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What's On

Arts & Culture in and around
the borough of
Richmond upon Thames

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The Arts Richmond newsletter

Arts Richmond New Plays Competition



ENTRANTS OF A PREVIOUS COMPETITION

THE NEW PLAYS FESTIVAL RETURNS!

Arts Richmond is delighted to announce that, after a Covid-imposed hiatus, the New Plays Festival is returning in 2024. A celebration of original playwriting, we are reviving the Festival as a biennial event, alternating each year with the Radio Plays competition (which was most recently run, with huge interest and success, last

year). Arts Richmond invites submissions from local writers, regardless of whether they are linked to affiliated drama societies. Those submissions shortlisted as finalists will be brought to life in a staged performance by directors and actors from local groups, but the writer does not necessarily need to source their own creative team. If they can, great, but it's not a requirement.

The aim is to shortlist four submissions by the end of August, so that they can be staged, and a winner selected, at a local theatre in mid-October.

Showcoach

June

Trip to St Albans and Chenies Manor

July

A possible trip to Chichester Festival Theatre

September

guided walking tour around the Temple Church

November

Visit to Kenwood House and to Gatehouse Theatre Highgate

Details on

www.artsrichmond.org.uk

The criteria for entry are that the playscript should:

- Be original, unpublished and previously unperformed;
- Have a running time of no longer than 20 minutes;
- Require no more than four actors (although they can play multiple parts);
- Be suitable to be performed potentially in the round, and working around the existing set in the venue selected for the finalists' performance;

- Be capable of being staged with minimal technical requirements, in terms of set, costume, set, sound and lighting effects. The emphasis is very much upon the writing! We look forward to your submissions. The deadline is 19 July 2024, and we ask for a nominal entry fee of £10 to cover our costs. For further information, please contact Linda Hansell at info@artsrichmond.org.uk.

Visual Arts



Bobcat Gallery Back by popular demand, BobCat Gallery will launch the third edition of their '100 x 100' virtual exhibition from Mon 1 to Tue 30 April, with a curator's tour offered on Tue 2 April from 6.30pm. The exhibition showcases 100 pieces of original and limited-edition art, with each on sale for just £100. More information via website. bobcatgallery.co.uk

Molesey Art Society Wed 3 to Sun 7 April. The Society will be holding its annual *Spring Exhibition* at St Alban's Primary School, Beauchamp Road, East Molesey, KT8 2PG. The Exhibition will feature paintings (framed and unframed) in all media to include amongst other subjects, botanical art, landscapes, portraiture, still life and digital art by professional and other local talented artists. Sculpture is usually represented in the show. We expect to include: jewellery,

contemporary ceramics, glass designs, wood turning and many more. Opening times: Wed to Sat 11am to 5pm (last entry 4.30pm). Sun 11am to 4.30pm (last entry 4pm). For more information visit the website. moleseyartsociety.co.uk

Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society Thu 4 April at 8pm. 'Still' a talk by Paul Saunders. Paul talks about his work as a landscape photographer and his personal experience of using photography for wellbeing. Thu 11 April at 8pm. 'Challenge your thinking' a talk by Simon Ellingworth. Simon is a multi award winning professional photographer. He has been a finalist in the iPhone Photography Awards, Professional Photographer of the year Mobile Photography Awards and Sony World Photography Awards. At St Lukes The Avenue TW9 2AJ. Non members welcome £3 on the door. Email info@rtps.org.uk. rtps.org.uk.

Twickenham Art Circle Sat 13 and Sun 14 April 10am - 5pm. Twickenham Art Circle returns to The Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington for its *Spring exhibition*. As well as paintings in a wide variety of media and styles by members of this long established group, there will be live performance art 'Dancing Through Time' performed by: Spike McLarrity - PhD student at Kingston University and Fahiem Abdulah - MA graduate also from Kingston University. The performances will be at 2.30pm and 3pm on both days. Admission and catalogue free. twickenhamartcircle.org.uk

