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OFSTED: Chiswick School assessed as 'Requires Improvement'

Ofsted inspected Chiswick School on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November 2015. The inspection followed a previous inspection in March 2012, when the school was given a grading of 'Good'. This recent OFSTED inspection has deemed Chiswick School as 'REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT'.

Chiswick School supplied the following press release to The Chiswick Herald (The Chiswick Herald had no input and provided no content for the following press release):

Ofsted inspected Chiswick School on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November 2015. The inspection was due, as the previous inspection had been carried out in March 2012, when, after a number of years where the school had been assessed as 'Satisfactory', it was converted to the higher grading of 'Good' in all categories. Since then, the school has grown in both size and popularity, raising its Year 7 intake numbers last year from 215 to 240 in response to parental demand, resulting in it being heavily over-subscribed this summer.

In this recent inspection the school was assessed as continuing to be 'Good' in a number of important areas including:

- Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Behaviour
- Students' personal development and welfare
- Quality of the Sixth Form



Under the spotlight: Chiswick School

The inspectors commented on how the quality of teaching had obviously improved dramatically and was now of a very high standard. Students were obviously proud to attend Chiswick and their behaviour both in and outside of school was recognised as being very good. In fact, an 'Outstanding' judgment for behaviour was deemed not possible only because of one word in the

framework for outstanding, that being "impeccable".

The inspection team commented that students felt safe and secure and that they reported that not only were there very few instances of bullying within the school but when it did occur, students knew how to report it and were confident that the school would take appropriate action.

Careers education, information and guidance was judged as an obvious strength across the school and the school's work on assisting students to adopt positive approaches to their mental health and well-being were praised.

The Sixth Form was deemed to offer a good provision with an appropriate curric-

ulum and rising standards. Inspectors also commented on the strong leadership, together with pastoral and support structures evident within post-16 education.

Despite the many clear areas of strength identified by the latest inspection, Chiswick was assessed as 'Requires Improvement' within the outcomes category. This judgment principally focused on the school's use of data. The inspectors want the school to change the way that it uses data to focus on student progress rather than attainment. Within this there is a need to further break down student performance into key groups by gender, ethnicity, social background etc. The school already does this but the inspection team requires an improvement in the detail and sharpness of this data analysis.

Once the inspection team had made the decision that student progress was not given enough emphasis, this led inevitably to...

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Tory councillor: We Can't agree with Local MPs' 'undiluted pacifist position'

In the wake of local MP Ruth Cadbury saying she would not support the UK Government if it introduced a Shoot To Kill Policy in the event of a terrorist attack, Conservative councillor, Peter Thompson has said that Ms Cadbury should have made her stance clearer on matters of national and public security.

Mr Thompson said, "Conservative Councillors respect the personal religious and ethical stance of local MP Ruth Cad-

bury but we cannot agree with her undiluted pacifist position. We believe that the first priority of any State is to protect the safety and security of its residents. On occasion this will require the application of lethal force."

The Chiswick Herald has received numerous correspondence from people in W4 and beyond outlining their concerns of Ms Cadbury's position.

Councillor Thompson went on, "If terrorists were shooting at my family, friends or neighbours on Chiswick High Road I would expect the police to everything they could - including shooting to kill - to prevent the loss of innocent human life. We regret that Ms Cadbury did not make her position clearer on matters like this during the General Election campaign."

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...a judgment of 'Requires Improvement' for 'Leadership and Management'. In these circumstances, the only possible overall measure permitted within the new Ofsted inspection criteria was for the school to be judged 'Requires Improvement'.

Tony Ryan, Headteacher responded, "The overall judgment is undoubtedly a blow to everyone at the school, particularly when it is clearly doing so well in so many areas. The inspectors recognised the vast improvements that were evident but also saw areas within the school where they felt that there was a need for more sharpness and attention to detail.

"We have never obsessed with Ofsted, our clear objective has always been to create a school where the needs of our students come first, where

students feel safe and secure and where they want to learn, grow and develop in an environment where high quality teaching is the norm. We have clearly created this culture, but now need to adjust how we monitor progress of key groups of students within the school to enable better progress for every student. The objectives set by the inspection team are all achievable within a relatively short space of time. We will learn from this and will be a better school as a result."

Jane Manfield, Chair of Governors commented, "There has been significant progress in the school over the last few years, as evidenced by the inspector's judgments and comments about Teaching, Learning, Pupils' wellbeing, behaviour and positive attitudes to school and learning. Governors are, therefore, very disappointed to receive an overall judgment of "Re-

quires Improvement". However, we fully take on board the areas identified for improvement. The Governing Body has recently undergone a review and restructure in line with latest Department of Education (DfE) guidance and this will help us support the school better and monitor progress more effectively. Governors are confident that Mr. Ryan and school staff will implement any changes necessary to meet the inspection objectives and, in fact, this work has already commenced."

The school will now receive a 'monitoring visit' within the next three months and will receive a full Ofsted visit within the next two years."

The Chiswick Herald has contacted Headmaster Tony Ryan and await a response. What do you think? Does your child attend the school?

Fail to stop collision in Acton

Detectives are appealing for information and witnesses after a car failed to stop at the scene of a serious collision in Acton. At 19:59hrs on Thursday, 19 November, a car was in collision with a pedestrian in The Vale, Acton.

The pedestrian - a 53-year-old man - was taken by ambulance to a west London hospital where he remains in a critical condition.

The driver of the silver Ford Galaxy failed to stop at the scene; instead driving off towards Hammersmith.

The driver is described as a black man, aged in his 20s. The car sustained damage to the passenger side wing mirror.

Officers from the Serious Collision Investigation Unit based at Alperton are inves-

tigating. Anyone who witnessed the collision or has information on the silver Ford Galaxy or the driver should call police on 020 8991 9555. To remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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Local MP speaks in airport commission debate

Last week, Ruth Cadbury MP spoke in the House of Commons to debate the findings and content of the Airports commission. She secured this debate with other South West London MPs, Dr Tania Matthias and Zac Goldsmith.

Ruth said 'The Heathrow Runway 3 option is the most costly, most complex and highest risk of the 3 schemes that the Airport Commissions believes are deliverable. Heathrow should be Better, not Bigger. I recognise the significant local and national benefits Heathrow brings to the economy, I oppose expansion there because I want to see no increase in the noise and pollution the airport already causes, and I want to work with the airport on reducing those negative impacts.'

Ms Cadbury outlined the day to day reality for many of her constituents: "The noise starts around 4.15 every morning with, on average, 16 flights before 6am. Then it's continuous, for an hour. From 7am until 3pm those under the approach of one runway get continuous noise before the planes switch to the other runway, until the airport finally closes down around 11.30pm".

'Last night I met Arnel, a resident for 46 years of Harmondsworth village. 90 minutes after the Davies Commission report was published she and her husband received a hand-delivered letter from the Chief Executive of Heathrow telling them about the arrangements to be made for buying their home - for a price

that wouldn't buy a flat in most of West London. Her husband fell ill as a result of the pressure this letter caused, and within 8 weeks he sadly passed away.'

Ms Cadbury argued that 'Heathrow's tactics are getting more desperate as former allies peel away', referring to British Airways withdrawal of support for a third runway, and quoted Mr Walsh, Chief Executive of IAG, the parent company of British Airways, who said 'The infrastructure is not fit for purpose. The price tag is excessive and cannot be justified on any basis. We didn't ask for it and we're not paying for it'.

Ms Cadbury has vocally opposed Heathrow for over 15 years as a

Hounslow Councillor and now as an MP, often citing the flaws in the business case surrounding Heathrow.

"A figure often repeated by pro-Heathrow expansion lobby is that a new runway at Heathrow would deliver "up to £147 billion" benefit to the UK, a figure taken from the Airports Commission report but in fact challenged by the commissions' own specialist experts elsewhere in the report who have criticised the analysis for double counting and questionable assumptions in relation to the indirect benefits. "There are several serious flaws in this figure due to the novel way it was arrived at. This figure takes no account of the environmental or surface access costs of expansion."

"A very different picture emerges when the Commissions figures are run using the Governments cost benefit analysis methodology - WebTAG. These suggest that a third runway at Heathrow would, once all environmental and surface access costs are included, and in a carbon-capped scenario result, in a net £9bn LOSS to the UK. Add in some "wider economic benefits" and the 60 year estimated benefit would still only be £1.4bn, as the Commission's final report in fact quoted but in the small print. And using the same methodology the net benefit of Gatwick's second airport would be £5.5bn."

Chancellor's spending review: Small change from big spending review for local business

Small change from big spending review for local business says tax specialist - Local business owners were left with small change in the Chancellor's big spending review today according to a local tax specialist. Franck Sidon who runs Tax Assist Accountants Chiswick said: "We wanted more recognition of the hard work and major contribution made by small businesses to the UK economy.

You could say it's a case of no news is good news for local business owners, but I think there has been a huge opportunity missed to reward those enterprises which are the backbone of our economy.

"The combined Autumn Statement and Spending Review said little of real significance to small businesses. They are already facing huge challenges from new rules on pensions, dividends and the living wage, so will be grateful that there were no more bombshells, but there were no early Christmas presents either.

"The Chancellor's decision to abolish plans to cut tax credits is welcome. These are a vital contribution to household income for low earners and working families. The self employed do not benefit from the national minimum wage and reducing tax credits could have made many people think twice about re-

maining self employed.

"The £2 billion a year boost for the housebuilding sector, particularly to build affordable homes, announced by the Chancellor is a welcome boost to local economies, with many small businesses such as plumbers, electricians and decorators as well as those in construction reaping the benefits.

"But there was no sweetener on the new tax on dividends payments announced in the summer Budget. The change could cost basic rate owner-managers close to £2,000 a year.

"Extending small business rate relief for another year will also be



well received by local business owners, particularly independent retailers who already face the huge challenge of online shopping as well as the competition from major store chains. Devolving control of busi-

ness rates to some major cities does not answer the need to fundamentally reform this outdated charge which is a huge burden to many local business owners."

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Chiswick protest letters against Third Runway delivered to Prime Minister



Graham Blakoe, CHATR, with Ruth Cadbury MP, Rupa Huq MP, Bronia Blakoe and Hamish Pringle of CHATR

Three hundred Chiswick and West London residents gathered in St Michael and All Angel's Church at Turnham Green to hear John Stewart, the chairman of HACAN and other speakers discuss the plans for a 3rd runway at Heathrow.

Local MPs, Ruth Cadbury and Rupa Huq joined the packed meeting on the eve of the Backbench debate today on the final report of the Airports Commission

John Stewart, the key note speaker, warned that "the impact on the local

area will be devastating. Chiswick will be right under the new flight path. Around 725,000 people will be directly affected." He explained the worrying implications for more noise and pollution in the area and explained that it is not too late to take action. Now "is not the end of our fight but the start," he said.

The Bedford Park Residents' Association organised the meeting, with the input of CHATR and their members heard John Stewart explain that David Cameron is expected to announce a decision before the House rises on 17 December, but, said Stewart, there is still time to influence that decision. Torin Douglas, former BBC media correspondent and local Chiswick resident, who was chairing the meeting put forward the points that have been raised by Heathrow but John Stewart countered each one, making it clear that many of the airport's claims did not stand close scrutiny. For example research has shown that employment in West London benefits just as much if the new runway is built at Gatwick rather than Heathrow, but the impact of noise will affect a few thousand, rather than the 300,000 affected by new flightpaths at Heathrow.

Ruth Cadbury MP, Brentford & Isleworth, who has campaigned against Heathrow expansion for 15 years, explained that she would be

speaking in the Backbench debate today on the impact of the Heathrow proposals. "Of all the options, Heathrow expansion is legally, environmentally, physically and politically the most difficult," she explained. Gary Malcolm, Councillor Southfield Ward and Peter Eversden, Chairman, the Bedford Park Society, spoke forcefully about residents' concerns about pollution, noise and traffic congestion.

Already research from University College London has shown levels of PM10s, the small particulates that lodge in the lungs, can reach six times the legal limit along the Chiswick High Road and levels of NO2 at sites along the A4 and M4 have been recorded at 5 times the legal limits. Once the government gives the go ahead to Heathrow it is hard to see how it will have any significant leverage, explained Peter Eversden, if the airport fails to comply with regulations over noise and pollution. Rupa Huq, MP Ealing Central & Acton also spoke persuasively against further Heathrow expansion.

The strength of feeling against the Third Runway became evident from the audience questions. Worries were raised about security with so many planes overflying the capital, the new flightpaths, noise, the extent of the pollution for each take off and landing cycle as well as the destruc-

tion of homes.

Hamish Pringle, for CHATR caught the mood of the meeting when he asked the entire audience to stand, waving their Third Runway maps showing the flightpaths crossing the area in red and led the audience in a resounding chorus repeating David Cameron's personal pledge: "No ifs, no buts, no third runway." He then asked the audience to draft letters to the Prime Minister and Chancellor of the Exchequer expressing their protest. CHATR distributed writing paper and pens to the audience and the church fell silent as everyone started drafting letters.

Just before the debate on Heathrow, CHATR and HACAN members took over a hundred letters of protest to Westminster and gave them to Ruth Cadbury and Rupa Huq just outside the House of Commons. The West London MPS will put them in the internal post directly to the Prime Minister.

