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Calling All Photographers (Open to all ages)

Arts Richmond will be taking part in the RTPS Annual Photographic Exhibition. To take part you can find full details: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events>

Get ready to be inspired at Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society's Annual Exhibition

27 September – 5 October | 10 am – 4pm £4 entry, children free

ARTS RICHMOND

Richmond Life around the borough, as seen through your lens...

**An Arts Richmond
Photographic Exhibition**
open to everyone.

We invite you to submit your photos on this theme, to be shown at The Landmark Arts Centre in Teddington, alongside the Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society's Annual Exhibition,

27 September – 5 October 2025

Visitors to the exhibition will be invited to vote for their favourite photograph in this section, and a prize will be awarded.

Full details on www.artsrichmond.org.uk
Deadline for entries is **Friday 19 September 2025**

www.artsrichmond.org.uk

RTPS **LANDMARK ARTS CENTRE**

Hundreds of images will go on display at the Landmark Arts Centre in Teddington from **27 September to 5 October** as Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society and Arts Richmond join forces to stage their photography exhibitions. Local scenes are always a highlight and will be particularly so this year as Arts Richmond invites its members to submit 'Richmond Life' images from around the borough.

What's On

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

September 2025

The Arts Richmond Newsletter

The Royal Photographic Society's Visual Art Group will also be showing its own annual exhibition, promising to make the event one of the biggest and most prestigious photography shows in Surrey. Open daily from 10 am to 4 pm, with a £4 entry charge, children free.

Whether you are a budding photographer or art enthusiast, you will find plenty to inspire you from nature to architecture, documentary projects to sport and portraiture to still life.

One of the highlights will be two dramatic panels on the UK and US elections from RTPS member Simon Street <https://www.simon-street-photos.com>, who holds a record breaking 10 Fellowships with the Royal Photographic Society, their highest distinction. Simon will reveal the stories behind the compelling images in a presentation at the Landmark on **Saturday 4 October**.

Visitors to the exhibition have the opportunity to buy photography prints and are also encouraged to vote for their favourite photography panel. Tea and coffee will be available in the Landmark café where visitors can watch an additional display of digital images. A selection of greetings cards and second-hand photography books and equipment will also be available to buy.

Professional photographer and exhibition organiser Emma Durnford said: "We are delighted that Arts Richmond will be joining our exhibition this year with their own photographic display. There's been an explosion of interest in photography over the last decade. It's a wonderful way to express yourself artistically, without needing to be a traditional artist and viewing the work of others is one of the best ways to get some inspiration."

RTPS is a friendly club, welcoming new members of all abilities. If this is of interest and you would like to find out more, then come along to the Prospective New Members Event which is being held at the exhibition, meeting at the Landmark Café at 2.30 pm on **Sunday 5 October**.

Entry fee for each artist is £5.00.

Scan the QR Code for the Registration link. Registration from 09.30 am on the day. This is a timed competition to create original artworks inspired by Grove Gardens Chapel and its surrounds. Hope to see you on the day!



Arts Richmond Drama Party featuring the prestigious SWAN Awards

Saturday 20th September join Arts Richmond for the annual
ARTS RICHMOND DRAMA PARTY



On **Sat 20th September**, the local theatre community will be gathering for the highlight of our social and creative year. The evening will feature the announcement of the Swan Award winners for 2024/5 but this isn't just for Swan nominees, it's for everyone involved in local theatre!

In addition, this year the winner of our Radio Plays Competition will be announced at the party.

The evening is the ideal opportunity to socialise, network, party and have fun. This will be a true celebration of the local theatre community, with the venue once again being the glorious Landmark Centre in Teddington.

Doors open at 7.00pm. If you haven't already booked your tickets, at a very reasonable £20 each, please do so as soon as you can at > <https://www.landmarkartscentre.org/shows/arts-richmond-drama-party/> See you on the red carpet, dressed to impress!