Teddington Tintype will be in residence at The Beach Gallery, 197 Waldegrave Rd, Teddington until mid April, exhibiting and shooting tintypes on selected dates (mostly Saturdays). 5x4 tintypes only £35 at the gallery. From 16th April they will be running "The Victorian Photography Workshop - from Fox Talbot to the Box Brownie" on Tuesday evenings for 6 weeks at the Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington. Booking soon at www.landmarkartscentre.org.teddingtontintype.co.uk

Saturday Watercolour Workshop Sat 27 April 10.00am-4.00pm. *Breakfast in the Sun* Made-to-measure one-day workshop led by experienced tutor Pat Harvey at 21, Cranebrook, Manor Road TW2 5DJ, her Twickenham riverside home. All abilities. The aim: for you to end the day with a painting you can be proud of! Suggested donation £45 (£10 reduction per class for three or more). Email patkayharvey@talktalk.net or call 020 3643 6227. For details see website. patharvey.co.uk

Orleans House Gallery Until 23 June. *Play Works*, an interactive exhibition for children, has seen the gallery transformed with multi coloured fabric hanging from the ceiling, an assortment of curious objects, dressing up costumes and hats and masks. Children are invited to come and play and create their own world. Tues – Sun, 10am – 5pm. *Emerging Artist Program*. Fri 2 Feb to Sun 7 April Tues – Sun, 10am – 5pm in the Stables Gallery. Free admission. *Caroline Mac Cathmhaoil* -

Ticket to Turiya. The artist uses contemporary air travel as a departure point for their own personal experience of lucid dreaming.

richmond.gov.uk/orleans_house_gallery

RuptureXIBIT Thu 25 April to Sun 5 May. Don't miss their Spring Open Call Show. Following the success of December's 'Lawless Imagination', they are incredibly excited to be showcasing a selection of artists within their Front Gallery space, for a more intimate yet equally exciting show. For an in depth look at the showing artists, visit [the website](#). At Rupture, they offer a space for artists to expand their practice through showing their experimental work. Want to show with them? Check the available dates on their website. RuptureXIBIT.com

Leigh Gallery and Picture Framers are an established gallery and framing business. Offering a very friendly, fast and efficient service at competitive prices they can cater for all your picture framing and mounting requirements. They practise conservation framing techniques, so you can be assured that the artwork they frame will be preserved for the future. All work is done on their premises in Hampton Hill, where their Gallery is the permanent home for seven local artists. leighpicturegallery.co.uk

PRATTS A friendly group of artists who meet to draw, paint and do 'arty' things together. The group is un-tutored with a professional m/f nude model each week. They are of various levels of styles, ability and experience – all are welcome (over 18s). Tuesdays: 7pm –

9.30pm. Attenborough Hall, ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR. Drop-in sessions are just £10 for each of the first three taster sessions, then £15. Regulars can pay a subscription - currently £250 for a half year. Please get in touch if you are interested. Contact: John Wylie On 07986 821448 or email johncwylie@yahoo.co.uk

Richmond Art Society
richmondartsociety.com

Redlees Artists
redlees.org

The Beach Gallery
the-beach.uk

Art at Home
newartathome.co.uk

Teddington Artists
teddingtonartists.co.uk

The Art of Nature
Further details Alex Robb: 07914 509 833. Email: alexandra.robb@gmail.com or Rachel Labovitch: 07944911598 Email: rachel.labovitch@gmail.com

One Paved Court Gallery
onepavedcourt.co.uk

Barnes Artists
barnesartists.org

Colneroadstudios
whettonandgroesch.co.uk

The W4 Ceramic Fair email zordangioilla@gmail.com.

Art And Soul
artandsoul.org.uk

Landmark Arts Centre
landmarkartscentre.org

Handmade Workshops
handmadeworkshops.co.uk

London Potters
londonpotters.com

Creative Richmond
www.creativerichmond.co.uk

Fountain Gallery
fountaingallery.co.uk

Kew Studio
kewstudio.org.

Willow Bank Studio
janleejohnson.co.uk/

Literature

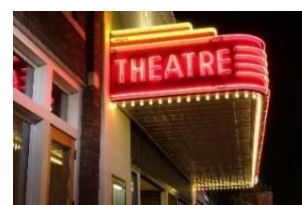


Poetry Performance email poetryperformancetw11@gmail.com.