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St Mary's Hospital More Smiles Appeal is given royal seal of approval



Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cambridge is supporting a major fundraising appeal to expand and improve the Children's Intensive Care Unit at the hospital where her children were born.

The St Mary's Hospital More Smiles Appeal was launched on Tuesday by Imperial College Healthcare Charity and charity COSMIC. It aims to raise at least £2million to to-

wards a £10million project to create a bigger, state-of-the-art facility. The remainder of the costs are to be funded by Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust and Imperial College Healthcare Charity.

The Duchess was so impressed by the care she received at the hospital in Paddington when she had daughter Charlotte in May and son George two years earlier that she is lending her support to the appeal.

The Duchess said: "The thought of your child in an intensive care unit is harrowing for any parent. The commitment to expand and transform the Children's Intensive Care Unit at St Mary's Hospital will vitally guarantee more space to treat more children and support more families.

"As someone who was so brilliantly cared for by St Mary's, I am delighted to support the Children's Intensive Care Appeal, and commend the important work of all those involved in the project."

Every year, around 400 patients are cared for in the Children's Intensive Care Unit at St Mary's but it also turns away hundreds more critically ill children because it does not have enough beds. This means children may have to be transferred hundreds of miles for treatment. Last year, the unit had to turn away 233 children, more than half the number actually admitted.

The new unit will have 15 beds, almost doubling the current number, allowing more than 200 extra children to be cared for each year. There will also be new equipment, a dedicated parents' room and a private room allowing space for doctors and nurses to provide emotional support and care to families whose children are very seriously ill.

Earlier this week, actress and writer Fay Ripley, whose niece was treated at St Mary's Children's Intensive Care Unit, helped to launch the appeal.

The unit is a world leader in the understanding and treatment of serious infections in children including meningitis and septicaemia, as well as specialising in other life-threatening conditions such as seizures, asthma, sickle cell disease, severe injuries and helping children recover after major surgery.

Dr Simon Nadel, Children's Intensive Care Unit consultant and clinical lead, said: "Our More Smiles Appeal will enable us to upgrade our facilities and offer our exceptional care to even more patients. This unit is one of only five general children's intensive care units in London. Our campaign will save more lives and help us give even better care to more critically ill children and their families. We are most grateful for the Duchess of Cambridge's support and warm wishes."

Southfield's 20 MPH zone is now official

After the work to alter a number of the junctions in Southfield, including the Duke of Sussex roundabout has been made, on the 9th November the 20 MPH zone went live.

Concerns have been raised about the Acton Lane / Southfield Road junction. Councillor Andrew Steed has arranged a site visit with an Ealing Highways officer and a representative of Acton

Green Residents Association to discuss further alterations and signage.

Councillor Andrew Steed said: "Now the signs are up the 20 MPH zone is official. At the last Ward Police Panel meeting in October it was agreed that the police would carry out checks on Acton Lane, Southfield Road and The Avenue."

Chiswick Park gets WiFi



WiFi services are now available at a number of additional tube stations across London, including Chiswick Park.

Councillor Gary Busuttill said: "Transport for London (TfL) have informed us that you can use WiFi to check for the lat-

est TfL travel updates online. If you are a Virgin Media, Virgin Mobile, EE, Vodafone, O2 or Three customer, you can use WiFi on the Tube at no extra cost*. WiFi is available in ticket halls, corridors and on platforms, but not in tunnels."

*For more information, including a map of WiFi enabled Tube stations, please visit tfl.gov.uk/station-wifi

Gunnersbury restoration underway

Work has begun on the first phase of a multimillion pound restoration of Gunnersbury Park. The major works to the much-loved museum and grounds, off Popes Lane, Brentford, will bring them back to their former glory as well as giving the borough a state-of-the-art sporting hub for the boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing.

Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council and Councillor Julian Bell, Leader of Ealing Council, were on site to officially launch the project.

The park will remain open while the first phase of the project – a £21million transformation of the mansion house is carried out, but the museum will be closed until 2017.

The project, which is being joint funded by Hounslow Council, Ealing Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund, will transform Gunnersbury Park and Museum into a major local, national and international centre of learning.

The museum will shine a light on the history of the area, its agricultural heritage, industrial past, urbanisation and multicultural wealth.

Once completed, the £40million regeneration of the site will be home to a first-class sports hub, with indoor and outdoor facilities, eight floodlit tennis courts, eight grass football and rugby pitches and three cricket pitches.

Throughout the park historical fea-

tures such as the landscaped gardens will be restored to their former splendour.

The grounds contain 17 listed buildings – four of which are at-risk Grade II-listed outbuildings and will be preserved for posterity.

Councillor Curran said: "It's very exciting to get the regeneration of Gunnersbury Park and Museum underway. It's a fantastic opportunity to leave a legacy for both boroughs that will be enjoyed for generations to come.

"It will make best use of the grounds providing a great backdrop for some excellent sporting facilities."

Councillor Julian Bell added: "This is a big step towards realising our 15-year masterplan for Gunnersbury's 100-year anniversary in 2026.

"The project is a massive undertaking, but we want to get it right. It involves large elements of preservation and restoration work which, when finished will bring the park's historic buildings back to life and cement an amazing legacy for future generations to enjoy."

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Ealing Council loses £205million over a decade

Ealing Council's cabinet will meet next week to consider deeper cuts to local services as it grapples with saving £205million from its budget over the decade. This means that by 2020 the council will have less than half what it had in 2010 to spend on services.

On Tuesday, 24 November the cabinet will consider plans to save a further £14.7million over the next three years, on top of the £152.8million of savings already agreed.

The reduction in funding has already meant the end of some local services and others changing beyond recognition. These additional savings will mean even more difficulty in providing the vital services residents rely on.

Years of austerity and on-going cuts to public sector funding are expected to mean that the council will see its main

government grant eliminated, with local services funded instead entirely through council tax, business rates and fees and charges for its services.

The council anticipates that even after next week's cabinet decision it will still need to find at least another £37million of cuts by April 2020 – that is the equivalent of more than the entire annual running costs for all the council's refuse and recycling, street cleaning, parks, heritage and libraries services put together.

Councillor Julian Bell, leader of the council, said: "This is the fifth consecutive year that the government has slashed our funding and each time it becomes more difficult to make the savings. We have a growing and ageing population and the demands on many of our services are only increasing each year, but by the end of the decade we'll have less than half what we

used to have to spend on services.

"We've already agreed £152.8million of heartbreaking cuts, but that is simply not enough to balance the books. Next week we'll consider plans for an extra £14.7million of savings on top of those we've already agreed, but we're still staring into a £37million black hole.

"We've responded to the hand we've been dealt by reviewing our services to see if we can change and improve them with less money; finding creative ways to be more efficient and, where that isn't possible, doing everything possible to cause the least harm."

As part of the drive to reduce its costs the council has already been forced to close some of its day centres, reduce grants to the voluntary sector, and re-organise its

services to operate with fewer staff and less money. The council has also reduced or removed the subsidy from some of its chargeable services such as community centres; skip permits; garden and bulky waste collections; Ealing Summer Festivals events; day-care provision; parking permits; and some leisure services. Recycling and refuse will be collected on alternate weeks next year to increase recycling and reduce landfill costs. Contracts with third-party suppliers have also been renegotiated to cut costs and reviews of social care services have been carried out to see if services can be provided for less.

The new proposals to be considered include:

- Saving around £3.5million by developing alternative care options, such as the Shared Lives programme which seeks to place adults with learning disabilities in family homes. This is to lessen the need for more expensive residential care and promote self-care where appropriate to reduce the overall demand on adult services.

- Saving around £2.25million

through renegotiating social care contracts and using on-line systems to improve efficiency and reduce the cost of care placements.

- Seeking more foster carers for looked-after children through the Brighter Futures programme, which is expected to save around £1million.

- Saving around £400,000 through reviewing and restructuring Youth and Connexions services.

- Improving efficiency at the reuse and recycling centres in Acton and Greenford and increasing uptake of commercial waste disposal contracts to save around £400,000.

Councillor Yvonne Johnson, cabinet member for finance, performance and customer services, said: "I can speak for all of my colleagues on the cabinet when I say we have spent months deliberating these decisions. The scale of the cuts being forced on us will mean that some services will need to stop or change. Residents are going to notice a difference, there's no getting away from it. "Despite the government cuts we are absolutely determined

to continue to deliver the things we know really matter to local people. We are doing everything possible to attract more businesses into the borough, creating new jobs and to increase our income from business rates. We will drive forward our ambitious plans to regenerate the area and secure major transport improvements; ensure more decent and affordable homes are built; and push for the best healthcare services for our residents."

The budget reduction proposals are due to be discussed by the cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday, 24 November and details of the proposals are now available in the cabinet reports on the council's website.

All cabinet decisions are subject to call in for a period of five working days from the date of publication of the minutes of the meeting.

Ruth Cadbury MP will not support a shoot to kill policy against terrorists

Ruth Cadbury, MP, has confirmed to Brentford TV that she would NOT support a shoot-to-kill policy against terrorists even if they were massacring scores of her constituents – in, say, Brentford High Street, Hounslow Treaty Centre or Chiswick High Road.

John Dale, of Brentford TV, told the Herald: "Despite 129 dying in the Paris atrocity, Ms Cadbury remains steadfast in her belief as a Quaker that all killing is wrong, whatever the circumstances, and without exception. While many voters will respect her for sticking to her beliefs, they will be bound to ask exactly how she would deal with armed groups like

so-called 'Islamic State' or Al-Qaeda if they were committing mass murder on British streets, with guns and bombs."

This comes at a time when Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn has upset many of his Parliamentary colleagues by saying he also is not happy with shoot-to-kill.

Little was made of Ms Cadbury's avowed pacifism during the 2015 general election in Brentford and Isleworth, which includes Chiswick and Hounslow. That focused on economic arguments which she has been pursuing diligently in the House of Commons.

But, after Paris, the public's concern is switching to national security and such an immovable position is bound to come under scrutiny.

Mr Dale continued, "Which comes first for the MP – her service to her constituents, or allegiance to her faith few share locally? Indeed, is she guilty of another form of religious fundamentalism? She must realise it threatens her slim majority of 465, or 0.9 per cent, in a swing seat."

Now Brentford TV and The Chiswick Herald have asked Ms Cadbury to explain her position further.

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Council prepped for cold snap Fuller's named as Best Company at the Peach Hero and Icon Awards 2015



With predictions of an arctic blast on the way, the ever changing weather is set to make it more like winter as temperatures are set to become much lower over the next week. While London has enjoyed fairly mild weather so far in November, it has been forecast that much colder conditions could be on their way, including a possible risk of snow.

Hounslow Council and Hounslow Highways are fully prepared for more wintry weather with six response teams available in emergencies as well as standby crews for street lighting, drainage and tree surgery. Call outs are managed 24 hours a day by the Network Hub which is in direct contact with all the operational teams.

Rob Gillespie, Hounslow Highways Service Director, said: "At this time of year when there is an increased chance of strong winds, snowfall or heavy rain, it's important to stay vigilant so that we are fully prepared to deal with all eventualities.

"We will continue to ensure sufficient resources are in place to keep our streets free of obstructions and hazards

caused by strong winds. We also be monitoring and working with all the agencies to use the very best forecasting and intelligence to meet all the demands of the season."

There are over 2,000 tonnes of salt ready for use in addition to six gritters that go out on key routes across the borough for when forecasts indicate it is required.

Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council said: "As we know, one of the best ways of keeping well during the winter months is staying warm.

"Older people and young children are particularly vulnerable during these times and if we can check on our elderly relatives and make sure younger ones are kept warm.

"We are prepared for the colder weather here at Hounslow should it arrive. We have response teams plus the salt gritters on standby should they be needed. We ask that residents keep an eye out for forecasts and information we put out and if the weather turns really bad, only make journeys if necessary."



Jonathon Swaine, Managing Director of Fuller's Inns, receiving the award for Best Company (50+ sites) at the Peach Hero and Icon Awards 2015.

Regional airports back Heathrow expansion

32 regional airports have given backing to expansion and a third runway at Heathrow, weeks before David Cameron will announce where growth in airport capacity in the south East of England will be allowed.

Speaking at the Airport Operators Association (AOA) conference, Heathrow CEO John Holland-Kaye set out why he believes Heathrow expansion is the right option for Government, which undoubtedly has been further backed by the 32 regional airports announcing favour for Heathrow expansion.

John Holland-Kaye said "The Airports Commission assessed the need, the issues, the pros and cons against the criteria the Prime Minister

had set. It also gave others the opportunity to promote any alternative, from Manston to "Heathwick" to the Essex marshes. It is the most detailed analysis of airport capacity ever carried out and we should commend them for their thoroughness, and for their political savvy in mak-

ing sure that everyone gets something with Heathrow expansion. In fact, their approach is now being taken as the model for the new Infrastructure Commission."



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LOCAL NEWS.