Arts Richmond Poetry Afternoon Review



On **Sunday 1st June** an event at OSO Arts Centre in Barnes celebrated poems shortlisted for the biennial Arts Richmond's poetry competition, judged by Roger McGough. Eight readers recited the 41 longlisted entries, whittled down from 819, in front of a capacity audience.

Director Mandy Stenhouse found it at first a puzzle to create a running order for the event but she must have persevered as the poems had a flow that fitted in nicely with musical interludes - Annie Morris on vocals and Ian Lee-Dolphin on acoustic guitar - and the whole event presented by the capable Sam Ball as MC.

The venue proved very suitable for the reading of poems without amplification and microphones, the director having selected seven experienced actors from the bustling local drama scene alongside herself to read. Some of the performers commented very favourably about the choice of venue and the OSO Arts Centre's care and professionalism which contributed in no small way to the success of the event.

The poems were varied and impactful, each most worthy of its place in the final anthology. The theme of 'Changes' was interpreted in many creative and subtle ways across the ages, reminding us that changes bring both loss and opportunity for growth and new experience. The delight and emotion expressed by those collecting their awards from Roger McGough himself [Marcus Tickner, Sarah Boyd, Lisette Abrahams & Stephen Watt] was shared by a beaming audience, full of supporters and our broader community of poets.

Roger treated us to a recitation of some of his own poems from his latest anthology 'Roger McGough: The Collected Poems: 1959-2024', with one particular poem 'Call Me World' resonating poignantly for us all in our challenging times.

There is clearly no shortage of talent. Please spread the word for our next competition in 2027. There are many more closet poets that must be encouraged to share their gems with us!

The anthology of 41 entries can be ordered from info@artsrichmond.org.uk there are a few available.

Artist of the Year

Was held this year in association with Habitats and Heritage who look after the beautiful grade II listed Grove Gardens Chapel. Whilst this building is currently going through some major conservation work the team at H&H cleared the site on Saturday 5th July to make way for over 30 artists to come along and take part in our annual competition. This year our Judges Mark Vellacott, Arts Richmond Patron and proprietor of the Beach Gallery, Hugh Dalzell, artist and member of Richmond Art Society, and Stephen Fielding, Habitats & Heritage Projects Manager had the difficult decision of choosing a winner and after much deliberation decide to award three joint winners: Wong Fei, Fiona Sansom and Mark Owen.



Showcoach

Come and join us on a trip to see the famous Leeds Castle, near Maidstone, on **Friday 5th September**.



On arrival we will be free to explore the castle and grounds. We can also visit the Falconry and Birds of Prey centre amongst other attractions. The castle is on an island in the middle of a lake formed by the River Len. A castle has existed on the Grade I listed estate site since 857 AD. In the 13th century it became a favourite residence of Edward 1st and in the 16th century Henry VIII used it as a dwelling for Catherine of Aragon. The present castle dates from early 19th Century. Its last private owner, Olivia, Lady Baillie, left it in trust to be opened to the public.

Complimentary mobility buses will be available from the Visitors Centre to within a few minutes' walk of the Castle. There are plenty of refreshment areas throughout (none are included in the entry price).

Cost is £52 which includes admission fee and coach from the 3 usual pick up points. When booking please include your mobile phone number and choice of coach pick up point from: Hampton, Twickenham, or Richmond. Booking: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach>



You are also invited to the Musical Museum in Brentford. Join us on an afternoon visit to the Musical Museum, a hidden gem in Brentford, on **Tuesday 21st October** at 2pm. The Musical Museum tells the changing story of how people have captured and listened to music over the last four centuries. From tiny music boxes to the Mighty Wurlitzer theatre organ, the collection includes an impressive array of instruments and inventions, including reproducing pianos, orchestrations, self-playing violins, pipe organs, gramophones and synthesizers. On our guided tour of the collection, we will discover how music was recorded and produced and see and hear the instruments in action! After our tour there will be free time and tea and cake to enjoy. Cost £21 includes tea and cake. Own transport - the 267 bus stops outside the museum. Booking link: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach>

Important information: The Showcoach committee have come to the decision to only accept bookings online. We will no longer be able to accept cheques or BACS payment to secure places on trips. Links will be provided to the ticketing platform and Linda Hansell will accept bookings over the phone from those who are not comfortable booking online. Office tel: **020 8892 9446**.