St Mary's University
School of Creative & Liberal Arts
Festival Schedule.
Sat 20 April to Sun 5 May.
Further details can be found at www.stmarys.ac.uk/fetta/school-of-liberal-and-creative-arts/festival-of-creativity/home.aspx
email kim.salmons@stmarys.ac.uk.

Barnes Literary Society
barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

Performance



Orange Tree Theatre. Sat 2 March to Sat 13 April *Uncle Vanya* by Anton Chekhov, adapted and directed by Trevor

Nunn. Buy tickets to see the live performances or watch this theatrical masterpiece from the comfort of your home via OT On Screen. Mon 1 – Sat 6 Apr 12-16 year olds Holiday Club-Easter Holidays. Each group will devise and rehearse their own, play to be performed on stage at the OT on the final day. <https://orangetreetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/12-16-holiday-clubs/>. 20 Apr – 18 May *Testmatch* by Kate Attwell, directed by Diane Page. Calcutta, 1800 (or thereabouts). Two British administrators in early 19th century India encounter challenges on the field of play that threaten the entire regime. Sun 28 April at 5pm *Rob Brydon – Under The Orange Tree: Fundraiser in conversation with Mel Giedroyc*. orangetreetheatre.co.uk

Richmond Shakespeare Society Sat 20 to Sat 27 April. The Richmond Shakespeare Society will be presenting one of the Bard's greatest tragedies - *Othello*. On a hot, isolated Mediterranean island three outsiders - a black general in a white state, an unworldly young woman in a warzone and a vengeful malcontent nursing a grudge - are drawn inexorably into tragedy. *Othello* is a shattering examination of the interplay of status, privilege, power - and "the green-eyed monster". Booking available from 25 March 25 on the website. At The Mary Wallace Theatre is situated on Twickenham's Embankment, between St Mary's Church and the Barmy Arms. richmondshakespeare.org.uk

Q2 Players Thu 25 to Sat 27 April at 7.45pm. Sat, mat 2.30pm. Double Bill. *Dominium*

written & directed by Karen Heyworth. Jasper and Faye have recently married and just moved into their first home. Their life is turned upside down when Cheryl the neighbour knocks on their door to welcome them to Romney Road. *Marble Arch* written by John Mortimer & directed by Harriet Muir. Laura lives in the flat above Max and his wife, in Marble Arch Mansions. They have been conducting a love affair over many years. www.trybooking.com/uk/55543 Tickets £12, concessions £10 tickets@q2players.org.uk. Box Office link opens in April. At the National Archives. q2players.wordpress.com

Teddington Theatre Club Tue 30 April to Sat 4 May at 7,45pm (Sat at 6pm). *Consent* by Nina Raine. Justice is blind - even in plain sight. Friends Ed and Tim take opposing briefs in a sexual assault case. The key witness is a woman whose life seems a world away from theirs. At home though the barristers' own lives start to unravel in a frenzy of betrayals and recrimination. Nina Raine's funny, perceptive, and gut-wrenching play sifts the evidence from every side and puts justice herself in the dock. This play contains explicit language and adult sexual content. teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

Dramacube Productions Easter Holiday Workshops. *5 to 7yrs: 3-day Musical Theatre Workshop*. Children aged 5-7 will join their mini musicals workshop, inspired by all things WONKA! They will explore the story, learn songs routines, make props and work towards their own mini performance. *8 to 12yrs: 3-day Musical Theatre*

Workshop. They will enjoy 3 days filled with acting, singing and dancing, inspired by WONKA! Dramacube Productions announce their summer term Mini Musical Classes (Disney's Moana) for 5 to 7 years and new summer show for 8 to 12 year olds kicking off with rehearsals in April. See website for details. For further details and to book visit website. dramacubeproductions.co.uk

BYT Impro Workshops Weekly every Thursday 8.15pm-9.45pm. At the Castelnau Community Centre 7 Stillingfleet Road, Barnes, SW13 9AQ. Price £20 or concession £10 pay on the door or pre book contact details Ed Cottrell 07976 718142.

