Tears and tributes to a model student

Teachers and classmates salute Frank, who had a ‘thirst for life’

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Francis, known to his friends as ‘Frank’, was remembered as a model student with a “thirst for life”. He had been studying for A levels in Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Drama and had set his sights on a future career as a doctor or anaesthetist.

An official statement issued by the academy last week said: “Hammersmith Academy is shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of one of its founding students, Frank Moylett, after a short illness.

“We have lost a thoughtful and kind young man with a bright future ahead of him. His memory will live long in the heart of the academy and in those whose lives he touched.

“He will be sorely missed by his friends, colleagues and staff. Our thoughts are with his family at this tragic time.”

Frank had been feeling ill before suddenly collapsing in the school’s sixth form centre last Tuesday (January 18). He was given first aid at the academy before medics rushed him to Charing Cross Hospital for further treatment.

It is understood that he developed an infection and died in hospital with his family by his side on Saturday (January 28). The exact cause of his death is currently unknown.

A special area has been created at the school for teachers and students to share their memories of Frank.

He had been part of the academy’s first ever intake in 2011 and was known as a source of advice and support to younger students.

Alongside his interest in the sciences, Frank also had a passion for drama and had been involved in various productions at the academy.

“He was a talented and dedicated student who always put his best foot forward,” said a friend. “He will be sorely missed by everyone who knew him.”

The school has arranged a vigil for Frank later this week and has also set up a fund to help his family with funeral expenses.

“Frank was a true inspiration to all of us. He had a bright future ahead of him and his loss will be felt by everyone who knew him,” said the principal of Hammersmith Academy.

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Pioneering dating app gets tough on catfish

DATING apps have transformed the way that Londoners find love, helping millions of new relationships to blossom. But they have also become a hotbed for fraud, with hundreds of thousands of people falling victim to ‘fake’ users on a daily basis.

Matt Verity, right, with pioneering dating app TrueView’s co-founders Damian Mitchell, left, and Andrew Ibbotson

As co-founder of TrueView, a pioneering new dating app devised and created here in London, he hopes to provide a safer environment for the 4,000 people who became victims of online dating fraud in the UK last year.

The recent news of a new record in online dating fraud is shocking to read, but at the same time not all that surprising,” Matt admits.

“Sadly, most online dating websites and apps have virtually no security controls – anyone can set up a fake profile with not much effort.”

Dishonesty in relationships has been around much longer than the lifespan of Tinder, the most popular app in the online dating world.

But with the ease of access and lack of security systems in place, online dating has become a breeding ground for lies, scams – and a whole new type of sex offender.

Not only are ‘catfish’ fraudsters hiding behind fake virtual personas to trick information out of users, genuine love-seekers are deceiving potential partners about their age, appearance – and even their relationship status.

Matt’s brainwave is built on changing our so-called ‘swipe culture’ for the better by rebuilding the app with tight security settings.

His design taps into the same technology used by EasyJet and AirBnB to fish out fraudsters.

He says: “We believe that meeting someone online for a potential date should be as secure as renting your home out to someone you have never met.”

On Matt’s app, users can decide the level of security they want – but they are ranked according to how many ‘trust points’ they have accumulated by sharing information and picking up positive ratings from others.

It filters out those with a very low ‘trust score’ to block them from interacting with genuine users.

With one in three new relationships now starting out as an online match, Matt’s high-tech solution could shed a whole new light on the way we date in 2017.

But aren’t these advanced measures a little heavy-handed for an app that is meant to be about fun, flirting and ultimately finding love?

Not so for users, who have reported a 450 per cent increase in online dating crime over the last five years alone.

Beyond the more serious incidents, Matt says, establishing the truth and doctoring photographs in order to fool your heartthrob is all too easy at the moment.

“TrueView have been in online dating for the last four years and we have stood by our mission to increase awareness and improve the overall security levels of online dating. We feel the new app delivers on this, and more,” he explains.

“Online dating app users are tired of interacting with people who are at best not serious about dating and at worst lying about themselves.

“For the first time, here is a dating app that truly addresses the issue and takes security to another level, as it should be.”
Shocked friends in tribute to Frank, 16

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Data from the Land Registry revealed that the borough’s property prices fell slightly, bucking the trend across the capital.

London house prices shot up overall by 8.1 per cent despite a slump in sales following the EU referendum.

The number of transactions in the capital was down by a staggering 40 per cent in September last year, compared to the same period in 2015.

Only 6,698 sales were completed – down from 11,065 – with just 100 homes bought in wealthy Kensington and Chelsea where the average house costs £1.3 million.

While house prices in London are up overall, Hammersmith and Fulham has seen an annual fall of 0.7 per cent.

“Buyers held back in London where the cost of moving is so much greater and where the risk of an expensive mistake equally significant,” said a buyer agent.

“The fall in transactions in London compounded the problems already dragging transactions down.

“Changes introduced to stamp duty at the higher end in 2014 were already making buyers think twice and the surprise result on June 23 compounded this. Only the brave or the opportunistic committed to a purchase last summer.”

But Russell Quirk, boss of online agent eMoov, said transactions would start to increase as there has been “no detrimental impact” following the Brexit vote.

He said: “Although there is no definitive proof that the Brexit vote has caused a fall in transactions, there is no doubt it has influenced the decision of many not to sell.

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Pledge to help homeless

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Council leaders said they had a “strong record” despite a growing homelessness crisis nationally.

The statistic was revealed as housing charity Shelter warned that one family is becoming homeless every 24 minutes in London.

“Using government homelessness figures, Shelter predicted that as many as 7,370 London families would be left without a home over the next six months,” said Shelter’s interim chief executive, said: “It is heartbreaking to know that in the next month alone more than 1,200 families in London are predicted to become homeless as a direct result of our worsening housing crisis.

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Henry Pryor, a buying agent, said: “Today’s transaction numbers cover the period immediately following the referendum and it comes as no surprise to see that there was a significant drop in sales being agreed in August.

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Late train refunds hope

FRUSTRATED commuters could claim thousands of pounds back for enduring late trains if they used their credit card to buy season tickets, it has emerged.

Passengers in Hammersmith and Fulham are among those who have been affected by delays on the Southern Rail services in recent months.

A series of strikes has brought trains to a grinding halt and forced many services to be cancelled.

A London commuter has managed to claim back £2,400 from the failed operator using a little-known credit card clause.

Thousands of other passengers could now be eligible for refunds after the yearly season ticket holder was refunded the sum by American Express.

According to campaign group the Association of British Commuters, he based his grievance on Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act 1974, using a claim for the non-delivery of goods and services.

The customer, known only as Sean, estimated that 50 per cent of his journeys were disrupted or delayed using punctuality statistics and requested half of his money back after the ticket expired in August.

American Express granted the claim and Sean believes Southern Rail have received the charge back leaving him with almost £2,000 better off.

Another commuter is also attempting to claim back some of the cost of her ticket through her credit card provider Marks and Spencer, whose banking division is run by HSBC.

The beleaguered train company received a dismal customer score of just 21 per cent in Which? annual rail survey last week.

In six out of eight categories, the train company achieved just one mark out of five.

Estates to get a big clean-up

TOWN Hall chiefs have ordered a 100-day “deep clean” of all the borough’s council estates.

Cleaning contractor Pinnacle PSG is carrying out the tidy-up in a bid to improve standards.

The operation includes cleaning all communal areas, walls, floor, chute areas and stairwells as well as litter-picking in estate grounds.

Councillor Ben Coleman said: “We are insisting on better cleaning of our estates. The deep clean will set a standard which we expect to be maintained.”

PLANNERS have approved the latest phase in the ambitious redevelopment of Earl’s Court.

Town Hall chiefs in Kensington and Chelsea gave the go-ahead for the new Exhibition Square last week – a central part of the Earl’s Court masterplan.

The square includes hotel and office buildings as well as 3,000 metres of open space for a new high street connecting North End Road in the west and Warwick Road in the east.

A new entrance will be created at the Earl’s Court tube station to provide access from the development.

Mike Hood, group development director for developer Capital and Counties, said: “Earl’s Court is the most important regeneration site in London and the last two years have seen significant investment and remarkable progress.”

Residents living on the neighbouring West Kensington and Gibbs Green estates in Hammersmith and Fulham have campaigned determinedly against Capco’s redevelopment plans.

They fear the project will force them out of their homes and into unsuitable accommodation outside of London.

Capco is currently holding a second round of consultation on proposals for a 400-home development at Empress Place.

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“Every day at Shelter we speak to homeless parents desperate to escape cramped emergency accommodation where the whole family is often forced to share one room in a hostel or B&B.

“But sadly, with a chronic lack of affordable homes and welfare cuts continuing to take their toll, we expect to hear from even more families forced to face the trauma of homelessness.”

In documents issued ahead of a town hall meeting last week, Labour councillors called on the Government to introduce a new housing strategy to “bring rough sleeping to an end.”

Councillor Sue Fennimore, the council’s cabinet member for social inclusion, said: “This council is determined to continue to do everything possible to support those who are homeless or threatened with homelessness.”

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Parking charges set to be based on emissions

AS part of its drive to create a greener, healthier city, Westminster City Council is set to trial emissions-based charging for diesel cars parking within Marylebone.

In a pilot programme to be introduced by the council from April 3, the charge for pay-to-park bays during normal parking hours will be raised specifically within F Zone for diesel cars, one of the heaviest of polluting vehicles.

This will apply to visitors into Marylebone, with resident permits remaining unchanged.

The surcharge will add 50 per cent to the current rate of £4.90 per hour in F Zone.

Customers are currently able to park and pay per minute up to a maximum of four hours, meaning charges will be 9p per minute in real terms and 12p per minute for diesels.

Marylebone suffers some of the highest pollution levels in London, given the area’s location, mix of land uses, building density and type, and number of vehicle trips.

A polluter-pays principle will have the aim of reducing harmful vehicle emissions in Marylebone and any money raised will be spent on initiatives to promote sustainable transport. Cllr David Harvey, cabinet member for environment, sports and community, said: “Residents and visitors tell us all the time that air quality is a key concern in Central London and we have consulted with our partners and local stakeholders on this practical step in improving our health and wellbeing.

“We have had a positive impact and reduced vehicle emissions through our anti-idling campaign days and by encouraging sustainable and active travel. Additional charges for diesel vehicles will mean people think twice about using highly polluting cars and invest in cleaner transport that will make a real difference in the quality of air we breathe and our environment.”

The pilot measure is supported by local stakeholders and partners within the Marylebone low-emission neighbourhood including the three business improvement districts.

Kay Buxton, from Marble Arch BID, said: “As one of the three business improvement districts in the low-emission neighbourhood, Marble Arch London is committed to improving air quality locally. We welcome Westminster’s first step to addressing air pollution through differential parking charges and hope to see a resultant behaviour change across the neighbourhood, with people choosing not to bring diesel vehicles into the area.”

Penny Alexander, chief executive of the Baker Street Quarter Partnership BID, said: “Improving air quality is a priority for us and needs to be a unified effort. Businesses in our area recognise that air quality is a significant issue and are working with us to address it. We are really pleased to see Westminster City Council taking forward this initiative to encourage people not to drive diesel vehicles into the area.”

Marylebone’s location between major transport routes results in a complex urban air-quality problem with levels of nitrogen dioxide that exceed recommended health levels and very high levels of particulate matter. This is particularly concerning given the number of young families, schools, universities, businesses and medical facilities in Marylebone.

Stephen Quinn works and lives in Marylebone with his family including three children. He said: ‘The poor air quality in our neighbourhood is palpable. We have lived in this area for 20 years and it is definitely much worse these days.

“We are extremely concerned about the long-term effect that this pollution is having on us and, more importantly, our children.”

“The whole of London needs to do all it can to make the city a good place to live and work for all, so one of the many things we need to do is to see a huge reduction in the amount of traffic on our streets.

“We desperately hope that this pilot will go towards making people think and change. Much bigger efforts are needed urgently – but this is at least a start.”

Tim Carnegie, chairman of Marylebone Association, said: “Marylebone residents are pleased that the low-emission neighbourhood is taking action to deter visiting diesel vehicles from driving into our community. Making the polluter pay is just one of the positive steps that is required to bring about real behavioural shifts and improvements in our local air quality.”

