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# ROGUE





# EDITORIAL

BY ELLA WESTLAND

My weekend, like many, was spent singing terribly on the driveway, binge-watching BBC Three's 'Normal People' (which I would thoroughly recommend, although it's definitely not one to watch with the whole family) and then having finished said series immediately going ahead and purchasing the book. As lovely as that was it all ended rather quickly, in a rather baffling manner, on Sunday night. In light of the Johnson's confusing message, more waffle than anything else if you ask me, Rogue will be continuing to publish weekly for a while longer. The weeks now are definitely passing in somewhat of a blur but, as always, we'll continue to do our best to provide you with some relaxation and, most importantly right now, clarity each week.

This week, our stunning cover art is courtesy of Chloe Shields, she doesn't just review books and TV shows for Rogue in her spare time, it turns out she's actually a budding photographer. We're taking you across the world again, curtesy of Vlada and Zoya, to receive some really valuable insight from Pakistan, Nigeria and Australia. Jack tells us a little more about VE Day whilst Lucas talks about a cause close to his

heart and Anastacia gets equally passionate about a particular Disney Prince. What more could you need to get you through the week?

Zoya and I would also really love to see how you are all doing and I'm sure the same can be said for your friends, teachers and colleagues. We're looking to publish a little collage, pictures of everybody whether that's featuring a project your particularly proud of, your dog or just a selfie with a cuppa, so please feel free to flood our emails!

## ROGUE NEEDS YOU!

We're looking for contributors, whether that's weekly or just a one off, no journalistic experience is required we're open to all! Rogue is not just looking for articles, we're also looking for any content you feel others might enjoy. Have you heard or seen something funny on Microsoft Teams, got a picture of a pet working from home, heard some good gossip, learnt a new skill you'd like to share, want to set a quiz, got a good (clean) joke or just got a question that needs to be answered? We want to hear from you!

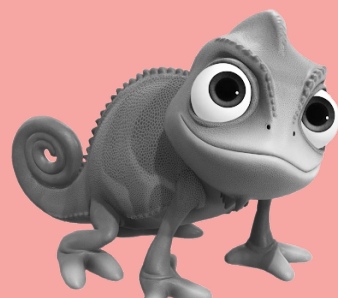
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# VE DAY

was also the station that housed the Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron 1, which was the only squadron to take part in the Battle of Britain from Canada.

## Old Russellian Role of Honour WW2

Francis Alston, David Jackson, Ronald Arthur, David King, John Ashdown, Arthur Manning, Graham Beveridge, Frederick Mantle, John Beveridge, Frederick Martin, John Boyce, Charles Ogburn, Philip Brown, John Organ, Percival Butler, Edgar Scarce, David Chapman, James Scott, Jeffrey Checkland, George Shaw, Robert Davies, Gordon Simpkin, Maurice Day, Arthur Smith, Frank Edwards, Sidney Smith, Jack Fisher, John Stephenson, Horace Francis, John Swann, Douglas Fryer, Norman Tippin, Alexander Gillanders, Brian Thompson, Cyril Gittings, Mitchell Thurgood, Reginald Graves, Arthur Thurston, Mark Gretton, Leslie Guinness, Reginald Hawksley, Kathleen Angel, John Heatlie, Joan Butler, Lawrence Henderson, Hilary Evans, John Hill, Eileen Hatchett, Gerald Hood, Joan Hughes, Harry Hutchinson, Marie Tansie, David Jackson.

"We will remember them"

BY JACK BURTON

On the 8th of May 1945 Britain and its Allies formally accepted Nazi Germany's unconditional surrender after almost six years of war. At 15:00, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced on the radio that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before. As a result of this celebrations broke out across the country and the Queen, then Princess Elizabeth, Princess Margaret, reportedly went out with a group of friends to experience the excitement in London. This became known as Victory in Europe Day - VE day.

This year marks 75 years since this major event in history but sadly, due to the Corona virus the majority of the VE Day 75 community celebrations due to take place on the bank holiday weekend of 8th - 10th May have either been cancelled or postponed. However, one of the events that remained was the Mayday Run motorcycle rally where 20,000 plus Bikers and motorcycle enthusiasts rode from Locksbottom Bromley to the Hastings seafront ending with a toast at 3pm on the 8th May as part of the VE Day 75th anniversary.