OSO Arts Centre osoarts.org.uk

Optik Theatre thescriptroom.com

Barnes Community Players barnescommunityplayers.co.uk

Landmark Arts Centre landmarkartscentre.org

BROS Theatre Company brostheatrecompany.org

Ignite Me Workshop Theatre C.I.C ignitemewt.com

Bluefire Theatre Company bluefiretheatre.co.uk

The Exchange exchangetwickenham.co.uk

OHADS Follow them on Facebook or @ohadsdrama for information.

YAT yat.org.uk

Rhinoceros Theatre.

rhinoceros theatre company.co.uk

GRiP Theatre

griptheatre.com

Edmundian Players

facebook.com/TheEdmundianPlayers

Langdon Down Theatre

langdondowncentre.org.uk

TOPS Musical Theatre**Company**

topsmusicals.co.uk

Strut & Fret

Follow them on Facebook (@Strut & Fret), Instagram (@strut_and_fret) and X (@strut_fret).

The Puppet Theatre Barge

puppetbarge.com

St Mary's Drama Group (Hampton)

facebook.com/stmarysdramagrouphampton

Film**Richmond Film Society**

Richmond Film Society's season continues with *'Return to Dust'* (China) at 8pm on Tue 9 April and *'The Blue Caftan'* (Morocco) at 8pm on Tue 23 April. Films are screened at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. Non-member tickets are £5 (full-time students £3) and can be purchased in advance from The Exchange's Box Office at <https://exchangetwickenham.co.uk/box-office/>. richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Music

Barnes Music Society Thu 11 April at 7.30pm. Join them at St Mary's Barnes for a mesmerizing piano recital by the internationally celebrated pianist, *Daniel Lehardt*. Experience a profound journey through masterpieces of Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Rachmaninov, featuring the ambitious Bach's Toccata in C minor, BWV. 911, Beethoven's iconic "Waldstein" Sonata No. 21 in C, Op. 53, introspective Intermezzi, Op. 117 by Brahms, and the passionate Piano Sonata No. 2 by Rachmaninov. Tickets available at the door: £15 or in advance from www.WeGotTickets.com and free for under 25 and members of Barnes Music Society. For more information visit website. barnesmusicsociety.org

Richmond Opera Fri 19 to Sun 21 April Richmond Opera proudly presents *Handel's Semele* at the magical Normansfield Theatre in Teddington TW11 9PS. Handel's *Semele*, a dramatic tale of love, human ambition, and divine retribution, will be performed by Richmond Opera's ensemble and Baroque Orchestra, promising an evening of captivating music and drama. Experience this fully staged production featuring stunning music and beautiful backdrops. Tickets priced at £22 available via ticketsource.co.uk/richmondopera by calling 0333 666 3366. richmondopera.org.uk

Concordia Voices Sat 20 April at 7.30 pm. *Inspired by Dance*, another innovative programme, featuring Palmeri's *Misatango* and works by Conte, Telemann and Whitacre. With string quartet, piano and accordion. Tickets £13 + booking fee in advance from ticketsource.co.uk/concordiavoices, or £15 on the door. At St Mary's Twickenham, TW1 3NJ. concordiavoices.com

Loki Music Sat 20 April 7-9pm. *Garrick's revival of Shakespeare* will be celebrated in music and drama. Ticket prices: £12 in advance; £16 on the door. Refreshments will be served during the interval at Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, Garrick's Lawn, Hampton Court Road, Hampton on Thames, Middx TW12 2EN. Further information at www.lokimusic.co.uk/calendar/ lokimusic.co.uk

Kew Wind Orchestra Sat 27 April join award-winning Kew Wind Orchestra at The Barn Church, Kew for this unmissable concert! This year KWO celebrates its 40th anniversary and this very special concert will mark this anniversary with a programme of solo features showcasing the exceptional talents within the band. From *Phil Collins' Against All Odds* to *Philip Sparke's Clarinet Concerto* there will be something for everyone to enjoy in this programme. Whether you are a long term fan of Kew Wind Orchestra or a new audience member, everyone is welcome! Tickets available from Eventbrite now at bit.ly/kwolos. This concert is generously supported by The Humphrey Richardson Taylor Charitable Trust. kewwindorchestra.org.uk

