Heathrow Airport worked together to identify Beil and ensure he was brought before the courts.

"We are now working to return the stolen items to their owners, where possible, and to identify if anyone else was a victim."

Ruth Cadbury Defies Party Whip On EU Customs Union

Ruth Cadbury, MP for Brentford and Isleworth, defied party whip late Monday night to vote for the UK to stay in the EU Customs Union.

She voted in support of Labour backbencher Ian Murray's amendment designed to preserve the customs union - which was rejected by 311 votes to 76.

Mr Murray's amendment to the Taxation (Cross-border Trade) Bill excluded EU imports from new powers allowing the government to impose duties after Brexit.

26 other Labour MPs voted in support of the amendment, as well as two europhile Conservative MPs, Kenneth Clarke and Anna Soubry.

Ms Cadbury's constituency voted to remain in the EU at the referendum by 56.7% to 43.3% Leave.

She is a strong supporter of the European Union, having voted against triggering Ar-



icle 50 and Clause 1 of the EU Withdrawal Bill, which repeals the European Communities Act 1972 - the legislation for the UK originally joining the EU.

MPs return on Tuesday at 11.30am for Foreign Office questions before they resume consideration of the EU Withdrawal Bill at committee stage.

Kew House School Fund Outdoor Playground For Swan Centre

Parents at Kew House School raise money for outdoor play area and specially trained therapy dog at Strand Schools' Swan Centre as part of a collaboration between the two local schools.

As part of their ethos of looking beyond the school to the local community,

Kew House School pupils and parents have been inspired to fundraise on behalf of The Swan Centre, which supports local children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder.

By working together with the team at Strand Schools and with the enthusiastic support and kind donations of parents, Friends of Kew House School designed, commissioned and funded the transformation of a dreary terrace into an imaginative, nature-inspired, outdoor play area.

The playground was conceptualised by Hammersmith-based, landscape designer Nicola Lesbirel and constructed by educational playground specialists Beeston Jones; it



opens officially on November 17, 2017.

Friends of Kew House also funded the purchase and training of cockapoo Otis, a specially trained therapy dog, who is much loved by the children at the Swan centre.

Vanessa Townsend, Headmistress of Strand on the Green Infant and Nursery School said "We are thrilled with Otis and our new play area and committed to growing the relationship between our two schools."

Working together on this project has been of significant benefit to everyone because, in return, KHS students have

experienced volunteering and the transformative power of social action first hand. Time spent at The Swan Centre counts towards The Duke of Edinburgh accreditation, individuals in Society and Art, and offers work experience opportunities.

Says Mark Hudson, Headmaster at Kew House School, "the collaboration between our two schools and the willingness of Friends of Kew House School to support our efforts in these community-building activities genuinely helps our school to grow and our students to succeed."

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The Cognitive Healthy Ageing Register for Interventional and Observational Trials

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The numbers of patients with Alzheimer's disease and other late-life dementias are increasing exponentially world-wide, due to the unprecedented increase of longevity. Late-onset dementia is already the number 1 cause of death and is fast becoming a major socio-economic and healthcare world challenge, as the global annual costs of dementia care now exceed one trillion US dollars, which is greater than the annual combined costs of cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Yet, we still have little understanding of their causes and still lack effective dementia treatments. Unlike other devastating diseases, such as malignant cancers and heart attacks, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of late-onset dementia, has a long pre-clinical period of progressive accumulation of brain disease, extending (per-

haps) decades prior to disease onset. Hence the urgent need for studies involving cognitively healthy volunteers to help us better understand this pre-clinical period; factors that may confer risk or protection, as well as markers of risk

prediction and subsequent diagnosis and disease progression. This is the main objective of the CHARIOT Register, a collaboration between GPs, Imperial College researchers and the wider community of Londoners volunteering to

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By Professor Lefkos Middleton and Dr Chi Udeh-Momoh



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Lib Dem MP Layla Moran Makes Local Visit



Layla Moran, who is the Education spokesperson, is a Physics teacher by profession, formerly working as a Head of Year in an international school. She read Physics at Imperial College and holds an MA in Comparative Education. Layla has lots of local connections as she lived in Acton and campaigned on many local issues including crime and local schools.

Layla Moran MP said: "I was delighted to have been appointed the Lib Dem spokesperson for Education and

Young people. Speaking up for this is why I entered politics. I feel compelled to change the fact that an individual's chances of success are intimately linked to the background of their parents, rather than their own potential." At the meeting it was announced that the party's membership has doubled in the last year showing the future is brighter as many Conservative and Labour party members defect due to the issue of Brexit.

Apprenticeship Network Celebrates Success

Ealing's finest apprentices were celebrated as part of the Apprenticeship Network Awards on Wednesday, 15 November at Ealing Town Hall. The awards also honoured the highest achieving training assessor, apprentice supervisor and employers who all provide outstanding support and services to apprentices.

In its fifth year, the 100 apprenticeships in 100 days campaign has received 81 pledges so far to create new apprenticeships from 27 businesses and there's still time for more employers to sign up. The campaign finishes on Saturday, 9 December which offers access to quality employment and related training.

Overall, the campaign has seen over 200 businesses make more than 500 pledges to recruit apprentices as part of the council's Apprenticeship Network with the annual awards celebrating the milestones of all involved. Crowned the Apprentice of

the Year was Narmeen Tahir who began with employer Catalyst earlier this year. Since joining the company, Narmeen has taken on many roles as part of the community development arm known as Catalyst Gateway where she worked alongside the re-generation and anti-social behaviour teams.

Whilst getting involved with different tasks and projects, Narmeen consistently excelled and was an invaluable asset to the company and provided the added bonus of being able to speak to Punjabi speaking customers.

Highly commended were the efforts of Megan Walsh who took up an administration role with Evolve Learning Group, the business development arm of the Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College. Megan progressed from being unemployed and going through the council's WEST (Work, Education, Support and Training) scheme, to now being a valuable as-

set through Evolve's work in finding new prospective apprentices and linking them up with businesses.

A first for the awards saw the 'significant achievement award' presented which celebrates apprentices who make the 'greatest journey' to achieve success. Ben Sutton was the well-deserved winner having undertaken an apprenticeship whilst caring for his grandmother and being homeless. He was able to find a work-life balance where he took the opportunities given to him and undertook further training and promotion through Affinity Works.

By July 2017, Ben had completed his Qualifications and Credit Framework and ICT functional skill. Affinity Works offered him a permanent position and identified further IT related courses that will enhance his professional development.

Once Upon A Time Day Nurseries and Catalyst were both awarded Employer of the

Year, for small, medium employer and large employer respectively.

Catalyst established a new apprenticeship scheme in 2017 that encourages more people from different backgrounds to apply for each position. While, Once Upon A Time Day Nurseries now delivers its own training which allows the company to deliver bespoke programmes for each and every employee at Level 2 and beyond.

Supervisor of the Year was won by Laura O'Neill from A2Dominion while Joe Brennan from Joe Brennan Training celebrated winning the Assessor of the Year honour, especially for his work in developing construction apprentices.

Councillor Peter Mason, cabinet member for prosperity, skills, employment and transformation, said: "As the world of work is rapidly changing, we're committed as ever to enable people in the borough to get employment that pays



a truly living income. For our young people, an apprenticeship represents a fantastic way of learning new skills, gaining real world experience, at the same time as earning an income in the workplace.

"In exchange, local businesses get passionate young people, keen to get ahead in life, willing and able to take on new trades and professions. I'm so proud of the network of employers, trainers and supervisors who work to make this happen, and who come together each year to celebrate and reward all the hard work and effort that goes into ensuring our young people can really reach their full potential."

For more details on the apprenticeship programme, visit www.ealing.gov.uk/apprenticeships or call 020 8825 6234. If you are unemployed, living in the Borough and more than 18 years old, WEST can help. The scheme has helped more than 100 local people into jobs or training since it was set up by the council in 2015, with the support of the Mayor of London. Call 020 8825 9894 or email WEST@ealing.gov.uk for further information.

Christmas FoodBox Appeal



Faced with hungry families from Chiswick to Feltham, Hounslow Community Food-Box will be staying open on Christmas Eve in an attempt to put food on every table next day, and to provide every child with a present from Santa.

Ruth Cadbury MP is warning that it will be the "worst Christmas ever" for many families across the borough. She said: "It's going to be terrible. I mean, really worrying that there will be families around here who will have no Christmas dinner, nothing for the children. I think this is going to be the worst Christmas for too many local families that there ever has been.

"We're talking thousands – thousands of families are on Universal Credit, hundreds

and hundreds of families will be having problems with Universal Credit." While shelves at the food bank in Brickfield Close, Brentford, appear full, the demand from hungry families is at an all-time high and supplies are being used up rapidly. And it's not just food that's wanted, it's toys.

Volunteer Tina Noel said: "We're going to deliver a week before Christmas so every child is going to get a present of some kind.