Open Days for Reception Class 2016 at The William Hogarth School



The William Hogarth School will be holding open days on 1st December at 2:00pm and again on 9th December at 9:30am for parents with children going into Reception and Nursery classes in September 2016. Parents with children coming into our nursery should visit on the morning of the 9th in order to see the nursery in action. Please do come along and visit us or contact us to arrange a visit if you are unable to make these dates. We have some very exciting developments at The William Hogarth School and from January 2016 we will be offering wrap-around care for our nursery children giving more freedom and choices to our working parents. We are really pleased to be able to bring this exciting offer to our families. Children attending our nursery will be able to stay in our care until 3:20pm. We are the only Chiswick primary school to offer this extended care for nursery aged children and one of only a few other schools in the whole of the Hounslow borough to do so.

Trial into potential Alzheimer's disease treatment now recruiting in

A trial into a promising treatment for Alzheimer's disease is looking for participants in London. The drug, liraglutide, is already used for the treatment of diabetes and has shown promising results in laboratory tests for Alzheimer's and in a small preliminary study in people with the condition.

The trial is funded by a number of organisations, including Alzheimer's Society and Imperial College, with support from other charities, pharmaceutical companies and the NHS.

Evidence suggests that there is a strong link between type 2 diabetes and development of Alzheimer's disease. Diabetes occurs when cells in the body cannot properly process a sugar known as glucose. It is thought that in Alzheimer's disease, brain cells cannot use glucose properly, which may stop the cells from being able to function.

Volunteers in the trial will take the drug liraglutide or a placebo drug for a year. The researchers will use a variety of brain scans and memory tests to see the effect of liraglutide on the brain function and memory.

The current treatments available for Alzheimer's alleviate the symptoms for a while but do not treat the underlying causes of the disease. It's been over a decade since the last Alzheimer's treatment was approved for use.

The advantage of testing an already-licensed drug as a dementia treatment is that the drug has already passed many of the required safety tests.

This means that if the drug is shown to benefit people affected by dementia, it can be brought to those who need it sooner.

The trial is being led by Dr Paul Edison of Imperial College London. He said:

"We are asking people who have mild Alzheimer's disease to take part in this trial to find out whether liraglutide has any effect on the condition.

"Volunteering to take part in trials is a vital aspect of research and we very much appreciate the time and effort that our participants have put into this study already. The more people that take part, the quicker we will understand the potential effects that this drug may have on Alzheimer's disease."

Mr Alan Bayes from North London is participating in the liraglutide trial. He said:

"When I was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, I was very interested in participating in a clinical trial as it offered me the opportunity of helping myself as well as others with the disease. I chose this trial because there were promising early results and it is a licensed drug, and so, if effective, it could be available for treatment of Alzheimer's disease fairly quickly."

Dr Doug Brown, Director of Research at Alzheimer's Society, said:

"It is estimated that 72,000 people are living with Alzheimer's disease in London, with these numbers expected to rise. Effective treatments



for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia are desperately needed and trials such as this are the way to find these treatments."

If you are interested in taking part in the above study, please contact the team at 0208 383 3704 or 0208 383 1969 or

e-mail: memory@imperial.ac.uk.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Empire House: Planning appeal to go ahead as Locals rally round

The legal appeal by Simon Kverndal, a local resident and QC, against the development by Lend Lease of 4 high rise blocks on Chiswick High Road, continues. At the Judicial Review on 28 October the Court found against the challenge, but the local community has decided to fight on against what they see as a planning injustice.

They feel that if this manifestly inappropriate development is allowed

to go ahead, the floodgates will be opened. However, resorting to legal challenges does not come cheap. £20,000 was swiftly raised for the first legal round; now an equivalent sum is once more needed.

Enough donations were immediately received to lodge the initial appeal against the judgement (£4,000), and to allow Kverndal to instruct his campaign lawyers to begin preparing a formal written application.

Simon Kverndal issued a statement saying "Let this Council get away with this one and the gates will be opened. This is a case with a realistic chance of success on appeal and therefore one which I hope people will support in order to try to hold back the tide of tall buildings. It is a really important cause for us all."

Chair of the Friends of Turnham Green, Rebecca Frayn agrees. "Lend Lease has been given permis-

sion to build new tower blocks in the middle of a conservation area but I think they have underestimated the fighting spirit of Chiswick residents. We don't want it and we're not prepared to take it lying down. With the highest tower block in West London currently on the table too, it's wonderful to see so many residents prepared to step up and defend their area like this. It's a real example of people power."

Local residents, such as Midsomer Murders' star, Neil Dudgeon, have thrown themselves into the campaign: "I am entirely against the proposed development of Empire House. It is out of keeping with its surroundings and will in no way benefit the local area, only the developers and their investors who care nothing for the people of Chiswick."

Heathrow recognised as an industry sustainability leader

Heathrow's leading investments in energy efficiency have earned it the "Energy Management" title at this year's Edie's Sustainability Leaders Awards. Over £20 million has been invested by the airport to increase the energy efficiency of our infrastructure.

This included a huge two-year programme to replace over 67,000 lights across the airport with LED lamps, saving 44GW hours of electricity, and £6.4 million in electricity and maintenance over the life of the light bulbs.

The Energy Management Award recognised the success of the Heathrow Energy Centre – a 10MW biomass Combined Heat and Power Plant providing zero carbon elec-

tricity, heat and cooling for the new Terminal 2, the world's first BREEM certified airport terminal. The biomass boiler is fuelled by wood-chip coming from forestry that is 75% sourced from within a 50 mile radius of the airport.

The award comes as the airport celebrates the five year anniversary of the Heathrow Sustainability Partnership (HSP). Led by a CEO board from the 13 biggest companies at the airport, HSP works collaboratively to achieve long term sustainability improvements on a scale that wouldn't otherwise be possible. Last year, it launched the Energy Code of Practice to monitor and target improvements in energy consumption. HSP is now in the process of developing a sustainability

guide for restaurants at the airport in partnership with the Sustainable Restaurant Association, which will support them to reduce energy even further.

Elizabeth Hegarty, Head of Sustainability & Environment at Heathrow Airport said:

"Finding ways to use energy responsibly and efficiently is how we do business as Britain's busiest airport and we are honoured that our efforts have been recognised by Edie's Sustainability Leaders Awards.

Our investments in low carbon energy supply and management have created a win-win situation – we have not only delivered results for

the environment, but also cost savings for our partners who operate at the airport.

We know we have much more to do, but we are committed and will capitalise on the potential that Heathrow's expansion could bring to ensure we have industry-leading, low carbon, energy-efficient infrastructure in our airport."

Earlier this week, Heathrow was awarded a Bronze award in the Mayor of London's Business Energy Challenge (BEC) in recognition of the 16.5 per cent reduction in carbon intensity Heathrow has achieved a portfolio of its properties. Going forward, Heathrow has a plan to reduce its CO2 carbon emissions from energy used in buildings by 34%

from 1990 baseline by 2020.

In addition to these awards, Heathrow Airport has also recently won other awards in recognition of efforts to become more sustainable. They include a "GreenFleet" award in recognition of efforts to build a more sustainable airport fleet, the ACI's Eco-Innovation Award for overall efforts at finding new, sustainable ways to operate, and for the eighth time a Biodiversity Benchmark Award for habitat management.

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HOUNSLOW COUNCIL NEWS.

For those of you that live in the Hounslow Council area of Chiswick...

Hounslow confirmed as an official White Ribbon borough in the fight to end violence against women



Hounslow is one of only three London boroughs to be awarded the award.

Hounslow Council is now officially one of the leading boroughs in the fight to end violence against women and girls.

The award from the White Ribbon Campaign gives Hounslow status and recognises the pledge it has made of: Never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

The White Ribbon Campaign was set up a decade ago by a group of men who wanted to send out a message collectively that there is never an excuse for violence against women.

The council's action and support plan includes providing support to women and children leaving violent households safely, education programmes, accessible information aimed at women of all ages, encouraging local groups to raise awareness, guidance on reporting incidents and support for all council employees experiencing domestic violence.

At a special awards ceremony at the Civic Centre, Lampton Road earlier this week certificates were also presented from across the borough who have all signed up to make the White Ribbon pledge.

They include local community figures from across Hounslow, local police officers, Hounslow Council staff and Councillor Richard Foote, Cabinet Member for Community Protection.

Suliman Mohamed Hashi, General Secretary of the local Somali Elders League group and Men Action Group that leads the way in fighting female genital mutilation [FGM] and other gender-based violence in the borough, was presented with a certificate and said:

"It's important to make this pledge so we can fight this together. It's about making sure the communities we live in are encouraged to take an active role in helping to end this harmful practice once

and for all." Messages were read out from Seema Malhotra, MP for Feltham and Heston on Hounslow's achievements as well as welcome speeches by Mary Harpley, Chief Executive of Hounslow, Raj Kohli, Metropolitan Police Borough Commander and Councillor Sue Sampson, Cabinet Member for Communities, Economic Development and Domestic Violence.

Councillor Sue Sampson who has personal experience of domestic violence after her sister was murdered by her estranged husband, said: "I'm proud to announce that Hounslow is now officially a White Ribbon borough.

"This award recognises our council's continuous commitment to end violence against women and girls.

"It's the result of us working tirelessly in partnership with the police, voluntary sector organisations and the community, to ensure that anyone who has or is experiencing gender-based violence can access specialised support.

"Our work will not stop with this award. We will continue to be at the forefront of the fight against domestic violence, female genital mutilation and the sexual exploitation of women and girls in Hounslow and beyond.

"We want to say a big thank you to the men who have had made a significant contribution to our pledge. We now hope many more will join us in taking our commitment further."

To sign the pledge visit <http://www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk/>

Hounslow Council Tax goes online

Chiswick residents can now manage their Council Tax accounts online 7 days a week.

The new online service has been designed in response to feedback from residents who told the council they wanted to be able to check their accounts and report changes without lengthy telephone calls and waiting times, writing letters, or visiting the Civic Centre.

Residents also said they wanted a service that fitted in better with their lifestyles and work commitments.

Residents will be given their own online code which will be published on their next council tax bill or reminder. The code will give them secure access to their council tax account and any benefit claim in the same way they might if they bank online. All personal details and access to accounts will be made secure with up-to-date technology. All information on when you should receive your code and how you receive it, is available on the council web-

site - www.hounslow.gov.uk/counciltax

The new online service lets residents:

- check the Council Tax band and annual Council Tax charge for any property in the borough
- view their Council Tax Account - recent correspondence, payments, balance and more
- advise the council if they are moving in or moving out of a property
- advise the council of a change to the occupancy of a property
- apply for or remove a Single Person Discount
- set up or amend direct debits

Requests will now be processed much faster, so if someone goes online to set up or change a direct debit, it will be actioned immediately and confirmation will be sent the next working day. Currently it can take anywhere between seven to ten working days.

If for any reason a resident

has no access to the internet at home, there is free access to computers at the Civic Centre in Lampton Road, Hounslow and at Hounslow, Brentford, Chiswick and Isleworth libraries.

Councillor Theo Dennison, Cabinet Member for Finance and Citizen Engagement, Hounslow Council said:

"Instead of writing letters, endless phone calls and making time-consuming visits to the Civic Centre, residents will now be able to manage their own Council Tax accounts from the comfort of their own home.

"It's far faster and more convenient for residents, it should make managing their Council Tax bill easier and they will be able to view their account online at any time that suits them."

The new online service from Hounslow Council is delivered by Liberata, which runs Council Tax services for the council.

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Carers get chance to find out about their rights

Carers Rights Day (Friday 20 November) saw more than 80 local carers attend a special event hosted by Hounslow Council.

Carers were invited to take part in a group feedback session based around five key questions, providing an opportunity for carers to have their views heard, and to receive on-the-spot answers on key questions about the future of the services they use.

They also made suggestions on the kinds of support they would find most helpful in their caring roles.

After the feedback session,

carers were invited to visit a wide range of stalls from providers of care and support in the borough, including CarersTrust Thames, Hounslow Community Partnership, Alzheimer's Society, Our Barn, Parent Carer forum, The Mulberry Centre, Age UK, Citizens Advice Bureau and many more.

Councillor Kamaljit Kaur, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health, Hounslow Council said:

"It's great that so many carers were able to get involved in our Carers Rights Day event. It's really important for people to recognise that they are

carers and to access the help and advice which is available to them.

"This is central to the awareness campaign we're running at the moment, which is asking residents 'Do you need support?' It aims to help the thousands of unregistered carers in the borough recognise themselves as carers and urges them to contact the council for help and support."

Find out more about being a carer and the support you can access at www.hounslow.gov.uk/carers

EALING COUNCIL NEWS.

For those of you that live in the Ealing Council area of Chiswick...

Ealing's foster carers celebrated at awards



The dedication and hard work of the borough's foster carers was celebrated at Ealing Council's annual Foster Carer Awards held on Saturday, 21 November.

The Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Harbhajan Kaur Dheer, opened the event at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Ealing, which was attended by the borough's foster carers as well as council leader Julian Bell and Councillor Binda Rai, cabinet member for children and young people.

Monica Miller was named Foster Carer of the Year and was presented with the Thornborough Award. The award was named after Jeff and Val Thornborough who recently retired from fostering after 13 years of service to Ealing's looked after children. Foster carers were nominated for the award by young people and social workers.