Richmond Chamber Choir

Exciting news from the former Cantanti Camerati! At the beginning of this year, they returned to their original name of Richmond Chamber Choir. Also, Toby Ward, of Ensemble Pro Victoria, has been temporarily directing the choir and will be the conductor for their Spring concert *Songs of Love and Hope*. They are now looking forward to welcoming their new MD, Alexander Turner, in early April to take them forward in new directions. Go to the website if you would like to sing with them or find out more.

e-voice.org.uk/cantanticamerati/

Mortlake Community

Association Join their friendly choir! Mortlake Community Singers is a long-standing friendly choir led by a professional tutor and they are keen to welcome new choir members. The aims of the singing group is to combat social isolation, improve physical and mental health and have fun. Participants say that singing makes them feel better, enhances lung function (post-pandemic), helps to relax and beat stress. The price is £5 per session and they include a social cup of tea and biscuit. Singing every Tuesday 12noon – 1.30pm at Mortlake Hall, 30 Mullins Path, Mortlake, SW14 8EZ. mortlakecommunityassociation.org.uk

Twickenham Community Choir

meets on Wednesday evenings, 7-8.30pm at Waldegrave School, TW2. To join email helenastrid@gmail.com

In Flagrate Choir They are a friendly, local choir which rehearses on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30pm, at The Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club in

Richmond (www.rmsgc.co.uk). Singers are still offered the option of joining in through Zoom in case there is a week you are unable to attend in person. The choir is led by Choir Leader, Eamonn O'Dwyer, who is working with repertoire old and new as they head up to the next concert which takes place on Wed 31 July 2024. For more information on the choir or concert, contact Jan Harvey janmharvey@icloud.com or check the website inflagratechoir.com

Whitton Adult Community Singing

They understand that with a little bit of know-how and fun practising together people discover that ANYONE CAN SING! They learn songs from a wide variety of genres. They welcome people of all ability levels including starters and there are no auditions. They meet on Saturdays between 11.15 & 12.30 at the Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, TW2 6JL. This term they are preparing one of their informal Open Sessions for family, friends and the local community. Anybody who wants to try them out is welcome to come for a free trial session. The term runs from Saturday 20th April. Contact Loulla for further details:- loulla82gorman@gmail.com

Teddington Wind Orchestra

New members welcome! They are an adult, community wind orchestra made up of a variety of musicians, of mixed age and ability, playing a variety of wind instruments. If you are looking for a place to learn or relearn a wind instrument or a place to just enjoy making music then join them Wednesday evenings 7.15pm - 8.45pm. Location: Salvation Army Hall, Church Rd,

Teddington. First session is free, Grade 4 and above best suited. If you would like to join contact Mandy on 07850 166874 or email mandyholliday@hotmail.com.

Thameside Harmony Chorus

are a four-part a capella ladies singing group based in Hampton. With their new MD, the experienced music professional Antonio guiding them, they will sing tunes designed specifically for the evening. You'll soon be able to hear how good harmonies can sound. Thameside Harmony periodically performs concerts or 'singouts' in the local area. Meets Wednesdays 7.45-9.30pm Hampton Methodist Church hall, Percy Road, Hampton. Contact admin@thamesideharmony.org.uk or call 020 8894 3516 for more information. thamesideharmony.org.uk

Hampton Choral Society

Why not join Hampton Choral Society who sing together at Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, TW11 8TP? They meet to sing every Tuesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. They will sing *Rossini's Petite Messe Solonnelle* on March 23rd. Their summer concert is on Sat 29 June and is planned to be *John Rutter's Requiem and Durufle's Requiem*. They are a friendly, welcoming choir with a superb Music Director and Accompanist. Singing together is a joy from the beginning. No auditions are needed and fees are kept low <https://www.hamptonchoral.org.uk>. or contact macdonald.avf61@gmail.com. hamptonchoral.org.uk