Sheila D’Souza, of the St Marylebone Amenity Society, welcomes this important initiative by Westminster City Council.

“It makes no sense that people who live, study or work in Marylebone should have to bear the health harms from poor air quality while those responsible for high emissions bear no additional cost. It is entirely right that high-polluting vehicles should be charged more to park. The area is well served by public transport and has attractive, safe walking routes, so there are alternatives to driving.”

Cllr Julia Alexander, of Bryanston and Dorset Square Ward, said: “Air pollution is top of our list of concerns, and we’ve made some changes through our first measures for the Marylebone low-emission zone. Now for our next push, we’ll have to limit the use of diesel motors in our area in order to try to safeguard the health of our residents, and the healthy development of our schoolchildren.”

The pilot 50p per surcharge for diesel will also provide valuable insight into how the policy works practically and whether there are positive behavioural changes from it that could be replicated elsewhere.

The council is also encouraging more sustainable transport and will soon release its Walking Strategy report.

A high-quality apprenticeship is as good as a degree

I t doesn’t take a genius to figure out that what works for someone may not work for everyone – but overall, I think the government’s heart is in the right place with the Apprenticeship Levy.

I’ve made it very clear, as a former apprentice myself, that I truly believe an apprenticeship is the credible way to kick-start a person’s career. In my eyes a high-quality apprenticeship is the equivalent to a degree – you hit the ground running in the workplace, pick up from the journey and walk out the other end with a full-time job.

The government will introduce its Apprenticeship Levy, which is predicted to raise £2.36 billion in 2019-20 to help meet its commitment of three million apprenticeships, starting in England between 2015 and 2020.

Although employers will earn back 0.5 per cent tax, they can receive subsides for hiring the apprentices.

The Levy is like a lifeline to young people, regardless of their background, who don’t feel that university is the right path for them.

Despite these promising statistics, the Institute of Fiscal Studies has criticised the government’s initiative, claiming that the levy is poor value for money, highlighting the risk of the apprentice “brand” being devalued and becoming just another term for training. In my eyes that’s nonsense – that’s like saying that London might collapse as a result of building the Thames Tideway that’s under the city. Yes, it could happen – but as long as the engineers get it right, it will work.

While most of the discussion has surrounded the impact that the levy will have on companies themselves, surely we should be looking at the quality of the apprentice being given and what the apprentices can give back.

As journalist Alice Thompson suggested in her column for The Times recently, as long as the standard of education is of a comparable quality, an apprenticeship can provide the skills for a lifetime of full employment.

How are we going to solve problems if we continue to twiddle our thumbs, yet criticise any proposed solutions that come our way?

It seems to me that the government is trying to do what’s right in the wake of the EU referendum, ensuring future economic uncertainty for the growing number of kids who could face unemployment. In all honesty, the government has tried to take a step in the right direction.

We should be supporting figures like apprenticeship and government-owned companies such as Robert Halfon who, at the end of the day, are delivering on their promises to try to reduce youth unemployment and close the skills gap with an innovative solution.

I know the opportunity that an apprenticeship presented me with and with the introduction of this levy, it’s out there for everyone.

Apprentices are a fundamental part of my business and I will continue to hire them as part of my expansion plan this year and thereafter, even when the levy is in full swing.

I think that really the IFS does get the need for the levy, and why apprenticeships are vital. I know that the government does too.

It’s the businesses who should defy the IFS analyses and take the Apprenticeship Levy as an opportunity to invest in people, who will essentially be the future of their company.

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Charlie pipes up!
SADIQ Khan has warned that the Brexit cost to London will mean a loss of at least £600 million and could lose as much as £2 billion a week in Euro cash is going to be made up.

The mayor of London is calling on the government to explain exactly how the loss of EU funding of £3.5 billion a week in Euro cash is going to be made up.

At a meeting of the London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), which is responsible for delivering economic growth across the capital and ensuring that opportunities are open to all Londoners, the mayor blew the whistle on the loss of ‘crucial funds’.

‘LEAP’, London’s local enterprise partnership, oversees the investment of £600 million from the European Structural and Investment Funds into London and enterprise initiatives across the capital, said the mayor’s spokesman.

“However, in the aftermath of Brexit, the future of this crucial funding is now in doubt,” he said.

The loss of the funding will blow a giant hole in the investment in jobs and the mayor is demanding that the government makes up replacements funds for London.

Mr Khan said: “Without this funding, many key schemes currently supported by London and our economy – would simply not be possible. That’s why it’s so concerning that the aftermath of Brexit, the future of this vital investment is now in doubt.”

So I am calling on the government to make an urgent decision on how it will replace this investment and ensure the successor funding streams are devolved to London so that we can spend the money where it’s needed – delivering more opportunities for Londoners.”

“This is crucial because as we work to mitigate against the potential negative impacts of Brexit, these funding streams will form a part of a wider strategy to underpin London’s industrial strategy and success over the decades ahead.”

SADIQ Khan has been urged to provide better mental-health support for London’s transgender community after a shock new report has revealed that 70 per cent of London’s lesbians suffer mental illness, more than half of the city’s transgender people have considered killing or attempted to kill themselves.

In a disturbing report from the London Assembly’s health committee reveals that more than 40 per cent of gay Londoners endure mental-health issues and more than half of transgender people suffer from depression.

The report – titled I Will Survive? – cites bullying and abuse from others as well as the lack of support from society for who they are can have a profound effect on mental health and wellbeing,” warns the health committee.

“Only one in six LGBT+ people experience homophobic, transphobic and biphobic hate crime at any point in their life. This can come from wider society or from within LGBT+ communities, but the experience of hate crime can have a lasting, cumulative negative effect on mental health.”

The report, titled I Will Survive? The mental-health challenge, 42 per cent of gay men and 70 per cent of lesbians experience mental-health problems – with bisexuals (63 per cent) having even worse rates of mental-health problems, including high rates of depression, anxiety, self-harm and suicide, than lesbians and gay men. The report adds: “Mental illness is preventable. We need to ensure people can access mental-health care when they need it. Mental health crisis is unacceptable, ineffective and expensive.”

“The time and resources needed to be a far greater emphasis on promoting mental wellbeing for LGBT+ people. Stigma and discrimination towards LGBT+ people is a double burden – it contributes to poor mental health and prevents people from accessing support early.”

“Improving access to treatment and reducing incidences of discrimination are key to improving the mental health of LGBT+ people. LGBT+ people, like everyone else, experience better mental health when they are able to be open about their identity and are accepted and understood by others.”

“So improving the visibility and inclusion of LGBT+ people should be a key priority for the mayor. The future of this vital investment is now in doubt.”

“Yet 55 per cent of younger LGB people experience homophobic bullying in Britain’s schools, and 50 per cent of transgender people have experienced name-calling or verbal abuse; 60 per cent have experienced threats and intimidation; and 35 per cent are being physically assaulted.”

Up to one in 10 Londoners, more than 800,000 people, identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or other definitions of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The report recommends:
- All GPs and GP surgeries, including frontline staff, should be more LGBT+ friendly with improved equality and diversity training;
- LGBT+ people are met with a double burden, leading to a lack of support and a lack of access to healthcare;
- LGBT+ people should be a key priority for the mayor. The future of this vital investment is now in doubt.
- Reducing the time taken to make a complaint to the Equalities and Human Rights Commission.
- Last year, 1 in 10 Londoners, more than 800,000 people, identifies as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and/or other definitions of sexual orientation or gender identity.

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KENSINGTON and Chelsea Council has revealed the look of the new North Kensington Library, the planned placement which has been opposed by many residents of the royal borough.

The council has released an artist’s impression of the proposed new building, a stark modernist cube which differs greatly in appearance from the current Victorian library, which is to be leased by the council to the £5,800-a-year Notting Hill Prep School.

A planning application for a new North Kensington Library and Youth Centre has been submitted by the council – and it is expected to be fiercely fought by residents who have staged numerous protests to keep the old library, which was opened in 1851.

The council says highlights for the new building, which it says has been designed to be “as attractive as possible”, include:

- A larger library floor space – 829 sq m, compared with a current area of 580 sq m, to accommodate an improved selection of books, magazines and newspapers, a reading room and informal activity space.
- The new library arranged all on the redeveloped floor making it easier for wheelchair users, buggies and people with reduced mobility to navigate.
- More quiet study space and a dedicated children’s library.
- Comfortable seating and natural light throughout.
- A rooftop games area for sport and recreation, with dedicated changing facilities, as well as internal facilities available for building users and the wider community.
- A range of energy efficiency measures to reduce maintenance and running costs.

The council consulted widely on the emerging proposals in 2016 through a series of drop-in events, workshops and exhibitions, often facing live protests that the old building is to be lost as a library.

The outcome of the planning application is expected to be decided by the local planning authority on Thursday 30 March.

“If granted planning permission, construction of the new building should start during summer 2017, with the new library opening by 2020. The current library would remain open until the new one, just 50 metres away on Lancaster Road, is ready for use,” said a Council spokesman.

“Designed by architects Piercy & Company and project-managed by the Mace Group, the proposed new North Kensington Library would not only be bigger and better than the current building, but it has also been designed to include additional commercial space that can be rented out to provide much-needed income to help the Council protect its vital frontline services.

“The commercial space has been fully and openly marketed and generated much interest from a range of educational businesses; the Council’s Cabinet is due to decide on the new tenant for the commercial space next month.”

The council spokeswoman added, “The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea has a strategy to ensure its library services are as attractive and accessible as possible.”

The planning application is available online at the planning section of the council’s website w w w .rbkc.gov.uk/ planning. For more information on the new North Kensington Library and Youth Centre visit w w w .nklibrary.org.uk

Do you like the look of the new North Kensington Library? Have your say to our Letters Editor Jack Dixon. Email jack@londonweeklynews.co.uk

**Grants tackle disadvantage**

THE City of London Corporation’s charitable fund, City Bridge Trust, has awarded grants totalling £1,546,848 to charities and organisations tackling inequality and disadvantage across London this month.

The grants include £102,000 to the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) for the salary of a Stepping Stone Homes Manager who will provide mentoring for women whose relationship with someone in the military has broken down; £200,000 to Big Issue UK towards the costs of eCommunity for individuals and families supported by bipolar; and £107,114 to Upper Room towards the salary and project costs of the URR4Driving Project, which helps ex-offenders improve their employment prospects.

City Bridge Trust also announced the award of a further £150,000 to London Youth for the continuation of its London Youth Quality Mark Awards scheme until 2018.

Alison Gowan, Chairman of the City of London Corporation’s City Bridge Trust Committee, said: “It is fantastic to be able to announce that over £1.3m of grants has been awarded to such a wide variety of charities this month. We are committed to supporting Londoners to make their city a fairer place to work and live.

“We fund a broad range of work focused on tackling disadvantage in London: from improving Londoners’ mental health to services that strengthen London’s voluntary sector. City Bridge Trust has awarded £2.2m annually to charities across London to support and develop their services which are helping hundreds of thousands of people every year.”

Michael Buraimoh, Operations Director at Upper Room, added: “We are delighted to have been awarded a three-year grant for our URR4Driving project.”

**Funding for healthy living**

EVERYONE Active, the Westway Trust’s new sports operating partner, are offering anyone who receives a Westway Trust sports bursary free membership to Westway Sports & Fitness for a year.

The sports bursaries are awards of up to £500 made to anyone who wants to take part in sports or fitness but finds it unaffordable. They offer training, coaching and education bursaries to people living in Kensington and Chelsea, with particular emphasis on North Kensington.

“The free fitness memberships from Everyone Active are worth up to £400 and effectively double the value of the bursaries,” said a Westway spokesman.

Stephen Wren, Westway Director of Sport, said: “I’m delighted that we’ve been able to add so much value to the sports bursaries scheme. We entered into a partnership with Everyone Active because we believe that we can do even more to promote healthy active communities and as well as agreements like this, we’re currently investing millions in improving the facilities which grant recipients will have access to.”

