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Chiswick Individuals Feature On New Year's Honours List

- Chiswick residents awarded Honours
- Rick Stein receives prestigious CBE

In this year's Honours List, several individuals related to Chiswick were named as receiving an honour.

W4 resident David Johnston, Chief Executive of the Social Mobility Foundation, was honoured with an OBE for services to Social Mobility and Education.

TV chef and restaurateur Rick Stein, who lives in Chiswick part of the year was given a

CBE for "services to the economy".

Stein said "I am so proud to receive a CBE for services to the economy. I think that the hospitality industry, that I so much enjoy working in, is a force for good not only in the UK but everywhere. To be able to travel the world as a British man, fascinated by the

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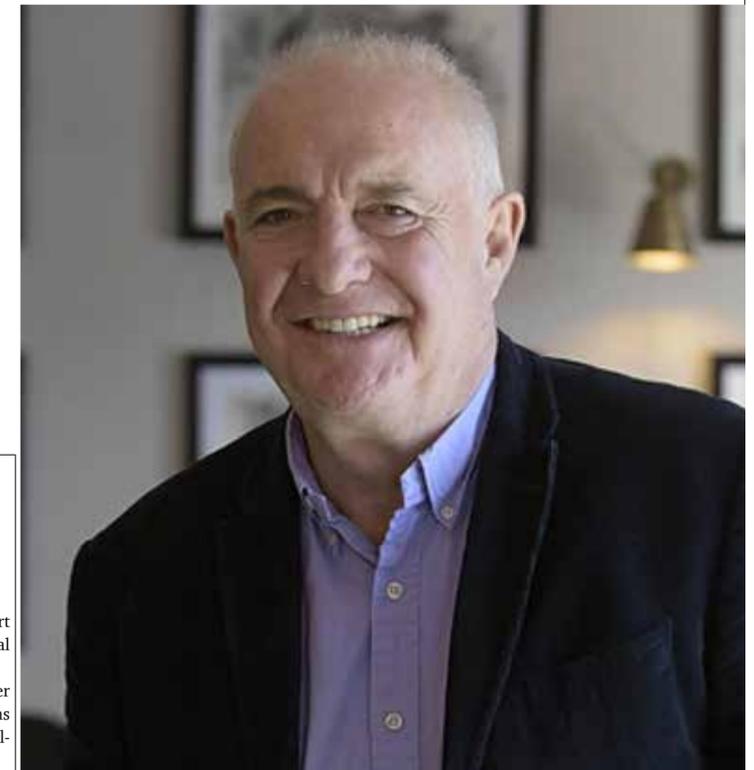
Environmental charges at Heathrow are set to increase by 7% as the airport seeks to minimise its impact on local communities.

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Heathrow - making the airport cleaner and quieter for our local communities.

The introduction of the higher environmental charge forms part of Heathrow's sustainabil-

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ity strategy 'Heathrow 2.0' which sets targets to deliver a more sustainable future for aviation. It includes making growth from a new runway at Heathrow carbon neutral, and the use of 100% renewable electricity at the airport from 2017 in a major step toward creating a zero-carbon airport. It also proposes establishing an airside ultra-low emission zone by 2025. Increased public transport in London - including Cross-rail and HS2 - mean changes to the ways passengers can travel to Heathrow. Heathrow's own goal is for 50% of passengers to travel to the airport via sustainable transport by 2030. The airport has also invested in electric vehicles and charging points at the airport as well as unveiling a new scheme to encourage colleagues to purchase low-emission vehicles.

Heathrow CEO John Holland-Kaye said:

"Heathrow is determined to reduce the airport's environmental impacts. Increasing our environmental charges to incentivise airlines to bring their cleanest, quietest aircraft to Heathrow is the best



way to cut emissions and shrink the noise footprint around the airport. It is a tangible step that will make a real difference to local communities."

London Bus Hopper Pass Improved



The bus hopper pass, allowing passengers to change buses for free within an hour, was introduced in September 2016, and is now to become more flexible this month.

Sadiq Khan announced that from the end of January, instead of being limited to switching once, passengers will be able to "hop" between vehicles an unlimited number

of times - even if they take a train between buses! TfL fares will also be frozen until 2020.

Hounslow Council Takes Action To Tackle Anti-Social Behaviour

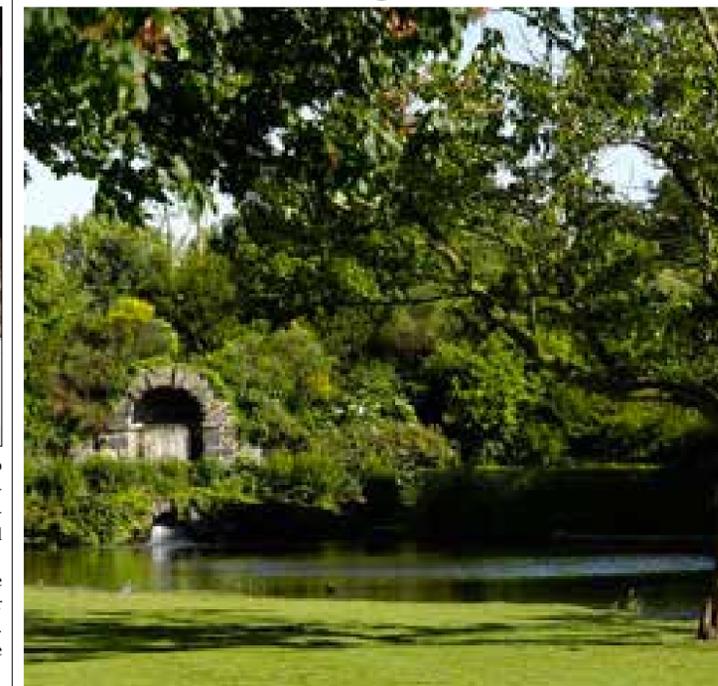


Hounslow Council has committed to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) covering the whole borough to stop individuals or groups committing alcohol related anti-social behaviour. Anyone found in a position of the inappropriate use of alcohol in a public place, could receive a fixed penalty notice of £100 and if not paid could be fined up to £1,000 on pros-

ecution. Restrictions are also being introduced on the use of unauthorised motor vehicles in Feltham Park, to tackle the anti-social use of mopeds and other powered vehicles in and around the park. Councillor Hanif Khan, Cabinet Member for Community Protection and Enforcement, Hounslow Council said; "This new order will enable

the council to take action to reduce alcohol related anti-social behaviour and help ensure the borough is clean and safe. "When we consulted on the proposal, a massive 93 per cent of people were in favour. We are delighted to now be putting the PSPO in place."

Chiswick House Closed Because Of High Winds



Winds from Storm Eleanor have caused Chiswick House and Gardens to preemptively shut. The official social media chan-

nel for the park said "Please note due to the high winds expected tonight and tomorrow the estate will be shut from 16:30 today until Thursday

morning." Chiswick Park was previously affected by 2017's Storm Doris.

Xmas Ingredients Flying Through In Record Numbers Via Heathrow

Over 143 million kilograms of Christmas cargo expected to fly via Heathrow to the world in the month leading up to December 25th, a record to date. New data reveals sharp spike in exports of seasonal essentials including Christmas lights, calendars, fish, lobster, and meat. Heathrow launches the "12 Exporters of Christmas" social media campaign to bring these festive exporting stories to life. Heathrow has released new data revealing the wide array and surprising volumes of seasonal exports that fly in the bellyhold of planes in the months leading up to Christmas. Over 143 million kilos of Christmas cargo is expected to fly through Heathrow to destinations around the world from November 24th to December 25th - a record to date. As the biggest port in the UK by value, Heathrow plays a crucial role in delivering the essential ingredients to Christmas celebrations to British homes and homes all over the

world. The airport's data from November and December 2016 shows a clear spike in the volume of certain Christmas staples coming into the airport and out to non-EU destinations, including: Christmas lighting sets - 27,467 kg (up from an average of 7,203 kg/month from January - October) Frozen lobster - 443,146 kg (up from an average of 163,312 kg/month from January - October) Calendars - 31,316 kg (up from an average of 3,382 kg/month from January - October) Dried flowers, including for decorations - 310,677 kg (up from an average of 109,796 kg/month from January - October) Salmon was the most popular export to non-EU destinations overall by weight in November and December 2016, with 6,070,000 kg of fish (equivalent to approximately 480 New London Routemaster Buses) recorded as flying through. Exports of

books were the second most popular commodity - with a recorded 4,834,000 kg going through last year (or approximately 382 New London Routemaster buses). Heathrow's data also reveals the top 5 destinations these exports are flying to outside the EU - showing the majority of long-haul exports are destined for American markets: United States (15.31 million kilograms) China (6.20 million kilograms) UAE (3.77 million kilograms) Australia (3.36 million kilograms) Hong Kong (2.77 million kilograms) To highlight the wide array of exports flying out of its gates, Heathrow has today launched a "12 Exporters of Christmas" social media campaign. Each day in the lead up to Christmas, Heathrow will highlight individual stories of SMEs up and down the country that rely on the airport to export British

Christmas essentials including tea, jams and biscuits across the world. In total, Heathrow has seen a record 290,340,803 kilograms of exports flying through from January to October to non-EU destinations this year - an 8.5% increase from the same period last year. These exports are worth an astounding £39.62 billion. Heathrow's role as a trading hub will grow as expansion takes place, with cargo capacity set to double with the addition of a third runway. Nick Platts, Head of Cargo at Heathrow Airport said: "Heathrow is at its busiest time at Christmas - and this year, we not only expect record numbers of passengers to fly through, but also a record amount of cargo to be flown in the holds under their feet. Santa may still have the claim on the most deliveries on Christmas Eve, but for the months before it, Heathrow is doing its bit to export our British Christmas across the world."

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food and culture wherever I go and bringing it back home is a dream job, but also reinforces the importance of everyone sitting down and enjoying good food together." Darcey Bussell, who judges the dancing reality show Strictly Come Dancing, became a Dame, saying "I am truly humbled to receive this honour". Bussell is a notable alumnus of local performing arts school Arts Education School.



David Johnston, Chief Executive of the Social Mobility Foundation

Wonderful Opportunity for One Special Child

The House Schools Trust, an independent charity, is funding a means-tested bursary place at Orchard House School in Chiswick. The bursary application is open to a girl or boy to enter Year 3 or Year 4 in September 2018. This is a wonderful educational opportunity for a local child, offering excellent teaching, smaller class sizes and a friendly and inclusive school community.

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Hounslow Council Takes Action To Control Development In The Borough



New Guidelines For Planning Have Been Agreed

Hounslow Council is implementing three key initiatives to help ensure that development in the borough is appropriate. At a Cabinet meeting on Tuesday 12 December, guidelines for people wishing to make extensions and alterations to homes were agreed and requirements introduced for organisations seeking to change

the use of light industrial and office land/buildings to submit planning applications. Councillor Steve Curran, Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "As the population of the borough grows, an increasing number of house extensions are taking place. The new guidelines will help ensure these are done appropriately and to a high quality.

"At the same time, the borough needs work space as the local economy continues to grow, but faces pressure from property owners trying to convert it to residential use. By removing permitted development rights, we can ensure such change requires proper consideration of a planning application."

Chiswick Pub Exterior Collapses



Boxing Night brought the house down at the Packhorse & Talbot when a substantial part of the facade collapsed on to the pavement.

The Cognitive Healthy Ageing Register for Interventional and Observational Trials

A collaboration between Imperial College London, Primary Care and the Community.

The numbers of patients with Alzheimer's disease and other late-life dementias are increasing exponentially world-wide, due to the unprecedented increase of longevity.

Late-onset dementia is already the number 1 cause of death and is fast becoming a major socio-economic and healthcare world challenge, as the global annual costs of dementia care now exceed one trillion US dollars, which is greater than the annual combined costs of cancer and cardiovascular diseases. Yet, we still have little understanding of their causes

and still lack effective dementia treatments. Unlike other devastating diseases, such as malignant cancers and heart attacks, Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of late-onset dementia, has a long pre-clinical period of progressive accumulation of brain disease, extending (perhaps) decades prior to disease onset. Hence the urgent need for studies involving cognitively healthy volunteers to help us better understand this pre-clinical period; factors that may confer risk or protection, as well as markers of risk prediction and subsequent diagnosis and disease progression. This is the main objec-

tive of the CHARIOT Register, a collaboration between GPs, Imperial College researchers and the wider community of Londoners volunteering to take part in research studies for the prevention of Alzheimer's disease and other late-life diseases.