"We're coming in Christmas Eve. We'll all have Christmas hats on, mince pies on the table, lots of Coca-cola and stuff, just to make sure that on Christmas Day all our clients have something to eat – and presents for the kids, crayons, teddy bears."

As a charity, FoodBox tries

to sidestep political issues. Hounslow has been leading the roll-out of Universal Credit, with its well-publicised problems.

FoodBox trustee Cllr Katherine Dunne said: "We're one of the areas of the country which has the most people on Universal Credit. We have over 12,500 people on Universal Credit."

And Tina Noel explained: "Everyone who comes in here is hungry. At the moment it's because of Universal Credit. That's 90 per cent."

Now FoodBox is mounting a pre-Christmas campaign for donations and volunteers to enable it to cope with the expected Christmas crisis. Can you help save someone's Christmas?

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The Government Not Tackling the Housing Crisis

by MP for Brentford and Isleworth Ruth Cadbury

The lack of truly affordable housing in London is the biggest policy challenge for the Government now, and one they are refusing to tackle. The Chancellor, in presenting last week's Budget, said that the Government is determined to fix the broken housing market and restore the dream of home ownership for a new generation. But here in West London many people just dream of having a home, let alone owning one, and that's why I challenged the Housing and Local Government Minister last week in Parliament to explain the Government's position.

I meet young and even not-so-young people locally who are unlikely to be able to leave their parents home for years. I meet so many families who have been made homeless, having to live for years in poor quality, temporary accommodation they can hardly afford, always at risk of having to move. And we are all aware of the shocking rise in rough sleeping in the last seven years.

The Chancellor repeated the mantra that the only sustainable way of making housing more affordable in the long term is to build more homes; yet there isn't a jot of evidence to say that building more homes in London will bring prices down in the current distorted housing market. But even if it did - shaving a few thousand of the asking prices, wouldn't help anyone earning less than £100,000 or without a 6-figure deposit from the bank of Mum and Dad

According to the Government's own figures average prices in London are 12 times the average worker's salary, so we need significant Government support to build homes that local people on all but high salaries can afford. Hounslow Council alone has around 10,000 households registered as being in housing need, so the national promise of 25,000 "affordable" homes is a drop in the ocean of what is needed.

The last time this country build more than 250,000 homes a year was in the 1970's and 40% were council homes. We

need to aspire again to building good quality, affordable to all stable permanent homes. Truly affordable rents will cut the benefit bill that currently goes to private landlords, and a major building programme will help the economy. Achieving this isn't rocket science. Council housing is a good investment, with rents providing a guaranteed return, so Councils should be free to borrow to build. Whilst the Chancellor announced a limited lifting of the borrowing cap, this is only a start, and requires Councils to compete for the privilege.

To really tackle the problem the Government needs to fund new home building on a massive scale. The £2bn promised for the affordable housing programme is a drop in the ocean of what is needed and the small print of the Budget Red Book has revealed that the £2bn promised for affordable housing is in fact coming from a cut in spending on other housebuilding programmes particularly "accelerated construction" and "starter homes" - so not new money.



Furthermore the Government is pushing £3.2bn on a stamp-duty giveaway to 3,500 first time buyers; that's £924,000, or three new Council homes for every buyer it benefits. Cutting stamp duty will just push prices up, won't increase housebuilding, and was tried and stopped by the coalition Government. What's more, the amount it will cost taxpayers overshadows the Universal Credit changes announced that cost £185m by

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Hounslow Council Supports Mayor Of London's New Anti-Knife Movement

Hounslow Council has welcomed the new anti-knife crime movement - 'London needs You Alive - don't carry a knife.'

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, launched a new campaign this week to stop knife crime, which has the support of some of the capital's most influential Londoners and anti-knife campaigners.

The campaign focuses on the value and potential of London's teenagers and is a key part of the Mayor's groundbreaking Knife Crime Strategy which got underway in June.

It is asking young people to post on social media to their family and friends telling them why London needs them alive and why they shouldn't carry a knife.

To help spread the message, the Mayor approached young artists and campaigners to encourage young people to take part.

Hounslow Council and the Metropolitan Police work

jointly to take action on all forms of crime, including knife crime and anti-social behaviour.

Councillor Hanif Khan, Cabinet Member for Community Protection, Hounslow Council, said: "We fully support the Mayor of London's anti-knife campaign and the messages it includes."

"It is so important that people, especially young people, are made aware of the consequences of knife crime and that they actually have a positive role to play, in telling those who do carry knives or are thinking of doing so, it is not right, it is not good and don't do it."

"We continue to work closely with the local police and also all our communities in the borough as they all can help make Hounslow a safe and great place to live, work, go to school and to visit."

Chief Superintendent Raj Kohli, Hounslow Police Borough Commander, said: "It



Mayor of London Sadiq Khan

saddens me that some young people feel the need to carry a knife. Best case scenario - going to prison and ruining your future. Worst case scenario - dying or seriously injured and no future. Choose a different scenario - don't carry a knife, stay alive and enjoy life." For more on the campaign, visit www.london.gov.uk

High Court Ends Long Running Legal Battle

Hounslow Council has successfully concluded action against the illegal occupation of Council land at Watermans Park and the riverside at Brentford by a number of boat owners who challenged its ownership and rights to occupy the area.

Legal costs of more than £300,000 have been awarded against eight boat owners who took the Council to court. They have to make an immediate interim payment of £150,000 within 21 days of the order.

If any person fails to move, and does not remove their boats, electrical cables, pipes and services to their boats, the Council is entitled to remove the boats and all the services to them after 21 days of the order.

The judgement handed down by Judge Wulwik, on 17 November, was a "penal notice" making non-compliance a criminal offence against all boat owners and any third party who may subsequently



arrive.

Hounslow Council has been given planning permission to redevelop this waterfront site. Residents who have legitimate moorings, have complained that it is not fair that illegal boaters at Watermans Park have continued to moor without paying any mooring fees. In addition, many of the boats are sub-standard and dangerous.

Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "I am pleased that this long running dispute is now at an end. These boats are moored unlawfully. Not only are they being unfair to owners who pay their mooring

fees and those who visit the marina, they are also getting rid of waste directly into the river and trespassing to access their boats.

"The Council gave the boat owners every opportunity to settle this matter including mediation to agree a date for them to leave which they ignored."

"Watermans Park has been earmarked for development including a new marina which will create jobs for local people and revitalise the area. We want to make sure that everyone is moored there legally and to create a clean, safe and accessible marina that can be enjoyed by all."

Liberal Democrats gain Council u-turn to help vulnerable residents

Over the past week I have felt like a Chiswick version of Vince Cable, who correctly predicted the financial crash before it happened.

As an opposition Leader, it is my role as the Liberal Democrat Leader to example what Ealing Council are doing and to scrutinise and predict the future so I can offer advice. Often the advice may be thought to be wrong but two examples clearly show my judgement to be spot on; Ealing Council's IT disaster a few years ago and very recently, the benefit cuts causing many to suffer.

The IT disaster was caused by a lack of investment in IT infrastructure from the Conservatives in charge that led to a week where the website and call centre was down. Soon after the disaster, the Council agreed to my proposal to hold an investigation and soon invested about £1.2 million to stop the same type of event from occurring again. More recently the Labour



administration agreed to a u-turn which we supported, which reverses a decision take two years ago that caused thousands of vulnerable people to be in a worse financial situation, in arrears or made homeless.

So two years ago, the Liberal Democrats were the ONLY party to vote against the Labour proposals to cut Council Tax Support benefits from thousands of vulnerable residents.

I got into politics to help the most vulnerable. Despite saying that thousands of residents in Ealing would suffer, both Labour and the Conservative party chose to turn a blind eye. After a long campaign, the Liberal Democrats are glad that the Council has reversed its decision. What was a small amount of money required, will help the lives of thousands of vulnerable residents in the borough. Both these decisions have showed that the Liberal Democrats should be heard. We listen to what residents are saying and turn this into plans that will help residents or stop many others from suffering.

Councillor Gary Malcolm, Leader, Liberal Democrat Group.

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Council Delivers On Its Promise To Stop HMOs



Hounslow Council has put in place measures to prevent houses in the Hanworth ward of the borough becoming Homes of Multiple Occupation (HMOs).

At a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, [21 November], the decision was taken to withdraw permitted development rights which enable property owners to change the use of a house without planning permission. Councils must have appropriate justification to withdraw these rights. It is only possible to do so where it is necessary to protect local amenity or the

wellbeing of an area.

Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "The type of properties in Hanworth, many of which were built in the 1930s, are completely inappropriate to be converted to HMOs."

"We consulted on our intention to prevent HMOs being created in the area and received overwhelming support. I am delighted that we have now been able to take this step as part of the council's overall commitment to ensuring quality homes in the borough."

The decision comes in the same week that Hounslow helped draw Government attention to unscrupulous developers and landlords reaping massive rental income from very small flats in converted houses.

Working with BBC 1 TV's Inside Out programme, evidence has been presented to Clive Betts MP, chair of the Government's Communities and Local Government Committee who has vowed to investigate.