Showcoach Review by Helen Taylor

One does enjoy a Day Out and visiting Gilbert White's House near Alton at the end of June was one to treasure. Arts Richmond organises these things beautifully. An efficient coach picks you up near where you live and in late June wafted us to one of the most accessible "houses" you can imagine.



Being a naturalist Gilbert White lived in the most exquisite country - think sweeping green fields, pretty meadows, literally acres of gorgeous gardens - and the sort of house which although impressive you can think wistfully of living in. Most of the rooms enjoy great vistas and apart from GW's bedchamber with its superb four-poster, the rooms are wonderfully light.



The naturalist had his famous book "The Natural History of Selbourne" published in 1789, and it has not been out of print since. It seems this is the most published and popular book in the English language. On various walls folk like David Attenborough sing his praises whilst Bill Oddie just says simply "He taught us to look at birds". One of my favourite rooms was the library which is packed with bookcases containing volumes - dozens and dozens of them all bound slightly differently having been published over heaps of years - and all titled "The Natural History of Selbourne".

I didn't get to it, but the site is also home to the personal collections of Frank Oates, Victorian explorer and naturalist, and his nephew Captain Lawrence Oates, whom we all know of as the hero of the ill-fated Antarctic expedition of 1912.

The facilities are great - a lovely veranda to sit eating some of the delicious sandwiches and cakes which really did seem homemade and a tempting shop selling lovely souvenirs including really beautiful greeting cards.

A further treat that day was the visit to the Watercress Line - a real wonderfully restored steam train arrangement which really took me back! On our little journey the typical chugging-along sound from the engine and the slightly tricky steps in and out of the carriage - oh and the tiny flecks of soot which landed on my pale blue jacket!

Great Day Out!

Visual Arts

Meet the Artists - BobCat Gallery

Thursday 14th September, 5.30 - 7.30pm

Upstairs at Putney Exchange Shopping Centre, SW15 1TW. Join BobCat Gallery for a relaxed and informal chance to meet the artists displaying their work at Putney Exchange during September. Refreshments provided. Free tickets via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bobcat-gallery>

Fountain Gallery, East Molesey

From Tuesday 26 August – Sunday 7 September. 11.00am to 5.00pm: Colleen Quill - Richly coloured and textured oil paintings, observed from life, capturing the everyday objects we so often don't 'really see'. Barbara Mansi - magnificent mosaics where the dynamic arrangement of irregularly shaped tiles creates a sense of movement, evoking the intensity of a sunburst, or the pulsation of life itself. **From Tuesday 23 September- Sunday 5 October** Beverley Waller exhibiting with Maria Murtagh. Evocative, striking sea and landscape paintings, opulent with vibrant colour and texture. Alongside the beautiful, lusciously glazed hand thrown ceramics of Maria Murtagh.

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Instagram: [@thefountaingallery](https://www.instagram.com/thefountaingallery) Facebook: [@fountaingallery](https://www.facebook.com/fountaingallery)

Hampton Hill Photographic Society

Wed 17 September at 8pm in the upstairs function room of The Bell Inn, Hampton. Members' Picture Sharing: members will show projected images of their choice, maybe a holiday, a current project or a new genre – or just a recent walk in the park! Audience's opinions/advice allowed! Non-members are welcome to come along. Details of how to sign up <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1413221646989>

The fee for attending this meeting is just £3 but if you decide to join the Club, this fee will be refunded.