By Professor Lefkos Middleton and Dr Chi Udeh-Momoh

BUSINESSES RAIDED IN PRE-CHRISTMAS OPERATIONS

Pre-Christmas operations by Ealing Council and Police have seized a vast amount of counterfeit and illicit items including Chanel and Gucci goods and 95kgs of Shisha. There were two separate intelligence led operations with the most recent known as Operation Sharp on Tuesday, 19 December 2017 and a series of week-long raids which concluded on Friday, 8 December 2017.

Operation Sharp visited several Southall businesses which uncovered unsafe plugs, counterfeit mobile phone accessories including batteries. The council's trading standards officers and police found one business dumped its illicit stock outside the premises and disappeared. Overall 4,797 items of mobile accessories were taken from four premises on Bridge Road, including 3,300 counterfeit batteries which are now being examined for safety reasons. The intelligence-led week-long operation which finished on Friday, 8 December targeted smuggled alcohol and tobacco, as well as counterfeit goods. Several licensed prem-

ises were visited with particular attention given to shisha, late night refreshment and off licence venues. The council's trading standards officers carried out the seizures while HM Revenue & Customs led on the shisha raids. The joint work by regulatory service officers and Police seized the following:
11,740 cigarettes
7.92kgs of Indian tobacco
2.90kgs of loose alcohol
12.6lts of alcohol
95kgs of shisha
2112 Chanel counterfeit items
162 Gucci counterfeit items
Several fake Chanel electric lamps were seized which posed a high fire/electrocution risk to residents. The council's food safety team as part of the week-long operation inspected nine businesses (five restaurants and four shops/off licences) in Southall. During the inspections a number of non-compliances were identified including inadequate disinfection procedures, poor cross-contamination controls, poor structural standards and out of date products on sale.

A total of two notices (pest activity within the food preparation areas and inadequate cooling practices) were served on food businesses where re-visits will be carried out to assess compliance in the coming weeks. Ealing Police Licence Sergeant Graham Edwards, said: "Smuggled and counterfeit alcohol is a very serious issue and it places innocent members of the public at a risk of serious harm. Ealing Police licensing in partnership with Ealing Council are committed in reducing the amount of counterfeit smuggled goods within the borough and will continue to target offenders taking robust enforcement action" Councillor Ranjit Dheer, cabinet member for community services and safety, said: "The work achieved by the council's regulatory services teams and the Police should be commended. Their efforts highlight the need to continually assess all business within the borough to seize illicit and counterfeit items.

HOUNSLOW COUNCIL LEADS WAY IN WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN



Eliminating violence towards women and girls was the focus for the White Ribbon 16-days of action last month [25 November – 10 December]. The White Ribbon Campaign was set up over 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. Two years ago [2015], Hounslow officially became a White Ribbon Town and as result,

has been one of the leading local authorities in the fight to end violence against women and girls. The award from the White Ribbon Campaign gave Hounslow status and recognises the pledge it has made to mobilise the entire local community under the goal of ending violence against women and girls. Councillor Candice Atterton, Hounslow Council's Cabinet Member for domestic vio-

lence, led this year's messages along with Chief Superintendent Raj Kohli, Borough Commander for Hounslow Police. As part of the 16-days of action, the Council supported a number of projects and initiatives that were taking place. This included supporting Brentford FC's match of action at Griffin Park, where fans wore White Ribbons and took the White Ribbon pledge "never to commit condone or remain silent about violence

towards women and girls". There were stalls at West Middlesex Hospital, Twickenham Road, Isleworth where people could learn about domestic abuse, sexual violence and female genital mutilation and how to access support locally. Norwood Green Infants and Nursery School, Norwood Green Juniors School and Reach Academy held White Ribbon activities to teach the children about safe, healthy relationships, respect and equality between boys and girls. The Mayor, Councillor Sue Sampson and Chief Superintendent Kohli hosted the Hounslow's 3rd Annual White Ribbon Awards where individuals from the health service, police, schools, charity sector and council where celebrated for their dedication to eliminating violence against women and girls. A White Ribbon, 120m long was painted in Lampton Park by the Carillion Integrated Services' Hounslow Parks Team, the ribbon was right under the flight path, mark-

ing Hounslow's commitment to ending gender based violence. The next step for Hounslow is to apply for White Ribbon Town re-accreditation and work is underway to create an action plan in the New Year. Cllr Atterton said: "Here at Hounslow Council, we are committed to ending violence against women and girls. "We will continue to encourage everyone to take the White Ribbon pledge, of never to excuse, commit or remain silent about it. "The Council 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 all those, especially 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." For details on how a pledge can be made, visit <https://www.whiteribbon.org.uk/>

pledge " Chief Superintendent Kohli, said: "Any form of violence is unacceptable but violence against women and girls is more sinister. "For too long men appear to have been silent on the matter – no more. The principles of the White Ribbon campaign are entirely right and as men, we must practice tolerance, respect and kindness and to stand up to inappropriate behaviour at all times." If you're experiencing domestic violence and living in Hounslow please contact the Hounslow Domestic and Sexual Violence Outreach Service on 020 8247 6163 or you can attend the One Stop Shop at Route 36, 36 Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3FF on Wednesdays between 10am – 12pm.

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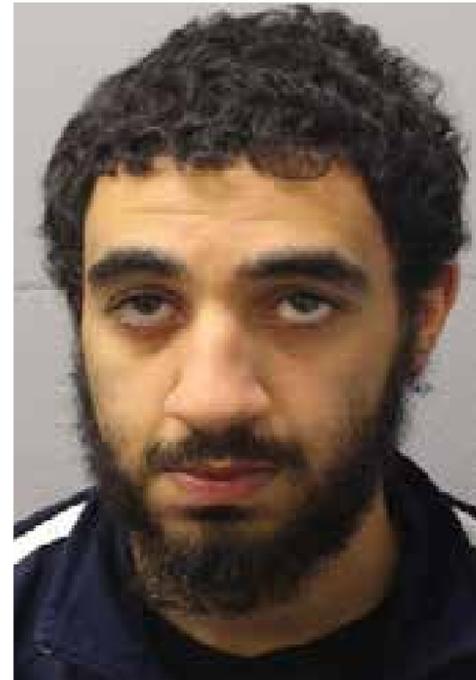
Hammersmith Man Jailed For 25 Years For Attempted Murder

A man has been jailed for attempted murder after shooting a man in a targeted attack. Perry Wilson, 24 (20.09.93) of Queen Caroline Street, Hammersmith was sentenced to 25 years' imprisonment at the Old Bailey on Tuesday, 19 December after being found guilty of attempted murder and possession of a firearm. He was sentenced to 8 years for possession of the firearm to be served concurrently. Khalid Amer, 21 (19.07.1996) of Field Road, Hammersmith W6 was sentenced to two years and eight months' imprisonment for assisting an offender. He received a four-month sentence for contempt of court, to be served consecutively - total three years. The trial took place at the Old Bailey in November. Police were called to Albion Mews, Hammersmith, at approximately 23:10hrs on Sat-

urday, 15 April to reports of a man being shot. London Ambulance Service also attended and found a 23-year-old man with gunshot wounds. He was taken to a west London hospital. He was shot twice in the abdomen and required major surgery. His recovery lasted several months, but thanks to the expert treatment he received he has made a complete recovery. The victim had attended a birthday party, and the court heard during the trial that he was targeted by the gunman, a former friend, after they fell out. Their dispute escalated which led to the near fatal shooting. The Met's Trident and Area Crime Command - North West Reactive team launched an investigation. Wilson was quickly identified as a suspect. It is believed that

he travelled to Dover to stay at a friend's house in the days after the shooting, in an attempt to evade capture. He was arrested on Thursday, 27 April on suspicion of attempted murder after attending a police station and knowing he was wanted in connection with this incident, gave a no comment interview. The firearm has not been recovered. Wilson was arrested on Wednesday, 26 April and charged on Friday, 28 April with one count of attempted murder and one count of possession of a firearm. Enquiries revealed that Wilson was in close contact with Amer, a close associate, after the shooting and that Amer had organised and put into motion plans to remove Wilson from London to Dover to lay low. DC Shon Young, investigating

officer from Trident and Area Crime Command said: "The victim was shot once in the stomach at point-blank range, and had it not been for the initial first aid given by people at the scene it is unlikely that he would have survived. "It is believed that Wilson went to Albion Mews that day knowing the victim would be there, with the intent to kill him. The motive behind this attack will never truly be known, however Wilson's involvement in the shooting was discovered following an investigation by Trident officers. "There can be no justification for the use of illegal firearms on the streets of London. This sentence sends out a clear message that such criminality will not be tolerated and as a result another person who is prepared to use violence with a firearm is now in jail serving a long sentence."



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EX-ST BENEDICTS MONK JAILED FOR 18 YEARS

A Roman Catholic priest has been jailed for 18 years after he was found guilty of 19 counts of non-recent abuse against boys at a school in Ealing.

Andrew Soper, known as Father Laurence, 74 (17.09.43) of no fixed abode, was sentenced on Thursday, 21 December, after a ten-week-long trial at the Old Bailey.

He was also handed down a Sexual Harm Prevention Order with no time limit.

Soper was found guilty on Wednesday, 6 December of 19 counts of indecent assault against ten boys who attended St Benedict's Middle School in Ealing between 1975 and 1982.

In his summing up, the judge told Soper "Your disgrace is complete."

The court heard Soper was a former abbot at Ealing Abbey and a headmaster of the middle school between 1972 and 1991. He taught boys aged between 11 and 14 and, as headmaster, he was in charge of discipline.

The first allegation was made in 2004 by a former pupil who said he was sexually assaulted

by Soper in his office whilst he was being punished.

In February 2008, another former pupil was interviewed by police and he disclosed that Soper had sexually assaulted him before he was caned.

Another former pupil contacted police in June 2010 as the result of publicity regarding the conviction of a different monk at St Benedict's.

Soper, who had moved to Rome, was contacted and arrangements were made for him to attend Heathrow Police Station in September 2010 where he was arrested, interviewed and then bailed pending further enquiries.

Two more victims were interviewed by police in November 2010 and January 2011 who reported similar allegations of sexual assault by Soper whilst they were caned by him.

On 8 March 2011, Soper failed to attend Heathrow Police Station to answer his bail to be interviewed regarding those further allegations and a European Arrest Warrant was issued.

In March 2016, the investigation into Soper was taken over by detectives from Op-

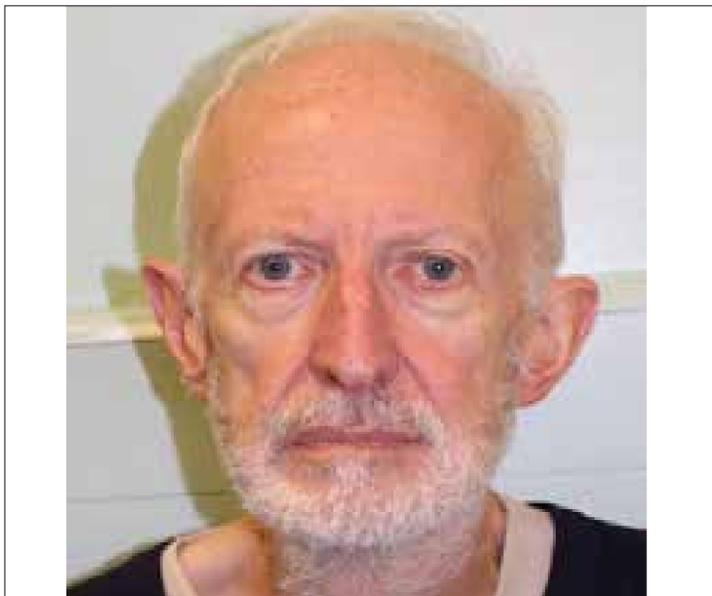
eration Winter Key, the Met's investigation into allegations of non-recent child abuse by persons of public prominence, and within institutions.

Operation Winter Key officers worked with a number of law enforcement agencies including the National Crime Agency. On 11 May 2016 Soper was arrested in Kosovo and he was deported to Luton Airport on 21 August 2016.

He was arrested and charged in relation to all five complainants. Soper was remanded in custody after appearing at Ealing Magistrates' Court. Whilst Soper was in custody, detectives from Operation Winter Key interviewed another five victims who made allegations of indecent assault. Soper denied all the charges against him and said there would not have been any inappropriate or sexual contact during any disciplinary action.

In his summing up, the judge praised the professionalism of the entire police team who went "above and beyond the call of duty" whilst investigating Soper.

Detective Superintendent Ang



Jailed: Andrew Soper, Known As Father Laurence

Scott, from Operation Winter Key, said: "Soper abused his position of trust as headmaster of a middle school over a sustained period of time. Throughout the investigation he has attempted to evade justice by leaving the UK and then failing to answer his bail.