Monica was chosen as the winner by a panel, which included Jeff Thornborough and staff from Ealing's Children's Services. The panel made a unani-

mous decision to honour Monica with the accolade. The panel said in her four years of being a foster carer with Ealing, Monica had demonstrated nothing but resilience, compassion and strength to the children in her care. They said the profound difference she has made, particularly to the life of the young girl currently in her care, made her unquestionably deserving of the award. Monica has gone above and beyond her duties as a foster carer while providing her with a loving home.

it is the chance to make a difference to a child's life. To see the positive changes in my little girl over the years makes me so proud. It really is a privilege."

All Ealing's foster carers were recognised on the night and those who had achieved five, 10, 15 and 25 years of service were also presented with specially engraved glassware.

Councillor Rai said: "I look forward to this heart-warming and inspirational event every year and welcome the opportunity to say thank you to our wonderful foster carers for their devotion and hard work. Foster carers can transform the lives of the children and young people in their care, as Monica's story demonstrates.

"We always need more people like Monica to look after the children and young people in our care. It's a special - and sometimes challenging - role which we provide full training and support for. I would urge anyone who would like to know more about becoming a foster carer to come along to one of our information sessions."

Ealing Council holds monthly information sessions for people interested in fostering. The next sessions will be held at Ealing Town Hall on Monday, 7 December, 7.30-9.30pm. For more information on fostering or to receive an information pack, contact the Fostering and Adoption service on 0800 731 6550 or email fosteradopt@ealing.gov.uk

Ealing Council looks for Town Hall development partner

Ealing Council is inviting proposals to safeguard the future of Ealing Town Hall and breathe new life into the building.

The council is looking for proposals for new uses for part of the Town Hall such as a boutique hotel, restaurant, conference venue or office space. The new uses will enable the function rooms, including the Victoria Hall to be refurbished and made available on an on-going basis for hire by the community. The remaining part of the building would continue to be used by the council for civic and community purposes including marriage and civil partnership ceremonies, meetings in the council chamber, the Mayor's Parlour and modest office space for councillors.

The council this week (w/c 16 November) began marketing the Town Hall, offering to lease part of the building. The council would still own the Town Hall and occupy its eastern wing.

The aim is to revitalise and protect the iconic grade II listed building whilst saving the council millions of pounds in running costs. The new partnership would mean that the Town Hall would benefit from an extensive refurbishment and in the future the substantial cost of maintaining the outside of the building and the majority of the interior would be met by the new leaseholder.

Ealing Council leader Julian Bell said: "The Town Hall is a stunning building which we

are determined to preserve but internally it is in poor condition and we need to give it a secure future in a way which is not a drain on ever reducing council resources.

"The Town Hall has enormous potential and we want it to accommodate a range of community and commercial activities which contribute to Ealing's economic and cultural life."

Subject to planning permission, work on the Town Hall could start in spring 2017.

The council will work with local groups who regularly hire the Town Hall to identify alternative places during the building and refurbishment works.

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LOCAL NEWS - Ruth Cadbury MP.



Heathrow Expansion

'I have been campaigning against expansion at the airport for almost 15 years, first as a Hounslow Councillor and now as an MP. We already live in the noisiest and one of the most polluted parts of the UK, and I want Heathrow to work to be a better neighbour, not a bigger one.

Expansion would mean another 300,000 people directly under a landing path who are not at present, specifically in Heston, Osterley, central Brentford and Chiswick. It would also mean the halving of the valued 8-hour respite periods and today in the Times we see that Heathrow are not prepared to commit to a ban on night flights, which was a condition of the Airports Commission recommending expansion at Heathrow. Expanding the airport's capacity by over 40% will mean increase pressure on our roads and public transport, and the promised new rail routes will only relieve the current pressures, and not be able to cope with expansion.

We know the negative impact that continuous noise and air pollution has on our health, so why impose further problems on west London, not to mention the additional safety risk of a third runway whose approach is over such a built up area?

After many years of one of the most expensive PR campaigns in this country, Heathrow



Chancellor's Autumn Statement

'I welcome the news that George Osborne has been forced to bow to Labour pressure on his unfair tax credit cut.

Hundreds of constituents emailed me to express their anger about the proposals and in October I raised the issue in the chamber and held the government to account on this issue.

However, we must be wary of celebrating this u-turn. Osborne is still committed to the one billion pounds worth of cuts to tax credits and universal credit, announced in July which guaranteed over three billion pounds worth of cuts to working families by the end of this parliament.

The phrase 'the devil is in the detail' could not be truer of this spending review. While the announcements Osborne made in the chamber were seemingly positive, it is important to look at what he did not say.

The only new homes to be supported by this government will be for first time buyers, there was nothing in this review for those unable to buy who are stuck. Osborne's housing promises signalled the end of council house building and new housing association homes for affordable rent, this will be devastating for London.

Today also saw student nurse bursaries cut. I recently met with the CEO of West Middlesex hospital, she warned me that they were

have not managed to shift the level of public support to their case. When local residents realise exactly how much worse their environment will be with expansion, there will be even more opposition.

The statement was put out by Back Heathrow, which is funded by Heathrow Airport and was set up to further Heathrow airport Ltd's commercial interest, which supports expansion at all costs. Despite millions being spent on PR over these years Heathrow has not managed to shift public opinion.'



struggling with retention of staff, including nurses due to housing shortages. Today's announcements will not only put off low-income students who want to become nurses and midwives, but exacerbate staff shortages in hospitals. This is not the time to experiment with cuts to vital staff.

The average age of a trainee nurse is 29, without the bursary, what will happen to nurses who already have a degree and cannot take out another student loan? With Osborne withdrawing support for our student nurses this is another attack on our hard working NHS staff who provide an important service.'

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MONEY MATTERS.

Money Matters with Dr P Singh

FILM REVIEW: Margin Call

Margin Call is a film about high finance on Wall Street—specifically a few days in the life of a bank that has realised that its billions of dollars worth of investments are toxic waste. Its strategy had been to package them – I guess into complex securities such as mortgage-backed securities, and then sell them to pension funds, insurance companies, sovereign wealth funds and other institutional investors, making hundreds of millions of dollars. Now, its conveyor belt has stopped and it has been caught out holding billions of dollars of the toxic stuff on its books – and a decline in their value will destroy the bank. The film does not make it clear why the conveyor belt has stopped but it seems the market correction is about to occur and investors are going to lose their appetite.

To survive the bank must take drastic action – sell its whole portfolio of billions of dollars worth in just a few hours of the market opening to any willing fool before words gets around the market and the fools realise they have been suckered. This shows bankers will willingly beggar thy neighbour to survive

The head trader has a crisis of conscience and argues against selling, knowing his team of traders will never be trusted again – they are in effect throwing away their careers to save their bank. So, how to persuade them to fall on their swords? With money, the only currency that traders know. Each trader is offered a pot of money that will keep him comfortable for the rest of their days, but it's peanuts in comparison to how much the bank stands to lose if they refuse to go along. The traders might as well as they'll probably be out of a job when the market meltdown begins as everyone else starts off-loading the same toxic assets into

the market.

The chief executive reasons with the head trader to dump the investments and save the bank even though other banks will likely suffer. This crisis is just another in a long line of crises and is nothing to get too worked up about, and besides, all they're doing is pushing paper around. The sad part of it all is there is nothing to show for their work. At least a hole digger has holes to show for his effort. His second in command makes the interesting justification for pushing paper – it enables the ordinary people (implying bankers are extraordinary) to maintain their lifestyles, and the alternative – without bankers – would be dire. This is analogous to a drug dealer saying he is doing good by keeping addicts intoxicated with drugs because stopping the supply of drugs (money) would be worse for the addicts (ordinary people).

Ironically, the person – a risk manager – who noticed the increase in risk the bank was taking has only recently been fired. A frantic search is initiated to find him and gag him. He is found and though he refuses to cooperate with his former employer, the threat that the bank will destroy him financially if he refuses, makes him cave-in. He is kept in a room in the bank while the traders off-load their billions of assets and paid around \$200,000 an hour for his cooperation.

Joining him is the chief risk officer – who should have spoken up on behalf of the risk manager and alerted the senior management of the risk the bank was facing with so many toxic assets, but she and/or senior managers were too interested in the lure of money to consider the risks they were exposing the bank too – just as the directors of Barings asked no questions as long as their star trader Nick Leeson was



raking in millions for them. She is made a scapegoat to appease traders and vows to take her line manager down with her. He is a cold-hearted calculating survivor and manages to escape the fallout.

The title of the film – margin call – refers to the payment of money by a borrower to a when the borrower becomes a bigger risk. When lenders realise the bank's investments are toxic and make a margin call, the bank will not have sufficient money to make the payment so will be forced to sell those investments at fire sale prices. That loss on the sales will wipe out the bank's equity making it insolvent and out of business. End of the road for bank. Odd title when there is no mention of a margin call in the film.

The film highlights characteristics of many bankers that have become clear during the crisis and subsequent scandals, plus some that are less clear: beggar thy neighbour; use money to get what you want; threaten employees with financial ruin if they step out of line; survive at all costs; believe bankers are the elite extraordinary.

The film has shades of Lehman Brothers – the global bank that had massive exposure to toxic assets and the bank that many say set off the global crisis when it was allowed to fail. It also reflects JP Morgan – an even bigger global bank – that made a margin call on Lehman that probably pushed it closer to failure. The characters resemble Dick Fuld CEO of Lehman and Jamie Dimon CEO of JP Morgan.

Homeowners losing £billions

According to HSBC, many homeowners are losing a "small fortune" by not fixing their mortgage at a lower rate than the higher standard variable rate they pay their lender - £29 billion in total they calculate.

Somewhat surprising that a bank should be offering to hand back money to borrowers, especially one with a sullied reputation.

The report in Cityam.com does say that fixed rates usually start off low then rise after a period of time, but misleadingly goes on to say borrowers

can continuously remortgage to get the best deal. Not everyone can and there's a presumption that rates will be better than the variable rate they are moving away from. It fails to raise the real concern that the rise after the end of the low fixed rate will come as a shock to many borrowers – so much that they have difficulty carrying on with payments and default. Such a payment shock tipped the US housing market into crisis that eventually led to the global financial crisis. As with all things to do with banks - and the media - caveat emptor.

Rise in compliance jobs

Somewhat belatedly, there is a growing trend for City jobs in Compliance – that area of a bank responsible for ensuring the bank does not breach regulations and the plethora of other rules that have been introduced since lite-touch regulation went out the window following a complete overhaul in the aftermath of the financial crisis. Robert Walters –

the provider of the data and reported exclusively in Cityam – has not revealed an even greater rise (I suspect) in jobs for lobbyists tasked with watering down or removing said rules and regulations, or putting them on the back-burner for years pending further industry consultation.

Volkswagen downgraded over emission scandal

Fitch rating agency has said Volkswagen's fraud makes it ineligible for an A category rating and has demoted it two notches and put it on a negative outlook. This is bound to make its shares and debt ineligible for investment by asset managers and so make its

funding harder. What funding it gets in future is bound to be more expensive as investors brand it higher risk. That will reduce profits and depress its share price. Could it be the end of the (assembly) line for a once great car manufacturer?

Companies are in better shape post-crisis... but tough times ahead

Whilst companies have toughened up and become more efficient, says Ian Gould (partner at restructuring firm, BDO), he also warns "...they are facing a toxic mix of stronger glob-

al competition, high business rates, increasing energy and wage costs, and pensions burdens which are pushing more of them into financial difficulty."

High cost of pensions advice is a big turn off

According to Citizens Advice, 47 per cent of 2000 people surveyed said they would pay a fee for pensions advice but just 2 per cent would spend over £1000 for it. That cost is well below the £1490 average fee IFAs charge for pensions

advice. "The market needs to adapt to those without a big budget for financial advice" said the CE of the advice bureau.

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According to rating agency, the UK could see its coveted AAA credit rating lost if it left the EU and fall farther if relations with the EU deteriorated. That would, like Volkswagen, make financing the massive government debt pile more expensive, which might be felt by taxpayers in the form of higher taxes and/or less public spending.

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Christmas Gift Guide

Part 1

Part 2 will appear in next issue of the CH.

It's that time of year again where we start looking around what to buy for the special people in our lives. It gets harder each year as people demand something different and already have a lot of things that they need. So this year I am looking at quirky or cute ideas, luxury products that one wouldn't buy for themselves and original presents that show a bit of thought has gone into the process. Hopefully there is something for everybody here!

Happy shopping!

Christmas Gifts for the Beauty Junkie

You would think this was the easy one to buy for as she would like most new products but that is not so true! A real beauty junkie will have the latest new releases by major companies, so you have to think out of the box here and think 'niche'! Luckily, I have had a good look around and I think that these are all winners!

