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YOUR 60-SECOND PAPER

PEOPLE

● **THE chances of wildlife thriving in the Thames have improved even further after clean-ups along the stretch by Fulham.**

Volunteers of all ages, *pictured right*, found items ranging from a Victorian jug and false teeth to a rare fish – a sea lamprey – during two recent efforts.

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● **H&F is an ideal place to set up a business, and many entrepreneurs are taking ad-**

vantage of that. We bring you a *h&f news* business special report looking at some of the women who are proving they have what it takes to succeed in the borough:

● **VICTORIA Marshallsay took a break from her business painting murals of children's names, with each letter on a theme.**

She did have a good excuse for her time out, having given birth to twins, but is now raring to go again.

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● **AMANDA Steadman is giving others the advice they need in business thanks to her firm WealthBabes.**

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● **CLARE Kemp-Welch was so disappointed with bike designs she designed her own to cope with transporting three children around.**

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● **CHARLOTTE Rowe turned from the often dirty business of politics to landscape design.**

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DIARY

● **ABI Titmuss should know more than most about what it feels like to come under the tabloid spotlight.**

So it seems appropriate she is appearing in a show called *Gutter Press* as part of an opera festival at Riverside Studios.

The Tête à Tête festival aims to bring opera to a mainstream audience.

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● **THOUSANDS of visitors of all ages love the annual Play Day event – and have the chance to do so this year on August 5.**

Ravenscourt Park is the venue for activities from noon-4pm.

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NEWS

● **OUTRAGED residents are calling for a bar to have its licence reviewed.**

The Crescent Club in West Kensington is a big cause of trouble, say neighbours, who are urging the police to take action.

A 33-year-old man was stabbed to death outside the venue last month.

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● **DOZENS of police officers raided a notorious cannabis den at Shepherd's Bush Market.**

The premises had been openly used to deal and smoke drugs.

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● **THAMES Water has dug up a short stretch of road 14 times in the past year to repair leaks.**

Residents and businesses are furious, saying the pipes in Richmond Way, Shepherd's Bush, should be replaced.

But the water firm says the road is not a priority.

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● **FULHAM Road traders are backing H&F Council's pledge to take a fresh look at parking rules to see if it will help business.**

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● **WORLD-CLASS research will be carried out at Hammersmith Hospital thanks to a £99million health centre. It will house 450 experts to develop new therapies for a wide range of conditions.**

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● **A CLAMP-DOWN on roadworks could mean less disruption for drivers, cyclist and pedestrians in the borough.**

H&F Council has led the capital in taking a tough line with the utilities companies and is now being backed by 17 other boroughs in its call for the government to introduce new permits.

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● **GIANT solar panels will be installed on an estate as part of a £16million project for the tower blocks to generate their electricity and aid insulation.**

Wind turbines are also proposed at the Edward Woods estate in West Kensington.

The colourful cladding should brighten up the exteriors as well.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK



● **SHARONA Herschfeldt was the carnival queen at Lena Gardens Primary – among a host of other characters. The pupils dressed up for a play to celebrate the Hammersmith school's 80th anniversary.**

PICTURE BY JUSTIN THOMAS
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NEW CLASS 378 TRAINS IN DETAIL

● Built by Bombardier in Derby, Electrostar trains were ordered for the London Overground in 2006

● The 54 trains in total are known as the Class 378 and should all be in operation by 2011.

● They are initially three cars long – but by 2011 a fourth will be added.

● The design is similar to the tube, with more flip-down seats allowing extra standing room for the sort of short trips Transport for London says most passengers make on this route.

● The first three-car trains can carry nearly 500 people each, an eight per cent increase on the outgoing trains.

● Overground platforms will be extended in 2011 to cope with the four-car trains, which will be able to carry almost 700 people each.

● TfL says wider doors, aisles and gangways, air conditioning and onboard CCTV are among the features making the trains better for passengers. Carriages are walk-through with clear sight lines.

*Data from Transport for London and Bombardier

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL!



WE ARE now deep into summer – as the rain lashing down against the window indicates.

At least the borough is covered in a blanket of colour, a sight to thrill all fans of flora.

● The quality of H&F's parks and open spaces has earned not one but three prestigious Green Flag awards. Ravenscourt Park, Frank Banfield Park and Margravine Cemetery were the winners.

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● Tube stations are not the first places you would think of as brilliant for blossoms. But nearly all of them in H&F are above ground and four of them have flowerbeds good enough to compete in the Underground in Bloom competition.

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● The work of Hammersmith Community Gardens Association and Fulham Horticultural Society, *pictured left*, is featured in our two-page gardening special.

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SPORT

● **MANY** croquet lawns were converted for tennis use but a century later a Parsons Green club is still thriving.

We followed a world champion and a top 10 player as they went head to head in the world of mallet and hoop.

About 60 present and past members of the club's croquet section gathered this month for its centenary. There are 25 members at the moment.

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