"I would like to pay tribute to the victims in this case for the bravery they have showed in coming forward and reporting these offences and giving evidence at court. Although it can never make up for the emotional and psychological trauma caused by Soper's

crimes, I hope the sentence handed to him today can give them some form of closure. This case demonstrates that perpetrators of sexual abuse, no matter how long ago it took place, can be prosecuted and subjected to a custodial sentence."

New Bridge Legs Bring Crossrail Access Nearer For Chiswick Park

Construction of the new 135m long footbridge connecting the pioneering business campus of Chiswick Park with Chiswick Park station has reached a new phase, with the installation of its four giant V-shaped steel legs, weighing up to 8 tons each.

The installation is the second phase of construction, after the first phase involving ground works was recently finished. It brings closer the delivery of a host of faster travel benefits for companies based at Chiswick Park and the 9,000 people who work there.

The bridge, due to open in December 2018, is described by its London-based designers Expedition Engineering and Useful Studios as "sustainable, elegant and efficient". It is being brought to life using special materials (detailed below), by a team of award-winning British designers and engineers, working closely with local government, transport chiefs, local residents, businesses, politicians and the Chiswick Park estate management.

Transport benefits: locally and beyond

Most immediately, the bridge will provide a rapid new access point to the Chiswick Park campus, by dramatically reducing walking time from Chiswick Park tube station to just 4 minutes. It will also improve the Campus's connection to the wider transport network and to the Elizabeth Line at Ealing Broadway, which also opens in December 2018.

The bridge and Crossrail together will unlock a 12-minute door-to-door travel time (including the 4-minute walk on London Underground from Chiswick Park to Ealing Broadway, which in turn will allow an estimated 23-minute door-to-door journey from Chiswick Park to Bond Street and just 30 minutes to Liverpool Street. [NB: all the above journey times were obtained from Transport for London.]

In addition, it will benefit rail travellers and local residents by easing congestion at Gunnersbury station – the station closest to the campus – by allowing people to use either

spur of the district line.

Graham White, Chief Executive of Chiswick Park, said: "I'm delighted by the progress of the bridge and the benefits it will bring. Chiswick Park is a much sought-after business location, and we're already served by two underground stations and easy access to the strategic road network. With the bridge, we will now also benefit from even faster access to the local transport network, and to shops and restaurants along Chiswick High Road."

The bridge project: a roll call of talent

The bridge involves some of the UK's leading companies, while the project itself results from a partnership between Chiswick Park, the London Boroughs of Hounslow and Ealing, Network Rail and Transport for London.

Chris Wise, a founding director of Expedition, says: "We started designing the bridge in 2002, so it's become part of the family." He adds: "The end result will be a bridge that is both simple and graceful." Catherine Ramsden, founder

of architectural practice Useful Studio, worked closely with the project lead, Expedition Engineering, on design of the bridge. Ramsden says of the bridge: "It's a beautiful marriage of engineering and architecture. It's very slender, and we're proud of the fact that we have made it more sustainable by minimising the amount of material involved. So it has very slender arches and deck. The balance of stability, performance and aesthetics has led to a very pared-back and elegant solution."

Ramsden says: "The structure is built of 'corten' weathering steel. Corten is a deep rusty orange colour which complements Chiswick Park and the landscape of Gunnersbury Triangle. The beauty of it is that you don't ever have to paint it, as it weathers and forms its own protective finish. That means you have minimal maintenance, which is important when spanning over a rail line. This approach extends to all the materials, with a hardwood timber walking surface and a stain-

less steel balustrade". The decking walkway is made from Cumaru, also known as Brazilian Teak, which is durable and resistant to decay. "The idea is to put the bridge in place for a hundred years, with natural weathering and minimal care." Ramsden adds.

Infrastructure group Lendlease, which has delivered each phase of the Chiswick Park development since works began there in 2000, is overseeing the bridge project. Neil Martin, Managing Director of Construction Europe at Lendlease, said: "It's fantastic to see the last piece of Chiswick Park coming together. The success of the development is testament to the strong relationship we have with our long-standing partners and we look forward to working with them on future projects".

Severfield plc, the UK's market-leading structural steel company, has made the bridge's components and will assemble them. Senior Project Manager Jarrod Hulme says bridges are a core part

of Severfield's work. "We specialise in bespoke architectural steel work, so this is our area. This bridge is a brilliant system that demonstrates our capabilities as the UK's leading structural steel engineers."

The project: next steps
In January, components of the three bridge spans will arrive at Chiswick Park in 27 deliveries over two weeks. Decking and handrails will involve another 10 deliveries. Included will be 200 small handrail lights, 36 spotlights with dimmer sensors for the bridge arches, and security cameras for each end. The next stage will be to assemble the bridge's three individual spans at Chiswick Park. Each one will weigh around 140 tons. In June, the spans will be lifted into place by a 500 ton lift-capacity crawler crane, while Network Rail will switch off the rail line for 27 hours. Work is due to complete in December 2018.

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Ealing Schools Lead Way In Anti Radicalisation

Two schools in Ealing have been recognised for their approach to the ARISE (Anti Radicalisation In Schools for Ealing) Network which aims to prevent radicalisation in the borough.

Berrymede Junior and Greenford High were the first primary and secondary schools to receive the Quality Assurance Mark for their work to promote good citizenship and keep children and young people safe from being drawn into all forms of extremism. The awards were presented by Julian Butcher, head of Prevent in schools at the Department for Education in September.

The ARISE Network, represented by local schools, promotes the adoption of best practice in helping teachers to explain and implement the Prevent duty as part of a whole school approach.

These practices provide recognition for schools that satisfy the criteria, developed in

alignment with the Department for Education.

To qualify for the mark, schools must show how they are helping children develop critical thinking skills which will help them to identify and challenge extremist arguments. Teachers using the Ealing Prevent Toolkit encourage class discussions on a range of subjects.

This work is an extension of all schools' existing duty to help keep children safe from harm and to promote the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of their pupils, underpinned by British values.

Berrymede Junior head teacher, Lubna Khan, said: "We're thrilled to be awarded the ARISE quality mark, the process has really helped us to understand and develop essential practices across the school in terms of ensuring safety of our school community. The support from Ealing Council and the network has



been very timely and of a very high calibre, tackling some very sensitive materials in a very professional manner." Greenford High School head teacher, Mathew Cramer, said: "We are delighted to be awarded the ARISE quality mark. The process has raised awareness and improved practice. In the end, it's all about safeguarding the welfare of the students." Councillor Binda Rai, cabinet member for children and young people said: "The network is vital in making schools aware of the influ-

ence radicalisation can have. Schools now have a legal duty to prevent young people from being drawn to terrorism and it's reassuring to see Ealing schools welcome the training."

Watch a video from members of the ARISE Network speaking about the development and impact of the Ealing Prevent Toolkit.

Schools that would like to become part of the ARISE Network can find out more through www.egfl.org.uk/prevent.

Film Fools Brentford Residents With "Undiscovered Movie Footage"



Reel or unree? Can you spot the clues that reveal the truth? When John Dale posted this home-made movie, he thought it would provide some interesting entertainment. He certainly didn't expect the response he got.

"Fascinating!" "Wow!" "Where did you find this?" "Great find."

To Dale's amazement, some Brentonians thought he had stumbled upon a priceless treasure trove of undiscovered movie footage. Locals enthusiastically welcomed his "discovery" of footage apparently filmed from a helicopter in the 1930s and earlier. It showed Brentford's Golden

Mile, the old gasworks and other local scenes long gone. There were just a couple of problems: the first helicopter did not fly until 1939; and time machines still do not exist. How, then, did Dale do it? Look carefully and you will see that no one is actually moving in the film, a fact carefully disguised.

Dale says: "Film of old Brentford is almost non-existent. I patched together some old still photographs and made them look as if they were movie footage. I never expected anyone to take it seriously. It shows how easily things can be faked these days - and we can all easily fall for it."

Heathrow Set To Unveil Options For £2.5bn Savings On Expansion Plans

Heathrow has identified options that could enable delivery of an expanded hub airport for Britain for £2.5bn less than the plans submitted to the Airports Commission in 2015.

The revised £14bn option would be delivered without compromising on Heathrow's local commitments or passenger experience.

The proposals - which will be released in detail as part of Heathrow's public planning consultation in January - have been developed in close cooperation with the airlines and would ensure that Heathrow expanded with airport charges staying close to today's levels.

The options that would enable the identified £2.5bn cost reductions involve three things:

Repositioning new buildings over existing public transport and baggage infrastructure. This includes building additional capacity at both Terminals 2 and 5 rather than a dedicated terminal or satellite building between today's northern runway and the new northwest runway



Technological advancements which reduce the amount of terminal space required to process passengers without compromising experience

More efficient phasing of capacity construction - incrementally increasing terminal capacity in blocks to better match growing demand

Heathrow's Executive Director Expansion Emma Gilthorpe said:

"The Secretary of State set us the challenge to deliver an

expanded airport for Britain with passenger charges staying close to current levels. We have now identified potential savings of £2.5bn and are increasingly confident we can meet the affordability challenge.

"We are looking forward to presenting detailed options on how to do it in our consultation in January, and while we will continue to work to reduce the cost of expansion, we will not compromise on our local commitments."

Rupa Trounces Trump On Israel



Yesterday in Parliament Rupa Huq MP praised the Speaker of the House John Bercow MP for his "disinclination" for President Donald Trump to address Parliament.

The house were debating the urgent question on the implications of President Trump's decision to move the U.S. embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

The Ealing MP went onto quote a Palestinian human rights activist who claimed that President Trump's unilateral decision flouted international law and the hopes and dreams of all those who harbour a wish for a two-state solution.

Responding on behalf of the Government Alistair Burt MP the Minister of State for the

Middle East and North Africa echoed Dr Huq's words stating that it was our "duty to ensure that hopes and promises are not lost in these circumstances".

President Trump's decision has indeed led to increased tensions and reports of violence across the Middle East.

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Local Schoolboys Support Charity For Christmas



Pupils at The Falcons Pre-Preparatory School for Boys are supporting a worthy children's cause this Christmas with a 'Giving Tree'.

As part of this year's PA Christmas Funday Appeal, the boys will be generously giving a gift rather than receiving one to support the charity, KidsOut.

KidsOut provide a range of services to bring positive change to thousands of disadvantaged children throughout the UK. Each year, the charity works to bring fun and happiness to over 35,000 children, many of which are fleeing domestic abuse to seek sanctu-

ary in refuge.

To aid the charity, the Chiswick-based school has decked the halls with a large Christmas tree, decorated with around 150 gift tags. Each tag on the Giving Tree features the name and wish of a child living in a Women's Aid Federation refuge over the festive period.

Following a teacher's assembly explaining the project, pupils at the school are selecting a tag themselves to take home and purchase the toy with their parents. The boys will then bring the gift into school for the PA Christmas Elves to distribute to the charity.

Headmaster Andrew Forbes commented: "Christmas is an exciting time for all children however, it can be difficult for those escaping domestic violence. We are honoured to be supporting this worthy cause and helping to give these children a Christmas to remember.

"It is inspiring to see the boys so enthusiastic and passionate about supporting KidsOut."

The Falcons Pre-Preparatory School for Boys accommodates boys aged 3-7 and is based at 2 Burnaby Gardens, Chiswick.

Chiswick Leads National Campaign To Replace Plastic Bags

Chiswick residents have experienced the first of a national campaign replacing plastic bags with free eco boxes which also go on to promote local businesses.

This pilot scheme set to support local businesses by providing free reusable, recyclable and biodegradable eco-boxes to local residents, and is currently available Chiswick Arts & Crafts in addition to Brentford's Jet service station across December into early 2018. Thousands have been given away across Chiswick High Road and Turnham Green Terrace in December to date.

Championed by Business In The Community (BITC) for its innovative approach to community resilience, Chiswick-based eco-tech entrepreneur Arthur Chirkinian, 37, founder of In Your Face Advertising (iYFA) takes this community initiative to Chiswick where he has forged relationships with local businesses which go on to offer eco boxes to lo-



cal residents.

The first campaign has run with theme "Merry Chiswick." These free eco boxes, dispensed at outside partner-retailers convenience consumers with an alternative to a plastic bag - especially those who have forgotten their bags-for-life at point of purchase. All help to support local businesses by featuring digital promotions through latest Augmented Reality (AR) tech.

Chirkinian's Chiswick-based company, which was short-listed for an award at the Barclays Responsible Business Awards this year has been approached by a number of national brands including Barclays and Hilton because of the proposition of promoting local enterprise while provid-

ing a truly green and free promotion to help shoppers. iYFA has further been commended for its use of augmented reality (AR) as part of its interactive and eco-friendly promotions. This is the first time AR has been used for promoting local business - an audience for which hi-tech is not normally an option.