Janjira is a Thai inspired skin and body care range. There is something here for those beauty addicts in your life that will put a smile on their faces. I love the Massage Candle, a beautifully scented candle which, when the wax has melted to an oil, you can massage into skin! Very decadent. Buy the Therapy Relaxation Gift Set (£35.00 www.janjira.co.uk)

MOA Fortifying Green Bath Potion will satisfy the inner goddess! The essential oils of fennel, birch, yarrow and peppermint, this concentrated bath potion will clear the mind and lift your mood. (£27.50 www.moa.london)

Gift her with shiny hair this season with The Heat Treat, a thermal hair conditioning cap that transforms frizzy, dull hair into gorgeous tresses in as little as two minutes. It will save a fortune in salon visits and she will thank you in January! It comes in a lovely gift box too. (£24.95 www.heatreatcap.com)

Staying with hair, the latest gift boxes from Paul Mitchell Awapuhi Wild Ginger collection are beautifully boxed with quality products. This

Exquisite range features, Esquisite Repair, Styling or Completely Exquisite, depending on hair needs. from £49.00 from all good salons.

Baldwins have some amazing gift boxes for the most discerning of customers! Famed for their use of essential oils, try giving her the seasonally appropriate Pomegranate, Bilberry & Rose Gift Box (www.baldwins.co.uk £56.99) It contains a cleansing lotion, revitalising skin tonic, soothing eye cream, rejuvenating day cream, nourishing night cream, which will leave skin nourished and ready for Boxing Day!

Aromatherapy Associates have some gorgeous products for Christmas, from mini bath oils as tree decorations like The Star (from £10.00) to big gift boxes such as the wonderful Ultimate Bath Jewels (£58.00) which has 10 winning bath and shower oils. Beautifully blended with the finest, most exquisite essential oils, this precious gift set will offer you the most remarkable aromatherapy experience, and the receiver will be delighted! www.aromatherapyassociates.com

Elemis have some beautiful gift sets this year, none better than the Forever Frangipani Gift set. With full sizes of Frangipani Monoi Body Oil, Body Cream and Shower Cream plus a Monoi Mist, you can create a spa like experience at home and the room mist smells divine! £39.90 www.elemis.com and at all good department stores.

For Him

Menfolk are notoriously hard to buy for so treat him to an 'experience' instead! Ted's Grooming Room offer a range of services including hot towel shaves for a little luxury. Check out the treatments and buy gift certificates at www.tedsgroomingroom.com

Label M have some great gift sets for men. The first men's fragrance is also launched this season, label men Cologne Hair & Body. Ideal to energise the senses after all that festive cheer! Gift sets from £22.45 www.labelm.com or at Toni&Guy salons.

How do you drink your tea? Whether you're The Guvnor, The Early Bird or The Tea-totaller with the London Tea Company there's a brew for you! The London Tea Company has launched a fun new gift range of favourite flavours and quality blends, just in time for Christmas. The bold new packaging is bright and eye-catching and features characters and teapot designs to represent some of the eclectic characters and essence of London and London Tea. From £9.99 for a tin of 15 For full stockists details please visit www.londontea.co.uk

Paul Mitchell have some fab gift sets for the men in your life from their men's range Mitch. The Dapper Gent or Refined Chap both contain good quality products, inspired by the barber experience. (£27.00 each at all good salons)

Samuel Windsor are a British online based re-

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He would love to find some products from The Refinery in his stocking. This luxury brand has everything (well, almost!) that a man could want. Power-packed with essential oils, REFINERY is a pioneering skin care collection specifically formulated for men combining cutting edge technology with all the force of the finest quality highly concentrated essential oils. With great packaging, buy him his own set of grooming products from the lovely Shave Oil to the Refinery Mattifying Moisturiser (£34.00) Available from Harrods or The Refinery Mayfair 60 Brook Street, London, W1K 5DU

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On the couch with Chiswick Psychotherapist Nicholas Rose



How to talk to someone who is really struggling....

The Mental Health Charity Mind quotes research that 1 in 4 people in the UK will experience a mental health problem each year. So it's no wonder that in working as a psychotherapist people often seek my advice when they are concerned about a friend or family member. In response to this I always ask "Do you believe offering your time and attention will not be helpful - that you won't be able to think together about a way forward?"

Often I hear the problems appear so big and complicated there is a sense of not being able to help and people can be feeling fearful that anything they might try to do and say could make things worse. It is natural to experience such a response because it is likely the person you are concerned about is thinking and feeling this way too. At this point many people become nervous that they are not equipped to help, particularly if words come up like suicidal, crazy, murderous, out of control, psychopathic or any of a whole range of powerful words or the many psychiatric terms that are becoming so widely used nowadays. So it can be useful to recognise that actually you are already developing a good understanding of what is happening for them and that this means you are already able to help.

These thoughts and feelings are most likely coming from a place of isolation, loneliness and desperation and the most effective way to start dealing with things is not to panic but to see if you have understood correctly. Do this by asking something like "I am wondering whether you are thinking the problems are too big and complicated, things can only get worse and you are feeling isolated, lonely and desperate?"

In doing this you will already be helping with the feelings of isolation and loneliness and your willingness to ask questions will already be challenging the feeling of desperation. Now start to consider whether either of you might be struggling to talk freely. One of the most frequently given reasons people give for choosing to talk to a therapist is they don't need to worry about what impact sharing their problems will have on either the other person or that relationship. So if you think that the conversation isn't flowing freely then ask. You can then both think about whether

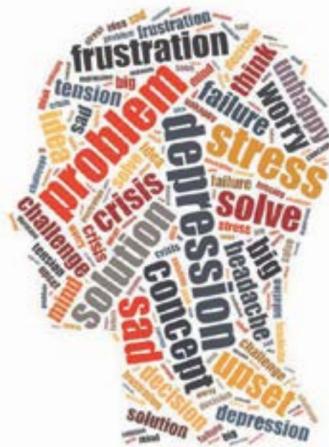
there is someone else who it would be easier to talk to.

If you both decide to carry on talking then the next thing is to ask for as much information as possible. If suicide has been raised ask about it - "you have been thinking about suicide? what have you been thinking of doing? what has stopped you?" It is likely that the conversation will move onto the underlying problems but if not then maybe this is the time to talk to them about taking more immediate action. Again, Mind's website suggests what action to take.

Assuming you both feel it's proving helpful to talk then you can think through together the basis of the concerns. Consider questions like what is going on? What if anything has changed? Why might the concern have become apparent now? What has been tried to sort things out? What's different that means you are not coping like in the past? Is this a completely new experience, if not what happened last time? What options have been considered and why have they been ruled out? What would you like to do if you could do anything you wanted? Ultimately to help them think through what to do to start to make their situation better.

Remember although you are asking questions it is not for you to answer them. You might have opinions or think your own experiences are relevant - it can be helpful to share these but ask whether they want to hear them. Opinions can be really helpful if you know the person well enough however remember answers are only really answers when we find them for ourselves - to give or be given an answer is rarely the answer! The most important opinions and experiences are the persons own.

If after having talked things through the other person is still really distressed ask what they would like to do now and what they want from you? If you are concerned tell them what you would like to do, if suicide has been talked about ask if they are still feeling suicidal. If it's a yes then again talk about the options for getting more help. If at the end you are left feeling nervous about whether they will be alright then think about what you need. You might find it helpful to talk this through with someone.



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LOCAL NEWS.

GM announced for Clayton Hotel Chiswick ahead of £20m upgrade

Thomas Doyle has been appointed general manager of Clayton Hotel Chiswick ahead of the completion of an impressive refurbishment and extension project at the hotel costing over £20m.

London-born Doyle joins the four-star standard, 227-bedroom hotel and conference centre from Jurys Inn, where he worked his way up to becoming general manager of the company's Islington property.

"This is a very exciting opportunity for me and an important chapter in the history of the hotel," commented Doyle. "The completed new look will be unveiled in February 2016 when we hope local residents and businesses in the area will come and appreciate our fantastic facilities, fresh new look and welcoming feel."

The renovation project, which began in June 2014, includes the addition of 104

bedrooms and the upgrading of existing bedrooms, a new bar and restaurant, state-of-the-art meetings and events facilities, and a lighter, more spacious reception area. The hotel has been fully operational throughout the work.

An extension and refurbishment to the hotel's meetings and events facility gives it a dedicated area of the hotel with its own entrance and foyer, eight meeting rooms and the impressive Chiswick Ballroom, which seats up to 350 people.

Further appointments to the management team include head chef Gaurav Puri. Gaurav previously worked at Claridge's as a sous chef. His career has also included positions at The Berkeley, The Langham London, and with the Gordon Ramsay Group.

Lukasz Klosiewicz has been appointed meetings and events manager, moving from Clayton Crown Hotel in

Cricklewood.

Gaurav Dhaul becomes director of sales, joining from Grange Hotels where he was sales manager, while Lauren Cooper joins as HR manager, from Accor New Zealand.

Clayton Hotel Chiswick, formerly the Chiswick Moran Hotel, was acquired by Dalata Hotel Group as part of the €452.3m [£324m] purchase of nine hotels from Moran Bewley's Hotel Group in February 2015. It was rebranded with the Clayton name in May.

The hotel is conveniently situated just five miles from central London and eight miles from Heathrow, opposite Gunnersbury tube station on the district line. Within walking distance is well-known business centre Chiswick Park, where companies such as Discovery, Pernod Ricard, QVC and Swarovski have offices. www.claytonhotelschiswick.com.



Thomas Doyle

Chiswick hero finally honoured after 98 years



A labour of love that began in June 2013, was brought to an emotional end this week, when the grave of former Chiswick resident, John Matthias Lamb, was finally honoured with a headstone after 98 years of laying unmarked.

The story began when Andy Wotton - an alumnus of Reed's School in Cobham, Surrey and a keen historian - took up the challenge of researching all the former pupils from the School who died during the First World War. One of these was John Lamb who - as a result of his father dying aged just 49 and his mother being unable to cope

with three children - had been a Foundation pupil on a full bursary.

Lamb had enlisted in the 16th Battalion, County of London Regiment (Queen's Westminster Rifles) and on 16th September 1916 was posted to France. He was involved in the Battle of Arras,

during which he was shot through the left lung. He was invalided back home, but developed complications and died on the 6th May 1918, age 28.

Through his extensive research, which included visiting many of the War Memorials in England and France, Mr Wotton discovered that Lamb, born to John Henry and Belinda Sarah Lamb on the 24th February 1890 in Acton Green in West London, was not registered on the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) database, so he set about trying to put that right. Mr Wotton

gathered all the evidence he could regarding John's birth, his time at School, military record and eventual death and sent it off to the CWGC.

Whilst waiting for the CWGC decision, Mr Wotton traced the whereabouts of John Lamb's grave to St Nicholas Parish Church, Chiswick and was helped greatly in his quest by local Archivist and Librarian, Carolyn Hammond. The grave was unmarked, but the location details were shared with the CWGC, which ultimately assisted in their deliberations.

Then, last week, Mr Wotton received the welcome news from Carolyn that a headstone had finally been positioned on John Lamb's grave... and here is the photo to prove it. May he rest in eternal peace.

If there are any descendants of John Matthias Lamb, Reed's School would be delighted to hear from you.

Mr Wotton said: "I feel that it is important that all our WW1 heroes should be recognised appropriately, but this was even more so as John Lamb was a fellow Old Reedonian. Apart from being very pleased that John has been properly acknowledged after all these years, it means also that his grave will be maintained by the CWGC, in perpetuity, a fact I am delighted about."

Mark Hoskins, Headmaster of Reed's School said: "As a School we are indebted to Andy for his incredible enthusiasm and determination in not only all the research he has conducted around our

former pupils who fell in the Great War, but also for the initiative and compassion he has shown in ensuring fellow Old Reedonian, John Lamb, is fittingly honoured and recognised. These are all attributes we aspire to for our

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For more information, contact: Sharmaine Matthews, Reed's School

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• Serves 4

Ingredients

- 800g monkfish (200g per serving)
- 200g fresh peas
- 200g fresh broad beans
- 250g unsalted butter
- Half bunch lemon thyme
- Half lemon
- 20g of olive oil



Pan Fried Monkfish with Broad Beans and Peas

Method

1 Monkfish should be cooked like meat – It's best served medium rare. So, start by melting the butter in a large pan adding the lemon thyme and oil. Then brown the monkfish - make sure that you don't try to turn it until each side is nicely caramelised, otherwise it won't look – or taste - as good!

2 At the same time, blanch the peas and broad beans together in boiling water for 1 minute. Then stop the cooking process by transferring them to a bowl of iced water. Peel the broad beans.

3 Transfer the peeled beans and peas to a pan heated on a low light with a drizzle of lemon juice.

4 Now ready to serve; slice the monkfish in half and plate up with the broad beans and peas on top, and the butter and herb jus as a dressing, finally adding some coarse sea salt. If you want, you can add micro herbs for presentation. Enjoy!

Buon Appetito

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CHRISTMAS SUPERFOODS

Good news: Christmas can be healthy!

Find out what superfoods you should include in your Christmas menu this year:

Brussels sprouts

'Brussels sprouts are Cruciferous vegetables that are packed with vitamin K, vitamin C, folic acid, calcium and magnesium. As a valuable source of glucosinolates they protect our DNA from damage. They can also help to avoid the mid-afternoon slump on Christmas Day, as they are packed with B Vitamins, essential for energy.'

Many don't like the sulphur smell they emit when cooked, but they're excellent for you! Try steaming them to keep in their goodness and add nutmeg for Christmas twist.' says Shona Wilkinson, Head Nutritionist at www.nutricentre.com.

