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About your North Ken News

North Ken News is a dedicated newsletter for North Kensington communities produced by Kensington and Chelsea Council.

Have you got news for us?

We are always on the lookout for good news stories, whether they are about an event you are running, a local hero who is working wonders in your community or a programme or course that local residents could benefit from.

If you would like to get in touch with an idea or story, please email northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

Tell us what you think?

We're interested in hearing your feedback about North Ken News. We want to produce a newsletter which you enjoy reading and you find useful, so please let us know what you'd like to see more of. Email us at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

Staying in touch

There are other ways to keep up to date with borough-wide news as well as news and announcements from Kensington and Chelsea Council.



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For updates on Grenfell



@GrenfellUpdates



www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell



To stay up to date with the latest news and events sign up to our newsletter mailing list, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search K&C Life

If you would like to opt out of receiving North Ken News or would prefer to read it online, please let us know at northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk

New Coronavirus rules from the Government

From Monday 14 September the law changed and it is now illegal for more than six people from different households to meet indoors or outdoors in any social gathering.

Support bubbles or an individual household which has more than six members can still meet, Although these groups cannot come into contact with other groups.

The change does not affect schools, workplaces or Covid-secure weddings or funerals. Organised team sports are also unaffected.

The police will be enforcing this and can issue fines of **£100**. People will be liable to a maximum of **£3,200** for persistent breaches.

Guidance is available from the Government on how to meet with others safely by going to www.gov.uk and searching for 'meeting with others'.

Keep up to date with how the Council is reminding residents of the latest advice and guidance by following us on Twitter www.twitter.com/rbkc

Coronavirus: Update



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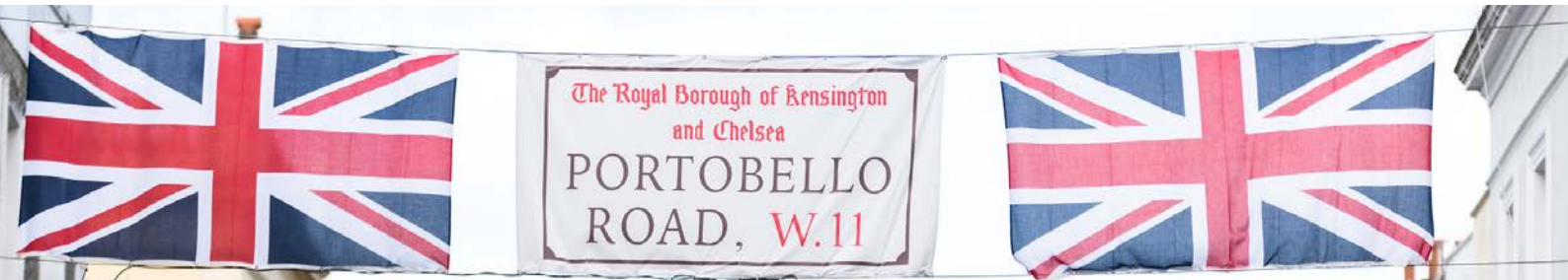
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Make the most of your Markets

Portobello and Golborne Road Market is a fun and world-famous place to visit where you can find everything you might need right on your doorstep for safe, socially distanced shopping.

Our fantastic independent traders have worked throughout the pandemic, with the market opening every day of the week. Open air markets can be a more Covid-secure environment than indoor supermarkets and shops, with more space for visitors to move around.

To help make your market an even easier place to shop, Portobello Road is closed to traffic between 10am and 4pm and public toilets in the area are now open on weekdays with strict cleaning and one-way systems in place.

Don't forget, free wi-fi is also now available at Portobello and Golborne Road Market, which you can log in to via the 'PortobelloFreeWifi' network.

All of these new and ongoing improvements help you to make the most of visiting your local market and supporting your independent traders. Where else would you be able to get top quality fresh fruit and veg, art, homewares, flowers, and fashion?

Keep up to date with what's on at the market at www.visitportobello.com or [@visitportobello](https://www.instagram.com/visitportobello) on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

For the foodies out there, the new High Street Kensington Farmers' Market is opening up on Phillimore Walk, every Sunday from 20 September, 10am to 2pm in partnership with the London Farmers' Markets.

Along with supporting the smooth operation of our market, the Council has been providing financial help where possible through various grants including the recent Discretionary Fund and Business Interruption Fund.

Helping keep our self-employed and business owners afloat during this tough time is a top priority and we can all do our bit by shopping locally and safely.



Have you had your free flu vaccine?

Flu season is upon us. Every year flu affects thousands, and this is anything but a normal year.