Arthur Chirkinian commented: "It's time for a radical rethink on the amount of plastic packaging and indeed plastic bags we still use - whether consumers pay for their shoppers or not, the issue is the continued use of plastic which we need to reduce. Our resolution is simple: surely we can provide free and convenient eco boxes at the same time as promoting local businesses."

H&F Protects Parks And Green Spaces For Future Generations

Hammersmith & Fulham Council has moved a step closer to protecting its parks and open spaces from any future development.

Last week, the council's Cabinet agreed to give special protection to many of the borough's green spaces, preserving them in perpetuity for future generations. The parks will remain under the full ownership and management of the council, allowing maintenance and investment to continue as normal.

As part of the council's ambition to be the best and most environmentally positive borough in the country, the decision will ensure these treasured spaces can be enjoyed for many years to come.

"Access to our parks and green spaces is essential for our residents: for exercise, leisure and as a proven benefit to mental health," said Cllr Wesley Harcourt, H&F Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Residents' Services.



"The importance of preserving them for future generations cannot be overstated. They are part of our identity as a borough, providing vital greenery in a busy city.

"As well as leisure opportunities for residents and visitors, they serve as a refuge for much of the borough's wildlife, helping preserve and enhance local biodiversity."

The decision follows work by the council's Parks Commis-

sion and the council's pledge to protect open spaces from being sold off.

For each park an individual 'deed of dedication' will be created with open spaces charity Fields in Trust, while also working closely with any local park groups. Some sites won't require the deeds as existing covenants protect them.

Space Way Now Open Seven Days A Week



The borough's reuse and recycling centre, Space Way, is open to the public seven days a week from Monday 18 December.

This follows a closure for two weekends in December when works to improve it were undertaken.

Space Way's opening hours will now be 8am to 4pm every day.

Councillor Amrit Mann, Deputy Leader of Hounslow Council, said: "Space Way

has played a vital role in handling the borough's recycled waste while the new £22m facility was built at Southall Lane, but we can now return Space Way to its normal role. "I would like to thank residents for their understanding while access to Space Way has been reduced. It has ensured the borough now has the opportunity to recycle far more of its waste and this will benefit everyone."

Residents are reminded that

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Brentford A4 Described As A "Hostile Street"



A section of the A4 passing through Brentford was described as "the most striking example of a hostile street" in a report released by the London Assembly Transport Committee.

Caroline Russell AM, Rapporteur and Member of the

Transport Committee wrote that "The most striking example of a hostile street we saw was near Brentford, where primary schools are straddled by the A4 and M4 flyover. We walked the route with parents and children, who showed us how difficult it was for them

to get to school. They were worried about fast-moving traffic, high levels of pollution, and getting stuck in the middle of the bus road waiting for ages for a green light to cross."

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WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE – A 100 YEARS ON

by MP for Brentford and Isleworth **Ruth Cadbury**

One place at the Palace of Westminster I most enjoy showing people is the installation that celebrates women's suffrage above the old entrance to Parliament. "The New Dawn" was unveiled in July 2016, 150 years to the day that John Stuart Mill presented the first mass petition in Parliament demanding women's right to vote. Later this year we will be celebrating 100 years of women in the UK having the right to vote in Parliamentary elections, with a series of events across the country.

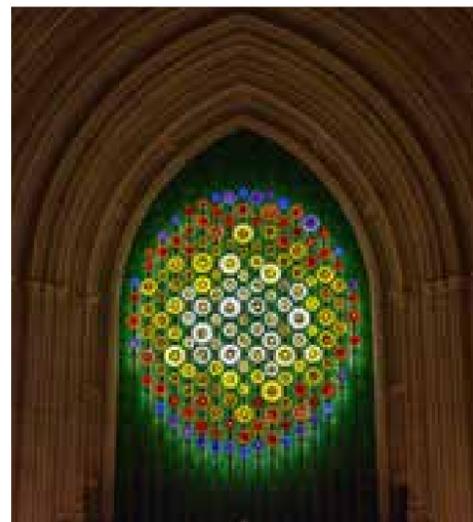
The campaign that took 52 years to achieve success was long and at times controversial. It took another ten years for all women to have equal voting rights to men, and still women's position in society changed only gradually. After the 1918 Act when men came back from war and got their jobs back they were paid more than women for the same work. Few women were selected to stand for Parliament and 100 years later, only 29% of UK MPs are women whilst the gender pay gap in



the country still sits stubbornly at 15%. When we think of the campaign for Votes for Women, we generally think of the suffragettes led by the Pankhursts. Their official title was the Women's Social & Political Union (WSPU) and they carried out direct, often violent, actions, to publicise their cause. Some historians say that Prime Minister Asquith delayed granting women's suffrage so as not to be seen to give in to such violence. One local connection that local historian John Grigg discovered, was that WSPU members burned down the tea house in Kew Gardens (and another

in Regent's Park) destroying two of four tea houses owned by a Mrs Strange. When she went to the WSPU to demand her other two be spared and pointing out that 40-50 women had been thrown out of work because of the fires, she didn't get a lot of sympathy from Mrs Kerr of the WSPU who said that they would be glad that they had helped women get the vote. "If you could have seen their faces" replied Mrs Strange, "when they came to work and found there was none, you would have a contrary opinion." So the suffragette's campaign can't have endeared them to the local working class wom-

en in Chiswick and Brentford. Less well known than the suffragettes, but with many times more members, were the many other suffrage campaigns, known as suffragists. The most notable being the National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies led by Millicent Fawcett, had membership totalling hundreds of thousands. Her statue will be unveiled in Parliament Square this year. There was also the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, the Women's Freedom League and many faith and trade union campaign groups, all of which all used more traditional campaign methods – petitions, letter-writing and public meetings to build both the case for women's votes but also for women's rights in the workplace and in wider society. We are familiar with the white, lilac and green colours used by the suffragettes, but each suffrage organisation had their own signature colours and the adopted colours of each campaign group is represented in the different colours of Mary Branson's installation in Parliament. It's a beautiful circular crowd of back-lit hand-blown glass discs that each light up as the tide out on the Thames rises, and switch off in turn as the tide recedes. "The New Dawn" installation in Parliament reminds us that even though it's been a 100 years since women in the UK were able to vote for



their MP, women have still got some way to go to get equal representation in Parliament, and equality in the workplace. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Ruth Cadbury MP "Appalled" At Rising Poverty

This week the Rowntree Foundation released figures showing a rise in poverty, while in Hounslow the local Foodbank has had to increase its food packages and the Council are funding a Shelter Project over Winter.

Ruth Cadbury MP for Brentford and Isleworth said: "The government has failed to continue the last Labour Government's successful work of tackling poverty. I'm appalled at the poverty, hunger and homelessness this Government's cuts and failure to act has resulted in."

The Rowntree foundation found 400,000 more children and 300,000 more pensioners are stricken by poverty than from 2012 to 2013. This is the first recording of an increase in child and pensioners poverty in twenty years. This substantial increase is directly



correlated to the lack of support and assistance this current government is providing in tackling the causes of poverty.

Ruth Cadbury MP sought charitable donations in Osterley Tesco for those stricken by the effects of poverty last week. The public kindly gave donations of food that they purchased in Tesco to help the cause

Hounslow Council are funding the Shelter Project Hounslow again this Winter, which provides shelter and support for rough sleeping men referred by various organisa-

tions. This project provides the homeless males shelter in local churches as oppose to seeking refuge on the streets. Also in the Brentford and Isleworth, Hounslow Foodbox is helping to tackle food poverty – moving from 3 days food to 7 days for all those referred to them, and supporting universal credit applicants from the day the claim is made to the day payment is received.

Ruth Cadbury MP said: "It's really worrying that there will be families round here who will have no Christmas dinner, nothing for the children, no presents for the children."

Southfield Liberal Democrats launch local election priorities

By Gary Malcolm, Leader, Liberal Democrat Group

After many months of surveying the views of Southfield residents and local businesses, the three Southfield Liberal Democrat Councillors have launched their three priorities which they will campaign on in the up-coming local elections which take place on 3rd May 2018.

1. Cleaner and Safer Southfield:

Free from litter, fly-tips and leaves by re-introducing the weekly sweeping regime. When the Conservatives and the Labour party in Ealing Council voted for Council Tax they voted for the two reductions in street cleaning from a weekly service to once every 12 weeks. Only the Liberal Democrats have stood up for residents on this issue.

Involve residents in gaining feedback on which streets are considered clean or dirty. We would be very tough on the contractors like Amey who have failed over many years to give residents a good service. We will get replace fail-

ing contractors or withhold monies from their payments. Work with the local police team (SNT) to support projects that can reduce the crime rate and help promote the benefits of Neighbourhood Watch schemes. This should help keep the crime rate at its current low level. Continue to work with the police and Ealing Council to reduce the incidences of speeding traffic which can lead to traffic accidents and deaths.

2. Public transport better for all:

Campaigning for TFL to get Piccadilly Line tubes to stop at Turnham Green tube station. We have successfully persuaded TFL that Piccadilly Line tubes can stop at Turnham Green station, we just need them to upgrade the signalling. We want our tube and rail stations and bus stops to be accessible for those with mobility issues and have already improved a number of bus stops in Southfield in coordi-



nation with residents.

Promote cycling and the ability to store cycles safely when people are visiting residents or whilst shopping in the area.

3. Protect Local Health Services:

Campaigning to stop our hospitals from being downgraded or closed such as Charing Cross hospital.

Look for ways to expand local GP doctor and dental provision in the area.

So these are the main issues residents have contacted us about. We will campaign on these plus other issues and have an action plan for each of these topics including the continues improvement of our parks which now have a Green Flag status!

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Major Clean-Up Gets Underway On Hounslow Streets



Hounslow Council has launched the first phase of a large-scale cleaning programme due to run until 18 March which will see 400 of the borough's roads vastly improved. The initiative will target roads across the borough which have been identified as benefiting from 'deep cleansing' due to the Council's scheduled street cleaning service being unable to gain access, primarily due to parked cars. Starting in the west of the borough, the programme's first phase will work its way through central, before moving east during 2018 and will involve mechanical and manual cleaning; graffiti teams; gully cleansing; and environmental officers addressing

overgrown vegetation and unlawfully placed domestic and trade waste. Residents are advised that where they see notices displayed, they should not park their vehicles in these roads. A number of streets are scheduled to be cleaned each day, which means that cleaning will commence throughout the day and not necessarily in the morning for some roads. The maintenance is being led by Hounslow Highways, which manages the borough's roads on behalf of the Council, and includes pavements and street lighting, as well as providing key services such as street cleansing, winter maintenance and enforcement. Councillor Amrit Mann, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Mem-

ber for Environment, Hounslow Council, said: "We're pleased to be working with our contractors Hounslow Highways to ensure the borough's roads are clean and, most of all, safe. This first stage will involve around 400 of the borough's roads, so clearly this is a major programme of work being undertaken. "The Council currently invests £2.7m on average each year in maintaining Hounslow's roads and pavements and this initiative is just one of the ways we work with Hounslow Highways to deliver essential improvements." For more information visit <http://www.hounslowhighways.org/>

H&F Homes All Within 400m Of Electric Vehicle Charging Points



All homes and business will soon be within 400 metres of an electric vehicle charging bay as H&F Council makes it easier to convert to greener transport. By the end of the financial year, more than 130 electric charging bays will be in operation, meaning wherever you are in the borough, there'll be one just a short walk away. Hammersmith & Fulham Council has built the largest

network of on-street charging points in London to encourage residents to take up cleaner travel and improve local air quality. "Ditching a petrol or diesel car to go electric is a big commitment, but one that can reap huge benefits," said Cllr Wesley Harcourt, H&F Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and Residents' Services. "The biggest hassle for most

people is charging, so the easier we can make that, the easier it will be for people to make the change. That's why we're delivering a network that will offer a convenient option for everyone. "We want to be the most environmentally positive borough and a responsibility of that is helping residents to live more environmentally positive lives too."