Twickenham Choral

twickenhamchoral.org.uk

Teddington Choral Society

teddingtonchoral.co.uk

Richmond Orchestra

richmondorchestra.org.uk

Thames Youth Orchestra

thamesyouthorchestra.co.uk

West London Chamber Choir

westlondonchamberchoir.com

**Richmond upon Thames
Festival of the Performing Arts**

richmondfestival.org.uk

Barnes Music Festival.

barnesmusicfestival.com

Kingston Choral Society

kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk/kcs/

Instant Opera

instantopera.co.uk

**The Middlesex Yeomanry
Concert Band**

mycb.website

HLO Musical Company

hlo.org.uk

The Ripieno Choir

ripienochoir.org.uk

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra

stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk.

Richmond Concerts

richmondconcerts.co.uk

Thames Philharmonic

thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk

Rock, Jazz & Folk

Eel Pie Club Thu 4 April. *Cyril Davies Tribute – Alan Glen/John O’Leary All-Stars*. Preserving the heritage of UK Rhythm & Blues

is the annual Tribute to Cyril Davies. £13. Thu 18 April. *Crazy World of Arthur Brown*. He is best known for his flamboyant theatrical performances and his powerful, wide- ranging operatic voice. Advance tickets £19. All tickets £22 on the door (if still available). Eel Pie Club at The Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. Music 8.30pm (unless otherwise advertised). Tickets via website. Enquiries: 07732 322610 or eelpieclubuk@gmail.com
eelpieclub.com

Twickenham Jazz Club

Twickenham’s long running Jazz Club presents a varied programme of vibrant music. Wed 10 April ‘*SoulTime*’ explores the repertoire of the great pianist Bobby Timmons with Leon Greening on piano, Steve Fishwick on trumpet, Matayas Hofecker on double Bass and Matt Home, Drums. Wed 24 April. *Shirley Smart ‘Long Short Story’ Cello*. An intuitive journey through the overlapping music of Jazz, Arabic, Turkish and African influences presented by this gifted rising star accompanied by pianist John Crawford, percussionist Demi Garcia Sabat, and special guest artist Sam Dunnon guitar. twickenhamjazzclub.com

Crawdaddy Club Fri 19 April at 7.30pm. *Connolly Hayes Band*. Jess Hayes is a member of west London blues royalty, the child of Richard Hayes and Val Cowell of Bad Influence. She has her own reputation too, not least performing on The Voice and having all four judges turn for her. She has found her ideal foil in Frankie Connolly, an astounding guitarist, talented vocalist and respected performer, despite his young

age. Together they are joined by some of the finest musicians the UK has to offer. Tickets £12 www.wegotickets.com/event/604167 or £15 Cash on the Door. At the Crawdaddy Club Richmond, (Richmond Athletic Ground), Twickenham Road, London TW9 2SF. Phone 07879473848. Email: crawdaddyclubrichmond@gmail.com
crawdaddyclubrichmond.com

Twickfolk

twickfolk.co.uk

Landmark Arts Centre

landmarkartscentre.org

The Exchange

exchangetwickenham.co.uk

Mark's Jazz Sessions phone 07799 582337 for information

JKL-Jazz for dates of appearances in the area. The band is also always available for Weddings, Private Parties and Corporate Events. See [Facebook.com/JKL](https://www.facebook.com/JKL).

Museums

The Twickenham Museum Even their location at 25 The Embankment is a part of local history. It is a charming Grade 2 listed waterman’s cottage dating back to circa 1720. It stands adjacent to the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin. Open: Fri 11-3pm, Sat 11-3pm and Sun 2-4pm. The Twickenham Museum is currently looking for volunteers

to work in the afternoons on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested in working with the public then please email the House Manager for further details on housemanager@twickenham-museum.org.uk
twickenham-museum.org.uk