If you are familiar with the Roundshaw end of the Purely Way opposite to colonnades you will have noticed that there is a Hotel with a plane parked outside. This is what is left of Croydon Aerodrome which was a site that the Royal Air Force used as part of sector B. This Airport Stretched through Waddon and Beddington. RAF Croydon played a huge role in the Battle of Britain as a front-line fighter station. This Subsequently meant that Croydon became the first major air raid target during the Blitz. One prime example of this is in Carshalton Park where there is a large crater in which a bomb had fell into during the war. RAF Croydon





# 12-HOUR RACE LONDON – ANTI-SLAVERY

The 12-Hour Race London is a student-led and student-run sporting event and is hosted by the 24-Hour Race (Charity) Organization, it is a global abolitionist movement of high school students uniting to end modern-day slavery.

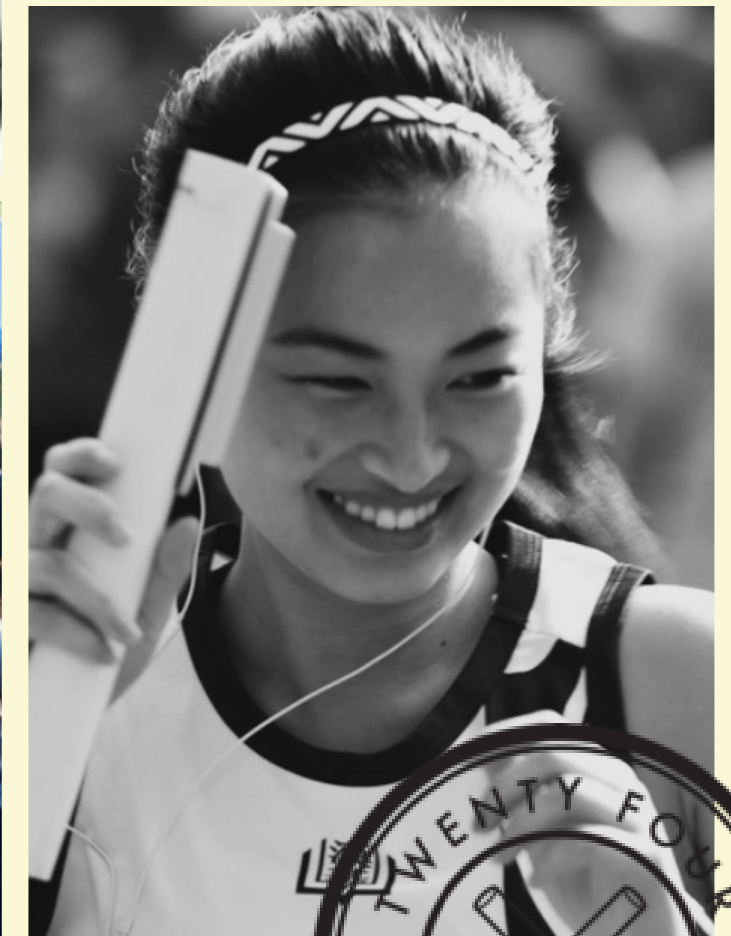
You may think slavery only exists in the past. Unfortunately, it is still happening just around the corner. There are human trafficking, sex slavery, forced marriage, child labour, forced labour and domestic servitude in many undeveloped countries and unprivileged regions. Slavery is never a distant problem, it is closer than we think!

The organization's mission is to challenge our generation to lead global action against slavery through the 24-Hour Race movement. It has engaged more than 250 schools globally and has already saved thousands of slaves since 2010.

The race features team-based fundraising via a long hour relay-running to support the 40.3 million slaves worldwide. Each year there are races held in different cities including Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, San Francisco, Tokyo and Cardiff. Funds raised through our races is used to support anti-slavery NGOs for creating a lasting impact.

This year marks the first time for the organisation to host a race in London, with Royal Russell signed up for this event. The 12-Hour Race London will be held on 17th October 2020 and we would like to invite YOU to join this race by either becoming a runner or being an event helper representing Royal Russell!

In these difficult times under the threat caused by the COVID-19, our community needs some positive energy for all of us! Please join us in a meaningful event. Please don't hesitate to contact Lucas Tan (Co-Executive Director – London) at [15tanl@royalrussell.co.uk](mailto:15tanl@royalrussell.co.uk) for further information.



BY LUCAS TAN

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# PAKISTAN

Covid-19 has impacted my life as I can't go to school or go outside anymore. I can't meet those family members who don't live with me. However thankfully, my family has been largely unaffected by the virus. We are all together and happy.

Although on one hand it's extremely concerning how this virus is infecting so many people and that the aftermath of this global lockdown is likely going to be more damaging than the virus itself. But on the other hand, this has been a great mercy from God because now we all have time to improve ourselves spiritually, physically and mentally. Anything which brings us closer to God is a gift rather than a curse.