Heathrow Seeks Chair For Community Engagement Board

Heathrow Airport, alongside the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee (HACC), have launched a campaign to recruit a high-profile Chair to head up the new independent Community Engagement Board (CEB). The CEB will take on the role of the current consultative committee and was a recommendation by the Airports Commission, drawing on best practice from European hub airports. The influential Chair will lead the CEB which will play an important role in building trust between the airport and its communities making sure that Heathrow delivers its commitments today and in the future. It will also play a crucial role during the planning process for the proposed expansion of Heathrow to check that communities are meaningfully engaged in Heathrow's public consultations over the coming months and years. The CEB will be established

in the New Year and will act as the focal point for engagement between the airport, local authorities, community groups and passengers. The Chair will be appointed by a panel representative of the existing HACC, government, Heathrow and a nominated community representative through an open process run by established executive search firm, Gatenby Sanderson. Closing date for applications is 14 January 2018. Deputy Chair of the HACC Steering Group Brian Yates, said: "The appointment of a Chair will be a major early milestone in the establishment of this newly created Board which aims to build on the strength of the existing consultative committee. We are looking for a seasoned leader who will have the gravitas and experience to represent the diverse airport communities – residents, local authorities, passengers and pressure groups – at the highest levels

of government and, of course, to the airport too." Heathrow's Chief Executive Officer John Holland-Kaye, said: "The arrival of the Community Engagement Board is a demonstration of Heathrow's commitment to deliver and contribute to world-class local engagement, both as part of today's airport operations and future expansion plans. We look forward to working with the successful candidate who will help us make sure Heathrow delivers expansion fairly and responsibly so that we maximise the benefits for our local communities."



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Local Nursery Eyes International Expansion

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

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

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

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



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



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

sion that they are inviting UK companies to discuss expansion into this booming market. Paul said, "The trip was an excellent chance to imagine expansion for which the barriers, to an organisation of

our size, would initially seem insurmountable." As a follow up to the trade mission, representatives from a Chinese Real Estate firm visited Buttercups Day Nursery in Ealing this week.

Chiswick Man Jailed For Burglary And Robbery Of Elderly Victims

A man has been jailed for eight years after he targeted two elderly women in separate incidents.

Andrew Alexander, 37 (10.01.80) of Sutton Lane South, Chiswick was found guilty at Kingston Crown Court on Friday, 15 September of the burglary of an 87-year-old woman and the robbery of an 84-year-old woman. He was sentenced at the same court on Friday, 15 December to eight years' imprisonment.

The first incident occurred at approximately 20:00hrs on 22 November 2016 when Alexander followed an 87-year-old pensioner into the communal area of her flat in Albert Street, NW1.

The woman asked him who he was there to see - Alexander did not reply but stole the victim's handbag and then made off.

The victim entered her flat and told a relative who she lives with what had happened.

About an hour after the crime

the victim collapsed; London Ambulance Service attended and took the victim to a north London hospital for treatment.

She was found to have suffered a brain haemorrhage. After months of treatment she was discharged from hospital, but now requires 24 hour palliative care.

On Monday, 2 January an 84-year-old woman was walking along Sutton Court Road, Chiswick when Alexander approached her from behind. Despite the victim being frail and elderly he pushed her to the ground and stole her handbag.

The victim received an injury to her knee, but thankfully was not seriously physically hurt, but she was left very distressed by the attack.

Alexander was identified as a result of evidence he left at the scene and was arrested later that same day.

When arrested he was found in possession of property stolen from the first victim.

Alexander was charged with

burglary and robbery following a joint investigation by Hounslow CID and the Central North Command Unit.

He was found guilty of both offences following an eight-day trial.

Detective Constable Brett Jones of the Central North Command Unit led the investigation and said: "I would like to thank all of those who have assisted in this investigation. Alexander's crimes have had a devastating effect on his victims; his actions were both callous and predatory.

"I hope this sentence will bring some satisfaction and relief to the victims, their families, and the public in general. Alexander is a man that preys on the most vulnerable members of our community and I am glad he has been brought to justice."

St Benedicts Pupils Visit Russia



Students at local school St Benedict's in Ealing, went on a fascinating trip to Russia recently, for the 100th anniversary of the 1917 Russian Revolution.

The tour began in St Petersburg, where the 33 pupils visited the Heroic Defenders of Leningrad War Memorial and Museum, and Finland Station in Lenin Square, where Lenin returned from exile in Switzerland, to start organising the October Revolution.

From here, they progressed to the Smolny Institute, Lenin's main Bolshevik headquarters. They also visited the Hermitage Museum, with its vast range of collections, the Peter and Paul Fortress, founded by Peter the Great in 1703, and watched the ballet Giselle at the Marrinskii theatre.

In Moscow, everyone was amazed by the elaborate Russian metro, with its chandeliers and mosaics presenting Socialist realism pictures

- very different from Ealing Broadway! In Red Square they visited beautiful cathedrals such as St Basil's, building on their knowledge of Tsarist history. In contrast, a trip to Lenin's Mausoleum was truly terrifying, under the watchful eye of the Russian military. This trip illuminated the complexity of Russian history, as well as its fascinating culture and tradition.

Ealing Council Investing In Roads And Footways



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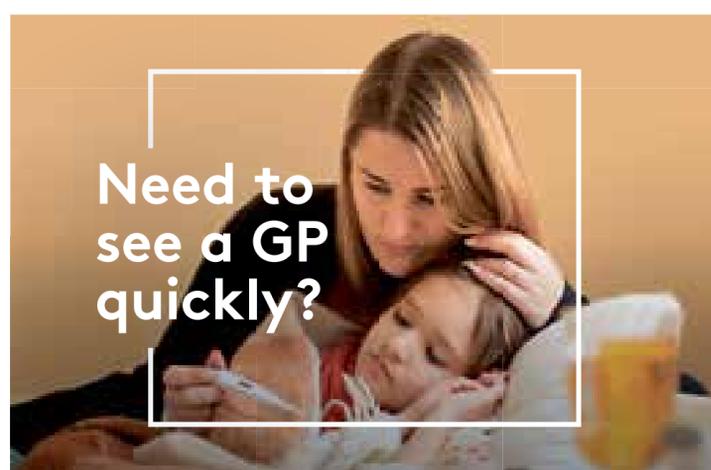
£3.5million is to be spent on improving roads and footpaths across the borough, Ealing Council has announced. The council's cabinet approved the latest budget for the 2018/19 Footway and Carriageway improvement programme on 12 December 2017.

The council will invest £3.5 million into improving roads and footways across Ealing. Of this, £3million will be invested in roads, with £0.5 million to be spent on footways. Each year independent, accredited surveyors walk the entire length of all of the bor-

ough's roads checking them for defects such as potholes, cracking, and other signs of deterioration and damage. Each road is then given a condition rating on a scale of 1-100 and those with a high rating, which are in the poorest condition, are targeted for resurfacing.

The council works hard to co-ordinate resurfacing works with other work carried out by utilities companies, but on the rare occasions where there is a clash with major works, resurfacing works will be postponed until the first subsequent opportunity.

Bassam Mahfouz, cabinet member for transport, leisure and environment said: "Resurfacing our roads and pavements continues to be an important priority for this council and for our residents. "That is why year after year we continue to invest significantly to ensure that local people benefit, whether they are pedestrians, cyclists or motorists." 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.



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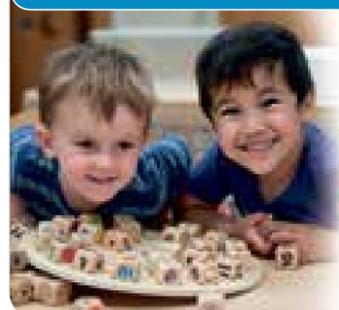
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Five ways to follow the star this year...

into a question or problem simply by taking time and listening.

There was a time I had to choose between two jobs and really couldn't decide. I agonised about this but then spent some time listening. And I heard a voice say, 'It doesn't matter which job you choose - I will use you for good wherever you are.' And, although you might say that this was not that helpful, it certainly did help me get things in perspective. The truth was that both opportunities were exciting challenges and it would be no disaster if I made the 'wrong choice.' In fact, there was no wrong choice.

2. Observing

Being more mindful is also a helpful way to allow God (or that inner voice) to speak to you. Sometimes there are wonderful signs literally staring us in the face - that can easily be missed because we are too busy and preoccupied to see them.

I remember discerning my calling to ministry and not being certain of my vocation. A clergy colleague said to me that God would call me by name if he wanted me to be a minister. I remember sitting on my own in a room after this conversation and thinking well I have not heard God call me by name to ministry. But as I gazed out of the window - it was a winter's evening around dusk - I contemplated the dark silhouettes of the branches of the trees in the garden against the white night sky. And I saw to my surprise that the branches were making a huge letter M - my initial. It was like here was God calling me by name - but I might so easily not have seen this.

3. Asking
Making sure you have wise people around you to consult - and not only people you know will agree with you or give you the answer you most want to hear.

The best advice I've received in life has been advice that I have often not wanted to hear. I remember once, in my early life, being in a relationship that everyone around me condoned. But one wise and



courageous friend told me one day that this relationship was extremely dangerous and had the power to ruin my life. It was not something I wanted to hear at the time. But it was true. And it was like God had chosen to speak to me, to warn me through this friend. And it was from that moment that I went about extracting myself from the relationship and experienced great healing in my life.

4. Thinking
Sometimes we agonise about the most trivial things. Getting things in perspective and being willing to think things out rationally for ourselves is also important.

We want to be guided by God to do the right thing, to make the right choices - but this does not mean we should give up thinking for ourselves entirely. God has given us a brain, a wonderful incredible thinking machine, and we should use it!

5. Engaging with scripture

I've got into a habit of reading a couple of short passages from the Bible every day. And it's amazing the truth I find in these ancient texts. It's like God uses them to tell me the things I need to hear and know. And very often this has either helped me with a decision or helped me to get a matter into proper perspective.

It's really easy to read the Bible these days. You don't

have to lug around a weighty tome. There are wonderful Apps - like YOUversion - which will provide or send you a scripture passage each day to reflect on.

The wise men didn't just blindly follow the star. They were wise. They consulted scriptures. They were spiritually open to guidance. They travelled together and asked each other's advice. They used their own brains to make their way. They received guidance in a dream - when they were told not to inform King Herod where Jesus was. Following the star means living our lives in relationship with God - being open to guidance. And, when we do this, we find that the guidance is there. And it will lead us where we want and need to be.

So, may 2018 be a year when you allow yourself to be guided to a place of truth and peace, where you live life to its fullest - whatever joys and challenges lie ahead.

Sunday services at St Michael's Elmwood Road are at 9.30am and 11am - with groups and activities for children St Michael's Church: stmichael-elmwoodroad.org Join Martine Osborne's online church here: martineoborne.com

Chiswick Poet



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The sadness of autumn's fading glow as nature itself ceases to grow. Then snow in the winter and bitter winds too, make us longingly wait for spring to break through.

In summer the grass is a perfect stage for displaying tanned bodies of every age. With eating and drinking and soaking up sun and leaving of litter, which isn't much fun!

Dogs and dog walkers freely abound a social kaleidoscope that keeps going round. Chatter and barking and leaping and play bringing joy to everyone day after day.

There's fitness fanatics and joggers and all and kids in the playground having a ball. Sliding down slides and swinging on swings, a roundabout way of enjoying such things.

Then as hours of daylight gradually fade, stunning sunsets are gloriously displayed. And squadrons of parrots fly to their nests, high up in the trees they gratefully rest.

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Tony Inwood has lived and worked in Chiswick for most of his life and for much of that time has been writing poetry. He is a Christian and a member of Christ Church, Turnham Green.

On the couch with Nicholas Rose:



Keep your children safe and well in their use of the internet

Do you struggle to talk to your children about their use of the internet and their safety and wellbeing? Are you tempted to stop your children using the internet altogether? Are you unclear yourself on what is appropriate internet use? Do you fear that talking to your children will only serve to drive them to hide their use of the internet from you?

Over the next couple of articles I will endeavour to provide some useful information on current thinking. However I will also offer some guidance on how to prepare and raise potentially difficult conversations about the use of the internet with your children.

In June this year new studies provided evidence that moderate use of the internet and social media does actually

benefit children and young people. Suggesting that use of social media helps build resilience and develop social skills thus having a positive impact on mental wellbeing. So it looks as though the usual thinking about moderation in all things does also apply to the new digital age too. In a future article we will look at what "moderate" use means however for this article we will focus on safety.

In the news this week has been the work by the National Crime Agency to protect children using live streaming platforms, work that resulted in 192 arrests and the safeguarding of 245 children. However National Police Chiefs' Council Lead for Child Protection, Chief Constable Simon Bailey, said:

"We will keep working to-

gether to do this, adapting our approach so that nowhere online is safe for people out to groom children or view them being abused. But we also need help. We need internet companies to help us stop access to sexual abuse images and videos and prevent abuse happening on their platforms. We need parents and carers to talk to their children about healthy relationships and staying safe online."

A new animation has been developed and released to show how offenders try to build relationships online with young people and guidance for both parents and children on the risks posed by live streaming is available on the "Thinkuknow" website.

The website is helpful in providing information on warning signs to look out for, ac-

tions to take and how to access further support and information. As they point out, the best way to address these issues is to be able to have "Calm and open conversations" however they also recognise that you might find trying to talk about safety overwhelming and that you might yourself struggle with difficult feelings.