The Museum of Richmond
museumofrichmond.com

Musical Museum
musicalmuseum.co.uk

Historic Houses



Turner's House In *Turner's Studio: Talk & PAINT 2024* on 9 April; 23 April; 7 May; 21 May; 11 June; 25 June - 10:30am-12:30pm, at Turner's House. Ticket £15 per session. Join Turner's House Museum Director, Matthew Morgan, and Learning and Volunteers Officer, Rita Piglionica, to engage with works by Turner and discover how these can be a starting point to create new works that connect to contemporary themes and new creativity. Fri 19 April 6.30-7.30pm, at The National Gallery. *Discover Turner at the National Gallery with Turner's House Museum Director*. Join Dr Matthew Morgan for a guided tour of some of Turner's greatest works at the National Gallery. Ticket £10.
turnershouse.org

Strawberry Hill House Sun 28 April *Strawberry Hill House Guided Tour*. Strawberry Hill House is internationally

renowned as one of the best examples of Georgian Gothic architecture. Enjoy a guided tour of Horace Walpole's architectural masterpiece exploring the history, interiors and stories of its residents. Tours depart at 10am. Booking is essential. Standard Adult Tickets: £17 Students: £8.50 Under 16s, members & patrons: Free
strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Marble Hill House
Englishheritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house/

Walks, talks and courses



The Arts Society Richmond has a full programme of live/Zoom hybrid lectures and visits. Tue 2 April at 7:30 pm a talk on "*American Impressionists in the Garden*" by Caroline Holmes. At Duke Street Church, Duke Street Richmond, TW9 1DH. Always free to members and non-members pay £5 on the door - no booking required and all are welcome. Non-members can also watch on Zoom for £7 by emailing us as below. Wed 10 April a *Walking Tour of Aldgate and Spitalfields Jewish Quarter* with a Blue Badge Guide. If you wish to join them for any of their events, email richmond@theartsociety.org for further details and to arrange payment.
theartsociety.org

WEA Thu 4 April *Film and Media: Key Moments in European Cinema*. 10 online

sessions starting 7pm. Course Code: Q00012154. Tue 16 April *Art Appreciation: Women Artists from Sofonisba Anguissola to Georgia O'Keeffe*. 10 sessions starting 1pm at The Old Town Hall, Richmond. Course Code: Q00013881. For more information see website. Phone 0300 303 3463. Email richmond.branch@wea.ac.uk
WEA.org.uk

Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare reopens on Sun 7 April to begin the 2024 season. The Temple will open between 2pm and 5pm every Sunday through to and including Sun 27 October. Entrance is free. Address: Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, Hampton Court Road, Hampton, TW12 2EN Public Transport: R68, 111, 216 buses to the Garrick Villa stop. Nearest Train Stations: Hampton or Hampton Court. The Molesey - Hampton ferry is also available for river crossings, the Hampton ferry landing being a 3 min walk from the Temple. Email: garrickstempletoshakepeare@gmail.com.
garrickstemple.org.uk

Richmond Local History Society Mon 8 April at 8pm at Duke Street Church, Richmond. Dr Elizabeth Hallam Smith will talk on *From Plantagenet Sheen to Tudor Richmond: royal passions, piety and power*. Sheen-known from 1501 as Richmond- held a very special place in the lives of many English monarchs from Edward II to Elizabeth I. Dr Hallam Smith is Historical Research Consultant, Architecture and Heritage, at the Houses of Parliament. Visitors welcome £5, members free. The talk will also be available to members by Zoom.

Joint meeting with The Richmond Society.
richmondhistory.org.uk

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richmondsociety.org.uk

The Kew Society Wed 17 April Guided walk around Barnes Common with Mike Hildesley (CEO Barnes Common) *'Managing commons for conservation in a history context'*. TKS Members only tickets: £10 per person - depart 6pm from Barnes Green (outside the OSO); walk ends at 7.30pm with a further pub chat option to end the evening. Ticket money will be donated by the Kew Society to Barnes Common projects. Tue 30 April joint outing TKS members and The Avenue Club *Visit to Denbies Vineyard* tickets £45 pp full details tbc.
kewsociety.org

Richmond and Twickenham Historical Association Thu 25 April at 8pm. *'Remembering the Reformation. Religion and Memory in the 16th C and 17th C.'* Professor Alexandra Walsham, Professor of Modern

History, Fellow of Emmanuel College, Cambridge University. At the Richmond Library Annexe, Quadrant Road, TW9 1DH.