The bursaries programme is open to applications until the end of March 2017 and details of this scheme and the Tim Davis Scholarship of up to £5,000 for exceptional young athletes can be found at the website w w w .westway.org.uk/sporting-grants
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Although my partner drives a diesel, I am overjoyed to hear that Westminster Council is to bring in a ‘D-charge’ on diesel drivers wanting to park in central London, is currently proposing to limit it to an extra £2.45 an hour.

Why not make it an extra £20 an hour? That would make them choose as greatly as they make us gasp.

There are lives at risk here – official estimates are that 9,500 Londoners are annually sent to an early grave by the toxic air worsening their asthma, lung and heart conditions, although unofficial analysts have suggested that the figure may be as many as 15,000 a year.

London needs to get real and get tough. It is simply unacceptable that cyclists in school playgrounds and anyone living near a busy road are in effect committing a drawn-out suicide forced upon them simply because London is open traffic.

These diesel drivers, have they not heard of trains? Why is it an absolute necessity for them to drive around London when there are myriad alternative methods of transport that don’t kill their neighbour so effectively? Because there aren’t. I have no doubt that many drivers who now motor into central London do so because they have little choice – thanks to the months of train and Tube strikes. And until we start using the railways, when they run, and the Thames for transporting freight more effectively, many delivery drivers have little choice either.

More than 330,000 vehicles enter the congestion charge zone every day, and a bit of a surprise that they don’t rename it “the consumption zone” as the diesel engine is now up there with TB as a good means of putting us in a wooden box.

Although we are meant to be a modern city, we have allowed a Victorian indifference to our filthy air.

The satanic mills have been replaced by these diesel drivers, have they not?

Clearly, judging by the action that he has already taken and is admirably proposing to take against the pollution, few are now acutely horrified by the state of the air than Sadiq Khan. And with good reason; when he was a nipper he had good, clean, healthy lungs.

Now, as a result of living in town, he suffers from asthma.

It’s not funny, asthma, it’s not something to be idly accepted as just a way of things. Anyone who has witnessed any unfortunate in the wretched throes of an asthma attack will never forget the experience. It is terrifying to see, let alone to endure, as for many very scary minutes there seems to be nothing that you can do to help.

And, of course, it is one of the worst ways to die. But people, including children, are dying from asthma attacks because of London’s air, that is a dreadful reality.

Many others are being made ranged by the traffic pollution which scientists have now discovered increases the risk of dementia by 12 per cent.

The actor Nigel Havers was on Radio 4’s premier news programme, PM, last week, talking of his shock at the number of cars that he encounters on his daily walk from South Ken to the West End which are parked up with their engines running. He said many of these offenders are big gas-guzzlers, and kids who can’t stand the fumes.

Clearly, the Lord Mayor has visit to support the 70th anniversary of British-Pakistani relations, “a as the world’s leading financial centre, I believe that London has much to offer to Pakistani businesses looking to expand domestically, and overseas.”

Commenting on the Lord Mayor’s visit, British High Commissioner to Pakistan, Thomas Drew said: “The Lord Mayor of the City of London is one of the most senior figures in British business and represents the world’s financial hub. British companies are recognizing the growing importance of Pakistan in its own right and in the UK’s role as a global player. Building economic relations between the two countries is of significant importance to the City and the wider UK economy.”

The Lord Mayor’s visit to Pakistan is the result of the successful expansion of business in Pakistan. The Lord Mayor also hosted a number of roundtable discussions on debt, finance, and services industries. This trip to Pakistan is an opportunity to build on the success of the Pakistani-British investment and business relations.

The Lord Mayor announced the launch of new initiatives including a $50 million investment in Pakistan’s financial sector, alongside CPEC, in Pakistan.

The Lord Mayor also raised the subject of education and training with Pakistani universities. The Lord Mayor wrapped up his visit in Pakistan with a meeting with the Chair of the Federal Board of Investment, and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, Mr Miftah Ismail.

The Lord Mayor was accompanied on his trip by a delegation of companies and organisations looking to establish, or expand their operations in Pakistan.

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Threat to hospitality sector that depends on EU workers

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SCORES of Westminster’s cafes, hotels and restaurants are set to go bust and will shut as foreign workers are sent packing by the Government’s new hard line on Brexit.

City Hall chiefs have been warned that Westminster’s status as a hospitality hub will be devastated as a consequence of the people’s vote on leaving the EU.

Following Prime Minister Theresa May’s announcement of a ‘hard-Brexit’ last week, worried members of the London Assembly Economy Committee heard that cafes, hotels and other central London businesses that depend on foreign staff will be wrecked.

The committee is now calling on the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to investigate how to fill the gap in staff from EU nations.

“The city’s hospitality and tourism sector is labour intensive, requiring a high volume of people. A significant proportion - 15 per cent - of the industry’s workforce comes from the EU,” said a City Hall spokesman.

“The committee heard that small and medium-sized businesses will face closure if they cannot access the workers they need, and quickly, to sustain work flow from the EU.”

Uli Ibrahim, Chief Executive of the British Hospitality Association, said: “If there is no replacement for the EU workforce that we are able to access moving forward, then the risk would be that the majority of businesses who aren’t able to command very high prices or very high volumes would be at risk of ceasing their operations.

“There would be a risk to many of the artisan cafes and restaurants, the modern leisure society that we have come to know and demand would be restricted. The offerings would be restricted.”

Fiona Twycross, Chair of the Economy Committee, said: “If there are changes to migration policy and access to EU workers is lost, it’s the hospitality businesses in the middle, which are at greatest risk.

“We don’t want to see successful hotels, cafes and restaurants closing and choices limited, because these businesses can’t access the right people. We need to get migration policy right, so London’s economy is not adversely affected.

“With the risks posed by leaving the EU to London’s workforce, it is crucial that both employers and the Mayor look at how we are going to fill the gaps in jobs and skills.

“The hospitality sector is working hard to prepare for the future vacancies, but we know that further investment in training is essential for the longer-term prospects of this sector.”

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EU student travel

WE have recently seen the 30th anniversary of the EU Erasmus+ programme. Since it began over 200,000 British students have benefited from the exchange programme, allowing them to study, train and gain work experience abroad. Theresa May has said that after Brexit she will try to attract the “brightest and the best” to study in Britain, but made no mention of helping British students to continue to have the opportunity to study abroad. Erasmus has been one of the glowing successes from our EU membership. It would be a terrible tragedy if this was lost as the Government seeks to unpick our relationship with Europe.

We must protect these opportunities for a generation who didn’t vote to lose them.

Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Liberal Democrat London Assembly Member

Empty garages

A FREEDOM of information request from Property Partner has found that Hammersmith and Fulham council owns 423 empty garages – a third of the total number of its garages.

The average garage size is 170 square feet. The average size of a one-bedroom flat is 540 square feet. So that is 71,910 square feet of empty garage space, equivalent to 144 homes. It may well be that in some cases replacing garages with new homes would not be viable. On the other hand, these figures only allow for bungalows. Often, of course, it would be perfectly viable to replace a row of garages with two, three or four-storey housing.

The council also rents out another 179 garages privately – that provides a useful source of revenue for the council. But would it not be better to convert some of those garages into homes too?

Also, any of the 423 empty garages that can’t be replaced with homes should be rented out privately. The present mismanagement is a terrible waste of resources.

Councillor Harry Phibbs
Conservative
Ravenscourt Park ward

Flight paths

MOVING to restrict night flights won’t help the schools under new Heathrow flights paths, as aircraft noise is expected to affect 43,000 school children.

I am renewing my call on the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to influence the Government to make sure alternatives to yet more expansion are explored. Annually there are around 10 million seats of unused capacity on the Eurostar and a frequent flyer levy could help use existing runways more efficiently.

The Mayor should, for example, convince the Government to renegotiate the current Eurotunnel fee structure that means both trains and passengers pay arbitrary fees and makes international train travel so expensive.

There’s no way there should be a third runway when air pollution in Heathrow already exceeds legal limits and at least 100,000 new people are expected to be adversely affected by the blight of aircraft noise.

Instead of dramatically cutting carbon emissions to protect ourselves from dangerous climate change, the Government is accelerating this process and with a new runway that makes a mockery of their ratification of the Paris Agreement.

Transport for London estimates that £18 billion of investment will be needed to upgrade the transport infrastructure around an expanded Heathrow with just £1 billion coming from Heathrow.

The Mayor must explain how TfL’s finances will cope with the additional pressure if this does happen.

He should also set out how he will ensure the clean air savings his ultra-low emissions zone might bring can be safeguarded against emissions from Heathrow expansion.

Caroline Russell AM
Green Party London Assembly Member

Brexit debate

I AM a passionate pro-European, who worked hard for the Remain campaign last summer and still believe our prosperity, security, culture and values are strengthened by close relations with the rest of Europe, including through membership of the EU. 70 per cent of the voters of Hammersmith voted to Remain. I have always thought my first loyalty is to my constituents and thousands have lobbied me to vote against the (Article 50) trigger.

I also represent – though they could not vote in the referendum or general election – the 15 per cent of Hammersmith residents who are citizens of other EU states, and who are being shamefully held at ransom by Theresa May’s Government.

The referendum result was close – we should not ignore the 48 per cent who voted Remain any more than the 52 per cent who voted to Leave.

Just as governments – and MPs – represent everyone, not just those who voted them in, so we should now be trying to find a way forward that (almost)
everyone can live with.

But none of these is the reason I chose to vote against triggering Article 50.

Yes, the referendum was a deeply flawed process with a narrow victory for one side, whose promises – most infamously the £350 million a week for the NHS – were abandoned as soon as the result came in.

But no election is perfect, and issues of misrepresentation, turnout and size of mandate are often prayed in aid by the losing side.

The Supreme Court was right to give the decision on starting the exit process to Parliament rather than let Theresa May – unelected as PM – use medieval prerogative powers to make herself the sole arbiter.

But Parliament must have primary regard to the result of the referendum, the purpose of which was to express the view of the British people on our membership of the EU.

What convinced me to vote against the trigger was the decision by Theresa May in her speech two weeks ago, repeated and expanded on since, that this would be not only the first but the final chance to influence not just whether but on what terms the UK left the EU.

I raised this issue with Theresa May at Prime Minister’s Questions and her answer made it clear that she was not interested in consulting either Parliament or the British people on the final Brexit deal.

We are being asked to accept whatever deal Mrs May negotiates, with no alternative – except no deal at all. We cannot say, ‘sorry that is a terrible deal, go back and try again’. Or, as a final step, if she really is incapable of safeguarding our future, putting the decision on whether to go through with Brexit back to the electorate.

This is not about re-running the referendum of last June, it is about giving Parliament or the people a say in the future of the country.

It is the least we deserve. Anything else is not just arrogant, it is fundamentally undemocratic.

Forces on the right of politics, in the Conservative Party as well as UKIP and the far right, have long dreamed of rolling back the welfare state, employment rights and even the NHS.

They also have a barely disguised distaste for the inclusive, tolerant and diverse society that places like Hammersmith and Shepherd’s Bush, indeed most of London, represent. A hard Brexit, which is now the only Brexit on offer, is also about following this agenda. These are not easy decisions, and the arguments do not all run one way.

Sadly, as I write, Mrs May looks like she has surrendered to Farage just as she shamefully did to Trump on the refugee ban.

Andy Slaughter MP
MP for Hammersmith

Hammersmith Academy

Hammersmith Academy is shocked and saddened by the sudden passing of one of its founding students, Frank Moylett, after a short illness.

Frank was an intelligent and delightful young man with a thirst for life. He had the ambition to become a doctor or anaesthetist.

His passions for all things theatre and media showed off his understated talents, not only academically but behind the scenes through our school productions and events.

We have lost a thoughtful and kind young man with a bright future ahead of him. His memory will live long in the heart of the academy and in those whose lives he touched.

He will be sorely missed by his friends, colleagues and staff. Our thoughts are with his family at this tragic time.

Hammersmith Academy

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OPINION

ondon, city of culture. Our fervour for the arts is at the soul of our city and is undoubtedly the capital’s number one selling point to tourists around the world.

Every year millions of visitors come to London for a taste of the dizzying array of theatres, galleries, concert halls and arts centres on offer.

The city’s famous music venues have provided the soundtrack to this success story over the years, giving a stage not only to the world’s superstar artists but offering up a platform for emerging talent to break through.