They provide really great information on how as a parent you need to act and also what you might expect to experience yourself and how to manage that. I think this is really valuable reading if you are at all hesitant in starting a conversation because it is possible that your hesitancy is indicating that you do not yet feel fully equipped.

The only criticism I have of the information is that it is

presented as a resource to be used if you find out your child has been abused, I would argue that it is really very good reading in terms of how to prepare for any potentially difficult conversation with your children. Why? Because as parents it is so easy to feel under pressure and carry expectations about how you should know what is right and wrong and know what to do.

It is natural to feel this way and it is also natural for your children to feel nervous about not getting things right, upsetting their parents or have unrealistic expectations about what you know and can help with. The important thing is to be aware of this and think these things through in anticipation of starting any conversations.

In the next article I will write

about what is needed from you as parents in talking to your children about the potentially difficult subject of their internet / social media use.

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Swiss Brilliance: The Bürgenstock Resort at Lake Lucerne

Ann-Marie Frankland visits Switzerland staying at the Bürgenstock Hotels & Resort Lake Lucerne in Switzerland.

Filled with excitement and in need of a well-earned chill out, I left London en route to the newly refurbished Bürgenstock Resort overlooking beautiful Lake Lucerne, the fourth largest lake in Switzerland.

Arriving in Zurich after a direct flight from Heathrow, I easily found my way down to Platform 3 to catch the next available train to Lucerne. Swiss Travel System Ltd provides an excellent all in one first class travel pass that enabled me to experience travel by train, bus and boat, making travel easy and stress free. The train from Zurich left on time (as ever in Switzerland!), passed through the city and then out into the suburbs with panoramic views of the mountains and lakes. The train journey followed the valley and lakes with stunning views of the mountains and I arrived at the central Lucerne train station an hour after leaving Zurich.

Navigating Lucerne is very straight forward with the station exit directly opposite Lake Lucerne, leading to piers where you can hop on a boat to the various locations around the lake.

Lucerne is one of the world's most stunning settings, in a region known for its hospitality. The clear skies and fresh air immediately lifted my spirits and filled me with anticipation to get to the Bürgenstock Hotel and Alpine Spa Resort. I boarded the ferry at pier 3, setting sail in the beautiful early autumn sunshine. The journey is very picturesque with Mount Pilatus to the right, Mount Rigi to the left and in the distance set on a forested ridge high above Lake Lucerne, I could see the heritage based Bürgenstock Resort.

I disembarked at the quay and took a few short steps to the recently restored Bürgenstock funicular, rising through the forest with amazing views over the lake. Traditional alpine style houses along the edge of the lake are passed down through generation to generation and rarely come on the market; however when they do they, would retail at

approximately 800,000 Swiss Francs.

The Bürgenstock Hotel and Spa Resort has recently been restored

at a cost of 550M Swiss Francs.

The resort comprises of a total of 383 rooms spread across four hotels; the 5 star superior Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine Spa 5 star superior, the Palace Hotel & Conference Centre 4 star superior, the Waldhotel Health and Medical Excellence, a 5 star medical hotel and the Taverne 1879, a 3 star Swiss inn.

In addition, the resort boasts 67 residential suites, 12 restaurants and bars and a 10,000m2 Alpine spa. It also is host a wide range of leisure activities.

I was warmly welcomed by my personal guide Chloe who escorted me to my second-floor superior room in the Bürgenstock Hotel with the most breath-taking view across Lake Lucerne. I was utterly taken back by the sheer beauty of the landscape.

Keen to sample the Alpine Spa, the concierge kindly booked a massage for me later that particular afternoon. I was collected from my room, escorted to the spa and introduced to my masseur, Tempa from Nepal, who had trained in Nepalese and Chinese massage techniques. As a devotee of massages, this one did not disappoint and after a back, neck and arm massage I felt like I was floating on air.

I then returned to my suite to partake in a luxurious bath with an amazing view across the lake.

Before dinner, I headed out to explore the hotel and descended to the lobby with yet another panoramic view across the Lake Lucerne. I then took the Museum corridor to the Palace Hotel featuring the fascinating history of the Bürgenstock Resort, from the era of Bucher-Durrer, the original owners, to its golden ages in the 60's and late 20th Century.

Famous guests depicted include: Lys Assia, singer, Sir Thomas Beecham, conductor, Yul Brynner, actor, Charlie Chaplin, actor, Sean Connery,

actor, Olivia de Havilland, actress, Audrey Hepburn, actress, André Heller, artist, Joan Fontaine, actress, Sophia Loren, actress, Marcel Marceau, mime artist, Shirley MacLaine, actress, Georges Simenon, author and Rod Stewart, singer to name but a few.

Before dinner I had a sun downer cocktail at the Foyer Salle Palace overlooking the lake and met other guests. The cuisine "à la Escoffier" was out of this world in the beautifully restored dining room housing many priceless original paintings by famous artists including Antoine Watteau.

Guests of the Bürgenstock Resort Lake Lucerne can enjoy a journey around the globe across 12 delicious restaurants and bars, from traditional Swiss dishes and regional alpine cuisines, to French Fine Dining, Middle Eastern, and Asian options. The hotel's three wine cellars provide an intimate setting for wine and champagne enjoyment, and the Cigar Lounge is a sanctuary for cigar aficionados.

Mike Wehrle, Culinary Director of the resort, oversees all 12 eateries and brings 23 years of experience with Michelin-starred restaurants and international luxury hotels. He works alongside prestigious chefs including 3 Michelin star rated Marc Haerberlin, Signature Chef of the RitzCoffier.

A selection of the restaurants include:

RitzCoffier by Marc Haerberlin The Ritz Coffier fine dining pays tribute to Swiss hotelier César Ritz, known as "King of Hoteliers and Hotelier to King's, and Ritz's best friend, Auguste Escoffier, one of the greatest Chefs France has ever known. Before going on to their triumphs at the Savoy in London and the Ritz in Paris, the two associates began their celebrated partnership at Lucerne's Hotel National, where Ritz hired Escoffier to manage the kitchens in 1881. At RitzCoffier, Chef Bertrand Charles works alongside with Signature Chef Marc Haerberlin to offer guests the ultimate classic cuisine "à la Escoffier".

Marc Haerberlin is the fourth generation of a family bearing three Michelin stars at the Auberge de l'Ill in Alsace, a French icon going back to 1878. Some of Haerberlin's signature dishes, which feature on the menu of the RitzCoffier, include; Foie Gras Terrine Haerberlin with Brioche and Port Wine jelly, Confit Swiss Lake Char, Breton Lobster Cooked Under the Grill, Baked Supreme Chicken smoked on Pine Cone and Hay, and the Haerberlin Poached Peach with Champagne Sabayon and Pistachio Ice Cream.

At RitzCoffier, diners will be immersed in the ambiance of a 19th century kitchen. The original fireplace from the 1873 Grand Hotel at the Bürgenstock Resort takes centre stage. More than 100 copper pots, similar to those used by Escoffier and put to use by the Resort's chefs between 1873 and 1940, decorate the walls and hang from the ceiling. Blue and white tiles grace the walls while the oak floors boast elegant herring-bone parquet.

The eatery seats up to 89 (50 indoor and 39 outdoor) and is located in the 1903 historic Palace Hotel & Conference Centre. It is open for breakfast and dinner, as well as brunch on Sundays. A three-course meal costs from approximately CHF 140.00 – 225.00 per person (not including wine and drinks)

Spices Kitchen & Terrace The Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine Spa offers a live cooking experience in its Spices Kitchen & Terrace. The restaurant features authentic Chinese, Indian, Japanese and Thai cuisines cooked in original tandoors, woks, naan oven, duck oven and dim sum steamer. Some of the dishes featured on the menu includes Indian Adraki Lamb Chops (succulent chops marinated in ginger, yoghurt and garam masala grilled in the tandoor), Thai inspired Thod-MunPla (red curry flavoured king fish cake with cucumber relish) and Chinese Siu Mai (steamed dumpling with pork meat, shrimp, shitake mushrooms and Tobiko roe).



The open kitchen has four stations and a range of specialist chefs dedicated to each cuisine. The design reflects the concept of an Asian-fusion restaurant with sleek lines and warm tones, seating 130 guests inside and 66 outside on the panoramic terrace, which has views across to the peaks of Pilatus, Rigi and the lake. Choose from the option of regular seating or show kitchen seating at half-moon tables hooked onto the kitchen. Spices is open Monday - Sunday for daily lunch, snacks and dinner. A family-style menu costs approximately CHF 70.00 per person (not including wine and drinks).

Sharq Oriental & Shisha lounge Sharq serves Persian dishes by Iranian and Lebanese chefs in a sleek relaxing environment. Seating up to 129 across two floors and the terrace, guests will experience a culinary trip through the Orient. The water pipe lounge and terrace has spectacular views to the lake and private dining is available for groups of up to twelve. Dishes include typical mezza and grilled meats for an authentic taste of the region. Delights of the menu include Roukak (filled puff pastry roll with Arabic cheese, parsley and black cumin),

Hummus, Falafel, and Kabab Kubideh (ground lamb kebab with onions, saffron and black crushed pepper). Sharq Oriental & Shisha lounge is open Tuesday - Saturday for daily lunch and dinner. A sharing menu starts at CHF 70.00 per person (not including wine and drinks).

Verbena Restaurant Verbena Restaurant is located within the Waldhotel Health & Medical Excellence, offering a focus on low-sodium, herbal cooking based on Mediterranean cuisine. The Waldhotel, a new property designed by acclaimed architect Matteo Thun, has an impressive modern design. The 114-seater restaurant and its spacious terrace serves healthy, wellness cuisine, which is balanced and versatile. Herbs will be grown in the hotel's own garden for use in dishes, while a demonstration kitchen allows guests to learn how to recreate dishes in the comfort of their own home.

Private dining is available upon request at Verbena in the SimmenthalerStube, which was originally in the resorts sister property, Hotel Schweizerhof Bern. This typical Swiss kitchen room serves as a cosy dining room space for up to 16 guests. Verbena Restaurant is open daily. Taverne 1879

Guests, hikers and visitors will love the classic Swiss specialties served up in the renovated Taverne 1879 that is styled like a Swiss inn. The cosy restaurant has seating inside and out, offering sweeping alpine views from the terrace. Traditional favourites on the menu include "Älpermagronen" (pasta with potatoes, roasted onions, roasted bacon and apple puree), Rösti with bacon, cheese and egg, perch filets with lettuce and chive dip, Zürich ragout and Cordon Bleu of pork with Bodeneraclete cheese. As far as possible, all produce is sourced locally to minimize the food miles.

For example, the milk and dried meat comes from Sepp, a farmer who lives 500m down the valley from the Bürgenstock Resort. Taverne 1879 is open to diners every day from 7am – 10pm (6pm on a Sunday). A three-course meal costs from CHF 52 per person

Oak Grill & Pool Patio This relaxed and welcoming space within the extensive Bürgenstock Alpine Spa offers a farm to table cuisine. After working up an appetite, beautifully prepared organic grill dishes await in the restaurant. Specialities are prepared on an oak grill from fish from the lake and vegetables and meats from local producers around the Bürgenstock Resort. Based on a nose to tail con-

cept, guests can see the big grill and dry ageing machine and choose their high quality piece of meat either at the table or in the kitchen. Constructed from a special mix of oak wood and beech wood, the grill gives a special taste to the meat. Oak Grill & Pool Patio is open to diners daily from 10 am–9:30 pm.

Golf Restaurant The Golf restaurant at the Resort's fully-restored 1928 course is a firm favourite with its Brasserie-style cuisine. Meal options are angled towards a golfing audience looking for something light and quick and the venue is ideal for parties. The Club house was recently renovated retains a luxurious and warm club feel centred around the original fireplace. The seasonal menu is updated regularly and includes classics such as Caesar Salads, Pulled Pork Sandwich, Wagyu Golf Burger, soups, pasta and Beef Tartare. Summer selections include white asparagus royal mimosa and strozzapreti with wild garlic and Bürgenstock sbrinz cheese. The Golf Restaurant is open every day of the golf season and meals cost approximately CHF 20.00–30.00per person (not including wine and drinks).

Hammetschwand Restaurant For a fast and great value food fix, Hammetschwand is a casual self-service mountain restaurant with

typical Swiss fare. Ideal for hungry hikers the menu offers sandwiches, cheese, dried meet, traditional Swiss macaroni, veal sausage with onion sauce and weiner sausage. All produce is sourced locally. Hammetschwand Restaurant is open every day during the summer season from 9.30am to 5.30pm and prices range from CHF 8.00 – CHF 20.00 per person (not including wine and drinks).