Cinnamon

'Cinnamon is one of nature's most revitalising herbs. Filled with potent antioxidants - more than almost all other spices and herbs - it may help to reduce signs of ageing, boost metabolism as well as aid digestion, gently warming your stomach, supporting the breakdown of

your food more efficiently.' explains Dr Marilyn Glenville, the UK's leading nutritionist (www.marilynglenville.com).

Do you have a sweet tooth? 'Cinnamon is also great for reducing sugar cravings. Add some to a cranberry, pear and clementine juice for a festive pick me up on the go! You can also combine it with spinach or kale for a super shot of festive green goodness!' adds Wilkinson.

Nuts

'Nuts are packed with goodness, high in essential nutrients especially the minerals and vitamins. They are also protein-rich so are broken down more slowly and therefore stay in the stomach longer, making us feel fuller and snack less.'

They also help to balance your blood sugar levels and improve insulin sensitivity, which is an essential part of healthy weight loss and management. Nuts are high in calories, so don't gorge on them, but allow yourself a healthy decent handful a day. Make sure they're raw and unsalted to get the maximum benefit from the delicate oils they contain.' says Dr Glenville.

Turkey

'Turkey is a great source of lean protein. It is also low in fat and low in calories – just what you need this festive season! 'Turkey is also high in Selenium, which supports metabolism, Zinc that help to boost our immunity and vitamin B6 essential for energy production.' explains Wilkinson.

Do you often feel like snacking? 'Carb cravings are a sign of low levels of the amino acid - tryptophan, which is necessary for the serotonin production – a 'happy' brain chemical. It plays crucial role in sleep and wake cycles as well as digestion. A lack of it can lead to low mood and anxiety. Instead of reaching for stodgey carbs go for turkey – it's packed with tryptophan!' says Dr Glenville.

Mulled red wine

As if you need an excuse to have one ... 'Red wine is a good source of resveratrol. This powerful antioxidant, which can be found in the skin of red



grapes, berries, cocoa and red wine, is produced in plants to defend them from invading microorganisms.

It can not only protect you from damaging free radicals but it also boosts cell replication. By promoting a healthy, inflammatory response in our body it delays premature aging process and turn excess flab into calorie-burning 'brown fat'. If you are not a big fan of red wine but want to stay healthy, keep radiant skin and look fabulous this festive season go for a supplement with resveratrol. Nature's Plus AgeLoss Rejuvenabolic Complex (www.revital.co.uk, £47.50) provides benefits of 365 glasses of red wine in just one serving.' says Michela Vagnini, Nutritionist at www.naturesplus.co.uk.

So there you have it! Happy Christmas Chiswick and enjoy that festive lunch, knowing it is doing you good!



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LOCAL NEWS.

Rat run trial closure set to begin

An 18-month trial closure of Church Street with the junction of North Street in Isleworth will begin next Monday, 7 December.

Following a public consultation earlier last year and complaints from residents going back decades, Hounslow Councillors agreed in September to the temporary closure to gain knowledge of what the impact of this will be on Church Street and surrounding roads.

The closure is only a trial and a monitoring programme will be in place throughout. The results of this will be presented to the Isleworth and Brentford Area Forum in 2017, when a final decision will be made.

Members of the Area Forum agreed that Church Street will be closed at the point just north of the bridge over the Duke of Northumberland's River, where width restrictions were located to stop heavier vehicles from driving through.

Council transport officers will



Councillor Paul Lynch

also look at whether there are any opportunities to improve traffic flow along Twickenham Road through the duration of the trial.

A survey in November last year found that as much as two-thirds of the peak time traffic in Church Street and North Street in Isleworth was found to be caused by people driving through the road to avoid congestion on a stretch of Twickenham Road. Safety concerns arose from

the consultation as its historic nature prevents the provision of minimum width two-way carriageways and footways. While residents did not back proposals for changes to traffic controls in North Street in a recent consultation, councillors have asked for another consultation three months into the Church Street trial closure to see whether residents' views on wider closure options have changed. If this is the case, further additional trial closures and other mitigation measures such as waiting restrictions to help ease traffic flow, may be explored within the 18-month period.

The council will continue to communicate with residents in the wider area and is offering support to those trying alternative modes of travel, particularly cycling, in order to reduce the impact the closure may have.

Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council and Cabinet Member for Corporate Strategy, Planning and Regeneration said: "Church

Street has long been used as a rat-run and is affecting the lives of residents there. "This trial will enable us to understand the impact that closing Church Street will have on the wider areas. We know there have been mixed feelings about this and we ask residents to bear with us as we work through this process."

Systemic Failures in SEN provision to Families with Disabled Children

An apology has been given to families with disabled children after Hounslow Council admitted delays and failures "at all levels" with Special Educational Needs provision.

A question raised by Chiswick Councillor Paul Lynch found a lack of joined up action when it came to providing young people adequate support as they move into adulthood. Speaking at Borough Council, he remarked, how he had spoken with a number of families affected by such delays and the immense stress it caused.

"The families have all experienced a backlog of delays, maladministration and misinformation when it comes to providing for their children at sixteen and beyond. It clearly is a process that is flawed."

One parent, Judith, whose son attends a school in Berkshire, spoke of her anger and frustration in not getting support over transport because he was nineteen.

"My son was first placed at a school all the way in Buckinghamshire and I was expected to transport him daily with a petrol allowance but there was no information available as to whether this support would continue once he transitioned to college in Berkshire. His new college had no onsite speech and language therapy so I requested a personal budget to cover the cost of a private speech therapist. Despite being awarded a personal budget to cover this cost we are yet to receive any money to cover his therapy. His Education, Health and Care plan clearly states that he would require an initial three visits by a speech and language therapist (equivalent of three hours) to college to explain his difficulties and how he can best be helped to communicate but because the budget has not yet been finalised he has not received this essential transition support."

Another parent said on average she would spend between five to nine hours a week on administration and paper-

work for their child's transition. Examples were further given of there being wrong names on reports and letters received as well as officers not being in post for months.

Parents are calling for a more "joined up approach" which an Educational, Social and Care plan (ECHP), a plan drawn up by the local authority should facilitate but in many cases has not. The Council has admitted the process has been challenging to all local Councils and confirmed it would be recruiting additional officers to deal with the delays but that a majority of young people (16-18) have been finalised to start their courses in February 2016 and also, for this current year of applicants the Council is on track to process all applications. However, in the meantime, the Council would issue a full apology to affected parents.

"Only families with a child with disability know the crushing burden that officialdom lands them with. Most people just have no idea. To add stress and uncertainty about the future to this is just callous and cruel", said Councillor Lynch.



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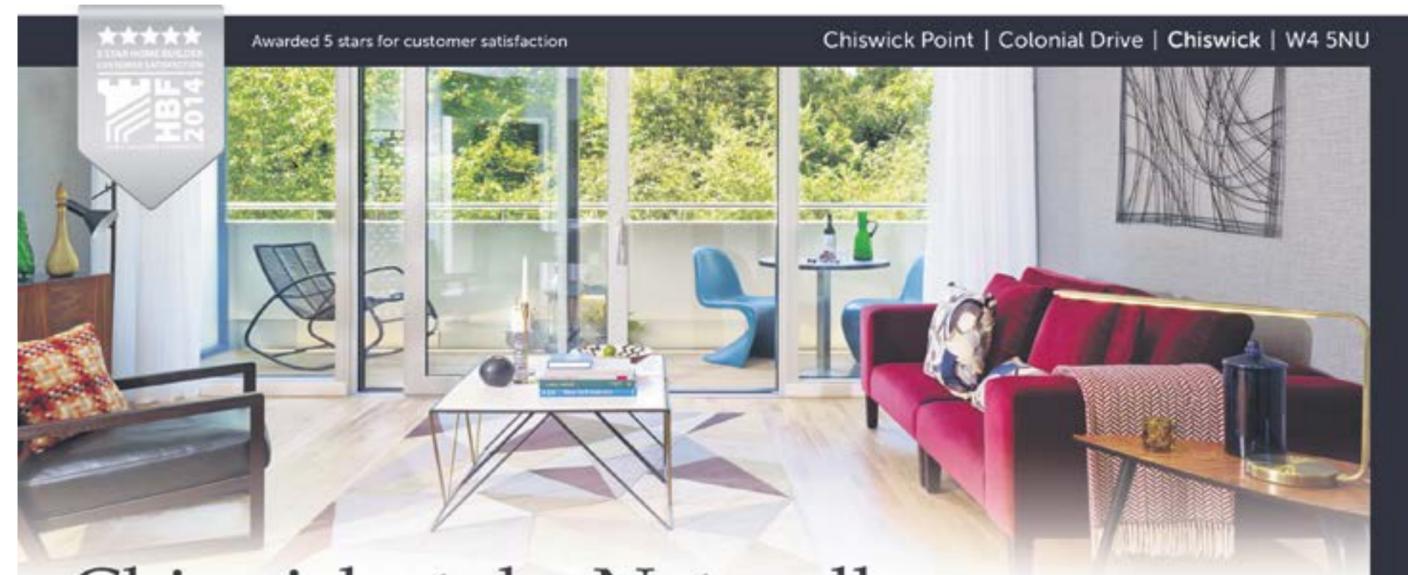
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Artists' Advent Calendar will spearhead Christmas Charity Appeal at St Michael & All Angels

Twenty-four local artists have once again helped to create the popular Advent Calendar at St Michael & All Angels Church in Chiswick, as part of its Christmas Charity Appeal. Their artworks can be seen in the church and on its website from today, December 1st, until January 10th 2016.

The originals are displayed in the church on a beautiful Advent Calendar frame, created by local artists Jim Cox and Glynis Porter. Every day until Christmas Eve, another door will be opened.

People can open the doors themselves online at www.smaaa.org/advent, where they will see 24 revolving stars. Everyone is invited to look for the numbers under the stars and click on today's date to reveal the picture. But they're warned not to try clicking too soon!

The works will be sold by silent auction, culminating at a party in the Parish Hall from 11.30am on Sunday January 10th 2016. The artists have generously agreed to donate at least a third of the sale price to the Appeal charities. This year, the Appeal proceeds will go in their entirety to St Michael's three charities



Two of the pictures (attached) are (left) Round Robin by Jenny Sanderson and Songs of Praise Awake the Morn by Sarah Wilson



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anyone affected by cancer. "We're very grateful to the artists and we hope people will give generously to this year's Christmas Charity Appeal" says Fr Kevin Morris, the vicar of St Michael's. "There are some wonderful paintings and we hope they'll

attract lots of bids." The collections from two of the Christmas services at St Michael's – the Nine Lessons and Carols at 6.30pm on Sunday December 13th

and the Children's Crib Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve - will go to the charities. So will money raised by carol singers at Turnham Green tube station, from 5.30pm on

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People who would like to contribute can also send a cheque (made out to St Michael & All Angels Church) to: St Michael's Christmas Appeal, Parish Office, Priory Avenue, London W4 1TX.

While visiting the Advent Calendar in the Church, people can also buy their Christmas cards at the Cards for Good Causes shop. It is open from 11am to 5pm Monday to Saturday, except on Wednesdays (1pm to 5pm). And until December 12th, they can also see the church's World War 1 Remembrance panels commemorating 15 people from Bedford Park who died in 1915 and are remembered on the church's war memorials.

Cup Victory For Chiswick Under 9's Rocks Lane



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Painting after William Hogarth

Beryl Robinson

Hogarth, a resident of 18th century Chiswick, was a "modern" artist in that technological advances were the secret to his success. His satirical engravings were sold to people who would not previously have been able to afford art.



Niki Hare portrait



Child, Beryl Robinson

He was neither conventional nor born into privilege, but made his way as a self-starter with a raw talent. At 16 Hogarth started work as an apprentice of Ellis Gamble, a plate engraver, and developed his skills at Thornhill's Academy of Art. Believing that art should have strong moral, as well as aesthetic qualities, Hogarth tried to bring these values into all the work he produced. The poor and the infirm were dealt with as though they were culpable and burdensome in his time. Hogarth was no stranger to this having seen the brutal side of life in debtors' lodging as a very young boy. He brought a sense of gritty realism to all his work.

Typical 18th century entertainment involved grotesque street performance, the baiting of animals and bare-knuckle fighting, as well as awareness of slavery, prostitution, child abuse and the notorious over-consumption of alcohol. Hogarth's depiction 'The Age of Reason' was a savage place of mob violence and chaos, riots erupting, men shot dead and a normal day might involve being witness to a public execution. And still Hogarth's subject matter feels entirely relevant to us today.

Painting and drawing a face, a child, a body has been a subject of popularity for 250 years from William Hogarth to Marlene Dumas. In the 19th century the Pre-Raphaelite brotherhood was inspired by Hogarth's use of symbolism and throughout the height of abstract painting in the 20th century there was always another voice bringing the recognizable image of a person to us. Whether painted by Lucien Freud or Jenny Saville the image of the figure still engages the spectator. 'Reality' is not a question of technical wizardry, but a transformation of the subject through the means of reproduction. None of these paintings are portraits as such, but the subject is a reflection of our human life.