Keep your guard up against flu with the flu vaccine. It's free for:

- people aged 65 and above
- those with a long-term health condition
- anyone who has been shielding and members of their household
- carers
- pregnant women
- children aged two to three
- children in school years up to and including Year 7.

Later in the year, the flu vaccine may be given to 50 to 64-year-olds. If you are aged 50 to 64, please help the NHS vaccinate those most at risk first and wait until you are contacted by your GP.

Find out more about the flu vaccine, visit www.nhs.uk/flu vaccine



Boost your skills to reach your goals with ClementJames

This autumn, the ClementJames Centre is launching new adult learning courses in Maths, English and IT from beginners (entry level) to Level 2, for those with more advanced ability.

Whatever reasons you have to improve these skills, be it wanting to help your children with their homework or boost your job search, there are courses available to help you. Courses are free with a voluntary contribution and are aimed at adults aged 19 plus.

To find out more and register, please email adultlearning@clementjames.org, leave a voicemail by calling 020 7221 8810 or visit the ClementJames website at www.clementjames.org

Please note that classes will be a mix of online and classroom-based learning in the autumn depending on the course.



Celebrate Black History Month in K&C

Looking for fun activities to celebrate Black History Month this October? The Council has funded a variety of new events through our new Black History Month grants scheme launched in August of this year as part of the borough's new One Year Culture Plan.

Through the grants scheme we've been able to fund up to £500 for a number of local projects that seek to celebrate the achievements and contributions of Black British, African and Caribbean people within the community and beyond.

Take part in enriching local talks, engaging online activity sessions, listen to podcasts and much more. We'll be celebrating all month long with inspiring events taking place between Thursday 1 to Saturday 31 October.

Want to keep an eye on what events will take place? Head to www.rbkc.gov.uk and search 'Black History Month.'



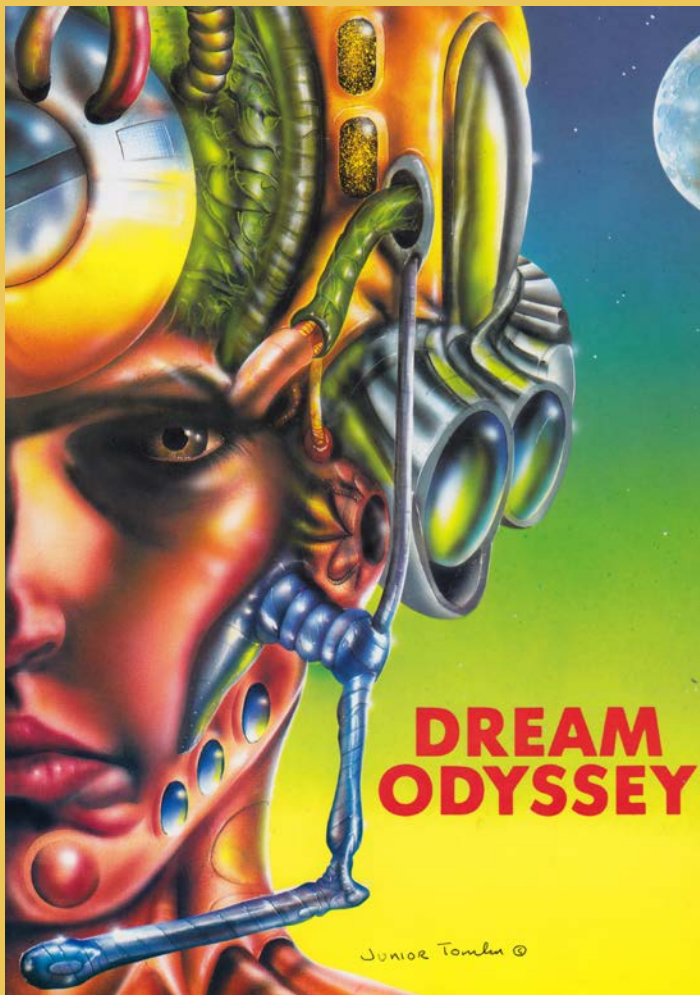
The man behind the art of nineties raves

Any rave-goer from the 90s will be familiar with the iconic flyers and posters used to advertise the latest upcoming events or releases.

Ladbroke Grove local, Junior Tomlin, masterminded many of the famous flyers, record sleeves and posters synonymous with this era of music, with his fantastical projections of the future and surreal imagery earning him the title of 'The Salvador Dali of Rave'.