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Local Nursery Eyes International Expansion

Local Nursery group Buttercups (with nurseries in Chiswick and Homefields) was chosen by the Department for International Trade to be part of its Early Years Education trade mission to China, earlier this month.

As an Ofsted Outstanding childcare provider, Buttercups were representing the UK sector, offering expertise and advice whilst exploring opportunities for collaboration.

More than 700 Chinese partners met with Paul Whitehouse, Buttercups Director, and the 13 other UK representatives, in a number of forums and networking events in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen. Delegates were also able to observe first hand existing early years provision in China and see the scale of investment involved. "The extent to which the EYFS is known and welcomed by many already in China was a real surprise. The scale with which it was implemented was also a shock with some nurseries being 200 or 300 place settings," said Paul Whitehouse.

With the largest education system in the world, China looks set to have an industry worth £340 billion by 2020. It is a measure of their high regard for UK nursery provi-



(above) The 14 UK delegates with Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary for the Department for International Trade and their Chinese hosts



Buttercups Director, Paul Whitehouse, discusses nursery provision with one of the Chinese delegates.

sion that they are inviting UK companies to discuss expansion into this booming market. Paul said, "The trip was an excellent chance to imagine expansion for which the barriers, to an organisation of our size, would initially seem insurmountable." As a follow up to the trade mission, representatives from a Chinese Real Estate firm visited Buttercups Day Nursery in Ealing this week.

Appeal To Help Find Missing 15-Year-Old Girl From Kensington And Chelsea

The teenager was last seen in Shepherd's Bush.

Police are appealing for help from the public to find a missing teenager from Kensington and Chelsea.

She has been missing since Saturday, 18 November when she was last seen in the Wilsham Street area of Shepherd's Bush at around 20.00hrs.

She is a black female, around 5ft 3in tall and of slim build. She has her hair tied in a bun. She was last seen wearing a black puffer jacket, grey track suit and black trainers.

Shanel is believed to be travelling around the north and central London areas on various bus routes.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police on 101, or tweet via @MetCC.



Missing: Shanel Nelson

Appeal For Vulnerable Missing H&F Woman

Police are appealing for help to find a vulnerable woman who is missing from Hammersmith and Fulham.

Xiu Hua Zhang, 37, who is Chinese, was last seen on Friday, 17 November in the Shepherds Bush area.

She is of thin build with long black hair. She was wearing a black Adidas jacket, a red top, grey ripped jeans, a grey scarf and drak coloured trainers.

She was also carrying a distinctive black bag with a long gold coloured chain and a gold circular design, as well as a Tesco carrier bag.

Xiu does not speak English and is not believed to be in possession of a bank card or Oyster card.

Officers are growing increasingly concerned for Xiu's welfare.

Anyone who has seen her is asked to contact officers at Hammersmith and Fulham via 101.



Missing: Xiu Hua Zhang

Council Set To Take Back Hounslow Parks Management



Gunnersbury Park

Hounslow Council is set to take back the management of the borough's parks, all of which it owns, from contractors Carillion.

At a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, 21 November, proposals are being discussed for the Council's wholly-owned company, Lampton 360, to be used to handle parks management from April 2018.

Councillor Samia Chaudhary,

Cabinet Member for Green Policy and Leisure, Hounslow Council, said; "We believe there is an opportunity by doing this to maintain our parks to the same high standards, but also enable investment in new vehicles and equipment, and make savings of over £1 million per year."

"It is important to note that there will be no change to the ownership of the parks which

will all continue to be owned, as now, by the Council. Lampton 360 will be contracted to undertake the operational services required in our parks on behalf of the Council.

"This will help the council to deliver its promise to make Hounslow a cleaner, greener borough, encourage active and healthy communities, and provide quality services and value for money."

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Autumn 2017: a budget for business

Dr P Singh, financial writer and owner: Cash for Invoices Limited (Chiswick)

Dr Singh provides a summary of some of the key announcements in the Budget of importance to businesses, large and small. Have a comment on the Budget or this article, then please write to Paul Williams at paulwilliams@chiswickherald.co.uk - Comments might be published in a future edition of the Chiswick Herald.

Phil Hammond's autumn 2017 Budget might be called many things: boring, safe, conspicuous by what it left out, or simply a success.

Mike Cherry, National Chairman at the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB), said of Phil Hammond's autumn budget: "Overall, this is a business-friendly Budget.

"1.5 million modest-earning small firms and the self-employed will be relieved that we have seen off a VAT tax grab that would have caused huge economic damage (Hammond has kept the VAT threshold at £85,000 for two years).

Cherry added: "We welcome the careful approach to protect diesel van drivers while at the same time addressing air quality...We also welcome the fuel duty freeze, which is vital to so many local businesses for customers, suppliers and staff." In 2018, fuel duty will remain frozen for the eighth year in a row, saving drivers £160 a year on average.

UK debt

The FT noted: "Less than two years after George Osborne, the former chancellor, was promising a surplus of £10bn in 2019/20, Mr Hammond is expecting a deficit of £35bn"

Forecasts for productivity growth and business investment are also revised down, and inflation (consumer price index, CPI) is forecast to fall from 3 to 2% later this year.

The FT added that austerity will still persist, with further welfare cuts and public service spending expected in 2022/23 to be below lower than it is today.

In 2009-10 the UK borrowed £1 in every £4 that was spent. Last year it was £1 in every £16.

The fall in borrowing means the government is adding less to UK debt every year. However the UK still has a debt of over £1.7 trillion - around £65,000 for every household

in the country.

Public sector borrowing is also set to fall as a percentage of GDP. The Institute of Fiscal Studies, however, calculates it will be after the 2060s before the government debt falls to levels seen pre-financial crisis.

Brexit continues to use up the government's time, and taxpayers' money: £3bn has been allocated to cover costs of Brexit.

Derek Williamson, Chair of the Walton Business Group, said: "the Budget was as good as it could be in view of the Budget Deficits and Brexit."

Infrastructure

Around £500m each has been allocated to support 5G networks, fibre broadband and artificial intelligence, and to support the growth of electric cars and charging points. £2.3bn has been allocated for business research and development.

An extra £100 million will go towards helping people buy battery electric cars.

The UK Centre for Data Ethics and Innovation will be the world's first national advisory body for artificial intelligence (AI). It will set standards for the use and ethics of AI and data. According to the government, it will allow the UK to lead the world in developing practical uses for the technology.

"Until the actual processes suggested are implemented later this year and early into next, there is no immediate impact or concern". Paul, Chiswick businessman.

House building

£34 million will go towards teaching construction skills like bricklaying and plastering. £30 million will go towards digital courses using AI.

The government's goal is to build 300,000 new houses annually by the mid-2020s. The government will also make sure all new homes are built with the right cables for electric car charge points.

Hammond will provide £15.3 billion of new financial support for house building over the next five years - taking the total to at least £44 billion. This includes £1.2 billion for the government to buy land to build more homes, and £2.7 billion for infrastructure that will support hous-



ing. The support package will include loan guarantees and boosting construction skills. The government will also create 5 new 'garden' towns. Changes to the planning system will encourage better use of land in cities and towns. This means more homes can be built while protecting the green belt.

Higher tax on empty properties, and compulsory purchase of land banked by developers for financial reasons, have been introduced to encourage greater house building and use of empty houses.

Stamp duty

First-time buyers of homes worth between £300,000 and £500,000 will not pay stamp duty on the first £300,000. They will pay the normal rates of stamp duty on the price above that. This will save £1,660 on the average first-time buyer property. 80% of people buying their first home will pay no stamp duty, and 95% of first-time buyers who pay stamp duty will benefit, according to the government.

National Living Wage is to rise to £7.83 per hour. A vehicle excise duty will apply (from April 2018) for

diesel cars that do not meet latest standards. Tax rise will not apply to van owners. Existing diesel supplement in company car tax will rise by 1 per cent.

Part of the taxes raised will fund a new clean air fund.

VCT and EIS investment schemes

From April 2018, investors in 'knowledge-intensive' companies will enjoy being able to invest up to £2m from £1m in EIS or VCTs. Sponsors will however need to comply with new rules on investor risk levels, especially asset-backed deals.

Jason Hollands, managing director at Tilney Group, says: "There will be no more ultra-conservative capital preservation type forms of EIS."

Alex Davies, chief executive of broker Wealth Club says: "Deals like investing in crematoria or pubs [will come under threat]. Investments in film companies could also be in focus and might have to take a lot more risk."

Davies adds: "Unexpectedly, this has been a very good Budget for VCT and EIS investors". "It rewards entrepreneurial companies and investors who are prepared to

take some risk to support British business. Whilst there will be restrictions on some capital preservation-focussed products...with all the changes to pensions beginning to bite, this type of investment is only going to grow in popularity."

Clean Air Fund

A £220 million Clean Air Fund for local areas with the highest air pollution is to be established. Local authorities will be able to use this money to help people adapt as steps are taken to reduce air pollution. Possible ways the money could be spent include reducing the cost of public transport for those on low incomes or modernising buses with more energy efficient technology. The money will come from a temporary rise in Company Car Tax and Vehicle Excise Duty on new diesel cars.