I think the Pakistani government initially had a great response but now their strictness is concerning, especially the Sindh provincial government. They are adding a lot of unnecessary bureaucracy around things like testing which is concerning because it seems like government officials are trying to make this horrible situation into a get rich quick scheme for themselves by introducing licensing fees for testing kits. There are ways to be cautious and still have many industries and businesses continue operation so that our country's poor economy doesn't break down any further.

I think the citizens of Pakistan were initially very irresponsible and foolish by continuing to live their lives as they pleased but government strictness and punishment fixed this. Now (as far as I have seen) almost everyone is taking it seriously. Streets are empty and everyone is wearing masks. Almost every institution has implemented social distancing policies.

I'm dealing with the outbreak by not going outside unless it's for groceries. Not meeting people. That's pretty much it.

My advice for people is to not waste this free time which we usually 'never' have. Work on all those cool projects you wanted to work on and make sure you try to improve your spiritual state!

Faiz Ali

# NIGERIA

BY VLADA MEDVEDEVA

The outbreak of COVID-19 has affected me and people around me in many ways. For example, I have not been able to leave my house in a month, even to go grocery shopping because my mum is really scared for me. I go to the boarding school in the UK, however, my year 12 experience has been cut short by a month, which I find really exasperating because now I need to teach myself certain topics of my A level course, as well as, attending online classes. On the positive side, I started to pay more attention to the news and media, constantly checking for any updates on the information of this virus because honestly, the majority of news I see online are focused on the virus. My family is quite scared of this outbreak but I live in a Christian house so we spend our time praying a lot. Even though we are stuck at home because of the quarantine policy, we tend to keep ourselves busy by having game and movie nights and afternoon workouts to strengthen our bond.

In my opinion certain countries like the USA and UK could have handled the situation much better to prevent a sudden increase in numbers of cases. I feel that a lot of people did not take the outbreak of COVID-19 seriously enough at the start hence the situation worsening significantly. Personally, I don't think this whole idea of staying at home benefits anyone, instead, looking for a vaccine or cure should be our top priority. The government in Nigeria is not handling the situation properly, though some states are doing really well in comparison to others. The government is keeping information about the current state of the situation a secret from citizens. They are not open about any new cases or impacts of coronavirus. In my opinion they should have started gathering money to get test kits from the very beginning. In fact, the cases only started to skyrocket once we got the test kits. In a developing country it's difficult for people to stay at home as they need to work to earn money for food and supplies.

In Nigeria, a lot of people are not really educated properly about the virus and how important it is to wash hands and wear gloves or facemasks. The way I am dealing with the virus is by staying at home with my family and helping out around the house with cleaning and cooking and taking care of my younger cousins who live with us. Something that really helped us a lot is purchasing test kits and medical services in areas that are really crowded in different parts of the country to test people. I believe if the government was more honest with the citizens than it would 100% benefit people because they would gain knowledge of how to deal with this outbreak. Also I feel that the government is doing this exaggeration of numbers of cases to get financial aid so they could only benefit the rich and not get ventilators nor improve hospitals in the poorer parts of the country.

The best part of being in the quarantine is that I get to spend more time with my family and celebrate birthdays that I would have initially missed because of school. I spent this time getting to know myself better, doing new hobbies and improving myself as a person. However, the worst part is being cooped up at home the whole time and sometimes my family members will get on each other's nerves mainly because of the stress from the outbreak and the boredom.

Saratu Momoh



BY ZOYA LULU KIRMANI

# AUSTRALIA

BY VLADA MEDVEDEVA

Due to the recent outbreak, I've ceased attending university in person and have had to attend it through online platforms. This initially appeared to be a positive point as I normally would commute for 3 hours a day to university. However, to ensure attendance and compensate for the lack of physical classes, there is an increased provision of individual learning tasks that requires a lot more effort on the student's part. I was due to begin a new job, however that has now been delayed. Social meetings including with friends and church have also been put on hold. Plans for trips overseas were also postponed. In short many things have been put on hold indefinitely or shifted onto internet platforms. I have a family who I don't live with, so we haven't been able to see each other due to the risk of spreading the virus. My mother was alarmed by the pandemic and took part in panic buying, especially food items such as rice. We have 150kg of rice...for two people... I wasn't too concerned about the situation at first and continued my life with caution. It seemed like something that would quickly pass by. Being a young person with a healthy immune system, I wasn't worried about being sick. Then the situation escalated and I realised that the older people around me could get severely sick if I was sick, which made me more cautious. I was fearful, but now I'm at peace.