In his heyday, Junior was one of the most sought-after designers in the music industry with event planners and producers queueing up to commission his art for their latest release. Junior worked with a range of influential rave promoters from 1989 onwards including Telepathy, Dreamscape, Slammin' Vinyl, One Nation, Dream Odyssey and Ravealation.

We spoke to Junior about how North Kensington influenced his art and provided a backdrop to his notoriety in the 90s:



Junior Tomlin - Artist



“Growing up in North Kensington and going to school at Byam Shaw School of Art in Notting Hill, I used to visit the North Kensington library and the one on Hornton Street to find reference material to create art the record covers and flyers. I constantly found inspiration in the local area being surrounded by so many creatives.

Junior has released a book of his most renowned and iconic art, 'Junior Tomlin: Flyer & Cover art', recapturing the energy and vibe of that unique era for music.

To me everyone has a spark of creativity and artistry in them, some use it daily, others bury it deep due to a bad creative experience. It is my hope that people who have lost the creative spirit can rekindle it through the pages of my book.”

Find out more about Junior's book by visiting www.velocitypress.uk/product/junior-tomlin-book/

Community Leadership Programme supports new courses

The Community Leadership Programme has been established to support all residents by strengthening their skills and boosting their knowledge.

The virtually-delivered courses cover everything from football leadership, food safety, project management, accounting, first aid and even barbering.

New opportunities launched for this month include courses on running a successful fundraising activity and hosting a community event, presented by TPAS, and workshops on measuring and demonstrating the impact your work is having, delivered by The FSI. Another course, presented by the Venture Centre, looks at how to keep young people healthy and engage them with positive and healthy values.

If you're interested in attending any of the courses or workshops taking place throughout the rest of the year, you can find full course descriptions, contact details and information on how to sign up by searching Community Leadership Programme at www.rbkc.gov.uk

You will need to register directly with each provider.

Community Leadership Programme goes online



Sign up now for a range of free online courses where you can learn new skills and meet new people, all from the comfort of your own home.

Find out what's on offer at www.rbkc.gov.uk and search for Community Leadership Programme. You will need to register with the organisation who is running the workshop or course.



Get ready for the first ever K&C Culture Night

On Friday 2 October 2020, our first ever K&C Culture Night will celebrate the year-round, outstanding, creative and cultural offer across Kensington and Chelsea with a spotlight on one day of activity.

The day is an initiative of the Council's new Culture Plan to bring people together safely, both in person and online, to enjoy an exciting range of free cultural activities hosted by local cultural venues and arts organisations, supporting the borough's cultural providers to get back up and running.

For more details on K&C Culture Night, please visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/explore-kensington-and-chelsea

Attend local Council Meetings online

Interested in getting involved at the Council? As social distancing guidelines are still in place, we will continue to hold public meetings virtually with participants taking part from their homes. Watch a livestream of the meeting on your desktop or mobile device. The meetings will be hosted on the Council's YouTube channel.

We intend to continue taking public questions at Full Council meetings and the process of submitting questions hasn't changed. We will continue to register speakers on a first come, first served basis.

To find out when the next virtual Council meeting will be held visit our meetings page and save the meeting to your personal calendar.