Digital Tax

Plans to make businesses and landlords keep digital tax records and report quarterly to HMRC will not come into effect until 2019 and then will apply only to VAT and businesses above the £85000 threshold.

There will be no benefit in kind charge on employees' electric cars charged by em-

ployers.

The government reiterated its stance on aggressive tax planning and tax avoidance, including using offshore tax structures.

The NHS will get £2.8bn plus £10bn capital investment fund for hospitals

Disposable plastic tax

Disposable plastics like coffee cups, toothpaste tubes and polystyrene takeaway boxes damage the environment. The government will seek views on reducing single-use plastics waste through the tax system and charges. This follows the success of the 5p carrier bag charge, which has reduced the use of plastic bags by 80% in the last two years.

Business Rates

Business Rates will rise by Consumer Price Index (CPI) from April 2018-2 years earlier than planned. Business rates currently rise by the Retail Price Index (RPI), a different way of measuring inflation which tends to be higher than the CPI.

Business rates revaluations will take place every 3 years, rather than every 5 years, starting after the next revaluation, currently due in 2022.

On the couch with Nicholas Rose:

Is work affecting your mental health?

I have been thinking about how many of our clients are routinely impacted on stress that comes from work, either from the pressure of the work itself and or difficult relationships at work. And too much stress can so easily have a significant impact on a persons quality of life. Stress can lead to anxiety and depression that brings with it many symptoms that can prevent people from getting the most out of life.

And did you know that employers should be thinking about whether your work is well designed, organised and managed? Employers in the UK have a legal duty of care to protect the health, safety and welfare of all employees and yet according to research conducted by the mental health charity Mind in 2013, work was given as the most stressful factor by 34% of respondents saying they found

their work life either very or quite stressful. Other research quoted by the Health and Safety Executive also shows that workers in the public service industries tend to have higher incidences of stress.

It can of course be difficult to attribute stress to just one source and yet if you find yourself saying that work is stressful, or if you notice that someone else tends to exhibit signs of stress in relation to work then it can be helpful to keep in mind that there are ways to manage and reduce stress. It is also helpful to remember that if you are stressed at work then your employer has a responsibility too.

Bullying continues to attract much attention in the media for example, if you are struggling at work whilst it might be your first thought to think about how you are failing that might mean you fail to recog-

nise that you are the victim of bullying. Instead of focusing on what you are doing wrong take a step back and think about the environment and context in which you find yourself. Examples of bullying can include overbearing supervision, constant criticism, exclusion and maybe you are working in a culture where this is routine but it doesn't mean you have to put up with this.

But it is not just adults in the workplace who are suffering from stress. It seems this is an increasingly recognised problem for children too. In August 2015 The Guardian reported that English children are among the unhappiest in the world and again there seems to be a significant link with bullying. Head Teachers have been calling for improved mental health care and yet for some time now the news has been full of articles

on how much stress teachers say they are experiencing.

Marybeth Mendenhall, our Senior Associate and a Systemic Psychotherapist told me "The dynamics within organisations can usefully be likened to those that occur in families - dysfunctional organisations are like dysfunctional families. For the members belonging to the group harmful behaviours may easily become so familiar that it is only when a new member joins or an outsider gets to see and experience being part of the group that the harmful dynamics can be identified".

Ia Tollstam, our Consultant Supervisor for business services told me "many medium and large organisations have services in place to help managers think about stress and employees deal with stress. Access to counselling is commonplace in many organisations but not so much for

those that are smaller". She added "there is so much an organisation can do to support its staff and the value of a workforce who feel looked after is something the most successful employers understand."

As Marybeth says "Just like with a family, members can really help each other out when trouble strikes and good communications and strong relationships can build resilience that minimises the impact of difficult times or events."

In talking to my colleagues about stress at work and in families I have found myself thinking about how more and more of our work is with children and adolescents. It seems that stress is affecting everyone? Stressed parents equals stressed children, stressed managers a stressed workforce and stressed teachers stressed pupils so to end I guess I am thinking about just

how useful it can be to think about the different roles you have in life - parent, manager, partner, friend, colleague, teacher - when you think of that role can you recognise stress and if so what impact might that be having on those who count on you?



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Don't just make a Christingle this year – BE a Christingle!!



Well, December is finally here. Advent calendars are at the ready. And I'm beginning to receive messages from my children - thoughtfully providing links to the websites they would like me to forward to good old Father Christmas. To be fair to them, they are also offering to help with the food and shopping and checking that I have made a plan for seeing Granny. So Christmas preparations are officially under way. The countdown has begun.

And, although Osborne family Christmases are never perfect, I'm confident we'll have a lovely time - whether I get round to making the chocolate truffles myself or end up buying them from the supermarket. And the children will be happy.

But many children at Christmas are not happy. Because Christmas is a time when all the bad things in their lives - like a parent's alcoholism or how they feel about living in a care home - suddenly feel worse than ever. In the UK around 100,000 children under 16 run away from their homes, foster families or care homes every year. And they often end up alone, frightened and being exploited by drug dealers and sex predators.

Fortunately, wonderful charities like The Children's Society do amazing work reaching out to vulnerable young people, giving them hope and showing them they are not alone.

Like many churches, we'll be having a Christingle service this year - to have a fun and sticky time with oranges, candles, red ribbons and sweets. And also to raise money for the work of The Children's Society. But is there more we can do than simply raise money? Given that many of these runaway children live in our

city, in our borough, possibly even our street - can't we do more?

When I was a child, my parents were not well off. And I can remember one Christmas being invited to my Dad's boss's house. It was a huge house in the country. There was daughter a couple of years older than me who showed me her pony. And the mum let me choose a chocolate from the biggest box of chocolates I had ever seen. I can't believe this is true, but I remember the box being about the size of a table. It was a nice afternoon and it was generous of the family to invite us. But I can't say I enjoyed it. And we were only invited once a year at Christmas time. I could not have articulated why these visits made me uncomfortable when I was a child. But now, I think that, deep down, I realised that my Dad's boss and his family had no real desire to be our friends. They just felt sorry for us. Because

we didn't have half the things that they did.

If we truly want to help people around us, we need to stop thinking of them as 'have nots' and seek to build relationships of equals with our neighbours.

Maybe take the time to find out who, in your child's class is late every day or regularly forgets their swim things or gets into trouble with the teacher. Maybe you can get to know this child and their family. Not so that you can 'help' them but so you can simply get to know them. And offer to be a genuine friend - seeking to both give to the relationship and to receive from it too.

And that starts by listening. Simply listening. And forgetting all about what you could or should do for someone.

I don't know a huge amount about the work of The Children's Society. But I get the idea that this is what they try to do in their relationships

with the young people they work with. Just getting to know them and being with them. So that they feel loved and find the confidence to sort any problems out for themselves.

The word Christingle means the light of Christ. And it reminds us that Christians believe Jesus came into the world to bring light to the darkness.

This year, let's not just make Christingles, let's BE Christingles - bringing light to the darkness. Make some new friends at Christmas, real friends. And you will be doing just that. Bringing light to the world.

St Michael Elmwood Road Christingle service in aid of The Children's Society - 3.30pm 10 December St Michael's Church: www.stmichael-elmwoodroad.org Join Martine Osborne's online church here: www.martineoborne.com

Chiswick Poet



The Glory of the Garden

Magnificent magnolia.
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Plumbago, agapanthus,
both different shades of blue.

Azaleas, hydrangeas.
A dazzling display.
Trillium grandiflorum,
such a bright array.

Daffodils and tulips
brighten up the spring
and crocuses and snowdrops
bring joy to everything.

Gorgeous looking hollyhocks,
could any flower grow higher?
Hellebores and hyacinths
that really do inspire.

So many types of flowers;
acanthus and achillea.
Some that we know well
and some not so familiar.

Lilies and violas
and pelargoniums too.
Dandelions and daisies;
we must include them too!

Hostas and hibiscus
and wonderful witch hazel.
Godetias and gypsophila
are surely bound to dazzle.

Monkshood looks so pretty
to include it would be good.
The trouble is it's poisonous,
so I wonder if we should!

Begenias, begonias,
astilbes and astrantia.
Could any flower garden
find anything that's fancier?

Doronicum, dicentra,
chrysanthemums, cuphea
and cyclamen and cosmos
all happy to appear.

And clarkia and clematis
to name another two.
Campanula and brunnera
and red hot pokers too.

Delphiniums and lupins,
geraniums galore.
Such rich and varied flowers
that our gardens have in store.

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Alarm over decline in flying insects

Scientists have long suspected that insects are in dramatic decline, but new evidence confirms this.

Research at more than 60 protected areas in Germany suggests flying insects have declined by more than 75% over almost 30 years.

And the causes are unknown. "This confirms what everybody's been having as a gut feeling - the windscreen phenomenon where you squash fewer bugs as the decades go by," said Caspar Hallmann of Radboud University in The Netherlands.

