



Signals autumn 2019

FROM The Chairman, Richard Griffith

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This edition of SIGNALS comes to you in a rather more basic format as the SoGA Committee is short of an editor and compiler following Dr McBride's resignation. The Committee is looking for a replacement(s) to join to further our local aims and aspirations.

Members and residents in Zone 3 now have a CPZ in force and, as with Zone 1, it has displaced the commuters and holiday vehicles and thrown open both many parking places for residents and cleared careless parking on sight lines and corners. LBH will shortly be sending out a further consultation letter to Zone 1 residents asking for comments and amendments to proposed new operating hours in anticipation of the BFC Stadium's opening.

I was approached by a member enquiring about a SoGA Summer Party. As I have said at the past three AGM's the SoGA Committee is no longer prepared to organise/run/manage and clear up after the Summer Party on their own. If a party is wanted then it is up to members to get together and take on the task and SoGA will be there to offer assistance and funding.

We had a successful result in getting the application for a residential houseboat mooring at Steam Packet Steps comprehensively dismissed by the Appeal Inspector which should preclude any future applications being submitted.

The following circular from LBH may be of interest to members:

Overview on Neighbourhood Enforcement - Ian Inman

Ian gave a brief presentation on the new Community Safety and Enforcement service, launched in early January, as part of a radical shakeup of service delivery, to better meet the needs of residents and to clamp down on anti-social behaviour.

i. There was a soft launch of the service on 4th Feb 2019 and a number of teams were amalgamated to form a new Community Enforcement Team (Former-Pollution Control/Enforcement Team & Neighbourhood Wardens/Estate Enforcement Team).

Team D - Principal Regulator officer- Steve Maunders - East ward Area (Chiswick Homefields, Chiswick Riverside, Turnham Green, Brentford and Osterley and Spring Grove).

- ii. The service operates 7 days a week until 11pm Sunday - Thursday, and until 2am Fridays and Saturdays. Urgent issues will be handled by whichever team is on shift, otherwise teams work on casework in their individual areas.
- iii. Each team consists of Principal Regulatory Officers, Regulatory Officers and Enforcement Officers

Areas of work we cover.

- i. Noise & Nuisance. Aspects of provisions for statutory nuisance that we can enforce against Noise, Smoke, Dust, Odour, Light-nuisance but not light pollution.
- ii. Dog/Animal noise. The team investigate and pass any relevant information on to the animal wardens with whom we work closely.
- iii. Concert/event noise & monitoring, and consultation in relation to licensed premises, licence applications, temporary events, festivals, one-off events etc.
- iv. Abandoned vehicles. The team do not deal with parking enforcement and nuisance parking issues. Hounslow Highways cover the highways network and handle any abandoned vehicles on the public highway. Certain criteria have to be met before a vehicle can be considered abandoned and the team deal only with private land/un-adopted land. Interestingly the Mercedes without 4 wheels by St Paul's Church cannot be removed as it is taxed until AUG 2020!!
- v. Public Health (blocked drains, gullies) also Building Act if faulty drainage provisions are evident, possibly leading to nuisance being caused (running water, ponding etc).
- vi. Fly-tips. The team only deal with private land and not the highways (Hounslow Highways responsibility under PFI contract).
- vii. Certain issues regarding accumulations of rubbish & waste, however issues of domestic waste should be referred to Waste & Recycling.
- viii. Gardens. We do not deal with overgrown gardens, boundary/neighbour disputes etc., overgrown/overhanging trees branches etc. (everyone can cut back to their boundary and return branches to originating source).
- ix. Planning Applications. The team have been consulted on a number of developments, however we do not deal with aircraft noise from LHR.
- x. Construction sites; specifically noise & permitted working times (for noisy work) and handle for example Section 61 Notices regarding prior consents.

Contacting the Community Enforcement Team

- i. Call main LBH switchboard number (020 8583 2000) during normal office hours to log complaints; *[there is also a]* new on-line e-form on LBH web site.
- ii. There are currently two in-boxes (Estate Enforcement & Pollution) although these are likely to be changed in the future.
- iii. Late night noise Friday & Saturday (10am until 2am) Residents are required to call 020-8583-2222.

Please also give your support to the **LIVEABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD** survey and to **CLEANER GREENER HOUNSLOW** – details of both have been emailed to you.

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Two books have been brought to our attention:

The first is by local resident Marthe Armitage - *The Making of Marthe Armitage Artist and Patternmaker* - described as "an eloquent voice in the realm of pattern-making and artisanal wallpapers" - <https://marthearmitagebook.seiz.com>

The second is the very well reviewed *Mudlarking - Lost and Found on the River Thames* - by Lara Maiklem. The story of searching for 'treasures' on the Thames foreshore

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On a completely different note, for those interested in aviation, **BIGGEST FLYING SHOW IN THE WORLD - OSHKOSH 2019** by Chris Hodgkinson

In July, I and three chums went to Oshkosh, in Wisconsin, about 3 hours north of Chicago. Oshkosh is better known as the home of the ubiquitous dungarees, and on the way there you pass close to the 900,000 sq ft Harley Davidson plant.

Oshkosh is the aviators' version of 'See Rome & Die', and this year some 640,000 visitors went through the stiles. The correct name for the event, organised by the Experimental Aircraft Association, is Air Adventure, and there is certainly enough to keep a visitor entertained - a Museum, full lecture programme and flights in a Ford Tri-motor, Bell 47 and for the fortunate, a B17 Flying Fortress

Some of the more quirky/interesting aircraft:

Homebuilt Dyke Delta JD-2 1960's design only 50 built



F22 Raptor (US Air Force) on left & F35A Lightning II (US, UK & other nations)



Grumman J2F Duck – used by all branches of US military from 1930's to end WWII



F 82 Twin engine Mustang – designed as a long-range fighter as escort for bombing raids into Germany. Sadly/fortunately the war ended long before production units were available.



M-02J Japanese designed and flown weight shift jet powered (a wing & an engine). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JAobfMSX9dg>



CPR WHEN YOU ARE ALONE – COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Dr Patrick Teefy, Cardiologist, University Hospital, London Ontario

I hope everyone can send this on as it is really important for everyone to know!

1. Let's say it's 7:25 pm and you're going home (alone of course) after an unusually hard day on the job.
2. You're really tired, upset and frustrated.
3. Suddenly you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to drag out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five km from the hospital nearest your home.
4. Unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.
5. You have been trained in CPR, but the guy that taught the course did not tell you how to perform it on yourself.
6. **HOW TO SURVIVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN ALONE?**

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack without help, the person

whose heart is beating improperly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

7. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously.

A deep breath should be taken before each cough, and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest.

A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again.

8 Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it to regain a normal rhythm.

In this way, heart attack victims can get help or to a hospital.

9.. Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives!

10. . A cardiologist says: "If everyone who gets this email & kindly sends it to 10 people, you can bet that we'll save at least one life.

11. If this message comes around to you more than once..... please don't get irritated..... U need to be happy that you have many friends who care about you & you are being reminded of how to tackle.... Heart attacks.... when you are alone.

Twenty bridges from Tower to Kew
(Twenty bridges or twenty-two)
Wanted to know what the River knew
For they were young and the Thames was old
And this is the tale that the River told

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And life was gay and the world was new
And I was a mile across at Kew!
But the Romans came with a heavy hand
And bridged and roaded and ruled the land
And the Romans left and the Danes blew in
And that's where your history books begin.

Rudyard Kipling : The River's Tale



My apologies if the formatting is not to our usual standards. CLH