In the 2015 Tate exhibition of Marlene Dumas the subtitle is "the image as burden" and for the painters who follow the period of 20th century abstraction this is their legacy. To move beyond the pinnacle of modernism to a re-engagement with appearances is to wrestle with the thorny issues of what it means to be an image maker in an age of over exposure.



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Local development gets into the Christmas spirit

Brentford Lock West announces sponsorship of the Brentford School of Girls Christmas Fayre and Christmas hamper programme

Local development Brentford Lock West and its sales team, provided by Stubbings Property Marketing, have been getting into the Christmas spirit early. They will be sponsoring this year's Brentford School for Girls Christmas Fayre, as well as a popular annual initiative, which sees a number of the school's sixth form students delivering Christmas hampers to the elderly in the local area.

The school Fayre, which will take place at the school on Wednesday 16th December between 3:30pm and 5:30pm, will offer access to a host of stalls and activities, from the sale of handmade decorations and Neil's Yard products to a raffle and a rowing race! Locally based Cultivate London – an urban farm that grows and sells fresh produce, will also be at the event, which is open to the wider public.

John Robinson, Development Director at Brentford Lock West, said: "A really import-

ant focus for us here at Brentford Lock West is to ensure that we not only embrace but support and become part of the thriving local community that already exists here. In the past we have supported the Brentford School for Girls, offering work placements for a number of their students. As the last few homes remain for sale on phase one, supporting the Christmas fayre and the school's Christmas hamper programme seems the perfect way to end a very positive year here."

Helen Todd, Director at Stubbings Property Marketing, the selling agent at Brentford Lock West, added: "Since launching the first homes for sale at Brentford Lock West, we have really enjoyed getting to know the locals and becoming part of what is a fantastic community here in Brentford. The school's initiative, which involves delivering hampers to the elderly in the area, is a lovely gesture



Helen Todd Director of Stubbings Property Marketing with Brentford School for Girls Head Girl and Deputy Head Girl.

and we are just delighted that we have been able to support this, along with their annual Christmas fayre."

Ms Leenders, Head Teacher at Brentford School for Girls, added: "We are delighted that we are once again being

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Airports Commission noise figures "not fit for purpose" says Chiswick academic

A Chiswick academic, Dr Chris Woodward, lecturer and researcher in human physiology for 40 years, has slammed the analysis of noise impacts in the Airports Commission Report.

Following research carried out for CHATR (Chiswick against the Third Runway) Dr Woodward said: "the analysis and presentation in the report doesn't reflect how aircraft noise is actually experienced by people, as opposed to recording instruments, and is misleading for those not familiar with the underlying science. The actual impact of an additional runway on noise levels will be considerably greater than the Report implies."

The Report relies largely on average noise levels per day or night called LAeq measurements. But, as Dr Woodward explains, although these are standard for measuring aviation noise, the calculation is different from averages used in most other contexts. "To start with, these averages are logarithmic. This means large increases in the number of aircraft flying overhead have relatively little effect on the number being reported.

"For example, in Chiswick close to the A4, the current daytime LAeq is around 55. An increase in flights of 50% - as predicted if a third runway is built - would only raise this to 57! Even a dou-



bling of flights would only increase it to 58."

Woodward is also critical of how the figures in the Airports Commission's Report are affected by predictions about the noise made by individual planes. "As you look at the noise predictions for 2030, 2040 and 2050, following construction of an additional runway, it is clear that the impact of a substantially increased number of flights, on the average noise level, is being masked by other factors. These factors include assumptions about how much quieter individual aircraft will be by then, due to new or improved technology.

"There are two problems with this", argues Woodward. "Firstly these assumptions involve a lot of guesswork, at least for aircraft coming into service from 2040 onwards. Secondly, and again because of how the average is calculated, small reductions in the noise made by individual aircraft completely mask considerably larger increases in the numbers of aircraft.

"Common sense suggests that if the number of flights is doubled, for example, it would be a fair compensation for the loudness of each individual flight to be halved. But using the standard method for calculating LAeq, the

loudness of individual flights needs to decrease by less than a quarter to "cancel out" the effect of a doubling of flight numbers. I think most people would find this distortion illogical, and even deceptive."

Woodward's conclusion is unequivocal: "the analysis and conclusions in the Airport Commission Report do not give a fair representation of how noise around Heathrow (or Gatwick) will change following construction of an additional runway. Crucially, the conclusions underplay the degree of disturbance people will experience."

A spokesperson for CHATR said "it is very troubling that the impression has been created that although flights could increase by 50% with the Third Runway at Heathrow, the noise envelope will somehow be barely larger than at present. Woodward's analysis shows how conventions of noise measurements have allowed this misleading, even underhand impression to be created".

The Chiswick Herald contacted Heathrow for comment but received no response by time of print deadline

Three charged following Heathrow protest



Three people have been charged with unlawfully blocking a tunnel at Heathrow Airport, contrary to the Heathrow Bylaws, on Thursday, 26 November.

They are Esmé Woldren, 22 (21.12.92) of Walmer Crescent, Brighton; William Pettifer, 26 (16.03.89) of Mill Lane, Radford; and, Alastair Cannell, 26 (12.09.89) of no fixed address.

They have been bailed to appear at Uxbridge Magistrates' Court on Monday, 21 December.

Two other people have been bailed to return to a west London police station pending further enquiries.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A royal welcome for Chiswick youngsters

THEATRE ARTS pupils in Chiswick have tasted stardom after performing at one of London's most prestigious theatres.

On Sunday 22nd November, children from Stagecoach Theatre Arts Chiswick followed in the footsteps of West End stars when they sang and danced at Her Majesty's Theatre in London, which is famous for hosting hit musical, The Phantom of the Opera since 1986.

As this year marks the 150th anniversary of Lewis Carroll's brilliantly acclaimed book of nonsense 'Through The Looking Glass', 19 out of nearly 300 students from Stagecoach Chiswick performed a contemporary piece of dance which told the story of 3 Alice's trapped in their own dimensions, longing to be free but realising once their world's collided, it's darker on the other side.

Stagecoach Theatre Arts Chiswick Principal, Sally Catlin says: 'It's always a joy to see our students on stage, but giving them the oppor-



tunity to perform at London's esteemed theatre district is a dream come true. This is the 8th performance Chiswick has performed at Her Majesty's Theatre as well as The Shaftesbury Theatre.

'Her Majesty's Theatre has always welcomed youngsters who have a passion for musical theatre so we're grateful our pupils can be a part of special performances like these. Well done to everyone for putting on another fantastic show!'

Stagecoach Theatre Arts Chiswick is part of a network of more than 600 part-time Theatre Arts Schools worldwide. Early Stages classes are available for children aged 4 to 6 and Main Stages classes take place for 6 to 18 year olds.

For more information about Stagecoach Chiswick, please visit their website at <http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/Chiswick> or call 0208 398 4709

LOCAL LIFE.

A day for smiling? Knock, knock, who's there?

by Reverend Martine Osborne



It's not every afternoon that Jesus calls round, knocks on your door and asks you to do him a favour.

But that's exactly what happened to me today.

I was sitting at my desk writing a conciliatory email to a mildly disgruntled parishioner when there was a knock at the door and there he was - Jesus - just standing there.

I have to admit I didn't recognise him at first and I was probably giving out a bit of a what-do-you-want-I'm-in-the-middle-of-something-tricky kind of vibe. But, as I listened, I sussed him out pretty quickly.

First he said he was concerned about the refugees in Calais. He'd hired a van and thought that people in our neighbourhood might want to fill it up with blankets, warm clothing, TCP and such like - so that he could drive it down in ten days' time. He seemed to be implying that maybe we hadn't really done that much in Chiswick to help these people as yet and we could do with a bit of impetus.

He wanted to know if he could use the Church to store the stuff for the van until it was time to go. That was the favour he'd popped round to ask me.

So what could I do?

I took him over to the Church and we shifted a few chairs and made some space for the collection. He was then so delighted that he gave me a hug. We exchanged details (I now have

Jesus's email!!) and the project is under way.

An exciting interruption to what might have been a dull afternoon.

I closed the door and smiled at Jesus's ingenuity.

The fact that he'd turned up disguised as a fortysomething woman with blonde hair (who had never set foot in our Church before) did not surprise me. As I've come to realise that Jesus does this kind of thing all the time.

Oh come on, you say. This wasn't Jesus. This was just a good woman. You're just trying to Christianise a simple good deed.

But no. No, I don't think I am.

I think it was more than a good woman.

It was a woman whose heart is truly open. Who allows God, or some kind of 'more than everything,' to enter her heart and give her this amazing vision and the courage and passion to make that vision a reality.

This is more than a good deed. It's truly the meaning of Christmas - the way our world should be. A world full of people with open hearts, with love and empathy for others - even strangers, and the wholeheartedness to plunge in and make a difference.

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The house that stands so boldly, its owner to reflect. Bears witness to his courage; to which we pay respect.

The beauty of the dining room, the study, desk and books. The room with all his uniforms that dazzle when you look.

This literary genius. This man of many parts. The holder of high office and lover of the arts.

The wartime superhero, who strode the world stage, inspiring his country. A prophet for his age.

When all seemed black and hopeless, his speeches spurred us on; to fight them on the beaches, keep calm and carry on.

Bespectacled and portly and holding his cigar; with his classic 'V for Victory', he made us win the war.

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LOCAL LIFE.

Christmas IN CHISWICK

by Jane Lawrenson.

With trees and decorations starting to pop up in shops in Chiswick High Road, I thought it would be a good bit of fun to take to the streets and ask the locals what Christmas in Chiswick means to them. The answers were revealing, with around three in ten people not staying in the area for the festive season. Those that do however, think it is one of the nicest places to spend the holiday. It makes for a nice little social study of area too, some elderly people were happy to share memories of Christmas past and despite the idea that money has taken over, most locals held firm beliefs in tradition.

Here's what you said.

Joanne Mathews is in her twenties and has lived in Chiswick for three years. She has spent the last two Christmases here in her rental flat with her boyfriend. She loves the whole build up, how Chiswick looks very festive with lights and loves the many activities at this time of year. She likes shopping on the High Road and finds everything that she needs here. This year her parents are coming to her for the first time so she is already planning menus, inspired by Chiswick restaurants. She and her boyfriend love picking a tree from the stalls in the high road and buy new decorations every year. They always have a theme! Last year it was Pineapples and this year she thinks she will go for an all white scheme, as they have just decorated

Mrs Impson has lived in Chiswick for forty years, bringing her children up here in the 1970's. Her grown up sons have moved out of the area due to high property prices but always come back to family home for Christmas and New Year. She doesn't spend a lot on presents, no more than she ever has but the food bill has grown over the years. She likes the fact that Chiswick feels like the old days during the holiday - emptier and less traffic were key points. Mrs Impson has her neighbours in on Christmas Eve for drinks, something she has always done. She will cook the meal on Christmas Day with the help of daughter in laws and the sons do the clearing up. They all watch the Queen and then have a film on. She gets a tree every year but it's mainly for the grandchildren. She doesn't bother with lots of "tacky decorations"

Su Yip Young has lived in Chiswick for four years. She is a student at the Arts Education School, studying dance. She lives in a flat share with three other students near Bedford Park. They decorate the house and their rooms each year and buy each other small gifts (no more than £20) but buy Christmas ready meals, or all prepared veg and add some meat (for the non vegetarians) They spend Christmas Eve at home having drinks, they used to go out but it's cheaper to drink at home. On Christmas Day they Skype their families, most who are scattered all over the world from Poland, Austria and Thailand. Su feels that Chiswick has a good Christmas "vibe" with its many families and events... "It always feels very festive" she says, and likes it better than other parts of London where she has lived.

Mrs Gladstone is a young mum of three children, aged from two - seven. She and her family have lived in Chiswick for fifteen years and loves this time of year with the children. Before they came along, she spent many a New Year in the Cellar Bar (below Fouberts, now gone) and in pubs along the High Street. Now she does a big family Christmas at her house in Grove Park. They really go for the whole tradition, from Midnight Mass to putting out mince pies for Santa and 'spotting' Rudolph's footprints in the garden! She thinks Chiswick is magical at Christmas and enjoys shopping for gifts along the High Road or online. She thinks they are quite traditional, they have a goose every year and everybody except the kids pitches in. Men help with the preparation and carve the bird.

Mr Clarke is in his eighties and was born and bred in Chiswick and still lives in the families house. His wife died a few years ago and his two children have moved away. They make the effort to come and see him "around Christmas" but not for the day itself. He spends the day mainly on his own, although a neighbour will call in to see he is alright. He gives the grandchildren money these days as he can't keep up with what they are into and doesn't like shopping. He told me a bit about Chiswick Christmases in the past, when he was younger.

" We had the best times back then, we didn't have much but there were a lot of us, all my siblings would come round to mum's and we would all pitch in, we peeled spuds, shelled peas and even plucked the bird back then. You could get some good chickens, or turkeys if you could afford them, from the butcher in Devonshire Road. During the war, we kept our own chickens and rabbits and dad would go into the yard and do them (kill them..) Nothing was wasted. My sisters used the rabbit skins for their dolls! It was like a community back then and everyone knew everyone. The neighbours would come in for drinks and a sing song on Christmas night. On Christmas Day, all the men would go down the pub and leave the women to get the dinner on. Kids would be running about, even out playing in the street or helping their mothers in the kitchen. You don't get that these days. They just want to watch the telly. Back then we didn't have one, we had a radio and we would always listen to the Kings Speech (or Queen in later years) and raise a toast to him. They were great old times, I can tell you. We often got up to some high jinks on our way back from the pub. One year we knocked a barrel of beer from the pub and rolled it home! That was a good Christmas! I'll never forget the smell of the dinner cooking as we came in and kids would run at us... Ah, good times..."