Queries to Richard Turk 07948 729526 or
richardgturk@yahoo.com

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society
boths.co.uk

Richmond Association for the National Trust
nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association

Hampton Hill Photographic Society
hamptonhillps.org.uk

Landmark Arts Centre
landmarkartscentre.org

Richmond Heritage Guides
richmondwalks.co.uk

DIANA ARMFIELD DRAWING COMPETITION



We are thrilled once again that distinguished and highly respected artist, Diana Armfield, is supporting this competition. A large number of drawings for this competition were submitted and they were exhibited from 4 to 17 March at Patch, Twickenham, 42 York Street, TW1 3BW.

Diana will have presented a prize to the winner (who will also be allowed to keep one of her beautiful framed drawings for a year) at the Private View on Thursday 7 March.

WINNER: Back Garden by Nigel Murray

2ND PRIZE: Favourite Jacket by Joanna Bonnet

3RD PRIZE: Dining Room Marble Hill house by Sue Smith

As well as these talented artists, Diana named many more to be rated as Highly Commended or Commended.

HIGHLY COMMENDED

Aurelia Edmiston
Ieyan Rhys Daniel
George Young
Marziyeh Ramezzani

COMMENDED

Rachel Smith
Su Bonifanti
Sue Smith
Sophie Coe
Linda J Kerr
Mairead O'Siochru
Amir Tasadikari
Leen Kay

The exhibition took place at Patch, the new design-led work and event space. There are options to hire work or office space or conference rooms etc. Patch is situated in central Twickenham at 42 York Street, Twickenham, TW1 3LJ. They have recently launched a Library of Things which is where one can borrow tools and equipment (such as drills, leaf blowers etc.) for a set length of time, just as one would borrow a library book from a conventional library.

PATCH DETAILS

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SHOWCOACH

Please join us for a visit to

CHENIES MANOR HOUSE
RICKMANSWORTH ON TUESDAY 4TH JUNE

COST :£55 This includes travel by coach & lunch



Arriving at midday we will have a buffet lunch before having a guided tour of the Manor House and then enjoy visiting the beautiful gardens at leisure. Before leaving around 5pm you can visit the cafe for tea/coffee and cake (not included in price)

The house has a long and rich history, built in 1460 by Sir John Cheyne it soon became the seat of the Dukes of Bedford. During this time it played host to many royal visitors. After its downfall from Chenies Palace to Chenies Manor, the future of this Tudor house changed when it was bought, lovingly restored and brought back to life by Elizabeth and Alistair Macleod Matthews. It is still their family home therefore only open to the public at limited times.



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Showcoach: Excursions to plays, musicals, operas, concerts, exhibitions and places of interest – some with coaches from pick-up points across the borough. We know how important safe transport and companionship is for our members and we make every effort to ensure ease of access for all.

Literature: We run literary events throughout the year such as the *Young Writers' Festival*, as well as Literature Talks.

Drama: We promote the performances of local professional and amateur theatre companies and run the *Swan Drama Awards* – our local version of the Oscars – rewarding amateur talent in the borough. We also encourage new playwriting.

Music: We promote the extensive programme of concerts organised by concert societies, choral and other music groups throughout the borough.

Visual Arts and Photography: We promote the work of local artists and run exhibitions and competitions offering the opportunity to buy paintings, prints and photographs at affordable prices.

Heritage and Museums: We promote the events and exhibitions taking place at the large number of historic places in the local area.

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We are very grateful for the efforts of the energetic volunteers (known as The Stuffers!) who come each month to stuff the envelopes with the newsletter and fliers. Thank you for your dedication.

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The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is:

Monday 25 March
For Events in May

The deadline for flyers to go out with the mailing is:

Wednesday 17 April
For events in May

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, we urge you to check details with the venues before attending an event.

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