After a fantastic night's sleep and scrumptious breakfast of Bürgenstock Muesli, yoghurt and poached eggs, I was keen to explore the grounds and headed for The Cliff Walk and Hammetschwand Lift. This one-and-a-half-hour round trip took me along the cliffs to the highest outdoor elevator in Europe with even more breath-taking views. Ready for lunch I headed for the Sharq Oriental restaurant for a truly amazing lunch of Lebanese and Persian dishes.

After lunch I visited the spa again for a swim in the beautiful indoor pool, with a swimming link through to the outdoor roof top infinity pool, one of the best in Switzerland.

I dined at the traditional Taverne 1879 (see above), a typical Swiss inn dating back to the 19th Century that was completely renovated in 2011 serving authentic Swiss dishes including the classic Raclette. On



arrival I was greeted by three traditional alpine horn players in national dress, which you could argue is a little touristy, but in this setting, nope - it just added to the ambience and warmed the heart.

After another restful night's sleep, I descended on the funicular and took the ferry to Lucerne for a tour of the KKL Luzern (Culture and Convention Centre Lucerne) at Europaplatz designed by the Parisian architect Jean Nouvel. The concert hall holds 1800 and is one of the finest in the world.

The KKL hosts 500 concerts a year with a Swiss and international clientele. The acoustics are purposely designed for audiences and includes a programme divided into three festivals over the year; Easter, Summer

and Piano. For an all round restful, gastronomic, spiritual and cultural holiday you must visit Bürgenstock Resort and the beautiful town of Lucerne. Of course, all the cliches fit; divine, beautiful, elegant, majestic, service beyond compare, but above all, the tranquillity, attention to detail, care and affection with which guests and visitors are treated, truly warms the heart - magical. I will definitely be visiting again.

Rates at the 5* superior Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine Spa will start from CHF 650 (approximately £506) per room per night and includes spa access. For more information and to book, please visit buergenstock.ch/en or email alpine.spa@buergenstock.ch.

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Operational risk – a costly business

Dr P Singh - freelance writer, and director: Cash for Invoices Limited

Many examples of misbehaviour litter the corporate literature and explain why affected companies pay £millions in fines or end up insolvent. Better corporate governance offers a glimmer of hope to all stakeholders.

Car industries across the world have shown in recent months that low standards of corporate behaviour in its sub-industries are endemic. Beginning with Volkswagen, companies across the globe have rigged emissions results – perhaps to impress environmentally-conscious car buyers into choosing their car, or to pass minimum standards tests for carbon dioxide emissions. Similar errors of human judgement happen in virtually all other sectors of business.

The Financial Times chronicled corporate errors of judgement, cover-up, complacency, rule-breaking, and just about any other description of corporate wrongdoing: Mitsubishi Materials and Kobe Steel falsified data about the quality of their products.

Nissan gave trainee vehicle inspectors the answers to questions in their competency

examinations. It also allowed uncertified vehicle inspectors to sign-off on inspections. That incident resulted in the recall of 1.2 million cars at a cost estimated to be 30 billion Yen. Such breaches of trust might have been going on as far back as the late 1970s and had become the norm. Car maker, Subaru also admitted to similar practices.

Foxconn-the Chinese maker of the Apple iPhone-saw its profits tumble 39% because of a design fault caused a holdup in the assembly of the iPhones, and that meant the assembler was left with unused labour for weeks. Uber paid \$100,000 to hackers to destroy data they had obtained. To make matters worse, Uber then failed to tell its regulators and it delayed notifying its investors of the incident.

Thames water has become a poster for unacceptable corporate misbehaviour and has paid a number of fines as a result - tipping sewage into the Thames (£20m); misselling contracts (£10.5m), and missing its water leakage targets (£8.6m). It is also an opaque company, and pays its inves-



tors and management team handsomely - some would say unjustifiably and to the detriment of its consumers.

Fonterra paid \$125m for recalling infected dairy products it supplied. Just in case you felt corporate misbehaviour was the preserve of commercial companies, HSBC paid €300m to

settle an investigation that it helped clients evade tax, and acknowledged a control weakness at a Swiss subsidiary involved in the affair. Banks have paid collectively \$ tens of billions in fines for a variety of failures of operational controls, including rigging currency and interest rate markets, misselling

products to consumers, busting sanctions, and laundering money.

These few examples illustrate that corporate misbehaviour knows no geographic bounds or business sectors. Corporate governance is one area where companies should begin the process of cleaning up their tarnished image

and restoring confidence and respectability of lenders, consumers, and regulators. The top-down approach means the senior executive and non-executive managers of a company must lead by example, an approach that has been lacking on so many occasions and for so long.

Bank of England says risk of disorderly Brexit reduced by progress in talks

LONDON (Reuters) - Last week's breakthrough in Brexit talks has reduced the risk of Britain leaving the European Union in a disorderly way and may boost economic confidence, the Bank of England said on Thursday after it left interest rates unchanged. BoE policymakers voted unanimously to keep rates at 0.5 percent as expected, a month after raising them for the first time in more than a decade.

Domestic economic data suggested the economy might be slowing slightly into the end of the year, but finance minister Philip Hammond's annual budget in November should modestly boost growth over the next few years, and Brexit talks appeared to be moving forward, the BoE said.

Prime Minister Theresa May secured agreement from the European Commission last

week that Britain had made sufficient progress in preliminary talks to move on to negotiating a transition agreement and a longer-term trade deal. "This would reduce the likelihood of a disorderly exit, and was likely to support household and corporate confidence," the BoE said, adding that it would consider progress on Brexit more closely when it updates its forecasts in February. May is in Brussels on Thursday to get EU national governments to sign off on last week's deal.

BoE Governor Mark Carney has previously faced criticism from supporters of Brexit for focusing on the economic risks of leaving the EU. Carney says the BoE's mandate requires it to highlight publicly any risks it sees to the economy.

The BoE stuck to its view from last month that interest

rates were likely to need to rise gradually. "The committee remained of the view that, were the economy to follow the path expected in the November Inflation Report, further modest increases in Bank Rate would be warranted over the next few years," the BoE said.

The BoE decision comes the day after the U.S. Federal Reserve raised interest rates for a third time this year, and shortly before the European Central Bank is due to make a statement on monetary policy. Economists polled by Reuters had mostly expected a 9-0 vote in favour of leaving policy unchanged from the Monetary Policy Committee after last month's rate rise. The BoE said this marked the start of a very gradual tightening cycle as the economy comes close to running at full capacity. Inflation hit its highest level in nearly six years in November

at 3.1 percent, and the jobless rate remains at the lowest since 1975, even though the outlook for growth is soft. Last month the BoE said it expected the economy to grow by 1.6 percent next year, unchanged from what it expects for 2017 and somewhat faster than the government and most economists polled by Reuters expect.

Both financial markets and economists mostly expect BoE officials will wait nearly a year before raising interest rates again. The "very gradual" pace of tightening signalled by the BoE last month reflects both uncertainty about the economic impact of ongoing talks to leave the EU, as well as weak underlying inflation pressures that belie the high headline rate. Consumer demand has faltered this year mostly due to rising inflation - not Brexit



worries - so last week's agreement removed a downside risk, rather than pointing to stronger growth, economists have said.

Figures overnight pointed to the weakest housing market since 2013 but retail sales data earlier on Thursday were unexpectedly strong, as shoppers pounced on Black Friday bargains.

The BoE said that inflation was now close to its peak and reiterated its view that above-target price growth is almost all due to sterling's fall after

June 2016's Brexit vote. It expects inflation to fall slowly next year.

Wage growth - which many BoE policymakers view as a good guide to medium-term inflation pressures - remains slow, with regular pay in the three months to October up just 2.3 percent on a year earlier.

However, the BoE said that this was in line with expectations, unlike in previous years when it had disappointed, and that slack in the economy was being steadily eroded.

Trees, Tales And Trails At Kew Gardens

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Discover the unsung wonders of the incredible British winter landscape and benefit from off-peak daytime ticket pricing at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, throughout the Christmas holidays. Visitors will experience a very different side to the Gardens as Kew's magnificent evergreen trees take centre stage and elegant snowdrops begin to emerge, along with other exquisite winter bloomers. With an exciting programme of special daytime activities and tours, there's plenty to do and see at Kew throughout the holiday period.

Within the steamy tropics of Kew's magnificent Princess of Wales Conservatory, visitors can get stuck into a variety of activities. From crafts to creative writing, these workshops will offer the chance to discover what nature gets up to during the colder months and the science behind why some flowers bloom in winter.

Activities

Morning Storytime

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Daily, 1pm - 3pm

Fantastic Firs and Other Conifers

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Daily, 10:30am to 3pm

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Tours

Winter Wonder Wanders beginning at the Princess of Wales Conservatory. This short family-friendly walk will take visitors on a gentle stroll to uncover some of the hidden gems of the Gardens in winter.

Daily, 10.30am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm and 2.30pm

Meet at the north end of the Princess of Wales Conservatory Winter Treasures, starting at Victoria Gate. A fascinating guided tour to the areas of the Gardens that flourish during the colder months. The route changes depending on what's looking particularly good on the day, from snowdrops and cyclamen in the Woodland Garden, to the red and yellow dogwood on the banks of the Palm House pond.

Daily, 12 noon

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Local Museum Puts On Murder Mystery Show

Murder and Steam Engines are always a fantastic combination, with Murder Mystery Evenings on The Bluebell Railway, The Missing Passenger at The National Railway Museum and the classic hit this Christmas, Murder on the Orient Express.

This January, The London Museum of Water and Steam will join this noble tradition by hosting The Silhouette in the Smoke, an immersive mystery on their distinctive Cornish Engines, previously seen in Doctor Who and Poldark.

However, unlike your traditional murder mystery evening, this one has a spooky edge. Guests are invited to join the enigmatic Jack Daw once the Museum is closed and dark for the night. After sharing a Victorian style high tea by candlelight Jack Daw performs three summonings. Each one brings back to life those who worked on the

Cornish Engine in 1871 in a different way. Guests have the opportunity to watch unnoticed as the ghosts relive the past, journeying across the original Victorian and Georgian parts of the Museum.

Later Jack Daw allows guests to interview ghosts directly, spiriting them away to different dark corners to uncover their secrets. The audience capacity is very small, making this an intimate and atmospheric event.

The writer, David Knight, combines historical facts and fictional characters to create a completely original Victorian drama. The show is being designed by ImmerCity. This is the third mystery they have tailor made for a venue after Suicide at Vine House and Death of the King. ImmerCity specialise in integrated immersive events and they have even created a fan page for Jack Daw where "anony-

mous" bloggers post myths and rumours about him at: whois-jackdaw.wordpress.com

The blurb:

It was 1871, and every level of the pumping station was bustling with activity in preparation for the grand opening of the 100" Cornish Engine, when two unexpected guests from the workhouse arrived demanding to see the small boy who had been apprenticed to the Chief Engineer.

Now, more than a century later, a child's crying has been heard from beneath the Cornish Engine and it is starting to unnerve the tourists. The Museum has invited the master of the supernatural, Jack Daw, to awaken the past and uncover the truth. An immersive Victorian drama about desire, deceit, betrayal, gleaming metal and hidden fire.

You must solve the mystery in groups of six so bring friends or make new ones.

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**Beaumont Road, W4****£530,000**

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

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

**Ivy Crescent, W4****£835,000**

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

**All Saints Road, W3****£449,950**

Borthwicks are pleased to offer to the market this 2 bedroom flat located on the top floor in the new development of Acton Gardens with a parking space. The flat comprises 79 SQ M, 2 bedrooms, utility room, family bathroom lounge/kitchen and a large private balcony. The flat is accessed by stairs and has entry phone system. All Saints Road is located within a one minute walk from South Acton Train Station offering easy and swift access to the city. Also a short walk to Acton Town Tube Station (District & Piccadilly lines).

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**Salisbury Court, W4****£325 per week**

One bedroom property with lots of space inside and with off street parking. Comprising of a spacious lounge area with enough space for dining. The bathroom has just been refitted and has a modern feel. The bedroom is a large double with built in wardrobes and enough room for free standing wardrobes if needed. Located minutes from Chiswick High Road and a few steps take you to Turnham Green Tube station. The property has recently undergone repainting and is available 16th January. Current EPC rating C. Fees apply.

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

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

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**Belgrave Lodge, W4****£346 per week**

Two double bedroom, first floor flat close to Gunnersbury tube station, Chiswick Business Park & Chiswick High Road. The property consists of a large lounge, two double bedrooms, bathroom, separate kitchen also benefitting from communal gardens. Available with off street parking, on a first come first serve basis, the flat is within a 2 minute drive to the A4/M4 offering speedy links in and out of the city making the flat ideal for professional sharers or couples alike. AVAILABLE 30th January 2018. EPC rating C. Fees apply.