Yet this vibrant music scene, which has spawned the likes of David Bowie, The Rolling Stones and Adele, The Libertines, The Kinks, Status Quo, Blur and The Who, will be consigned to the history books unless we take action to preserve it.

A major review of venues across the capital under Boris Johnson revealed the shocking statistic that one in three had closed since 2007. Thankfully, this has spurred policy-makers into action and some progress has certainly been made to arrest the decline.

Last month Sadiq Khan announced that London’s crop of music venues had stabilised in 2016, meaning just as many opened as closed for the first time in a decade. There are currently 94 still standing.

But we are by no means out of the woods yet. Last week we reported on club owners’ fears that the Government’s forthcoming rates hike could flatten music-makers and lead to a swathe of job losses.

All eyes will inevitably now turn to Amy Lamé, the Mayor’s new Night Czar, who will serve as a champion for the capital’s evening economy.

We owe it to ourselves to protect these historic hotbeds of creativity and ensure London continues to bang the drum for the UK’s musical talent.
Shameful: city’s attitude to the mentally ill

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LONDON’S shameful attitude to the mentally ill has been revealed by a key charity supported by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

Shocking results of the UK’s biggest survey into attitudes to mental health have revealed that two in five people with mental illness say they have been stigmatised and almost one in five lost their job after becoming unwell. Mental-health charity chiefs have hit out at the ignorant whose prejudice is leaving the mentally ill feeling “isolated, ashamed and worthless”.

Despite the royals’ much-publicised campaign to end the stigmatising of the mentally ill, the survey reveals that there is still much work to be done to educate the wider public.

The survey results, released for last week’s Time to Talk Day, revealed the “devastating” human cost of mental-health stigma in the capital. The results showed that 38 per cent of respondents in London had been “negatively treated” as a result of their mental-health problems. Of those who had experienced stigma and discrimination in London:
- 59 per cent lost contact with a loved one (a friend, family member or partner);
- 54 per cent couldn’t go through with an important life event like a wedding or graduation;
- 55 per cent stopped socialising or going out.

The findings were released as part of a nationwide push to get people talking more openly about mental health.

Time to Talk Day is organised by Time to Change, the campaign supported by the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry which aims to change how the public think and act about mental health. It is led by the charities Mind and Rethink Mental Illness.

“Time to Talk Day was established four years ago, in recognition of the fact that people talking and sharing their experiences changes the attitudes of those around them,” said a Time To Change spokesman. “Findings from the survey show that more than three in 10 of respondents said they would feel more able to open up about their mental-health problems sooner if people close to them were more open about their feelings and emotions.”

Over recent years, Time to Talk Day has triggered millions of conversations across the country – both offline and online. This year, more than a thousand organisations organised awareness-raising activity around the day, together with 600 secondary schools, universities and colleges, councils, national government departments and community organisations.

Sue Baker, director of Time to Change, said:

“These figures show the devastating impact that mental-health stigma continues to have on lives in London.

“We know that progress is being made in improving attitudes and reducing discrimination in some key areas of life but too many of us are still being made to feel isolated, ashamed and worthless by other people’s reactions, resulting in the loss of what means the most – our friends, our families, our jobs.

“The good news is that being open about mental health, and ready to listen, can make a positive difference and potentially change lives. Time to Talk Day is a great reason for everyone to get involved and become part of our movement to change how we all think and act about mental health.”

Personal trainer Neil Laybourn had a conversation which changed the life of Jonny Benjamin. Neil talked Jonny out of taking his own life when he found Jonny standing on the edge of a London bridge.

Commenting on the importance of Time to Talk Day, Neil said: “At the time when I spoke to Jonny on the bridge, I really had no idea that having one conversation would have such a profound impact on both of us.

“Most people are fortunate enough not to struggle severely with their mental health but being more aware of the subject and being open to listen and have conversations with those who do struggle can and will make a difference.

“If you are able to allow people to open up and speak, you may change somebody’s life. You don’t have to be an expert or have a qualification to have a conversation about mental health – just being human, empathetic and caring is enough.”

Jonny said: “Talking to Neil was a giant weight off my shoulders. I didn’t have to keep all the dark and distressing thoughts and feelings that encompassed me to myself once I opened up to him – and that was a huge relief.

“I felt so embarrassed and ashamed of what was happening to me but having Neil listen so compassionately, patiently and non-judgementally saved my life.”

Chelsea Pensioners have said goodbye to matron – their director of health and wellbeing, Colonel Laura Bale, whose career at the Royal Hospital has spanned the last eight-and-a-half years. Laura joined the Royal Hospital Chelsea in 2008 as matron – a position she held for the following eight years.

During her time at the Royal Hospital she created the policies and plans for the successful running of the Margaret Thatcher Infirmary, the on-site care home with nursing which opened in 2009, and helped the infirmary achieve the highest grade – outstanding – from the Quality Care Commission last year.

In a farewell speech in front of a large group of Chelsea Pensioners and staff, the governor of the Royal Hospital, General Sir Redmond Watt, said: “Laura has created a genuinely caring culture and set the standards and the culture to which the staff work and made sure that the staff were trained properly.

“She has also insisted on a process of continuous improvement, and what she has created will endure to support generations of In-Pensioners in the future. She has been a good friend to everyone here for the last eight-and-a-half years, and great fun too.”

Laura said: “At the Royal Hospital Chelsea – whether you are staff or volunteers – the Pensioners are always at the centre of everything we do here at this extraordinary institution.

“My infirmary staff are outstanding and I am so proud of the outstanding endorsement that we received from the CQC last year.

“I will miss you all very much.”
New yoga studio now open

A NEW yoga and pilates studio has opened at 88 Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush.
The Flying Yogi (TFY) is a boutique studio offering yoga and pilates classes to the growing number of local residents. It is open to all, whether totally new to yoga or pilates or looking for a studio close to home.

It is owned and run by Kasia Poremena, who has lived in West London since moving from Poland to the UK 18 years ago.

Alongside her passion for yoga, which she has been teaching for 12 years, Kasia is a former architect and interior designer. She designed the studio and says it is a haven of calm, simplicity and relaxation – perfect to nurture your wellbeing.

The studio is now in full swing, holding several classes, seven days a week.

As well as running TFY single-handedly, Kasia teaches many of the classes herself. She is loving a challenge which she says is helping regenerate the area and bring to it more awareness of healthy and balanced living. She is joined by a team of “thoughtful, learned, attentive” teachers, who have a variety of styles of yoga and pilates.

The studio is also equipped with a heating system, which uses the most up-to-date technology to offer “radiant” heat – gentler, more hygienic and less sweaty than that used in other forms of hot yoga and pilates. It warms the body and the muscles, which has all sorts of benefits. Classes are hot, warm or without any heat.

TFY’s pricing structure is flexible and there are different options to meet varying needs and schedules. There is a special offer of £25 for 10 consecutive days of classes for new students, giving them the chance to try different styles and find out which suits them.

There is also a range of class bundles and subscriptions on offer, reducing the cost per class to £6.90 per class, or the best deal for seriously committed students – six months of unlimited yoga and pilates for £590.

The Flying Yogi says: “We believe in movement for the modern body and movement to enhance and balance the modern lifestyle.

“We focus on promoting mindfulness, working in proper alignment and increasing strength and flexibility.

“Students will receive the attention they need for a fulfilling and evolving practice.

“At TFY we want to get to know our students and build a community of friends who get on their mat together.”

For more details, call 0208 746 7191, visit website theflyingyogi.co.uk or send an email to info@theflyingyogi.co.uk.

City set to be movie capital of the world

W A TCH out Los Angeles – now the mayor of London has plans for “Sadiqwood”, aiming to make the city the movie capital of the world.

After news that film-making in London was boosted to the sum of £1.35 billion last year, now “The Lion King” is pressing ahead with plans for it to become the No 1 movie powerhouse on Earth.

In a star-is-born move, “King Khan” wants to make London the top location for moviemakers currently based in Hollywood and attract the film industry’s top talent to London instead.

The mayor said: “I am committed to making London the best, most inviting place for film production in the world.”

Sadiq Khan set out his vision for London to become the world’s most film-friendly city with a raft of measures announced last week to invest in talent, skills and infrastructure to ensure the capital’s film industry is able to continue to reach for the stars.

In an address to industry leaders at the world-renowned Double Negative Visual Effects in Finsbury, the mayor said that although the UK continued to attract international film and television projects in record-breaking numbers in 2016, the capital “cannot be complacent in times of unprecedented political and institutional change and global competition”.

New figures show that the UK film industry, much of it based in London, has enjoyed a record-breaking year with inwards investment in 2016 reaching £1.35 billion – an 8 per cent increase on the previous year. Approximately three quarters of the UK’s film industry is based in and around London, meaning that it contributed roughly £1.2 billion to the capital’s economy in 2016.

“London is the third busiest city for film production in the world after only Los Angeles and New York. The capital’s world-class crews, locations, talent and competitive tax reliefs have sustained London’s position in the top three cities – and that in means demand for studio space is incredibly high,” said the mayor’s spokesman.

“Looking to build on this success, Sadiq announced plans to work in partnership with Creative Skillset and Film London to deliver a new skills strategy. This strategy will identify skills shortages within the capital’s film industry, develop routes into the sector for talented creatives, and encourage more people from diverse backgrounds to enter the screen industries.”

The mayor also announced that he has appointed consultants SQW, BPI Regeneration and Richard Miller from the University of Hertfordshire to deliver the feasibility study for the London’s largest new film studios in London, to be situated at Dagenham East.

“A new film studio complex in Dagenham would enable London to bid successfully for more over seas film productions, benefiting not just the capital but the rest of the UK. It would also create a range of permanent jobs in the East End with ambitions to diversify the industry’s workforces, recognising broader skillsets that are necessary for film production – from carpenters to sound technicians,” said the spokesman.

“With space in the capital at an all-time premium and with London’s population set to top 10 million by 2026, it is crucial that the city is able to cope with this growth while remaining an inviting and competitive location for filming. In order to maintain London’s leading global position, Sadiq will commission Film London to review the London Filming Partnership. The London Filming Partnership is a group of more than 400 organisations committed to making London as film-friendly as possible, which includes organisations as varied as transport bodies, the Metropolitan Police and the royal parks.”

“All of the organisations involved share a commitment to making London a welcoming place for production while ensuring the city’s residents enjoy the economic benefits of filming in the capital with minimal inconvenience.”

“The review will ensure all partners continue to work together in the capital and will identify new opportunities to protect and enhance the space available for trailers used by film units and make filming across borough boundaries as easy as possible.”

“The recommendations from his review will feed into the world’s first cultural infrastructure plan – a mayoral manifesto commitment that will identify what assets and skills are needed in order to sustain London’s future as a cultural powerhouse.

“The culture infrastructure plan is due to be launched in its entirety in 2018.”

The creative industries account for one in six jobs in the capital and are a major area for economic growth. Culture and the creative industries are worth £13.5 billion to the capital’s economy and the mayor has made the sector a top priority for his administration.

Mr Khan said: “From upcoming films Star Wars: The Last Jedi and The Mummy to the recent successes of Bridget Jones' Baby and Brotherhood, the capital’s film industry is currently enjoying record investment and I’m committed to making sure that it continues to flourish, making London the best, most inviting place for film production in the world.

“In order to achieve this, we need to ensure we continue to attract the brightest, most diverse creative talent to London and we need to invest in the kind of physical infrastructure that will ensure our city remains competitive on the global stage.”

Adrian Wootton, chief executive of Film London and the British Film Commission, said: “This is a pivotal time for London’s screen industries. In terms of skills, talent, studio space and sheer creativity we’re very much at the top of our game and in high demand from major productions who want to base their film and television projects here.

“Our ambition has to be sustaining this success and, as the mayor told us, he’s absolutely committed to retaining London’s position as one of the best places in the world for film.”
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Things to do on Valentine’s Day

1. Re-enact your first date
   Remember that spark from the night you first met? Why not take your loved one back to where it all began? A taste of old times might show you both how far you have come together.

2. Get active
   Most of your fellow Valentiners will be eating out or relaxing in front of a film – so why not prove your partner means the world by taking them on an adventure? Skiing, ice skating or even hopping on a roller coaster could help to get the blood pumping on your special day.