www.rbkc.gov.uk/committees/meetings.aspx

Leighton House Museum reopens

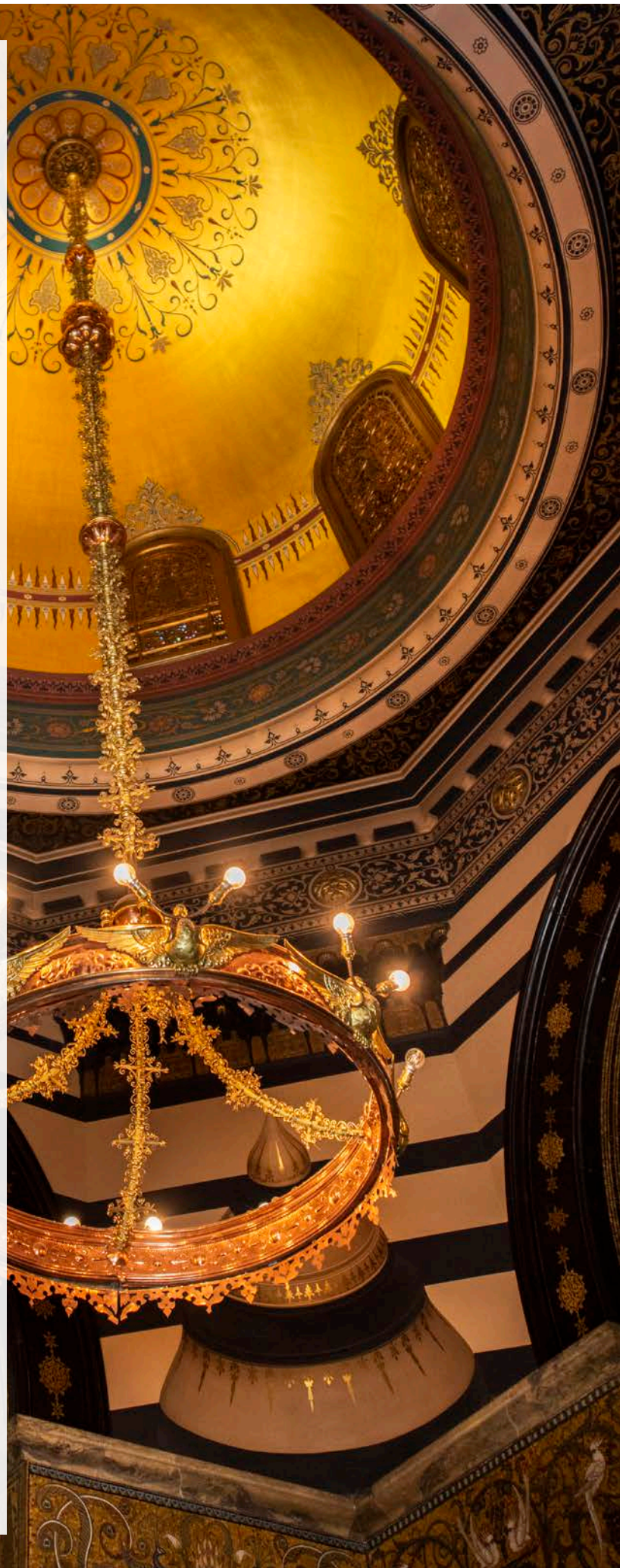
Eager to see some great works of art?

Leighton House, the former home and studio of Victorian artist Frederic, Lord Leighton (1830 – 1896), reopened for pre-booked visits at weekends on Saturday 12 September.

The museum – which houses a collection of paintings by Leighton and his contemporaries – has been closed for six months due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Safety measures are in place to protect staff and visitors including screens in the reception area, a hand sanitiser station at the entrance and strict cleaning routines throughout the day. Visitors are required to wear a face covering and tickets must be pre-booked through Eventbrite.

To pre-book and more details, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search 'Leighton House.'



Struggling with paying your rent? We're here to help

Did you know that 95 per cent of Kensington and Chelsea's social housing tenants pay their rent on time?

Rent is a priority bill and failing to pay it could result in serious consequences, including losing your home. The payments help to fund vital Council services and improvements to our tenants' homes.

For anyone struggling with their rent, it's best to seek assistance early before the problem escalates.

If you're facing financial difficulties, please give us a call on 0800 137 111 or visit our resident rent page at www.rbkc.gov.uk/housing/housing-management/about-your-home/paying-your-rent – we're here to help.

Don't forget to pay your rent

Failing to pay your rent could mean you lose your home.

We're here to help so please call us today on **0800 137 111** if you're struggling with your finances.

Search rent at www.rbkc.gov.uk

Housing Management

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Juicy new recycling communications

You might have spotted our new recycling messages around the borough. We've partnered with local residents and tasty smoothie makers innocent drinks and environmental charity Hubbub to help make recycling easier and a little bit more fun.

Recent public polling conducted by Hubbub showed that one in three Londoners find recycling information difficult to understand with less than half (45 per cent) saying they're confident about what can be recycled. That's why we've simplified it right down to help catch recycling's most wanted – the items that are most valuable and easy to recycle but sometimes don't make it into the recycling. We're after paper, card, cardboard, plastic pots, tubs and trays, tins, glass, cartons and jars. If dirty, just remember to give items a quick rinse and pop them into your recycling.

The campaign is part of the Council's ambition for a cleaner, greener local environment with less waste, better air quality and a target to be a carbon neutral borough by 2040. For more information on the campaign and full details of what you can and can't recycle visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/recycling

wanted
clean & dry for your recycling

give it a nice feel

YOGHURT

Yee-Haw Yoghurt

To find out more about what you can and can't recycle or what goes to which stream, head over to www.rbkc.gov.uk/recycling. This campaign is brought to you by Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, innocent and environmental charity Hubbub.

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wanted
clean & dry for your recycling

pop the lid in separately

Billy the Lid

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wanted
clean & dry for your recycling

flatten it down

BOX OF TRICKS

The Cardboard Kid

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wanted
clean & dry for your recycling

keep the lid on

Butch Plastycky

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