**Bollo Lane, W4****£349 per week**

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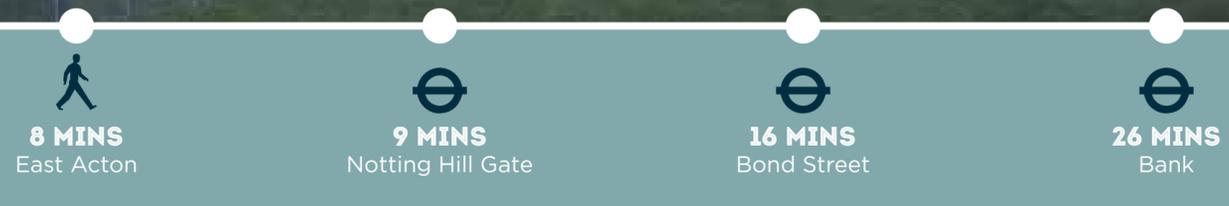
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Brentford continue winning vs woeful Wednesday

There was an air of optimism at Griffin Park this Saturday when the Bees hosted Sheffield Wednesday. The home side were hoping to continue their winning ways after narrowly beating Aston Villa on Boxing Day and having previously won all three points away at Norwich.

It seemed as if they were to continue their winning form when the home team opened the scoring just inside twenty minutes with the first clear cut chance of the game. The goal was extremely well worked having been started by a low, driven pass to Yennaris on the wing. The makeshift right-back then played a clever give and go with Woods allowing him the space to drive past the halfway line and towards the opposition eighteen yard box, he laid the ball into the path of Vibe, who was arriving into the area. The in-form striker then beat his man by trickily dropping his shoulder, then coming on to his strong-



Brentford's Lasse Vibe

er right foot to curl the ball towards the near post. That was the Danes fourth goal in three games and the hosts were now leading 1-0.

The home side passed on an opportunity to double their lead just five minutes later. Sawyers found himself in enough space just outside the Sheffield penalty area to slide a perfect through ball into the centre of the box, splitting open the Wednesday defence and finding the insightful run by Jozefzoon. However, it was as if the winger had too much time since he leisurely al-

lowed the ball to roll past his body which closed down his angle to shoot, meaning once he did get his shot off, Westwood parried it to safety with ease.

Brentford once again failed to double their lead in the 33rd minute when Canos strode towards the Wednesday box on the left wing, but suddenly cut in once he reached it. He then slid through a perfectly weighted through ball in to the path of an oncoming Vibe, the Dane noticed Westwood rushing off his line to meet to smother the ball so he at-

tempted to chip the keeper. Westwood did well to get a hand to the ball and push the attempt over the bar to keep his side only one goal down. Less than a minute later, the Bees failed to increase the deficit when missing another golden opportunity. It came from a successive corner after a long spell of pressure around the opposition box. The ball was lifted towards the back post and was met by a stretching Barbet who did very well to volley the ball back into the centre of the box. Jozefzoon was the first to react and found space within the crowd of players around the six yard box, the Dutchman decided to take the shot on first time, but was unable to keep his effort under the bar.

Sheffield Wednesday went into the break just one goal down, which is flattering considering the numerous chances the hosts missed. This created an anxious emotional atmosphere at half time with the Brentford fans

crossing their fingers that they wouldn't be made to rue those missed opportunities. It seemed as if the theme of the first half was to continue into the second, as nine minutes after the break, Jozefzoon made a spectacular darting run towards the Sheffield goal from the right wing. Once he reached the edge of the six yard box he squared the ball to the back post where the Dane would've had his second goal of the game if it weren't for a spectacular block to turn the ball over the bar.

With eight minutes to go Brentford were finally able to double their lead when two of the substitutes were able to link up when Watkins intercepted the ball then poked it through to Maupay. The Frenchman who had been on the pitch for less the five minutes drove at the Sheffield defence, then laid the ball off to Jozefzoon on the right side of the box. The lively winger took a touch, which set the ball in front of him, then pow-

erfully struck the ball into the top left corner to double his sides lead and seal the three points for the Bees.

The match finished 2-0 to the hosts who deserved the three points without a doubt and the two goal deficit is flattering for the visitors who were unable to create a clear cut opportunity throughout the whole ninety minutes.

Wednesday caretaker manager Lee Bullen highlighted this when revealing "The best team won." However he did commend his sides work ethic as he mentions "the boys' effort was outstanding." Brentford boss Dean Smith was ecstatic with his player's display, as shown by describing it as the "complete performance." Brentford fans have been given a great parting gift from 2017 with this victory and with the side having moved up to tenth in the Championship table, only four points from play-off positions, they will be hoping to push for a move to top flight football in 2018.

FULHAM'S SEVEN MINUTES OF MAGIC

On Tuesday, Ipswich travelled to Craven Cottage to face an in-form Fulham side who were undefeated in their previous three fixtures.

It was the visitors who opened the scoring after winning a free kick in the opposition half just before the break. It was Martyn Waghorn who stood over the set piece and he swung the ball into Fulham's box dangerously. It was Joe Garner who was able to get a deft touch on the ball and glanced it past Bettinelli to make the score 1-0.

However, Ipswich's fortune that night ended just nine minutes into the second half when Spence was dismissed for a barge on Kamara off the ball and this was a clear turning point allowing the hosts to come back into the game.

Fifteen minutes after the sending off, Sessegnon equalised for the hosts after being the first to react to latch onto and finish Kebano's scuffed attempt. Ipswich continued to crumble under pressure when just three minutes later a deflection fortunately fell to the feet of Kamara inside the opposition box allowing him to



Double goalscorer Aboubakar Kamara

calmly finish to put the Cottagers ahead. Sessegnon then got his second of the night two minutes later after being put through on goal by Cairney and completing his brace with an easy finish. Another two minutes later Kamara was also able to complete his own brace after completing his spectacular solo run with a clinical strike for the centre of the box.

The match finished 4-1 to the hosts after having scored four goals in seven minutes. Fulham boss Jokanovic believed that his side who "played well" should've been winning in the first half since they "could have scored many goals." Ipswich manger McCarthy however believed "That result would not have happened if we had had all of our players on the pitch."

Brentford Thrashed by League Leaders

This week the Bees travelled to face Wolverhampton Wanderers whilst in great spirits after starting the night in tenth following three consecutive victories, however, Wolves have been comfortably at the top of the table for some time now.

It took 57 minutes for Wolves to open the scoring after Ruben Neves stood over a free kick. The Portuguese international perfectly struck the ball which sailed into the top corner giving Bentley absolutely no chance of saving it and giving his side a deserved lead. It seemed as if the floodgate had opened with the hosts doubling their lead just two minutes later when substitute Cavaleiro burst down the right wing. His low driven ball into the centre was met by an oncoming Douglas who clinically fired the ball into the roof of the net.

The game was sealed in the dying embers of the match following a corner which was poorly defended by the visitors. Jota was given so much time and space in the centre of the box that despite falling



Brentford boss Dean Smith

over, he was still able to poke the ball into the back of the net to make the final score 3-0.

Brentford boss Dean Smith was dissatisfied with his side's performance when admitting "I thought we were okay but

you can't come to the champions-elect and be okay." However he did praise the league leaders when commenting "They have quality players and they proved it."



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QPR earn controversial victory over Cardiff

Louis Yamani
Sports Editor

On New Year's Day Cardiff City travelled to Loftus Road to face a struggling Queens Park Rangers side who had only been able to achieve one win in their previous ten fixtures. Despite being third in the championship table Cardiff had also struck a patch of poor form after suffering three consecutive defeats meaning both sides with desperate for all three points. QPR desperation where showing through Holloway's squad selection in where Paul Smyth was given his debut.

There were very few clear cut chances in the first half with both teams afraid their run of poor results would continue. The best opportunity in the first half fell to QPR minutes before the break after playmaker Luke Freeman lofted a free kick towards the penalty spot and it was target man Matt Smith who reacted first to meet it. His powerful headed effort was met by a great diving save from Murphy who was just about able to push the ball onto the post.

Despite the two sides being

goalless at the break it took just 9 minutes into the second half for Cardiff to break the deadlock. The visitors were awarded a penalty after Bidwell bundled over Pater-son off the ball. Ralls calmly converted the spot kick when he fired the ball into the bot- tom left corner whilst sending Smithies to the wrong way to give his side a 1-0 lead.

The home side responded just six minutes later with a goal of their own. A long throw from Jack Robinson was able to reach the 6th yard box in which Matt Smith leapt high- est to not the ball into the top left corner.

Since Cardiff opened the scor- ing it was the hosts who had been on the front foot and it continued to be this way after their equaliser. It was just 10 minutes after their levelling goal when they were able to find a second. A flicked header just past the halfway line from goal scorer Smith released debutant Paul Smyth down the left wing and the youngster was able to stide all the way into the Cardiff box



"Deflated" Cardiff manager Neil Warnock

in which he fired a powerful strike across goal. Fortunately a deflection off a Cardiff defender took the ball over Murphy to give Smyth his first goal for the club and put the Hoops ahead.

In the final moments of the match Rangers suffered a huge scare when former Hoops winger Hoilett was player through on goal and

placed the ball into the bot- tom corner, however the ref controversially ruled it out for offside. Despite Hoilett stand- ing in an offside position, in Scowen's attempt to make a tackle, it was him who poked the ball into the path of the Canadian meaning he should not have been judged as off- side.

The match ended in a 2-1

victory to the R's meant they moved up to 17th in the table and now six points from the relegation zone revealing how vital victory is. QPR boss Holloway emphasised the im- portance of selecting Smyth for his debut "It was probably one of the biggest risks I've ever taken" but he empha- sised "sometimes you need that bit of freshness. We are

reshaping the Tree of QPR." Cardiff boss Warnock was nowhere near as pleased re- vealing his frustration with "scandalous decisions" going against his side. He exclaimed "it's hard enough for us to score goals without having of- ficials chalk them off wrong- ly."

EVENTFUL DAY ONE OF THE TRANSFER WINDOW FOR R'S

It is well known that in the January transfer window business is hard to come by, however, Queens Park Rangers seem to have an extremely eventful first day of the transfer window on January the 1st with multiple players leav- ing the club.

Most notably being Steven Caulker who left by mutual consent. An appearance has been a rare occasion for the centre-back for the past two seasons which is mostly down to his problems off the pitch. In June he publicly spoke about his struggles with depression and his gambling and alcohol addiction. Since he had not featured for the Hoops since September, both parties believed his leaving from the club was the best idea.

Winger Yeni Ngbakoto joined French Ligue one club Gu- ingamp for an undisclosed fee. The DR Congo interna- tional has featured five times



Rangers sign QPR's Goss on loan

in the championship this sea- son revealing his trouble find- ing a place in the QPR first team.

Sean Goss who arrived last January from Manchester United has been sent to Ran- gers on loan for a season. The midfielder described the move as a "no-brainer" as he has made only six QPR ap- pearances and he wants "to

challenge" himself "at a big club." With all these immediate departures it will be in the best interests of Holloway to bring in some replacements, especially since QPR forward Jamie Mackie has been forced to have back surgery this week and could be out for up to three months.

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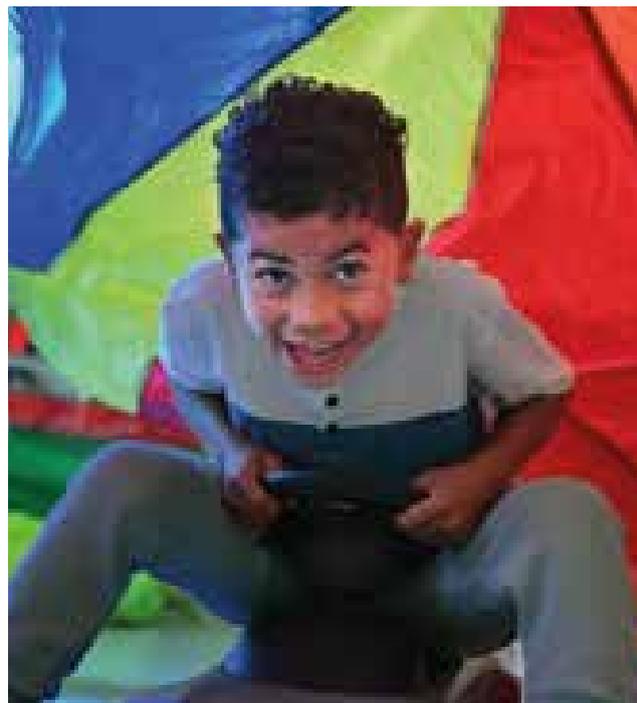
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