"This is the first study that looked into the total biomass of flying insects and it confirms our worries."

The study is based on measurements of the biomass of all insects trapped at 63 nature

protection areas in Germany over 27 years since 1989.

The data includes thousands of different insects, such as bees, butterflies and moths.

Scientists say the dramatic decline was seen regardless of habitat, land use and the weather, leaving them at a loss to explain what was behind it.

They stressed the importance of adopting measures known to be beneficial for insects, including strips of flowers around farmland and minimising the effects of intensive agriculture.

And they said there was an urgent need to uncover the causes and extent of the decline in all airborne insects.

"We don't know exactly what the causes are," said Hans de Kroon, also of Radboud Uni-

versity, who supervised the research.

"This study shows how important it is to have good monitoring programmes and we need more research right now to look into those causes - so, that has really high priority."

The finding was even more worrying given that it was happening in nature reserves, which are meant to protect insects and other living species, the researchers said.

"In the modern agricultural landscape, for insects it's a hostile environment, it's a desert, if not worse," said Dr de Kroon.

"And the decline there has been well documented. The big surprise is that it is also happening in adjacent nature reserves."



The loss of insects has far-reaching consequences for entire ecosystems.

Insects provide a food source for many birds, amphibians, bats and reptiles, while plants rely on insects for pollination. The decline is more severe than found in previous studies.

A survey of insects at four sites in the UK between 1973

and 2002 found losses at one of the four sites only.

Dr Lynn Dicks, from the University of East Anglia, UK, who is not connected with the study, said the paper provides new evidence for "an alarming decline" that many entomologists have suspected for some time.

"If total flying insect biomass is genuinely declining at this

rate (around 6% per year), it is extremely concerning," she said.

"Flying insects have really important ecological functions, for which their numbers matter a lot."

The research is published in the journal Plos One.

Cancer drugs grown in chicken eggs may lower their cost

Researchers in Japan may have found a way to produce cheaper drugs that could be used to treat a range of diseases from chicken eggs.

They have successfully genetically modified hens to produce eggs containing large amounts of interferon beta protein, a protein used to treat various illnesses, including multiple sclerosis and cancer.

The protein is very expensive, costing between \$300-\$1000 for just one microgram, according to pharmaceutical company, Cosmo Bio who co-led the research.

For treating MS, for example, the interferon dosage can start at 30 micrograms and increase from there.

The research was jointly conducted by scientists from the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), the National Agriculture and Food Research Organization and Cosmo Bio.

According to Mika Kitahara, a spokesperson for Cosmo Bio, this technology will reduce the price of cancer drugs at least by 90% if proven successful in further trials.

The conventional production of interferon needs large aseptic (sterile) facilities, but eggs work as a protein-producing aseptic system, said Kitahara. sao Oishi, chief researcher from the cell and molecule mechanism research group at AIST said the research was conducted to test whether the

eggs from genetically modified chickens can be used for cheap production of these proteins.

A range of biological systems can be used to try and create drugs, such as bacteria, yeast and some mammalian cells, but "some proteins just don't suit these systems," said Professor Helen Sang from the Roslin Institute at the University of Edinburgh in the UK. For those that don't quite work, "making protein from egg-white is relatively easy," she told CNN.

"Interferon was discovered as a cell-signaling protein molecule in the body which acts against viruses," said Dr. Robert Bermel, director of the Mellen Center for Multiple Sclerosis at the Cleveland Clinic Neurological Institute. Later it was used to treat autoimmune diseases -- where a person's immune system attacks their body -- like multiple sclerosis, he adds.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) affects the brain, spinal cord and eyes, resulting in a range of symptoms, such as vision problems, numbness and difficulties walking.

Bermel explained that interferon protein molecule is expensive because manufacturing it is a tedious process requiring strict quality control.

"Interferon for MS can be manufactured from bacteria like insulin or from Chinese hamster ovary cells." The quantity of interferon

produced this way, however, is very little. "The new research" sounds like a relatively inexpensive way to mass produce it," he says.

Previously, the Japanese scientists tried to produce the modified protein by inserting the required genes into chicken chromosomes using a virus as a vector, but said this produced an "irregular result." The new method aims to more accurately and stably produce the protein by knocking in edited genes, using a gene-editing tool called CRISPR. The researchers are currently writing up their findings for academic publication. More research is needed and the interferon beta protein will need safety clearance through trials before it can be used to treat patients. However, Sang explained it's not as simple as modifying these chickens to get endless supplies of the drug at a lower cost.

"You'll have to show (the drug) is exactly the same as the drugs that have gone through all the clinical trials," said Sang, whose own team has been working on transgenic chickens for over a decade. As well as simply making the drugs in the eggs, they will also need to be purified and validated through additional research, she said.

If this new source of interferon is shown to be the same, structurally, "then there is a lot of advantage in terms of scale," said Sang. You can

start with a few hens then scale up quickly, she said.

One drug, Kanuma, produced using modified chickens has already been approved by the US Food and Drug Administration to treat Lysosomal Acid Lipase Deficiency, a rare

inherited condition where the body does not produce enough of a protein that helps the body break down fatty material.

The immediate hope is for the cancer-battling medicine to result in affordable medical

products. The team is looking forward as well, with research underway to produce human antibodies using the same method.

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36 Hours in...Amsterdam

Alex Holman writes about a recent trip to Amsterdam

DAY 1

Mauro Mansion

After the short flight from London to Amsterdam-Schipol Airport, we got a train directly from the airport to Centraal Station, right in the heart of Amsterdam and just a short walk from our hotel, Mauro Mansion.

One of my favourite things about Amsterdam is the architecture. All of the older houses in the centre of the city are tall and thin and totally unique from one another. The residents of Amsterdam used to get taxed on the width of their homes, rather than the height, so people had the habit of building very narrow houses with steep staircases to get up them.

Mauro Mansion is a boutique hotel located in an authentic canal house built in the 1600's with all the amenities of a normal hotel. Our bedroom was large with quirky interior design and a typically steep set of stairs to get up and down, but we had no problems with that. We were also able to opt for twin beds instead of a double, however not all the rooms have this option so it's good to double check before booking.

At Mauro Mansion they also sell tickets for transportation and attractions all over the city so we got our itinerary out and bought all the necessary tickets in advance.

The Pancake Bakery

After we checked into our hotel, and had a welcome drink from the complimentary mini bar, we went straight out for lunch. I discovered The Pancake Bakery on my first visit to Amsterdam a few years ago and have made a trip there every visit since. It's a popular restaurant and often has a queue outside, but it moves quickly and once you're inside you'll be in Dutch Pancake heaven!

There is a big selection of sweet and savoury pancakes (plus a whole lot of non-pancake dishes) including a kids menu which come with added surprises. When I took my daughter a few years ago she ordered the 'animal' pancake and was presented with a stuffed toy animal when



Mauro Mansion

her pancake arrived. The pancakes here are big, so if you're a light eater you should probably share, and if you're not a light eater you should be prepared to get very full.

I am more of a 'sweet' pancake person so I chose the 'English' pancake with William pears, vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce and whipped cream and my friend chose the 'Greek' pancake with lamb gyros, feta and served with tzaziki and green salad. Because of the generous portions we were luckily able to share with each other. I think this will always remain one of my favourite places to eat in Amsterdam, partly because of my love of pancakes and partly because of the authentic Dutch vibe of the restaurant.

Vondelpark

After our big lunch we went for a walk in Amsterdam's most famous park, Vondelpark. Designed and built in the 1850's Vondelpark is popular with both locals and tourists. The park is gorgeous and very big. We walked past tea houses, ponds, fountains,

a children's playground and many green parrots perched in the trees squawking away. Vondelpark houses an original sculpture by Pablo Picasso called 'The Fish' and the famous 'I Amsterdam' sign.

Van Gogh Museum

The Van Gogh museum is a short walk from Vondelpark so we wandered over after our stroll. The Van Gogh Museum holds the world's largest collection of the Dutch artist's works including many of his best known paintings such as The Bedroom, Sunflowers, Almond Blossom and The Potato Eaters. The museum really brings Vincent Van Gogh to life. The way the paintings are laid out allows you to see the development of the artist's technique over the years. There is a huge amount of information about Van Gogh, from his painting style to his personal life. The whole experience is quite an emotional one when you read about Van Gogh's demons and mental health issues which all becomes relevant when you can see how it affected his



The Royal Palace

paintings.

Restaurant Adam

After the afternoon walking around the city, the park and the museum we were ready for some dinner so we headed to Restaurant Adam where we had pre-booked a table. Restaurant Adam is a small restaurant that serves Dutch food with fresh seasonal ingredients. Their menu changes monthly and you can see their chefs preparing your food from the open kitchen.

My friend and I both opted for their 4 course surprise menu with came with optional wine pairing (if you are gluten free, vegetarian or vegan they will modify your meal accordingly).

