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Well, what a busy time we're having! Thank you for continuing to come to Richmond upon Thames to film – we love having you. We have to say, and obviously we're very biased, that the borough is looking fantastic at the moment, very green, very beautiful and as always, very film friendly.

The focus of this newsletter is the Hampton area. Situated in the south west of the borough it consists of Hampton Village, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick and Hampton North. All these areas have unique features and some great locations from small shopping areas, large semi-detached properties, allotments, a skate park, youth centres plus unrestricted parking in most areas.

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## Richmond Stars

We've had 110 days of successful shoots in the borough over the last three months. In April TV dramas Lewis and Silent Witness filmed in Richmond and Twickenham and feature film Everest based themselves at Twickenham Studios and filmed in East Sheen for two days. TV comedy Babylon took over the empty Latchmere Prison site in Ham for six days and new comedy In and Out of the Kitchen filmed around Teddington.

Silent Witness and Lewis returned again to Richmond, Twickenham and Ham in May and feature Woman in Gold arrived at Twickenham Studios. The White Company shot stills for their AW14 campaign in Richmond and ITV shot World Cup idents in Old Deer Park in Richmond – when we still had high hopes of getting through the group stages – oh the disappointment! Still, we did have a commercial for Ski Yoghurt set up a rather

lovely deckchair and picket fencing on Ham Common and Samsung came to film their latest commercial in Kew, so not all bad.

June continued to be super-busy with TV dramas, short films, feature films and commercials all paying us a visit. New TV drama Grantchester filmed in Twickenham; Downton Abbey returned to the borough and filmed in Richmond Theatre and BAFTA nominated director Richard Turley shot scenes for his new short film Strings in Ham and Richmond. Set in 1979, one of our dilapidated park toilets proved to be the perfect location! New TV drama Nurse starring Paul Whitehouse filmed all over Teddington and Hampton and we were able to make Barn Elms sports ground and pavilion available for two days of very successful filming for a new series of Bad Education



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## News

And on the subject of Barn Elms, the car park there is available to rent as a unit base. Some of you will remember the old Fisherman's car park – this has now been transformed, so no more gravel, just top notch, smooth tarmac and plenty of space for units to park in a very pretty area of the borough. As the cost of unit bases seems to soar to unbelievable levels, this (and all our other bases) are extremely budget friendly (plus Barn Elms is cheaper than the Wetland Centre opposite!). It's worth noting that Barn Elms will be very quiet over the summer so a great opportunity to film in a fantastic space.

### Results of the Survey

Thank you to all those who responded to our Newsletter survey. 93% of respondents actually read our newsletters which is good considering how much 'stuff' appears in our inboxes these days. In terms of what you take from it, 72% found it useful. Most of you found it interesting but what's nice to know is that when you receive the newsletter it will often prompt you to call us, even if the locations featured aren't exactly what you're looking for at that time.

62% of you like our Richmond Stars section. We like highlighting the sorts of productions that come to us – it gives you an idea of what's going on and what we're capable of dealing with. However, not many of you are aware that all our newsletters are available to look at your leisure on the website – well you do now!

We really appreciate your comments – they keep us on our toes and help us to make our newsletters as relevant as they can be. We'd also like to thank you all for doing such a fantastic job of delivering well planned and well executed shoots in our borough.