<https://www.hamptonhillps.org.uk>

Orleans House Gallery

Imagining the Forest. **Until 21 September, Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm.** Imagining the Forest brings together three communities from Pakistan, Brazil, and the UK to share stories, photographs, films, and objects exploring our relationship with nature and each other. Rivers, care for ecology, and championing marginalised voices connect these artists across cultures. The artists in Imagining the Forest include: Nadeem Alkarimi, Qadir Jhatia and Sadqain Riaz (Pakistan and the Karachi Biennale), Rafael Vilela (Brazil) with the Guarani Mbya Community, and Eelyn Lee (UK and the

Richmond Arts & Ideas Festival). This exhibition grew out of Wisdom Conversations, a year-long exchange supported by the British Council and was first shown at the Richmond Arts & Ideas Festival.

Pratts Life Drawing / Painting

A friendly group, with various levels of styles and experience, meeting weekly for untutored workshops with a professional m/f nude model. All are welcome (over 18s). **Tuesdays: 19.00 – 21.30** - 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 £200 for a half year. Contact: **John Wylie 07986 821448** or email johncwylie@yahoo.co.uk

Richmond Film Society's 62nd Season of World Cinema opens with 'The Teachers' Lounge' (Germany) on **16 September** and continues with 'My Favourite Cake' (Iran) on **30 September**. Films are screened at 8:00pm on alternate Tuesdays at

The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE.

Non-member tickets £5 (full-time students £3).

See <http://www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk> for further information; tel. **020 8894 2254**; admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society 11 September 2025

'Shooting Water' with Bill Ward.

Bill Ward is a highly acclaimed TV and theatre actor and a top UK photographer. He has won many awards and commendations nationally and internationally and has been widely exhibited and awarded in numerous exhibitions and galleries. In the last two years he has been a judge for UK Landscape Photographer of the year. He is also a tour/workshop leader for Light and Land. He runs his own workshops and has given talks for the RPS. His work is highly creative and includes techniques such as close up work, Intentional Camera Movement and multiple exposures. <https://billwardphotography.co.uk/galleries/>

25 September 2025

'PDI Analysis' with David Hughes.

A critique of members' submitted images. **20 November 2025** - 'Remembering Wildlife' with Margot Raggett MBE. Margot Raggett focuses on photographing wildlife. She spends three months a year in Africa and her work is published worldwide. In 2015 she won the 'Animal Antics' category of the Nature's Best Photography Awards and a highly commended in 'African Wildlife'. In 2015 she founded the Remembering Wildlife project - wildlife photographers coming together for a fund-raising book on elephants entitled Remembering Elephants. Followed by seven more books covering rhinos, great apes, cheetahs, lions, African wild dogs, bears and leopards, which so far have raised more than £1.1m for international conservation projects. <https://margotraggettphotography.com/>

NOTES

1. Talks will be held at Kew Community Centre, The Avenue, Kew, TW9 2AJ from 8 to 10 pm unless marked as on Zoom
2. Prospective new members are warmly welcome to attend for free as a 'taster' session, other visitors £4; just drop us an email at info@rtps.org.uk

Saturday Watercolour Workshop:

September 13th 10.00am-4.00pm

Sweet Peas in a Glass Tumbler 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 welcome. 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 patkayharvey44@gmail.com or call **020 3643 6227** to confirm, or if you need help to stretch your paper. Please note: Parking is free in Manor Road on Saturdays. www.patharvey.co.uk

Sarah Dinsdale Studio

Beginner Friendly Watercolour Workshops with a relaxed and encouraging approach for beginners and improvers. The friendly sessions run in small groups enabling individualised support. Price includes a frame for your artwork or cards, & all materials are provided. *Bring a friend and save £10.*

Seascapes Made Simple: **Saturday 20th September 14.30-17.30** @ Inspired Hub Hampton. Three hour workshop from £50 including frame. Book Online: www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com/upcomingworkshops

Teddington Artists

Will be holding their Annual Contemporary Art Fair at the Awesome Studios in Teddington. You can expect to see a very varied selection of professional artworks including paintings, prints and drawings in many media as well as exquisite jewellery, intriguing sculptures, metal and textile work and photography. Open **Saturday 6 September** from 10am to 6pm, **Sunday 7 September** from 11am to 4pm Teddington Artists Contemporary Art Fair, Awesome Studios, 23 High St, Teddington TW11 8ET. Entry £3.00



Turner's House Events

Exhibitions: Light is Therefore Colour.
4 June – 26 October 2025

Eileen Cooper RA and Sinta Tantra respond to Turner's home in a contemporary exhibition of new work. Light is Therefore Colour brings the artists together in an artistic dialogue with Turner's Twickenham retreat, responding with site-specific work that explores memory, presence, and transformation. The show explores Turner's legacy through contemporary responses to the house he designed and built as a personal retreat.