The dishes in our surprise menu were all outstanding. The starter was a delicate tuna dish with fresh vegetables, followed by a delightful lagoustine bisque. For the main course we had tender duck breast with polenta and fresh vegetables and for pudding we received a dish full of flavours including white chocolate, stawberry and tomatoes which all worked surprisingly well together.

At Restaurant Adam it's all about quality, not quantity, so you won't leave feeling stuffed and the meal gives you the perfect balance of flavours, contrast of textures and beautiful presentation. The additional wine pairing

complemented each dish very well and the atmosphere was friendly and cosy. We thoroughly enjoyed our entire dining experience.

DAY 2

After a very comfortable night back at our hotel we were ready to hit the town for our final day in Amsterdam! We needed to head to the Anne Frank House early for our pre-arranged tour time slot so we opted to eat breakfast at our hotel. Berry, our host, prepared us plates of incredible pancakes and eggs, the perfect meal to fuel us up for the day.

Ann Frank House

After our breakfast we walked along the beautiful canals to

the Ann Frank House. A really important thing to mention here is that you need to book your tickets online to the Ann Frank House, well in advance. If you've read The Diary of a Young Girl by Ann Frank, where she documents her life in hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands, you will have an idea of what to expect at the house where she hid between 1942-1944, although nothing can really prepare you for seeing the reality of how some people had to live during one of the darkest times in human history. The ticket admission includes an audio-tour which provides you with a lot of indormation and lets you take things at your own pace. The house is very well-kept and the entire experience is very moving.

Royal Palace Amsterdam

After our time at the Ann Frank House we felt like a walk (in the open air) so we strolled over to Royal Palace Amsterdam, a wonderful palace right in the centre of the city. We did step inside to enquire about doing a tour but, as we had just finished the Ann Frank tour, we decided to have an aimless stroll around the canals instead. The outside and entrance hall were beautiful enough to fulfill our palacial needs. Amsterdam has more than 60 miles of canals, many of which are on the UNESCO World Heritage List so

walking around the city was a fun adventure in itself.

The Lobby Nesplein Restaurant & Bar

For lunch we went to The Lobby Nesplein Restaurant & Bar where we had reserved a table. The place has a great design and a fun vibe, and there was a good selection of dishes on the menu with a great combination of ingredients.

I ordered the Eggs Benedict, which was cooked perfectly and hit the right spot, and my friend chose a Flammkuchen (which is a pizza style dish) with pumpkin, oyster mushrooms, gorgonzola and walnuts which I was lucky enough to try. The Flammkuchen was very tasty with fresh ingredients and flavours. For pudding we both went for the divine and generously served crème brulee.

I think The Lobby Nesplein Restaurant & Bar is a little hidden gem in the city. For the prices on the menu (which are very reasonable considering it's central location) and the quality of food prepared I'll definitely be back!

Rembrandt House Museum

After lunch we had time for one last tour before we had to head back to the airport for our flight home, and for this we chose to visit the Rembrandt House Museum where Rembrandt lived for 20 years in



The Lobby Nesplein Restaurant & Bar

the mid-1600's before becoming bankrupt. Our ticket fee included an audio guide and the whole tour was very interesting, allowing you to understand what each room was used for and to stand in the room where Rembrandt painted many of his masterpieces. As with most tra-

ditional houses in Amsterdam there are steep stairs to climb to reach all areas of the house. We enjoyed the tour a lot and it was surreal to be in the home of Rembrandt.

After The Rembrandt House Museum we headed to Centraal Station to make the short journey home.

Amsterdam is so close to the UK, it's an absolute must to visit.

Alex spent a total of £407 plus £49 round trip with Easyjet from Gatwick

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munity stalls where you can purchase that last minute Christmas gift. Stalls include Popcorn-box, Neal's Yard, Teapigs, handmade jewellery, and local honey.

There will also be a traditional tombola, a chocolate tombola, face-painting, balloon modelling, candy floss, popcorn, waffles, hot chocolate, a

sweet stall, a pizza oven serving fresh pizza, live singing, and much more. There will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets to win some Teapigs goodies, a Tesco voucher, afternoon tea for 2 at The Maids of Honour, a food hamper with sweets treats, and more.

No, We're Not Singing The Messiah! Say Petros Singers



"Let's get one thing straight," said the director of the Petros Singers, Richard Bannan. "We're NOT doing The Messiah!"

Instead, the lively west London choir is focusing on the work of Handel's librettist, Charles Jennens, for its concert on Saturday 9 December at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church in Black Lion Lane, Hammersmith.

Jennens was the man who assembled the Biblical texts which Handel put to music in a three-week whirligig of composing for his famous work, and the Leicestershire

squire remained a staunch ally of Handel's. After he had completed The Messiah in 1744, the composer wrote to Jennens to say: "Be pleased to point out those passages in The Messiah which you think require altering."

So grateful was Handel to his literary collaborator that he left Jennens a substantial bequest in his will.

The Petros Singers draw on the talents of soprano Philipa Boyle - a former woodwind player in the Ealing Youth Orchestra, and baritone Robert Davies for this tribute to Jen-

nens' often overshadowed work, with Andrew Wells at the organ.

On the Not The Messiah programme, a sequence of Christmas anthems, motets and carols. The concert benefits The Upper Room charity at St Saviour's Church, Shepherds Bush, helping those at risk of homelessness.

Tickets are £17 (concs £15, U18s £5) from www.wegotickets.com/petrossingers or on the door. For more details, visit: www.petrosingers.com.

Roland Gift Live At ULU

Roland Gift, one of modern music's true torchbearers and the charismatic front man of the Fine Young Cannibals, is back in the pop arena. Gift's distinguished career has expanded in recent, post-FYC years to include critically-lauded film acting and musical score work. Roland Gift marks a triumphant return to pop music's front line, where Gift's talents and unique style have long established him as one of the genre's trailblazers. A great voice never goes out of style, and Gift's trademark vocal prowess is both timeless and strikingly ahead of his time.

Gift has taken time out to work on the latest entry in his other illustrious career, a film resumé that includes Sammy And Rosie Get Laid, Tin Men (for which FYC also supplied the music, at the special request of director Barry Levinson), and Scandal. Gift's most recent acting work is for the forthcoming The Island of the Mapmaker's

Wife, directed by Michie Gleason, for which Roland put recording on hold for two months, while on location in Amsterdam with the production. Gift readily admits to a happy balancing act between the two disciplines. "When I first started, I wanted to be an actor. That's one of the reasons I came down to London from Hull. But most people I know have been in a group sometime in their life. The first punk band I was in [the Acrylic Victims] got a bit of notoriety, released a couple of singles, my music focus grew from there."

"The Cannibals sort of officially dissolved in 1996," says Gift, "so, in a way, up until then we were trying to do our third record. Then we came out with The Finest, which was a greatest hits set plus three new tracks that didn't have a home to go to," (among those was the hit "The Flame"). "But, it's better to burn brightly for half as long than to be a dim linger-



ing light, and I get a lot of good will from people - they say they still play the albums and they're looking forward to hear what I'm doing next."

"I was asked to join Jools Holland and his big band as a guest singer touring with them for a year, it was a lot of fun and made me want to take my own group out to play".

"The group didn't stop with a bang," he says, "it was like

a freeze-frame that stopped and stayed and stayed, then eventually faded. But nobody said 'OK we're going to end this,'

Gift is looking forward to more live shows in December, where he will perform some classic fan favorites. "There are a lot of people who liked the Cannibals who never saw songs like 'She Drives Me Crazy' in concert, and since I

wrote them as well, I'll definitely do some Fine Young Cannibals songs."

"It's a great feeling when you've got a big record and you go out onstage and thousands of people have come to hear you play for them. It's like having a party and loads of people come because they want to have a party with you."

Roland wrote "Say It Ain't So" on acoustic guitar. "In the Cannibals, I didn't write with the guitar, but since then I've started writing with it. Everything sounded better with an acoustic." "Tell Me You Want Me Back" has a pop-soul groove that Gift says still sums up his style. "Soul is a funny word, all kinds of music can have soul. If it touches you and inspires you, any kind of music is entitled to be called soul music. And it is definitely poppy as well, maybe because it's melodic, it's poppy in the way Bacharach-David songs are poppy - they're very soulful as well."

The great Otis Redding remains Roland's vocal mentor. "We all shared a love of the Stax sound in the Cannibals. That was the thing that brought us together and Otis was probably my favorite singer, and he still is, so those influences will definitely be there. It's funny, I used to have a neighbour, this woman who lived next door, and she and I didn't really get on, she'd always be getting at me. But one day she gave me three records, Otis Blue, Otis Sings Soul Ballads and a Greatest Hits of Otis Redding. I'd heard him, when I was a kid - my sister was a fan, to say it changed my life would be a bit dramatic, but it did have an effect on my musical development."

Gift's professional career has taken him from stage to screen and back again.

Roland also features in 'Brakes' a romantic comedy film, out at selected cinemas as of Friday 24th November.