I think the government was too slow in implementing preventative measures such as lockdown, self-isolation and social distancing. They have however been generous in providing financial support for those who are not able to work during this season. Instead of waiting for the situation to escalate to implement preventative measures, it may have been better to have implemented them straight away. There is also a lot of racial discrimination that have been occurring during this time that I don't think the government is really addressing.

There's been a lot of racial discrimination and heightened tension among people. Almost like a witch hunt, if someone sneezes or looks

Asian - there is an assumption that they may have COVID-19. At the beginning there was also a lot of panic buying which also led to physical fights over toilet paper. It's a reflection that in this time many people only care about themselves and forget the impacts of their action on others. Essential items being out of stock due to panic buying pose a serious issue for people who don't have the luxury of panic buying, such as the elderly and those of low SES, who are actually the people who really need the items. However I think people are starting to calm down and become more communal. However I am dealing with the pandemic by staying at home and only leaving to buy essentials like groceries.

As forementioned the government is providing financial support to those who can't work. Shops have priority hours for healthcare workers or the elderly to buy their essentials. Certain food outlets have special promotions to thank healthcare workers.

The worst things:

- Attending university online: they expect us to study and achieve as usual despite the circumstances. Even though everything is harder, where we need to self-motivate and teach ourselves a lot of the content. The universities say they can provide support for students in this time, but the only real option is to withdraw from the course
- Discrimination: although I only leave my house to buy essentials, there's a lack of security when I do leave. I never know what discrimination I might be subjected to when I go outside.
- Physical health: I don't have any nearby secluded areas to walk around or exercise at, so I haven't really moved. Since most of my activities now require a computer, my sedentary time has increased exponentially. I worry for my muscles deteriorating....MY EYES AS WELL...all that screen time.....

The best things:

- Diet: I'm somehow more conscious about what I eat now that I'm at home all the time. Eating fast food is now more inconvenient especially since I don't like ordering delivery food (it's expensive and I'd rather drive than get someone else to)
- Finance: Since I'm not going out, I'm saving money on expenses like food and transport.
- I'm making new friends online
- I'm also a lot more productive now in terms of my studying and sleeping schedule. Although it was a wreck for a little while.
- Lots of opportunities for personal quiet time

Lena Zheng



# FLYNN RYDER

Tangled is Disney's 2011 take on Rapunzel, many arguing despite not being as big, it was better than Frozen. Thanks to many aspects - the clever and manipulative villain, the range of characters and their mature arcs, not to mention the great comedy relief and songs...however, many claim that their love for this movie is harboured in the character Flynn Ryder.

It would be impossible to write about Flynn Rider without starting off with Disney's incredible character design work. He's charming, smart and devilishly handsome; even long after watching this film many still remember and fangirl over this 3D animated Proppian hero. Even to those who try their best not to be shallow, they agree his looks play a huge part. However, we cannot let our judgments get the better of us! Take Gaston, Beauty and the Beast, for example. Although Flynn Rider isn't exactly a humble character... so what makes him different?

The movie starts off with Flynn Rider melodramatically narrating Rapunzel's back story, the emotion in his voice and the sincerity sets him up so when he first appears on screen, the audience would give a positive reaction despite his actions not being in line with this - later we watch Flynn and 2 other villains steal a crown from the palace, Flynn then tricks his companions and gets away with the crown all for himself. A hectic chase leads him to find Rapunzel...it costs him a couple pangs to the head, but this is where his character development starts.

Flynn Rider remains a likeable character because the story is mainly told from his perspective despite it being about Rapunzel, he is even when seen committing crimes or selfish acts, painted in a somehow positive light. There is always a charming smile or witty comment to make sure the audience is on his side. Though over time, Flynn Rider becomes compassionate, caring as we see him fall in love with Rapunzel - not to mention those stunning vocals. Flynn Rider saves Rapunzel

from her prison and goes on an incredible journey with her, where she discovers who she is, and he discovers all he could be.

The ending of the movie could not be farther from how it started. Flynn Rider or should I say Eugene Fitzherbert, gives his life, to make sure Rapunzel is safe from mother Gothel, before bringing her home and marrying her. The thief and swashbuckler who once stole from the palace, is welcomed with open arms. Rapunzel and Flynn finally have a beautiful wedding together. How could you possibly dislike this character? A man who maintains all his charm and wit while becoming compassionate, caring and selfless, it's no wonder thousands of people have him as their childhood or cartoon crush. Not to mention, he's pretty good looking...yeah... that helps.

BY ANASTACIA ALLAN