3. Book a room
   Feel like you want to get away from it all? You could say goodbye to the washing up for one night and devote all your attention to your loved one by checking in at a hotel.

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“Doubt thou the stars are fire. Doubt that the sun doth move. Doubt truth to be a liar. But never doubt I love.”

Few of us will be able to match the perfect words of William Shakespeare when it comes to penning our Valentine’s Day cards this year.

But never underestimate the power of love to fill you with a flurry of romantic inspiration.

Whether you have been counting down the days to your favourite occasion or dreading the last-minute rush, we will all be searching for that perfect gift to give to our loved ones on February 14.

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Part-time royals? Don’t talk such utter nonsense

The recent fanfare that has greeted Press reports that the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are to “cease to be part-time royals” is misguided. When were they ever part-timers?

Defenders argue that just because they have not been as high-profile as their groupies, demand, it does not mean that they have not been working on important matters, but he is not an accusation made by anyone important.

But the tag has stuck and has been repeated over and over by various media, both here and abroad, to the extent that if you Google “Duke and Duchess of Cambridge part-time royals” no fewer than 100,000 results come up.

This urban myth that the Cambridges are a couple of bone-idle skivers deserves analysis to reveal that it is an empty claim.

For starters, since July 2013 William and Catherine have been new parents. Now while that may not be an impediment in some household to leaping back to your desk before the placenta is delivered, any child psychologist worth his or her salt will tell you that the constant presence of at least one parent in a child’s formative years is crucial to the good development of the child’s intelligence, personality and social behaviour.

Whilst some may crow that Kate should have been out and about in the public eye. She was loved and admired not for the frequency of her appearances but for the respect for those she had lent her fame, celebrity and passion to the hugely important task of improving mental health – citing the inspiration of the Duchess of Cambridge part-timers.

Look at the example of William’s much-missed mother. Diana, Princess of Wales, did not achieve her unparalleled standing and respect because you couldn’t go down to Tesco on any day without tripping over her getting out and about in the public eye. She was loved and admired not for the frequency of her appearances but for the good that she did in championing causes that deserved to be championed.

It is the same with the Cambridges. If they are to be judged, it should be on the importance of the work that they do – not on how often you see them.

If William and Kate were at it day and night launching ships, inspecting troops, presenting awards, visiting factories, hosting receptions, attending concerts and plantings trees, would that be more beneficial to society than what they prefer to do – campaigning for the homeless, the mentally ill and the addicted?

Look at what they, and Prince Harry, have achieved and are achieving through their work on mental health through their championing of charities like Mind and Place2Be, much of which is done behind the scenes because it requires briefing, understanding and planning.

Because they have spoken frankly and personally on the importance of awareness of mental health, they have completely changed the landscape on this vital issue.

Because they have lent their fame, celebrity and passion to the hugely important task of improving mental health, they have started to change the way in which the entire nation feels about it.

Because Kate, William and Harry have stood up and said “There is no shame in this, we all suffer from it”, it has made a vast, incalculable difference to bettering the lives of millions (one in four, remember).

The young royals’ allies very much doubt if Mind, a mental-health charity founded in 1946, has ever in its history and indeed the current state of many world affairs is littered with examples of the public getting it wrong.

The same case for quality over quantity applies very much to the recent workload of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge – it’s not how much they do which is important but what they do. For instance, if the Cambridges were the sort of royals who thought that it was important to justify themselves by opening hundreds of supermarkets and hosting scores of meet-and-greets each year, would that, establishing an almost ubiquitous presence in the public eye, achieve more of significance than what they do?

But in many others’ books, such support for those honoured by a royal presence pale into insignificance in comparison with doing good for the disadvantaged and those who need help.

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Prime Minister to act on mental health – citing the inspiration of the royals’ good example – when so many governments in the past pretty much just ignored the issue.

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Pity Her Majesty as she prepares for the Donald

US President Donald Trump, left, will experience all the pomp of a state banquet at Buckingham Palace, above – and the Queen could do a lot worse than give him as his visiting present this ancient comb, right, currently in the collection of the Museum nan Eilean on Lewis.

Ah yes, the thorny issue of the Prince of Wales. While Prince William and Prince Harry can be relied upon to chat away to the First Lady, enthusiastically recounting how the lovely dessert reminds them of the ice cream they enjoyed as nippers at Kensington Palace, few at the Foreign Office – who will be thoroughly consulted on the seating plan – may wish to risk Charles leaning over the Domino’s pizza without the crust (so he can keep them watched for ice cream). The answer is probably steak. The President loves it and Her Majesty has more than enough. “It’s something she’ll prize,” said the highland cattle on her Balmoral estate.

Although, according to what his long-suffering butler at the Mar-a-Lago club in Palm Beach told The New York Times, President Trump likes it cooked “so bloody” that “it could rock on the plate”, so the palace chefs had better get out the barbecue. Clearly so: the sorted, steaky, na-palm and raspberry ruffle for apero. But what about drinks – should Her Majesty get out the Chateau Haut-Briant for a bottle at £59.49 a pic- tle? Or how about the 1981 vintage Dom Perignon, a snip at around £1,200? A vast horseshoe-shaped table is put together for the standard number of 150 guests at a state banquet and it is decked with priceless dinner and crusty bread sets, napkins folded in the shape of a Dutch bonnet, flower decorations, canapés, whole fish glasses per per- son – for water, a champagne toast, red and white wines, a dessert wine and champagne.

However, President Trump will probably only need two glasses; one for water and another for the Coke that he would prefer in a bottle; he prefers wine with his meals. OK, tick, big saving there.

The next item on Her Majesty’s checklist would be the somewhat more problematic – who to sit next to and oppos- ite the President.

Clearly President Trump will be seated with Her Majesty on his left, but then what? Will the Duchess of Cambridge, the Royal Family’s very own weapon of mass seduction, be placed on his other side to charm him? Or should that seat go to the Prince of Wales, or the Prince of Tribe?

Rupert Murdoch and his wife Jerry Hall are said to be pals – they dined with the Donald at his Turnberry golf course last year, so tick, invite them. Tick too Jacob Rees-Mogg, the Conser- vative MP who is said to be a sup- porter.

What about Nigel Farage? Clearly he and the President are pals, so should he get an invite? And one too for Piers Morgan, Mr Murdoch’s old editor at the News Of The World – double the royals’ favourite newspaper – who says he’s a buddy?“I genuinely like him,” says the breakfast television populist. “I have known him through 10 years, and saw from The Apprentice he can be charming, funny, smart and his judgment is spot on. He loved drama and arguments and making the right decision and acting popular. I totally disagree with him on guns, on climate change. But I can see Trump in a way that you can’t, I con- sider him a good friend, and loyal to me.”

OK, tick Piers. But have a footman tell him he can’t take notes at the table.

But then Her Majesty has the tricky problem of Mr Khan to consider. By rights any mayor of London ought to be on the guest list for a state banquet.

But even before Sadiq announced last week “we must now rescind the offer of a full state visit for President Trump” in his backing to the widespread objection to the Donald’s banning of refugees and people from seven Muslim countries, there was more than enough reason for the Pres- ident to start throwing his uneaten pizza dough at the Mayor. Even if the President has forgotten, if Piers is there he will probably re- mind him. For it was in an interview with Morgan when he hit out after London’s first Muslim mayor warned that Mr Trump’s “ignorant” views on religion would make the world less safe if he became President.

Somewhat unfortunately in the interna- tional trade view of things, a spokes- man for the mayor said before the US election: “Donald Trump’s views are ignorant, divisive and dan- gerous – it’s the politics of fear at its worst and will be rejected at the ballot box just as it was in London.”

But then the Donald told Piers: “He doesn’t know me, hasn’t met me, doesn’t know what I’m about. I think they’ve been rude statements and frankly tell him I will remember these statements. They’re very nasty state- ments. I think it’s ignorant for him to say that.”

When he won I didn’t care about him. Now, I don’t care about him. I mean it doesn’t mean any difference to me, let’s see how he does, let’s see if he’s a good man.”

Asked if he was offended by Mr Khan’s public denouncem ent he replied: “Yeah, I am.”

Oh Lord, what does a poor Queen do in the light of that? Could the diminutive but feisty mayor be per- suaded to catch Prince Charles’ strategic cold? Could he be invited but hidden behind a corn?

Best not dwell on it, not least as there are many other worries for Her Majesty stacking up around this visit.

For starters, there’s this trouble- some matter of the at least one million people who have signed the petition that President Trump should not come at all. If he does come, what is he going to look like if most of them turn out to flake The Mall and hurl abuse as he parades past in a guided coach, how on Earth is that going to be glossed over?

One answer might be to follow the precedent set by a previous President and not conduct the state visit in Central London at all.

When President Reagan popped over in the 1980s, amidst the threat of similar protests surrounding his friendship for the mob’s non-favourite Margaret Thatcher, it was arranged that he should meet the Queen not at Buckingham Palace but at Windsor Castle. Could President Trump be sim- ilarly fobbed off with spot of horse- back in the park and a tour of Slough? Probably not.

But Her Majesty did not get to where she is today by not being shrewd and canny and she will know that the artful way to make her guest feel welcome will be to major on his Scottish ancestry, namely his mum, Mary MacLeod, born on the Isle of Lewis before she emigrated to the States.

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W e live in troubling times. Europe. The NHS. The gathering storm of fortnightly bin collections. Where will it all end?

It’s once again up to The Pub Landlord to guide us through this strange and unsettling new world – with a pint for the gentleman and a glass of white wine for the lady.

But Al Murray’s ale-guzzling character is an outcast no more. Gone are the days when the pint-pulling barman’s common-sense rhetoric and it ain’t-like-it-used-to-be mantra were quibbled drawn from political antiquity.

No, as of June 23, The Pub Landlord is Joe Public. The popular majority. And his beery ‘Little Englisher’ remarks are now the language of government policy.

Brexit is surely the dream ticket for Murray, who brings his most famous creation back to London next week in Let’s Go Backwards Together.

Calling time on Europe is The Pub Landlord’s moment of triumph, a chance to whip out the bunting and drape the bar in Union Jacks while his regulars join him in a chorus of Rule, Britannia!

It’s the crowning glory on a lifetime of sticking it up the political-correctness brigade and asking “Whatever happened to this country?”.

But while The Pub Landlord is breathing in the sweet air of freedom, Murray himself will be spitting feathers. An inveterate remains who engineered the landlord character to poke fun at the UKIPs of the world, the 40-year-old has had to stand and watch while his alter ego came full circle, like Frankenstein’s monster, to boot him up the backside.

It was a political ideology he attempted to mock in the real world back in 2005 when he ran as The Pub Landlord in the general election, standing against Nigel Farage for the seat of South Thanet. He picked up 318 votes as the Free the United Kingdom Party (FUKP) candidate.

Back in real life, Murray says the surprise turnaround in events, followed up with Donald Trump’s ascendency in the US, has caught many of his contemporaries off-guard. “There’s been a year of it for a lot of comedy writers and comedians I know where basically reality has been outflanking everything,” he explained in a recent interview. “You come up with something funny and then the reality is even more ridiculous.”

It poses a new challenge for Murray then, to reimagine The Pub Landlord not as a relic of a bygone era but as a man very much of the people.

The bloke behind the bar is now the norm. The man who will answer the call of destiny, even though it’s an unlisted number. Who will call time on tyranny, even though he isn’t quite sure what it means. Who isn’t afraid to say no to women who order anything other than a glass of white wine or a fruit-based drink.

Here The Pub Landlord, our bar-based braveheart, embarks on a common-sense campaign to great Britain in the Brexit age.

Al Murray: The Pub Landlord performs Let’s Go Backwards Together at Richmond Theatre on Sunday February 12.
LOYLE Carner was only just past the legal drinking age when he became the man of the family home. His stepfather Nik – a role model and hero to Loyle in place of his estranged biological dad – passed away in tragic circumstances after suffering an epilepsy-related seizure.

It left void at home – and though he was pursuing a career on the stage at the time, partway through an acting course at The Drama Centre in King’s Cross, Loyle dropped out to take care of his mother Jean and younger brother Ryan.