Turner's Kingdom: Beauty, Birds & Beasts

23 April – 26 October

Celebrate **Turner's 250th anniversary** with a rare look at his fascination with animals and birds. Featuring around fifteen exquisite works from British collections, this exhibition reveals a lesser-known side of the artist, from pets to wildlife.

Literature

Barnes Literary Society.

Tuesday 9 September 2025 at 7:30pm. St Mary's Barnes SW13 9HL. The Frozen People. Elly Griffiths, the award-winning author of three best-selling series of crime novels, is opening our season. Her Ruth Galloway, Harbinder Kaur and Brighton Mystery series are immensely popular, and her many fans will be fascinated by Elly's latest novel as this features an unforgettable, and somewhat unconventional, detective, DI Ali Dawson. Ali works on cold crimes, crimes so old the joke goes that they're almost frozen. What most people don't know is that Ali and her team travel back in time to complete their investigations. Join the BLS at www.barnesliterarysociety.org.uk Or £10 on the door

Performance

Dramacube

Annie Jr - Casts for 5-18 yr olds.

See your young performer shine on stage in Annie JR. Weekly rehearsals for 5-7, 8-12 and 13-18 year olds start w/c **22nd September** in Teddington, Hampton Hill and Twickenham. Book a 2-week trial or enrol in one of Dramacube's award-winning casts at www.dramacube.co.uk

The Exchange

The Void. Thursday 11 & Friday 12 September | 8 pm

Thunder Road Theatre's new horror show set in Space comes to The Exchange as part of their 2025 UK tour. The Void is a chilling sci-fi horror of a decaying future of desperate humans and all-seeing AI. What are you afraid of? Book a combined ticket offer for The Void and Shock Horror: A Ghost Story (**29 & 30 October**). Call Box Office for details 020 8240 2399. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-void/#20250911>

Ria Lina: Riabellion. **Saturday 13 September | 7.30 pm.**

Following her killer debut tour, Riawakening (Top Ten Best Stand-up Shows of 2024 – Telegraph), the wickedly funny Ria Lina realised she wasn't just awake, she was ready to rebel. In her latest comedy show, expect a relentless stream of hilarity as Ria explores the state of the world, the eternal battle of the sexes, and the delight of throwing life up in the air after years of following the rules. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/ria-lina-riabellion/>

Bring Your Own Baby Comedy. **Wednesday 17 September | 12 pm** Join us for an afternoon of hilarious comedy, where you can relax and have a good laugh at the best comedians in the UK, without needing childcare! There's buggy parking, baby changing and more, so that you can take some time for yourself and just be entertained. The bar is fully stocked, whether you fancy a cuppa or even something a bit stronger (G&T anyone?).

No baby, no entry! <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/bring-your-own-baby-comedy-2/#20250917>

National Theatre Live: Inter Alia.

Thursday 18 & Saturday 20 (captioned screening) September | 7 pm. Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike (Gone Girl, Saltburn) is Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from the team behind Prima Facie. Writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin, reunite with this searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity.

<https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/nt-live-inter-alia/#20250918>

Nerina Pallot – The All Roads Lead To Tour

Friday 19 September | 7.30 pm. Across eight albums, Nerina has built a body of work that is deeply honest and musically adventurous. A BRIT and Ivor Novello nominee, she's collaborated with artists as commercial as Kylie Minogue. Her cover of Love Will Tear Us Apart introduced her to a new generation of listeners when it featured in the acclaimed TV series, Normal People. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/nerina-pallot/#20250919>

Gary Crowley presents an Evening with The Bluebells.