As Mr Clarke walks away, I think of how much Christmas has changed for us all over the years. One thing is for sure though, it is still all about family, love them or loathe them, near or far, it seems that Chiswick is still the best place for Christmas!

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT ABOUT CHISWICK

This week I'm looking at some fun facts about our lovely area. Put the kettle on, sit back and enjoy these bite size snippets!

DID YOU KNOW.....

That

- Eleven bus routes run in and out of Chiswick on a daily basis.
- Chiswick House was designed by and built for the Third Earl of Burlington and it is considered to be one of the greatest surviving examples of Palladian Architecture in England.
- Fosters Book Shop is the oldest shop on Chiswick High Street, dating back to the eighteenth century. They specialise in first editions, illustrated children's books and antiquarian books.
- Chiswick Bridge opened in 1933 and spans 185 metres. Unusually for a Thames road bridge, only three of its arches span the river. The two others go over the tow paths at either side.
- Chiswick High Road has the highest density of prams, per square metre, in all of London.
- Chiswick gets its name from the Old English for 'cheese farm'.
- Chiswick has its own lifeboat station. there are only 4 along the Thames.
- Refuge opened the world's first women's refuge in 1971 in Chiswick.
- Hugh Grant went to Hogarth Primary School.
- When you pass by Chiswick Fire Station, you may not know that the Heathfield House used to stand there. Named for General George Augustus Elliot, this home was said to have the most beautiful garden in all of England. The iron gates that used to be part of the property are now standing at Green Park at the Piccadilly entrance.
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Rangers manager Mark Warburton dismisses Fulham link

Mark Warburton has distanced himself from the Fulham manager's job after he was installed as the bookmakers' favourite. The Rangers boss has been heavily linked with the vacant Craven Cottage role after leading the Ibrox side to the top of the Scottish Championship. Warburton has overseen 12 wins out of 14 and his team will move three points clear of closest challengers Hibernian if they win their game in hand at home to Dumbarton on Tuesday. The former Brentford manager was praised for the job he did at Griffin Park prior to his summer switch to Glasgow. While his early efforts with Rangers have been noticed elsewhere, he is adamant he has no intention of leaving the club in the near future for a return to English football. Fulham have been seeking a new manager for most of November after Kit Symons was sacked following a 5-2 home defeat to Birmingham. Warburton said: "It's very flattering. It's always good to be linked. There are lots of times

in your life when you're not linked to jobs, that's for sure. "All you can do is put your head down and do your job here. The amount of clubs who change their managers down south is increasing year on year. "I'm the Rangers manager. It's a huge club here. There's some big clubs in the English Championship - there's no doubt about that - but this is a huge club. "We've started off well. There's a big project in place here and we have to be the best we can be every single day to try to take the club forward. "It's had a tough four or five years - everyone's aware of that and everyone knows where the club has been to. "They also know where the club needs to get to so we have to make sure we play a pivotal role in doing that. "Down south, everyone knows about the Championship. It culminates in the richest game in world football but our focus right now is here at Rangers."



Rangers manager Mark Warburton is adamant he is focused only on doing a job at Ibrox

Aviva Premiership: Exeter 26-25 Harlequins



James Short of Exeter Chiefs dives over for his side's first try

Gareth Steenson led Exeter to a 26-25 victory over Harlequins at a wet Sandy Park in the Aviva Premiership. Steenson scored 21 points, including a try, as his side held onto second place in the Premiership behind Saracens. Winger James Short claimed a first-half try while Harlequins left Exeter frustrated they had not executed their opportunities better. Quins took two bonus points away from the loss, with Nick Evans, Charlie Walker and Tim Visser adding to an early penalty try. Quins trailed by just two points at the break after playing into a strong wind but could not take advantage with the wind behind them in the second half, though substitute Tim Swiel missed a kick three minutes from time that would have given them the win. Chiefs opened the scoring when Steenson booted a second-minute penalty following an indiscretion from Harlequins. The visitors hit back immediately as their forwards established a chain of attacking scrums at which Exeter kept infringing before referee Matt Carley ran out of patience and handed Quins a penalty try. Quins played enterprisingly in the first half despite the conditions, and they posted a second try after 14 minutes to extend their lead following another Steenson penalty. Evans' conversion attempt was held up by the wind before a Steenson a third penalty, but Quins claimed their third try to hold onto their strong start to the game.

The Harlequins forwards once again built strong foundations before the ball was quickly moved wide and Walker finished in the corner to hand his side a 17-9 lead. A fourth Steenson penalty cut the gap to five points, after which Quins attempted to hold onto the ball to close out the half, but it backed-fired when they turned the ball over. The Chiefs sent the ball wide, and Short scampered over for a try that Steenson converted for an unlikely 19-17 lead at the break. Evans put Quins back in front courtesy of a close-range penalty early in the second period, and with weather showing no sign of letting up, the visitors set about playing a territory game. However at that point the Exeter forwards began to build momentum, and some expansive play gave no time for Quins to set their defence, allowing Steenson to cross for his team's second try to make it 26-20 to the hosts. Exeter were then reduced to 14 men for 10 minutes when substitute hooker Elvis Taitone was sin-binned for a dangerous tackle on Quins prop Mark Lambert, and the visitors took advantage to score their bonus-point try two minutes later. There was a touch of opportunity about it as full-back Mike Brown's kicked bounced off the corner flag before Visser swooped to score, but Exeter stayed ahead after Swiel, who was on for an injured Evans, saw a touchline conversion attempt drift narrowly wide, and the Chiefs held on for the win.

Aviva Premiership: London Irish 15-33 Wasps

Wasps maintained their scintillating recent form with a 33-15 victory over London Irish in the second clash of the Twickenham double-header in London. Dai Young's side have blazed a trail in the Europe in recent weeks with big wins over tournament heavyweights Leinster and Toulon and that trend continued against the Exiles. Tries from Frank Halai (two), Elliot Daly and Thomas Young did the damage, while fly-half Ruaridh Jackson and replacement No 10 Jimmy Gopperth added 13 points between them. Young Exiles centre Johnny Williams bagged a brace of tries in an impressive individual display.



Frank Halai goes over for Wasps

Relentless early pressure from Wasps earned Jackson his first shot at the posts with the Scottish fly-half firing his side into an early 3-0 lead. A dangerous clear out at the ruck by Wasps prop Matt Mullan allowed Exiles No 10 Chris Noakes to level the scores from the tee four minutes later. Arguably the form side in Europe in recent weeks, Wasps looked hugely threatening in possession with powerful No 8 Nathan Hughes often coming to the fore. Irish were absorbing phase after phase of pressure and it was only a matter of time before an Exiles player infringed at the breakdown. Eoin Sheriff was the guilty party on this occasion as the former Saracens lock failed to roll away at the breakdown. Jackson made amends for an earlier miss to push Wasps out to a 6-3 lead. A powerful scrum, spearheaded by new arrival Ben Franks, then forced a penalty, but Noakes sent the resulting kick wide of the posts. Having held out Wasps for the majority of a tight first-half, the Exiles' rearguard was breached three minutes before the interval. Powerful carries from Charles Piutau, James Haskell and Jake Cooper-Woolley put Wasps on the front foot before the excellent Joe Simpson fed flying winger Halai who crashed over in the corner. There was still time for more drama as young centre Williams showed great strength to cross the whitewash following a great attack-

spell from the Exiles. Jackson and Noakes both failed with their touchline conversion attempts to leave the score at 11-8 heading into the half-time break. Jackson sent a very kickable penalty effort wide of the posts just after the break as his place-kicking issues continued and Noakes was having similar problems as the former Auckland Blues fly-half shanked another three-pointer soon after. New England head coach Eddie Jones would have been thrilled by Daly's next contribution. The Wasps centre ran a beautiful line off fellow midfielder Ben Jacobs to scorch over from 20 metres out - Jackson adding the extras to give his side some much-needed breathing space. Gopperth, who replaced Jackson in the 50th minute, further increased Wasps' lead with his first successful penalty of the evening. Just when it looked like London Irish were finished, that man Williams was on hand to touch down once more. The Exiles youngster showed great pace to beat the Wasps cover and pounce on Topsy Ojo's deft grubber kick. Noakes fired over the conversion to cut Wasps' lead to six points. Wasps flanker Young touched down to put the result beyond doubt after a surging Wasps maul, with Gopperth adding the conversion. The Exiles resolve was well and truly broken after that as Halai cruised over for his second try following a scything midfield break from Daly.

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Dean Smith new Bees' Boss



Brentford FC have announced the appointment of Dean Smith as Head Coach.

In almost five years as a manager, Dean has carved a reputation for building sides who play attractive football and has turned Walsall into serious promotion candidates on a relatively low budget. Dean will be joined at Griffin Park by his assistant, Richard O'Kelly.

Co-Director of Football, Rasmus Ankersen, said: "We believe Dean is exactly the authentic and strong leader we need to take Brentford forward and ultimately into the Premier League.

"We have been hugely impressed by Dean's work at Walsall and especially how he has managed to turn a club with such a low budget into one pushing for promotion.

"It is a similar challenge to the one Brentford face. We can't win by spending more money than our competitors so we have to identify competitive edges which will allow us to compete with clubs who enjoy much bigger budgets.

"In that respect Dean is a great fit to Brentford FC. The job is not just about being an experienced and intelligent football coach. More than anything, it is about being able to lead the staff and bring the best out of highly qualified experts as well as the players."

In welcoming Dean and Richard, the Club would like to put on record its sincere thanks to Lee Carsley who has done an outstanding job during his time in charge of the side.



When Lee stepped into the role of Head Coach, he made it clear he did not want the job on a full-time basis.

Having taken over in difficult circumstances, Lee restored confidence both on the pitch and at the training ground. Four back-to-back wins during October saw him named the Sky Bet Championship Manager of the Month, an honour he richly deserved.

Lee's crucial work has helped provide the stability the Club needed while it searched for a permanent Head Coach. Although he is stepping down, Lee will remain at Griffin Park until the end of December as part of the transition process. Everybody at the Club is grateful for his dedication and hard work. Chairman Cliff Crown added: "We're delighted to welcome Dean and Richard to Brentford. We're all convinced they can build on the excellent work Lee put in on the training ground and in terms of results."

Lee Carsley said he 'didn't feel ready' to take on the Brentford head coach job

Lee Carsley said he 'didn't feel ready' to take on the Brentford head coach job full time after the game at Bolton in the Sky Bet Championship on Monday evening.

The interim boss took charge of his last game at the Macron Stadium as his Bees side picked up a point during a 1-1 draw.

The club had announced earlier in the day that Dean Smith was to take up the role as manager, with the former Walsall boss in the stands to watch his new side.

"I see myself in the development side. I like working with the younger players, from the under-21's and down and I feel like that's a real strength. If anything, it's shown me that I can do it when I'm ready and maybe in four or five years, I will give it a go.

"Dean should be pleased with what he's seen tonight. I think there were a lot of good performances and a lot of players who are playing well and with a lot of confidence. I said it last week, it will be a much smoother club to come into now and I'm sure he'll be looking forward to starting work."

Brentford took the lead at the Macron Stadium after a lovely goal from Chelsea loanee John Swift before Neil Danns levelled it up in the second half.

"I enjoyed it and I thought we played really well at times. We controlled the game, created enough chances and we probably had enough to win a couple of games there so in that respect, it was a good point away from home but gutted that we couldn't get all three.



Carsley said he didn't feel ready to lead Brentford on a full-time basis

"Even after they equalised, I felt they were only going to score with a set-piece. They were really strong with their free kicks and their corners tonight and caused us a lot of problems but overall I'm pleased with the lads."



John Swift celebrates after scoring a brilliant goal for Brentford in the first half against Bolton

Kenny Jackett committed to Wolves and not approached by QPR

Wolves boss Kenny Jackett says there is nothing to reports that QPR have approached him about their managerial vacancy.

Jackett is one of a number of potential candidates to have been linked with the Loftus Road club, who are looking for a replacement for Chris Ramsey.

But former Watford, Swansea and Millwall boss Jackett says he is fully committed to Wolves and rejected claims that he had been approached by their Sky Bet Championship rivals, a club he served as assistant manager from 2001 to 2004.

"It's not my position to talk about other clubs. But there hasn't been any approach to myself, or as far as I'm aware, the club, so there's nothing to say on it," the 53-year-old told the Express and Star.

"It's not something that's come to me. I'm committed to Wolves and speculation is just that, speculation.

"I want to get things right [here]. I understand in terms of winning games and league position we are not where we want to be.

"But there has been no approach from QPR and I have not heard anything in terms of any other clubs."



Kenny Jackett has vowed to turn things around at Molineux after links with QPR

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