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Borthwicks are happy to bring to the market well-presented split level, two bedroom, two bathroom property located on this popular, residential road. Accommodation comprises dining room, large reception room, kitchen, bathroom, two double bedrooms and en-suite shower room.

Property has just been repainted inside and outside and has newly fitted carpets through. It would benefit from updating the bathroom and the kitchen. Property is located within easy reach of Chiswick High Street with its many restaurants, cafes, and shops. Good transport links offering speedy connections to Central London. Offered to the market with no onward chain. EPC rating C.

**Ivy Crescent, W4****£835,000**

A stunning 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom split level apartment with garden and Freehold title comprising solid Dutch oak flooring in the living area and bedroom with plenty of built in storage, original Victorian spiral stairway leading down to private garden, open plan hand built kitchen with Corian work tops and integrated appliances, and a stunning wet room. Top floor offers family bathroom and 2 good size bedrooms with fully fitted luxury carpets. All original windows were restored in 2012. This property needs to be seen. Ivy Crescent is located close to Chiswick High Road and within a very short walk to Chiswick Business Park and Chiswick Park Station (District Line).

**All Saints Road, W3****£449,950**

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Offered to the market with no onward chain. EPC rating B.

**Chiswick Village, W4****£450,000**

Beautifully presented Share Of Freehold property comprising large reception room with dual aspect and south facing balcony, double bedroom with ample handmade built-in wardrobes and access to the Handless Camden style kitchen has a Corian work top with seamless sink and breakfast bar, integrated Italian appliances The ceilings have been fully soundproofed so there is no noise pollution from upstairs . EPC Rating: D

**Rothschild Road, W4****£275 per week**

A bright purpose built first floor one bedroom apartment located on Rothschild Road. The accommodation comprises of a lounge with kitchen area, double bedroom and bathroom. The property is well located being only a short walk to Chiswick Park Tube Station (District Line) and is within easy reach of Chiswick High Road with its many restaurants, gastro bars, cafes and shops. It is also close to the A4/M4 offering speedy access in and out of the city. Current EPC rating D. Available 23rd November. Fees apply.

**Chiswick High Road, W4****£325 per week**

1 double bedroom top floor flat ideally located on the popular Chiswick High Road within a stone's throw of Chiswick Business Park & Gunnersbury tube station. The flat comprises of a contemporary reception room into open plan kitchen which is currently being replaced, a large double bedroom with built in wardrobes and separate bathroom. It has great transport links on Chiswick High Road with its multiple bus services and via Gunnersbury tube station. This would suit a professional couple being close to Chiswick Business Park. EPC Rating - C. Available at the end of December. Fees apply.

**Devonshire Road, W4****£340 per week**

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**Heathfield Court, W4****£447 per week**

Luxurious two double bedroom property accessible by lift and with off street parking is situated in a prime central Chiswick location close to all Chiswick High Road's amenities including Turnham Green and within easy distance to Chiswick Park tube station. Two double bedrooms, a spacious lounge, a fully fitted kitchen and separate shower room. The flat boasts off street parking, communal gardens and a 24 hour care taker with heating & hot water included. Located in a well-respected and maintained block it is moments from Chiswick High Road as well as having easy road access in and out of West London and further transport facilities. Current EPC rating C. Available mid-November. Fees apply.

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Incentives to get West London buyers moving before Christmas

Buyers can secure £10,000 towards their stamp duty at Brentford Lock West

Homebuyers keen to secure themselves a new home at the award winning, Brentford Lock West development are being offered an additional incentive to reserve their new home now. The developer, Waterside Places, is offering to contribute £10,000 towards stamp duty on selected plots, for purchasers completing before Christmas 2017.

Chalico Walk is the latest release of homes at Brentford Lock West, offering a collection of one, two and three-bedroom apartments and penthouses in a waterside location. Each of the homes has been highly specified to include interior designed fully-fitted kitchens and contemporary bathroom suites. All the homes enjoy the added benefit of a private balcony and many of the homes enjoy water views.

Since the homes were first launched earlier this year, they have enjoyed a strong appeal, with 70% of the apartments at Chalico Walk now reserved. With Help to Buy also available on selected plots, the development has enjoyed significant interest from local first time buyers, many of which have moved from the neighbouring areas such as Ealing, keen to make Brentford their new home.

With access onto the water and green open space on your doorstep Brentford is able to offer buyers a sense of tranquillity, while still offering access to a host of local amenities and connections into the Capital - making it a popular choice among buyers of all ages.

John Robinson, Development Director at Brentford Lock West, commented: "The interest we have enjoyed at Brentford Lock West has been fantastic. Brentford really does have a lot to offer - from the numerous parks close by, to its popular, Sunday market and the regular paddle boarding sessions, which take place right in front of our development. There is a real sense of community here and so many opportunities to get out and get active. We hope that by introducing our stamp duty incentive, we will be able to assist even more aspiring home owners to secure a new home at Brentford Lock West."

Chalico Walk makes up the first of the homes to be released as part of phase two at Brentford Lock West. A waterfront building of 42 one, two and three-bedroom apartments,



Chalico Walk overlooks Brentford's Grand Union Canal. The homes at Chalico Walk will be ready to move into for Christmas 2017.

Just a limited number of two and three bedroom apartments remain. Prices at Chalico Walk start from £565,000. All of the homes benefit from a private balcony or terrace and many of the homes enjoy water views. Help to Buy is available on selected plots. For more information and to book an appointment at the marketing suite, please call the Brentford Lock West sales team at Stubbings Property Marketing on 0203 504 6403, email brentford-lockwest@stubbingsltd.co.uk or visit www.brentfordlockwest.co.uk. The Sales and Marketing Suite is open daily 10am-5pm.

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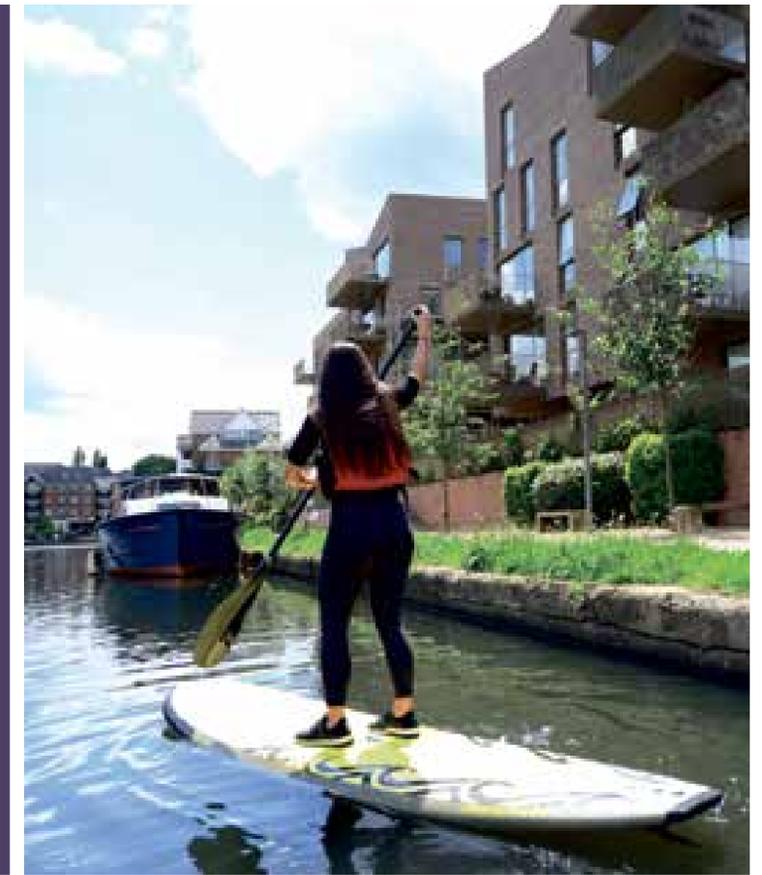
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Activity is revving up at Triumph House

New homes at former motorcycle dealership in Acton prove popular – with 30% now reserved

Triumph House, an impressive collection of 14, studio, one and two bedroom, new build apartments located moments from Acton High Street have proved popular among new home buyers, with 30% of the homes now reserved, off-plan.

The aptly named Triumph House, which sits on the site of a former motorcycle dealership Whitby's, boasts an impressive array of new build apartments, with a range of layouts and sizes available. All the apartments have been highly specified and include access to their own private balcony.

The homes enjoy a central location, with easy access onto Acton's high street and all that this emerging part of west London has to offer. With seven train stations to its name, Acton is well connected, offering residents at Triumph House excellent connections into the city and beyond. Acton Town tube sta-

tion is a short walk from the development, while nearby Acton Central and Acton Main Line Station, which forms part of the Crossrail programme, are both within easy reach.

Gary Durden, Director of Portdevon comments: "It's been great to receive so much interest in Triumph House. The apartments enjoy a great location, right in the heart of Acton. The area has so much going for it. There's a real sense of community here, it's got a bustling high street, it offers access to a large number of parks and green open spaces and it's so well connected too – making it a popular choice among young professionals and investors alike. With Help to Buy available on the development too, we hope to see the interest we have experienced to date continue."