“My mum wasn’t putting any pressure on me to quit but I felt the pressure to have to provide for my family and step into my dad’s massive shoes,” he confessed in a recent interview. “I was like ‘Let me try this music thing for a bit and if it doesn’t work I’ll get a job’. It was a leap of faith.”

Less than three years later, it seems the leap is already paying dividends for Loyle, whose rap pseudonym is a rearrangement of his double-barrelled birth name Ben Coyle-Larner.

The moniker – like many of Loyle’s lyrics – was in part inspired by his childhood experiences growing up with attention deficit disorder and dyslexia. He’d often mispronounce his tongue-twister surname in school while struggling to find the words for his 100mph mind. But with his stylish brand of hip-hop and thoughtful lyrical reflections, it’s clear that Loyle has finally found his voice.

His debut album, Yesterday’s Gone, hit the shelves last month. A deeply personal account of his young hood, the record candidly reveals the pain of Loyle’s family trauma as well as his personal redemption through music.

“There’s nothing to believe in, believe me,” Loyle raps on the gospel-soaked opener Isle Of Arran, which fires straight into the 22-year-old’s backstory.

It’s followed up with touching ballads Mr Camden and Florence alongside the spunky firebrands No CD and Ain’t Nothing Changed.

Retaining an original voice throughout, Loyle stumbles upon an understated new path for UK hip-hop – ploughing a furrow of his own, distinct from the grime scene that dominates at present.

The album’s introspective poignancy is beautifully spotlighted on its emotional pinnacle, Sun Of Jean, which features Loyle’s mother reading a poem comprising memories of her son’s childhood.

“He was a scribble of a boy, all hair and mischief. A two-foot tale of trouble,” she recalls to a tear-jerk piano tinkle.

“He turned the world upside down and we’re richer for it. He was and is a complete joy. The world is his, that scribble of a boy.”

Loyle was raised in West Norwood and still resides in South London – with his mother and brother, of course, in Croydon.

While his music career begins to take off – he was nominated on last year’s BBC Sound of 2016 list, performed alongside his hop-hop hero Nas and is finally “getting waves” on mainstream radio – family life remains at the core.

Even though he’s a Liverpool Football Club fan, Loyle always wears a Manchester United shirt on stage, emblazoned with the name of Eric Cantona, in memory of Nik.

The closing track on Yesterday’s Gone is in fact an acoustic demo recorded with his stepfather before he died.

“Look up and you’ll see the sunshine, so high above,” he sings. “Goodbye to darkness and welcome back to love. Every yesterday it was a nightmare for someone. The days they count are coming and the best ones have begun.”

Loyle will perform at the O2 Shepherd’s Bush Empire on February 17 and 18. The new album Yesterday’s Gone is out now.

PITY poor Lucie Jones, the UK’s entry in the Eurovision Song Contest. Insiders say she hasn’t got a snowball’s chance in hell of winning it.

This year, the odds of Britain doing well at Europe’s most ludicrously political song festival will be stacked against it like never before.

Lucie, pictured, the former X-Factor contender who came eighth in series six, will do well to even get in the top 10 of Eurovision.

It is not the fact that the UK entry, Never Give Up On You, contains no catchy tune nor memorable hook that is expected to count against it. We are expected to get heavily marked down because, of course, of Brexit.

As the UK has ragged off all of the other 27 member states of the EU, analysts believe that the British entry can expect to get nil points from all of the sulky continentalists who are cross that we are leaving the club and therefore denying them the opportunity to flood over here for cheap Marmite.

The bookies are only giving Lucie odds of 50/1 of winning, relegating the world’s most hit-making music nation to the status of one of those east European countries like Albania that has never had an international music career – which may account for Albania’s Eurovision odds being 360/1 currently.

However, those who have heard Albania’s entry, Bote by Lindita, reckon those odds are generous to say the least.

The bookmakers are already predicting that Sweden will win (odds of 6/1) or that Russia (7/1) will walk it – which is an interesting indication on how political Eurovision has become as none of those countries’ official entries were even decided when the odds were set.

Bookies are even quoting odds of 12/1 for a win for Australia, that well-known European nation. And those odds were also given before Australia had decided on its official song.

But Lucie is putting a brave face on her doomed chances.

“We always talk about this political voting but this year I’m looking forward to being part of an event that is going to be globally unifying,” she said somewhat optimistically.

“Eurovision is all about unity and what a great year to be an ambassador for our country. I’ll deal with it when I get there.”

Despite the UK’s dismal chances of a win, the song contest final is widely expected to once again attract many millions of British viewers on May 13, as it has become the nation’s most popular entertainment show, always good for a laugh at what Europeans consider qualifies as a good pop song.

However, given a choice an overwhelming majority of Brits would prefer it if we not only pulled out of Europe but left Eurovision too.

A YouGov poll last year revealed that 60 per cent of the UK wants to quit the song contest – as opposed to the enthusiasm for the show in Sweden, where 75 per cent love it. This follows a similar poll in 2013 which showed that Britons have the strongest conviction that “it’s all political”.

The late Sir Terry Wogan famously stepped down as UK host in 2008 for this very reason, claiming that the event was no longer a music competition.

Bonnie Tyler described the voting as “unbelievable” after she came 19th of 26 finalists in 2013.

And Simon Webbe, of 2011 UK entry Blue, said it was “often not really about the song but who your neighbours are”.

A petition to Parliament press- ing for a change to the Eurovision voting system, politically rigged against the UK, has to date been signed by 393,815 people.

The song contest could finally
LONDON is gearing up for a Strictly Come Dancing party next week as the 2017 live tour culminates with a show to celebrate the man and his music, writes Nicky Sweetland.

Matt Monro Jr never imagined he would follow in his father’s footsteps and make a career in show business, but he decided to start singing to raise money for Cancer Research after both his father and brother died from the disease.

Matt’s appearance on Opportunity Knocks launched his career and after a tour with Cannon and Ball, the younger Monro found there was still an appetite for his father’s music and so embarked on producing his own show.

“I did all this initially because I didn’t want to let go of my dad and I wanted to keep his name on stage. I wanted to still have closeness to him rather than him being gone.”

Monro Jr’s The Legend Lives On tour saw the singer tour to over 40 concert venues across the country and thirty years after his fathers death, he feels the time is right to do a new production, which Matt describes as a “no holds barred” show about his father’s life.

“I want people to find out about the man behind the music and it’s taken the best part of two years to put together.”

The journey of a boy who couldn’t read or write, and yet had to support his family, is told in loving detail by his son giving a glimpse into what it was like growing up in the Monro household. Video clips, home movies, even songs where Matt Jr duets with his dad, all play a part in this celebration of the life and legacy of Matt Monro.

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30 years after the musician, often dubbed ‘The singer’s singer’, passed away, his son is taking to the road with a show to celebrate the man and his music.

Strictly Come Dancing

As with the television programme, the stage show has embraced a more theatrical quality over the years, introducing different styles of dance as well as impressive scenic design and lighting effects.

Craig has decided to go back to basics to mark the production’s decade however.

“We want the tenth anniversary to be about the dance and to celebrate really fantastic dance.”

“We wanted it to be a human and emotional experience this year. In previous years we’ve relied on scenery and effects but this year we want it to be a celebration of the people and dance.”

Daisy Lowe and Lesley Joseph complete the line up, with the judging panel made up of Revel Horwood, Karen Hardy and Len Goodman, who retired as head judge from the television show last year.

I asked Craig if they were paying special tribute to the legendary ballroom expert during the tour. He laughed and said: “Just the fact that he [Goodman] can walk down the stairs and get on the stage is good. That will be tribute enough won’t it? We are doing a little thing showing Len’s favourite sequences from over the years and I think they will be interesting for people to see.”

Strictly Come Dancing The Live Tour will be at the SSE Arena on February 9 and 10 and the O2 Arena on February 11 and 12. If you would like any further information, you can visit www.strictlycomedancinglive.com.

Matt Monro, the legend plays on

Our entertainments writer Nicky Sweetlandments Strictly Come Dancing favourites Danny Mac and Oti Mabuse

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Review: Death Takes a Holiday

CHARING Cross Theatre, under the artistic direction of Thom Southerland, has become something of a hub for musical theatre over the last year, championing otherwise unseen work and gaining huge acclaim for European premieres of shows like Titanic and Ragtime, writes Nicky Sweetland.

The latest production, Maury Yeston’s Death Takes a Holiday, is yet another triumph for the director, who is fast becoming a theatrical virtuoso and continues to exhibit excellence in the craft of presenting traditional musical theatre themes to new audiences.

Written in the 1920s and set in Northern Italy, shortly after the First World War, Death Takes a Holiday follows Death, who after years of questioning why people fear him, takes on human form for three days so that he can mingle among mortals and find an answer.

With a book by multi-Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan and Peter Stone, Death Takes a Holiday is based on the 1928 Italian play of the same name, which went on to inspire the 1934 blockbuster film starring Brad Pitt.

Death Takes on the persona of Prince Sirki (Chris Peluso) and after revealing his intent to the Duke (Mark Inscoe), takes up temporary residence in the family’s villa. However, events soon spiral out of control as Death falls in love with the Duke’s daughter, the beautiful young Gazia (Zoe Doano).

The charismatic couple beautifully portrays the heart warming and romantic story, with Peluso exhibiting a worryingly attractive creepiness, while maintaining his matinee idol exterior. Doano is equally impressive with a glorious traditional soprano voice and subtly steely characterisation.

The structure of the show has obvious echoes of musical theatre’s yesteryear; with plenty of unrequited love stories making the incidental character tracks hold more importance for the audience.

Gay Soper does dotty old Dame extremely well and her late blooming love for Dr Dario, played with class by Anthony Cable, is wonderfully depicted with a senile sensuality.

Although only a small role, rising star Samuel Thomas makes a huge impact as Eric and his Roberto’s Eyes is simply stunning, while James Gant’s waggish Fidele gives some light relief to the otherwise somber plot.

The musical highlight comes in Act 2 when Helen Turner and Scarlett Courtney join Zoe Doano as the loveorn trio delightfully express their confusion over their feelings for their potential beaux in Finally to Know.

With an imposing set by Morgan Large and beautifully balanced orchestra under the expert baton of Dean Austin, audiences are transported back to a golden era of musical theatre, while Yeston’s intricate refrains continuously assist the narrative.

Death Takes a Holiday is a traditional musical theatre treat and a must see for fans of the burgeoning partnership of Yeston and Southerland.

Death Takes a Holiday will run at the Charing Cross Theatre until March 18. For further details visit www.charingcrosstheatre.co.uk
Research by a property consultant has suggested Crossrail could cause a huge jump in house prices along the Elizabeth line.

House prices in West Drayton and Ealing are expected to rise by up to 50% by 2020 because of the new Crossrail project, claims a property consultant.

Research carried out by JLL suggests West Drayton and Ealing Broadway are amongst the areas set to see the biggest rise in house prices as the Elizabeth line railway nears completion.

Crossrail is aimed at improving transport links London and the south east of England and will connect Reading and Heathrow in the west to Shenfield in Essex and Abbey Wood in Greenwich in the east.

Residential research director at JLL, Neil Chegwidden, said: “Crossrail has already triggered land purchases, development activity and price growth along its route and our research demonstrates that there are still plenty of opportunities to come.

“Whilst Whitechapel comes out top in terms of overall benefit from the line, we believe the medium to longer opportunity areas are the ones to keep an eye on as developers and investors will seek to make the most of this transport link that will connect east to west London as never before.”

The research coincides with Aqua House at Union Park being put on the market, which is a new 118 apartment building on the Grand Union Canal, and will be a mile away from the new West Drayton crossrail station.

Crossrail, which is expected to be fully running by 2019, will cut journey times to 31 minutes from West Drayton to central London.

The train station at West Drayton is also undergoing a major revamp as part of the Crossrail work, including a new entrance canopy, extended platforms, new lifts, lighting, improved customer information screens and CCTV.

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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE A5 GLA SIDE ROAD (STAR STREET, CITY OF WESTMINSTER) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF STOPPING) ORDER 2017

1. Transport for London hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
2. The purpose of the Order is to enable construction works to take place on Star Street.
3. The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from stopping in the loading bay outside 108 to 110 Star Street. The Order will be effective from 12:00 AM on 27th February 2017 until 11:59 PM on 6th April 2018 or when the works has been completed, whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
4. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:
   (1) any vehicle being used for the purposes of those works or for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;
   (2) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London.

