



TWEETS OF THE WEEK

**@Rainbow_Ali**

Is it any surprise that #Tonbridge features in the Sunday Times "Best Places to Live in Britain for Education"? Or am I biased?

**@samanthaj_hobbs**

Woohoo question about Tonbridge on #eggheads I got that one right!

**@katesfxmakeup**

Have you heard the lady's voice in the Morrisons/station lift? She sounds dead posh, even for Tunbridge Wells #poshtottie

**@lcchalk**

Life would be better if theres was a krispy cream donut place in tunbridge wells.

**@Tun_Wells_FC**

We are unbeaten at The Culverden Stadium since 22nd September!

**@mom_e_broon**

normally v excited at the thought of tonbridge outdoor pool opening around now, wonder if we are allowed to wear wetsuits :)

TOP 5 THISISKENT STORIES

- Paddock Wood veteran jammed radio of enemies' aircraft
- Pembury Primary School taking extra pupils on a temporary basis
- 'The exhilarating day I fell in love with trains'
- Tonbridge armed police siege pictures
- Sunday parking ban in centre of town greeted by mixed reaction

COLUMNIST

Word on the Street

Sarah Bond's musings on life in Tunbridge Wells

AT EASTER, who wouldn't love a Tunbridge Wells town centre cinema again?

Two surveys have shown we would, and I've seen a luxury boutique cinema model that would be the bees knees.

State-of-the-art auditoriums will have sofa seating, individual foot rests, tables and wine coolers. Just imagine that.

Plus all manner of films, including Kids' Club, late-night cult classics and Baby Club matinees, with a quality restaurant attached.

The Everyman will be part of the most amazing shopping centre that has just opened in Leeds, with a glass roof and alley walkways that look like streets.

Trinity will be filled with street food, digitally interactive wall panels, pop-up shops and cultural events - "a true destination where people will meet, shop, drink, eat and socialise... and attract tourists", says an observer.

The spectre of the old ABC continues to haunt us despite the Courier's Action on the Cinema Site campaign, and a valiant attempt by Cllr Ben Chapelard to get the council to use its legal powers. "Why wouldn't you?" he asked full council on February 20. Sadly they didn't, despite the



■ Read more from Sarah on Twitter @LadeezWhoLaunch

undeniable logic of the question.

There are ways round the dreaded covenant Odeon put on the site when they sold it. But I wonder if people power could ever "persuade" them to lift it?

And, like our twin town Wiesbaden, could we have a stylish, world-class Monte Carlo-style casino, too? That would be SO Tunbridge Wells.

As we walk past the "grotspot" mourning all the lost films and cultural and commercial opportunities of the last 12 years, it would be interesting to see an "Opportunity Cost" report on how much the council and local economy would have earned had it been developed straight away.

We would read it and weep!