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A LITTLE BIT OF HUMOUR FOR EVERYONE WHO LIVES AND WORKS, OR LIVED AND WORKED, ON THIS GREAT STREET

New office developments have compounded the urine and vomit problems on Borough High Street with members of the public, office workers and street sleepers using the areas for liquid expulsion. The tidal wave of urine was photographed by French tourist Renné Magritte after the sudden surge brought it over the river defences into the Thames.



Renné's historical photograph of the flood of urine running through Borough High Street

Unfortunately, after this photograph was taken Renné went missing. Graham Morgan a keen local amateur photographer took, what is believed to be by the local Police, the last known photograph of Renné as he wades through the urine.



Graham Morgan's photograph showing the last positive sighting of Renné

His wife Gizelle has asked for anyone knowing the whereabouts of Renné to make contact with her direct.

Due to the increasing quantities of urine on the street Guy's Hospital has issued a warning of the dangers of swimming or paddling in urine. Since Renné's disappearance samples of urine have been taken

away for analysis. A spokesperson for the hospital stated.

"Depending on the type of urine being expelled by the individual, there could be a contagious reaction on the person in contact with the expulsion. We have taken a small sample of the liquid and have sent this off to laboratories at Porton Down for analysis. We have undertaken this as a precautionary measure as people are not entirely aware of the serious illnesses that can occur from contact with the wrong type of urine



The Porton Down Sample

We would obviously not want to get anyone alarmed, but last Saturday night over 50 people sought our assistance for drink related illnesses. Common points to note if you are concerned about whether the individual has contracted the disease is slurred speech and vomiting. All of which are becoming more prevalent on Borough High Street,"

Garvin Makepiece one of the gentlemen who were inflicted with an illness stated;

"We were having a quiet stag-do when all of a sudden just after, what I believe to be our fifteenth pint and, ...ummm....sixteenth, or was it seventeenth Sambuca and gin, or was it Vodka...no whiskey anyway, suddenly some of us felt queasy. We rushed outside, found a door way and got most of what was the problem out in a timely manner. Not only liquid but also most of the Chicken Vindaloo with Garlic Rice which we had earlier in the evening.

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I can only put this down to a pool of urine we added to in a local door way. I have heard so much about germs passing up through the flow of urine when in a swimming pool that I definitely feel it must be to blame.

My friend Tarquin, who knows about these things, spoke to the team at Guy's when we were there and was categorically told that if he thought this was the problem then he should seek further psychiatric advice from the Police.

Since visiting the Police station, after the hospital the constables have told us that Tarquin is in Gaol somewhere, although they wouldn't tell us for which team."



Garvin Makepiece shows his balancing skills during his, and his friends, examination at Guy's

Guy's Hospital has issued a colour chart to allow the public to review their level of contamination. A copy of the chart is shown here to assist residents and visitors and familiarise themselves with any possible personal issues.



A facsimile of the Guy's Hospital chart. (copies of this chart together with 8 sheets of Litmus paper are available to purchase at the Hospital)

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The use of such urine charts is not a modern development. Historically doctors in the 18th and 19th century used urine wheels to diagnose illness. A picture of one of these wheels is provided as a matter of interest.



18th and 19th century urine wheel

This type of wheel was often termed the 'Wheel of Fortune' on account that the diagnosis told the doctor, and then the individual, their likely life expectancy.

Second opinions are often necessary after the use of the wheel and this would be undertaken by the smelling of the urine. Smelling devices were a common site in hospitals at the time and varied in the degree of sophistication.

Southwark council, contacted by local residents over the quantities and smell of urine along the length of Borough High Street and the likely dangers to health, confirmed that samples had been sent to Portan Down. Abayomi Ajanleloko, a Council spokesperson stated; -

"This form of public activity of urinating on the street has been common on Borough High Street for hundreds of years. The staining and erosion of stone and brickwork creates a low-level interest to our buildings. Although we do not actively support or encourage this form of public activity our cleansing

officers see no point in taking any enforcing action to have it stopped.



The latest Guy's Hospital urine smelling headset in operation last week



Bob on one of his inspections of a Saturday afternoon urine flood on the High Street

Our street person, Bob from Bermondsey, is on the street cleaning between 11.00am and 11.05am and is doing as much as he can in the circumstances. He has been in this position for the last 40 years and has seen the area transformed. He hopes to continue in his role for the next 20 years. His recent party for longevity as a council officer saw him adding to the staining in a local doorway and stating, "it is a relief

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in more ways than one that I have served the council successfully and now show my appreciation to the residents of Southwark, and in particular this doorway, by leaving my mark!"

Well done Bob.

Finally, I would add that the Porton Down team are hard at it with their new sophisticated and cutting-edge urine sampler.

Catorim Dodwell chief scientist at Porton Down stated;



Catorim Dodwell relaxing at Home

"We are very busy at the moment and this whole business is a complete waste of our resources and time, all of which are in short supply. It is, with this in mind, that I believe the people of Southwark can feel relieved that we understand the dangers to health and are doing what we can with the Council to solve any issues.

We have over the last 20 years been developing a 'Public Urine Sample Scale (PUSS)' and the enormous amount of time and resources working on the scheme was given a boost recently with a grant of £6.4 billion from Central government funding. The final design of the sophisticated and cutting-edge

device is reaching the final stages and am pleased to be able to provide a photograph of the latest prototype which we should be on the market in the next six years. We call the device 'The Discorine'



A picture of 'The Discorine. provided to Southwark Council by Porton down.

Asked for comments on these current events Harry Soko, MP for Southwark, returning from a month's visit to the Bahamas, to study the use of mangos as a source of fresh fruit and juice, commented;- "Borough where.....?"



Mr.Soko on his flight back from the Bahamas