Dated this 7th day of February 2017
Mufu Durowoju
Network Impact Management Team Manager, Road Space Management - Operations,
Transport for London
Palestra, 197 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8NJ

MAYOR OF LONDON

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
(CRESFORD ROAD)
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate Thames Water works to be carried out in the above named road; it intends to make an Order the effect of which would prohibit vehicular traffic in a section of the above named road.
2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in a section of Cresford Road at its junction with Wandsworth Bridge Road.
3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would via
   (a) Wandsworth Bridge Road, Bovington Road and Bagleys Lane
   (b) Wandsworth Bridge Road, New Kings Road and Harwood Terrace
4. Permitted access would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.
5. The Order would come into operation on the 16th February 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is the sooner.
6. Works would be expected to commence on Thursday 16th February 2017 and last for 4 days with a backup of Tuesday 28th February 2017. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2017
Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

Transport for London Notice

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
THE A501 GLA SIDE ROAD (ENFORD STREET, CITY OF WESTMINSTER) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

1. Transport for London hereby gives notice that it intends to make the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.
2. The purpose of the Order to enable construction works to take place on Enford Street.
3. The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from entering, proceeding on Enford Street between its junctions with Circus Mews and Marylebone Road. Local access will be maintained between its junctions with York Street and Circus Mews.
4. The Order will be effective between the dates of 26th February 2017 and 28th May 2017, every Sunday between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM or when the works has been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
5. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:
   (1) any vehicle being used for the purposes of those works or for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;
   (2) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London.

Dated this 7th day of February 2017
Mufu Durowoju
Network Impact Management Team Manager, Road Space Management - Operations,
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MAYOR OF LONDON
Public Notices

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)

THE HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM (TOWNMEAD ESTATE)
(OFF STREET CAR PARK) ORDER 20**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham propose to
make the above Order under section 6, 32, 35 and 124 of and Part I to IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to enable the parking places and restrictions on waiting by vehicles
(yellow lines) on the Townmead Estate to be enforced under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act
2004. This means that Penalty Charge Notices could be issued by the Council’s Civil Enforcement Officers
for vehicles that contravene the parking restrictions, and vehicles may be removed (towed away) or immobilised
(clamped) in certain cases, in the same way as on the public highway. The same rights of appeal to an
adjudicator would also apply.

3. The parking restrictions on the Townmead Estate would continue to operate (without any changes) as follows:
(a) the parking restrictions to operate Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm;
(b) every vehicle must be parked wholly within a marked parking bay (vehicles are not permitted to park in
any other areas on the estate, including footways);
(c) parking permits to be issued in accordance with on street parking permit charges as set by the Council in
respect of motor vehicles that is to say a passenger vehicle or goods carrying vehicle the overall height of which does not exceed
2.28 metres.
(d) only vehicles displaying a valid resident’s parking permit or a valid contractor’s parking permit or an
activated Zone Z SMART Visitor permit relating to the Townmead Estate would be permitted to park in a
permit holders parking bay;
(f) resident’s parking permits and SMART visitor’s parking permits to be issued only to eligible residents of the
Townmead Estate;
(g) resident’s permits would only be issued to residents who can show that their vehicle is registered as kept
at their home address on the Townmead Estate;
(h) a motorcycle, may be left in a parking bay free of charge, provided the use of that part of the parking
place is not closed or reserved by order of the Council;
(i) where a parking bay is indicated as being for the use of a disabled person’s vehicle, only a vehicle
displaying a disabled person’s blue badge may be left in that parking bay.

4. A copy of the proposed Orders, the Councils statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and
documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Orders, can be inspected during normal office
hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which
the Orders are made, or as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders.

5. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Orders or make other representations should send a statement
in writing to the following address:
Transport and Highways Group, Highways and Engineering Division, Environment Department,
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until the expiration of 21 days from the date on which the notice is published.

Dated this 1st day of February 2017
Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)

THE HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM (BECKLOW GARDENS ESTATE)
(OFF STREET CAR PARK) ORDER 20**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham propose to
make the above Order under section 6, 32, 35 and 124 of and Part I to IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic
Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to enable the parking places and restrictions on waiting by vehicles
(yellow lines) on the Becklow Gardens Estate to be enforced under the provisions of the Traffic Management
Act 2004. This means that Penalty Charge Notices could be issued by the Council’s Civil Enforcement Officers
for vehicles that contravene the parking restrictions, and vehicles may be removed (towed away) or immobilised
(clamped) in certain cases, in the same way as on the public highway. The same rights of appeal to an
adjudicator would also apply.

3. The parking restrictions on the Becklow Gardens Estate would continue to operate (without any changes) as follows:
(a) the parking restrictions to operate Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm;
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respect of motor vehicles that is to say a passenger vehicle or goods carrying vehicle the overall height of which does not exceed
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(d) only vehicles displaying a valid resident’s parking permit or a valid contractor’s parking permit or an
activated Zone Z SMART Visitor permit relating to the Becklow Gardens Estate would be permitted to park in a
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at their home address on the Becklow Gardens Estate;
(h) a motorcycle, may be left in a parking bay free of charge, provided the use of that part of the parking
place is not closed or reserved by order of the Council;
(i) where a parking bay is indicated as being for the use of a disabled person’s vehicle, only a vehicle
displaying a disabled person’s blue badge may be left in that parking bay.

4. A copy of the proposed Orders, the Councils statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and
documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Orders, can be inspected during normal office
hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which
the Orders are made, or as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders.

5. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Orders or make other representations should send a statement
in writing to the following address:
Transport and Highways Group, Highways and Engineering Division, Environment Department,
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until the expiration of 21 days from the date on which the notice is published.

Dated this 26th of January 2017
Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)

THE HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM (PHILPOT SQUARE ESTATE)
(OFF STREET CAR PARK) ORDER 20**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham propose to make the above Order under section 6, 32, 35 and 124 of and Part I to IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to enable the parking places and restrictions on waiting by vehicles (yellow lines) on the Philpot Square Estate to be enforced under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004. This means that Penalty Charge Notices could be issued by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers to vehicles that contravene the parking restrictions, and vehicles may be removed (towed away) or immobilised (clamped) in certain cases, in the same way as on the public highway. The same rights of appeal to an adjudicator would also apply.

3. The parking restrictions on the Philpot Square Estate would continue to operate (without any changes) as follows:
   (a) the parking restrictions to operate Monday to Saturday 8.00am - 6.00pm;  
   (b) every vehicle must be parked wholly within a marked parking bay (vehicles are not permitted to park in any areas on the estate, including footways);
   (c) parking permits to be issued in accordance with on street parking permit charges as set by the Council in respect of motor vehicles that is to say a passenger vehicle or goods carrying vehicle the overall height of which does not exceed 2.28 metres;
   (d) only vehicles displaying a valid resident’s parking permit or a valid contractor’s parking permit or an activated Zone G SMART Visitor permit relating to the Philpot Square Estate would be permitted to park in a permit holders parking bay;
   (f) resident’s parking permits and SMART visitor’s parking permits to be issued only to eligible residents of the Philpot Square Estate;
   (g) resident’s permits would only be issued to residents who can show that their vehicle is registered as kept at their home address on the Philpot Square Estate;
   (h) A motorcycle, may be left in a parking bay free of charge, provided the use of that part of the parking place is not closed or reserved by order of the Council;
   (i) where a parking bay is indicated as being for the use of a disabled person’s vehicle, only a vehicle displaying a disabled person’s blue badge may be left in that parking bay.

4. A copy of the proposed Orders, the Council’s statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Orders, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which the Orders are made, or as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders.

5. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Orders or make other representations should send a statement in writing to the following address:

Transport and Highways Group, Highways and Engineering Division, Environment Department,  
Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JU

until the expiration of 21 days from the date on which the notice is published.

Dated this 1st day of February 2017
Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle  
Chief Transport Planner

Transport and Highways
LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
THE HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham (TOWNMEAD ESTATE)
(OF STREET CAR PARK) ORDER 20**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham propose to make the above Order under sections 6, 32, 35 and 124 of and Part I to IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended and the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004. This means that Penalty Charge Notices could be issued by the Council’s Civil Enforcement Officers to vehicles that contravene the parking restrictions, and vehicles may be removed (towed away) or immobilised (clamped) in certain cases, in the same way as on the public highway. The same rights of appeal to an adjudicator would also apply.

2. The parking restrictions on the Townmead Estate would continue to operate (without any changes) as follows:

(a) the parking restrictions to operate Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm;
(b) every vehicle must be parked wholly within a marked parking bay (vehicles are not permitted to park in any other areas on the estate, including footways);
(c) parking permits to be issued in accordance with street parking permit charges as set by the Council in respect of motor vehicles that is to say a passenger vehicle or goods carrying vehicle the overall height of which does not exceed 2.28 metres;
(d) only vehicles displaying a valid resident's parking permit or a valid contractor's parking permit or an activated Zone C SMART visitor permit relating to the Townmead Estate would be permitted to park in a permit holders parking bay;
(f) resident's parking permits and SMART visitor's parking permits to be issued only to eligible residents of the Townmead Estate;
(g) resident's permits would only be issued to residents who can show that their vehicle is registered as kept at their home address on the Townmead Estate;
(h) a motorcycle, may be left in a parking bay free of charge, provided the use of that part of the parking place is not closed or reserved by order of the Council;
(i) where a parking bay is indicated as being for the use of a disabled person's vehicle, only a vehicle displaying a disabled person's blue badge may be left in that parking bay.

3. A copy of the proposed Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Orders, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which the Orders are made, as the case may be. The proposals do not involve any changes to the body of the Orders and the same rights of appeal to an adjudicator would also apply.

4. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Orders or make other representations should send a statement to the following address:

Transport and Highways Group, Highways and Engineering Division, Environment Department,
Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JU
until the expiration of 21 days from the date on which the notice is published.

Dated this 1st day of February 2017
Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
THE HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham (SULGRAVE GARDENS ESTATE)
(OF STREET CAR PARK) ORDER 20**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham propose to make the above Order under sections 6, 32, 35 and 124 of and Part I to IV of schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders would be to enable the parking places and restrictions on waiting by vehicles (yellow lines) on the Sulgrave Gardens Estate to be enforced under the provisions of the Traffic Management Act 2004. This means that Penalty Charge Notices could be issued by the Council’s Civil Enforcement Officers to vehicles that contravene the parking restrictions, and vehicles may be removed (towed away) or immobilised (clamped) in certain cases, in the same way as on the public highway. The same rights of appeal to an adjudicator would also apply.

3. The parking restrictions on the Sulgrave Gardens Estate would continue to operate (without any changes) as follows:

(a) the parking restrictions to operate Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm;
(b) every vehicle must be parked wholly within a marked parking bay (vehicles are not permitted to park in any other areas on the estate, including footways);
(c) parking permits to be issued in accordance with street parking permit charges as set by the Council in respect of motor vehicles that is to say a passenger vehicle or goods carrying vehicle the overall height of which does not exceed 2.28 metres;
(d) only vehicles displaying a valid resident's parking permit or a valid contractor's parking permit or an activated Zone C SMART visitor permit relating to the Sulgrave Gardens Estate would be permitted to park in a permit holders parking bay;
(f) resident's parking permits and SMART visitor's parking permits to be issued only to eligible residents of the Sulgrave Gardens Estate;
(g) resident's permits would only be issued to residents who can show that their vehicle is registered as kept at their home address on the Sulgrave Gardens Estate;
(h) a motorcycle, may be left in a parking bay free of charge, provided the use of that part of the parking place is not closed or reserved by order of the Council;
(i) where a parking bay is indicated as being for the use of a disabled person's vehicle, only a vehicle displaying a disabled person's blue badge may be left in that parking bay.

4. A copy of the proposed Orders, the Council’s statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Orders, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks beginning with the date on which the Orders are made, or as the case may be, the Council decides not to make the Orders.

5. Any person wishing to object to the proposed Orders or make other representations should send a statement in writing to the following address:

Transport and Highways Group, Highways and Engineering Division, Environment Department,
Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JU
until the expiration of 21 days from the date on which the notice is published.