Each of the homes at Triumph House will be well specified, comprising fully fitted high gloss kitchens and contemporary bathroom suites. Each apartment also benefits from its own private balcony, providing sought after, outside space.

The site, which has now been developed into contemporary, new build apartments enjoys a strong motorcycling past. Previously home to the locally acclaimed Whitby's dealership in the early 1900s, the premises were then purchased and run by motorcycle enthusiasts

Brian Hunter and Tom Dickie – both famous within the motorcycling circuit in the 1960s and 70s. In 1966 Tom Dickie won the Manx Grand Prix, before going on to win the 24-hour endurance race Bol d'Or in 1970. In addition to com-

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Fulham edge narrow victory in London Derby

Last Saturday Fulham hosted fellow Londoners Millwall at Craven Cottage. The home side were going into the fixture off a victory against Sheffield United in a nine goal thriller, and that win ended Fulham's winless run of six games, Jokanovic's side knew that a string of good results was necessary to keep their hopes of achieving a playoff position two years in a row alive.

However, after only seven minutes into the match it could be seen that the Fulham defence was unconvincing. Millwall came extremely close to opening the scoring after Elliott was able to latch onto a lofted cross from McLaughlin, but his headed effort was tantalisingly close as he could only watch it bounce off the post and then to safety. Despite the best chance of the half falling to the visitors, seconds before the break, McLaughlin was judged by the referee as handling Fonte



Fulham manager Slavia Jokanovic

following a Fulham corner, thus conceding a penalty. It was Norwood who stood over the penalty kick and he confidently fired it towards the left corner of the goal, although guessing the correct way, there was too much power for Archer to reach it in time.

Despite an array of chances for both sides in the second half, most notably Saville's spectacular effort from range which struck the woodwork, the score remained 1-0 to Fulham. Back-to-back victories have seen them rise to 12th in the championship table.

Champions keep up pressure on Manchester clubs

On Wednesday night, Swansea visited Stamford Bridge and Conte was dismissed from the touchline for the first time in his managerial career by referee Swarbrick. This was for contesting a goal kick, which he felt should have been a corner to the hosts in the 43rd minute.

It was clear frustrations were rising for the hosts after having two penalty appeals rejected and due to the fact that Fabianski pulled off several superb saves to keep the score line at 0-0 going into the break.

However, the home side were able to break the Deadlock in the 55th minutes from a corner kick, Willian sent the ball from the set piece to Kante, who's subsequent shot took a deflection of Bony and an unmarked Rudiger was able to head the ball past Fabianski for his first Premier League



Chelsea goalscorer Antonio Rudiger

goal.

Chelsea could have doubled their lead soon afterwards when Fabianski denied Morata from close range, tipping his header over the bar. Nev-

ertheless, Chelsea held on for a 1-0 victory to move back to within 3 points of second placed Manchester United.

Consecutive Derby Day Delights in London



QPR manager Ian Holloway

On Saturday Fulham travel to Griffin Park to face West London neighbours Brentford. Coincidentally both teams are coming off previous fixtures which were also both London derbies, Fulham having been victorious over Millwall at Craven Cottage in a close and cagey affair which ended 1-0. Brentford however, were not as fortunate when visiting Loftus Road as despite being

two goals ahead in stoppage time, the game somehow ended in a 2-2 draw with QPR salvaging two goals in the final moments of the match. Both clubs have made it clear that their aims this season are to achieve promotion, however, at the moment neither side are considerably close to the playoff positions with Fulham in 12th and only two points and two positions

ahead of Brentford. However, a victory for the visitors could potentially see Fulham rise to 7th place, only one position away from the playoff positions. Victory will not be easy though as Brentford will surely still be kicking themselves after surrendering their comfortable lead against QPR and will be out for vengeance against another rival Club.

Chelsea hope to continue winning ways



Antonio Conte

After the champions were narrowly victorious against Swansea at Stamford Bridge earlier this week, this Saturday they will once again host a premier league side at the Bridge, being Newcastle. Chelsea will be hard top beat as they're currently in a run of good form following an undefeated streak of

six matches. Not to mention, throughout the entirety of December they are to face only lower positioned sides in the premier league, rather than any of the top six sides. Another reason why Chelsea will be strong favourites going into this fixture is due to the run of poor form Newcastle have recently endured,

as shown by their run of five winless matches. If Chelsea want to keep any hope of winning the title alive and preventing first placed Manchester City from running away with it, victory is a necessity. They could also potentially get level on points with second placed Manchester United.



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Derby day ends in a dramatic draw

by Sport Editor Louis Yamani

On Monday night, Brentford travelled a distance of five miles to face local rivals Queens Park Rangers at Loftus Road. The visitors went into the match having previously drawn to Burton in their last Championship fixture, and before that they had their undefeated streak of nine league games ended by a defeat to Cardiff. The home team headed into the derby on the back of three defeats and with QPR's poor away form, they knew it was vital to drop as few points as possible at home.

The first chance came in the 13th minute after Canos was able to break out of midfield and stride towards the QPR defence, after a seamless give and go with Vibe, he found himself in enough space to curl the ball towards the top right corner. The shot was matched by Smithies who was able to get a strong palm to the ball.

QPR's first clear cut chance fell to Mackie only six minutes later when Sylla found him in acres of space at the back post with a drilled switch ball. Although Mackie

was able to put the ball onto his stronger right foot whilst finding space for the shot in the centre of the box, he was unable to keep the ball down and fired the ball inches over the bar. Despite battling hard, both teams went into the second half goalless.

Only two minutes after the break, Sylla went incredibly close to opening the scoring following a QPR corner. Although the ball was cleared, it could only reach Scowen on the edge of the box who nodded the ball back into the crowded area. Sylla reacted quickest, and headed the ball across goal, but could only watch as it bounced off the crossbar and then to safety.

QPR were made to rue this missed chance only five minutes later when Yennaris found Vibe in the centre of the box. The QPR defence backed off him, allowing the Dane to comfortably take the ball down, turn, then fire the ball into the bottom corner past Smithies.

After going 1-0 down, the next best chance fell to QPR after Brentford keeper Bentley spilled a lofted cross into



Freeman celebrates QPR's late equaliser

the path of Freeman, who immediately volleyed the ball. However, his attempt was blocked by Egan and it seemed to hit his outstretched arm, but despite QPR player's protests, the referee waved play on.

Only eight minutes after coming on for Canos, Sawyers was able to create Vibe's second goal of the night. After receiving a through ball from Mokotjo, he reached the by-line and cut a low cross back into the path of Vibe, who once again clinically placed the ball into the bottom corner for his brace and to put

the visitor's two goals ahead in the West London derby.

QPR were able to salvage a goal back three minutes into stoppage time after a costly mistake from Bentley. The keeper attempted to punch the ball away following a QPR corner, however he completely missed the ball gifting substitute striker Smith the opportunity to nod the ball onto the crossbar, then down into the empty net.

Although this seemed no more than a consolation goal for the home side, Brentford looked extremely nervy in the final minutes of the match.

As shown when they immediately lost the ball from kick-off and Sawyers conceded a needless foul in his own half. This presented the home side with the opportunity to fire one last lofted ball towards their target man Matt Smith. This is exactly what they did and due to Smith's aerial prowess, he was unrivalled in the air, allowing him to knock the ball down into towards the six yard box and for a lively Freeman to pounce onto the stray ball and calmly slide it past a helpless Bentley. Somehow the home side were able to equalise after a 2-0

deficit in this dramatic derby. The referee blew his whistle to end the match only a minute later and despite the match finishing in a 2-2 draw; only the home fans could be heard cheering with the visiting fans still in disbelief at how their side dropped a two goal lead in the dying embers of the match. Those fans have had to suffer this on multiple occasions this season as Brentford have dropped eighteen points from winning positions, the most of all Championship clubs.

QPR manager Holloway summed up the surreal atmosphere in Loftus Road after the final whistle when exclaiming "For me it feels like a win, for them it probably feels like a defeat." Brentford manager Dean Smith was nowhere near as happy with the result as he candidly claimed "We've dropped two points because of the officials." When revealing his disappointment with those fans that left early, Holloway insisted "You missed a treat." Not sure the Brentford fans that witnessed those final minutes would agree.

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QPR looking to build on dramatic derby day draw



Preston manager Alex Neil

Tomorrow Queens Park Rangers will visit the Deepdale Stadium to face Preston North End. Although the visitors were not victorious in their previous fixture, QPR will be in great spirits considering the incredible nature of their comeback against Brentford

in a West London Derby that saw them score two late goals to rescue a dramatic draw. Preston will also be confident going into the match as they have managed to string a run of three undefeated games together seeing them rise to 13th in the championship

table and only three points away from 7th, being one position from the playoff position. Recently they have been a lot more successful than the visitors who are currently sitting in 17th due to their winless run of four matches.