Dated this 1st day of February 2017
Nicholas Ruxton-Boyle
Chief Transport Planner
Transport and Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
SECTION 14(1)
(KENSINGTON AND CHELSEA)(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND STOPPING ORDER 20**

1. Transport for London have consulted Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea hereby gives notice that it has made the above named Traffic Order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purpose specified in paragraph 2. The effect of the Order is summarised in paragraph 3.

2. The purpose of the Order is to enable junction improvement works to take place on A3220 Warwick Road.

3. The effect of the Order will be to prohibit any vehicle from:
(a) Stopping on Warwick Road between the extended common boundary of Nos. 16 – 18 Warwick Road;
(b) Entering, exiting, proceeding or stopping on Earl’s Court Square between the extended common boundary of Nos. 33 – 35 Warwick Road and the extended common boundary of Nos. 49 Earl’s Court Square and a point 2.5 metres west of the extended eastern building line of No. 49 Earl’s Court Square;
(c) Closing the pedestrian crossing outside St Cuthbert with St Matthias C of E Primary School;

The Order will also:
(a)1. 5 days of the one way operation on Earl’s Court Square between the extended common boundary of Nos. 31 and 33 Earl’s Court Square and a point 2.5 metres west of the extended eastern building line of No. 33 Earl’s Court Square to make it two way operational;
(b) Suspend the one way operation on Kempsford Gardens between its junction with Old Brompton Road and the extended common boundary of Nos. 45 and 47 Kempsford Gardens and its junction with Warwick Road;
(c) Local access only will be maintained on Kempsford Gardens, between its junction with Old Brompton Road and the extended common boundary of Nos. 45 and 47 Kempsford Gardens;
(d) Closing the pedestrian crossing outside St Cuthbert with St Matthias C of E Primary School;
(e) Local access only will be maintained on Kempsford Gardens.

The Order will be effective between the 09.00 AM on the 11th February 2017 until 09.00 AM on the 30th April 2017 or when the Works have been completed whichever is the sooner. The prohibition will apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be determined by Transport for London.

4. The prohibitions will not apply in respect of:
(a) any vehicle being used for the purposes of those works or for fire, brigades, ambulance or police purposes;
(b) anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform or a person authorised by Transport for London;
(c) At such times as the prohibition is in force an alternative route will be indicated by traffic signs:

For vehicles wishing to enter westbound Warwick Road from Earl’s Court Square [Earl’s Court Road, Old Brompton Road onto normal route of travel];
For vehicles wishing to enter westbound Warwick Road from Kempsford Gardens [Old Brompton Road onto normal route of travel];
For pedestrians wishing to use the crossing facilities outside St Cuthbert with St Matthias C of E Primary School, at junction of Warwick Road, Kempsford Gardens to normal route of travel.

Dated this 7th day of February 2017
Mufu Durowoju
Network Impact Management Team - Manager,
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MAYOR OF LONDON
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LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham
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LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH AND Fulham Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

SECTION 14(1) (Langstroth Street)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC

1. The Council of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham hereby gives notice that in order to facilitate Thames Water works to be carried out in the above named road it is necessary to make an Order the effect of which would prohibit heavy goods vehicles from using a section of the above named road.

2. Whilst works are in progress, or whilst the authorised traffic signs are displayed, no person shall cause any heavy goods vehicle to proceed, stop, wait, load or unload in a section of Langstroth Street between Caroline Street and Cambridge Grove.

3. An alternative route for traffic in article 2 would be via Shepherds Bush Road and Goldhawk Road.

Exemptions would be provided in the Order to permit reasonable access to premises, so far as it is practical without interference with the execution of the said work and for works vehicles, any vehicle being used in connection with police, fire or ambulance purposes and anything done with the permission or at the direction of a police constable in uniform.

5. The Order would come into operation on the 25th February 2017 and would be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until works are completed, whichever is sooner.

6. The works are expected to take place on Saturday 25th February 2017 from 8am and last until 27th February 2017 at 5pm. The dates specified are for guidance and informative purposes only and works may extend outside these dates.

Dated this 2nd day of February 2017

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Queens Park Rangers may not have made much, if any, progress since Ian Holloway returned to the club three months ago – a record of won four, drawn two and lost nine is nothing to shout about – but at least this eccentric character cannot be accused of failing to shuffle the pack, writes Tony McDonald.

In a hectic period of activity, Holloway swiftly recalled Michael Dougherty and Darnell Furling from their loan spells at Swindon Town, while Ryan Manning was promoted from the academy into the first-team squad.

Five new signings, Kasey Luiu Lui, Sean Goss, Luke Freeman, Matt Smith and Ravel Morrison – were brought in during the January transfer window, while Polish winger Pawel Wszolek’s loan deal from Helias Verona has been turned into a permanent move.

Tjaronn Chery, Shab Polter, Sandro, Ben Gladwin, Ariel Borysik and Nasser El Khayati all headed out of the Loftus Road exit door during January, either on loan or permanently.

Holloway said: “I have been so happy with the business we have done during this window. I honestly think you would struggle to have a better one. But in terms of the ins and the outs, I am pleased.”

“Get situations, for when players and where players want to leave. When that happens, it’s important that you make the most of it.”

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Holloway’s side have drawn two and lost two of their last four matches, following three consecutive wins. “We’ve got to keep going, like we did when we lost six games in a row,” he added.

“I thought the performance was excellent. Yes, we could have given on the road exit door during January, either on loan or permanently. But I think the defending was much brighter and sharper. We were doing ever so well, right up until they scored in the last minute, although I thought they wouldn’t be what’s talked about. We deserved at least a point – maybe more than that at Newcastle in midweek.

“Ma boys are a bit down. But I’m not – I’m uplifted.”

QPR have now been turned into a side that people respect and fear. While in London, the will to fight, the will to win, because I know in my career I am lucky to win a lot – but I lost a lot.

While he is remaining incredibly positive, he has at times this season focused on the negative.

“We had a moment,” he said, “when I told the players and underlined the negative situation. If you remember, after the Liverpool and Arsenal defeat I said very clearly that we must show to be a great team on the pitch in every game, not only because your name is Chelsea.

“After the two defeats a lot of things changed. And now I can talk only of positive things and I hope this continues because it means that we are doing something important this season.”

Conte went on to explain what it takes to win the title: “You need, for sure, good players with good talent, but also to be a team.

“To be able to put this talent into the team, to create a good organization, to create a team where every single player knows his position, knows his situation with the ball, without the ball. Also, to create a family spirit between us. I’m pleased for this because in these six months, we are building something important in this club.

And the ripped trousers? “I live my work with great intensity,” he explained. “Because I put not 100 per cent but 120 or 130 per cent into my work. I put in passion, my emotion. I try to justify this to my players. I live the game with great intensity and sometimes in football, when there are very important moments, to keep my passion and enthusiasm is very difficult. It’s good to share these emotions with my players, my staff and, sometimes, also with the fans. I think I deserve this for the passion that I put in every moment of my life into football.”

On Sunday, Chelsea’s under-23 development squad beat Reading 2-0. An own goal and a strike by Ugochie Adi Viveash’s team the three points that keep them fourth in the Premier League 2 table.

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Three points next week away to Leicester City will see Jody Morris’ side retain the title for a third successive season.

ILOCAL Chinese fans could get to see Diego Costa play “live” even if he remains with Chelsea rather than succumb to the lure of Far East riches next season.

That’s because Chelsea will face Arsenal in the Bird’s Nest stadium in Beijing in a pre-season friendly on July 22.
Eden Hazard's brilliant solo goal was the highlight of another superb win for Chelsea that strengthens their position in the Premier League title race.

The nature of the goal he scored eight minutes after half-time, the second in an emphatic 3-1 win, was mesmeric – a brilliant combination of power, strength, speed and sublime finishing.

Just how good was it? Hazard collected the ball just inside his own half, forward, shrugged off a rugged challenge by Francis Coquelin like he was an irritating flea, dropped his shoulder a couple of times, twisting the blood of defender Laurent Koscielny, before slipping the ball past former Chelsea favourite Petr Cech.

“I’ve never scored anything like that,” he said modestly. “It’s not just me. I know that a couple of years ago I was on fire. Maybe I can score more goals this season. Two years ago I finished with maybe 13, 14, I don’t remember. We have a lot of games to play, we will see.”

“With experience, I think I’m a better player.”

At this time of the season two years ago, Chelsea went defensive to win the league under Jose Mourinho. Is this team more attack-minded?

“Yes, but against Liverpool (in midweek, where they earned a 1-1 draw at Anfield) it was a little bit the same two years ago. We sat back, we were waiting for the team to get the ball. But I think we should play in this situation like we did against Arsenal every game.

We have to play, we have the players, we don’t want to stay back and wait for the counter-attack. We have the players, so we need to use this more.”

Marcos Alonso gave Chelsea the lead against title rivals Arsenal after 13 minutes. And after Hazard’s brilliant solo strike, Cesc Fabregas capped a fine win with the third five minutes from time. Olivier Giroud’s goal in time added on was irrelevant to the outcome.

Next up for the league leaders is Burnley, who have a good home record, but Hazard is looking past the Clarets and the finishing line with the title in the bag.

“We are in a good place,” he said. “We have been first for a few months. We want to give the trophy to the fans but in football you never know. It’s not always the same story – we could lose a game. An opponent could have more confidence than before and win games. We have a lot of games to play and I hope we can continue like this.”

“Against Arsenal, the players, fans, manager, staff, we all enjoyed it. We wanted to win this kind of game. It is difficult to keep the same level every week. Now we will rest for two days, then train to be ready for Burnley.”

Hazard must be the most kicked player in the Premier League. But rather than be upset or unsettled by such physical treatment, he has turned it into a compliment and a positive thing.

“It’s easy, it’s my motivation. It’s true,” he said. “When I get a lot of kicks I feel like I’m really in the game. When people don’t touch me, it means I’m no good.

“I’m not saying I like to be kicked but it’s good for me to be in the game.”

“From the moment I get the ball, I try to do something. Sometimes in the past, I don’t touch the ball for 20 minutes. But now I try to touch the ball all the time and play my football for my team-mates.”

It’s Hazard’s team ethic that brings a smile to Conte’s face. The Italian ripped his trousers as he threw himself into the adorning clutches of the Chelsea fans when Hazard notched that decisive goal against Arsenal.

It’s the sense of togetherness that is becoming the signature theme of this Chelsea side.

Conte has won league titles as a player and as a coach but he has lost them as well. It’s that contrasting experience, the need to maintain intensity and blow away any creeping sense of complacency, that is the pivotal message he is giving his players and anyone else who cares to listen.

“When I played for Juventus, I lost a championship and won a championship,” he said.

“But the games at the end of the season were fewer.”

“When we lost I think it was psychological. When you arrive at this point, you think that everything is simple but it’s not true.”

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Is he in a better position, as a manager, to cope with the pressure and stress than, say, Jurgen Klopp (Liverpool) or Mauricio Pochettino (Spurs)?

“I don’t know,” he said. “I think every manager has their own experience. About this situation, I have a great experience, not only as a manager but as a player. When you play 13 years at Juventus, you have a lot of these situations. I won five titles as a footballer but a lot of times I arrived in second place. When you arrive in second place, it’s not good. People remember only those who win.”

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Fulham were more solid, they won all the second balls,” he said. “We didn’t connect or combine well enough. We didn’t create so many things.

“Ryan Fredericks was an extra situation that is killed us and we didn’t find enough power to change the game. We arrived here with intent and believed we could have made a difference but we didn’t.”

“Credit to Birmingham. They had problems with their long balls, I can’t say that the result was fair.”

“Far too many complaints about the efforts of my team either. They tried, they pushed hard, they were always in front of us. Nothing’s simple, we didn’t play a good game.”

Fulham gave a debut to their new signing Gohi Cynac, who joins on loan from Belgian Pro League side KV Oostende until the end of the season. The 26-year-old Ivory Coast striker came on as substitute for Sone Aluko 12 minutes from the end of the game, and blow away any creeping sense of complacency, that is the pivotal message he is giving his players and anyone else who cares to listen.

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