Sunday 21 September | 6 pm. BBC London presenter Gary Crowley returns to The Exchange with another of his ever-popular evenings of conversation and music. This time featuring the acoustic trio from renowned Scottish band The Bluebells. Following an interview with Gary, the trio will treat us to a set that draws upon their catalogue of hits spanning over 40 years.

<https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/gary-crowley-presents-an-evening-with-the-bluebells/#20250921>

Film: Slade In Flame (1975) Remastered 50th Anniversary Re-release. **Thursday 25 September** | 7.30 pm. Charting the rise and fall of a pop group at the end of the 1960s, this darkly cynical, warts-and-all portrait of a band in free-fall amidst the music-industry suits who want a piece of the pie, was not what anybody was expecting. Slade in Flame has been newly remastered by the BFI.

<https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/film-slade-in-flame-1975-newly-remastered-50th-anniversary/#20250925>

Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. **Friday 26 September** | 7 pm | Schools performance 2 pm. This chilling new theatre adaptation of Frankenstein embarks on a UK tour following a SOLD OUT three week run at Boston Manor House in West London last autumn. Geneva, 1816. The year without a summer. Trapped inside by the weather, Lord Byron, Percy Bysshe Shelley, and young Mary Godwin sit down for a competition to see who could craft the most spine-chilling ghost story.

<https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/mary-shelleys-frankenstein/#20250926>

Antonio Forcione & Giorgio Serci: Guitar Duo.

Saturday 27 September | 7.30 pm. Award-winning Italian acoustic guitar virtuoso and composer Antonio Forcione teams up with fellow Italian/Sardinian award-winning guitarist, composer, and educator Giorgio Serci. Passionate and melodic, these are world-class performers. As a duo, these musicians are not just at the top of their game, but the frontmen of their own bands. Audiences are guaranteed a powerful and dynamic show of wit, personality and musical

virtuosity.

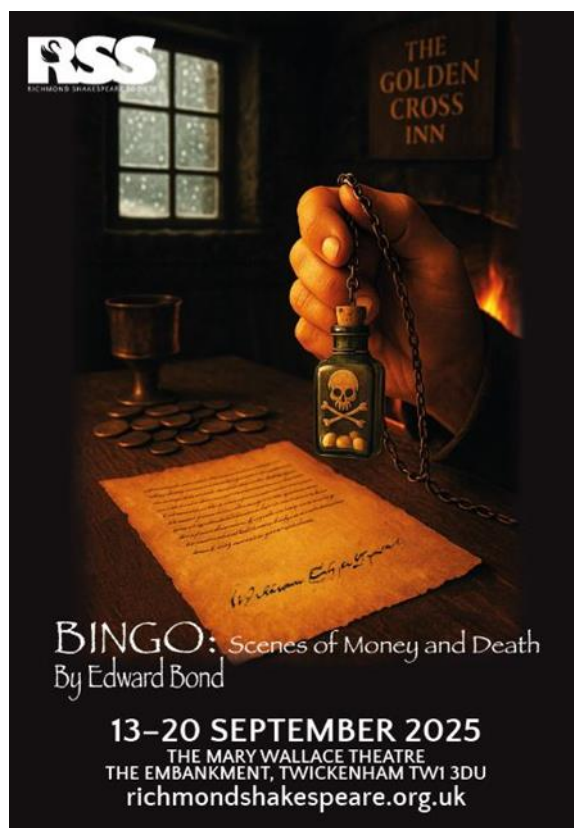
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The Mary Wallace Theatre.

Bingo: Scenes of Money and Death | **September 13th-20th** Edward Bond's remarkable play depicts a disillusioned William Shakespeare's return to Stratford seeking peace and security, only to find that family and social problems await him there. Life in London was harsh and brutal but in Stratford, confronted by the inhumane oppression of the poor, he finds no solace but only inequality and injustice.

Booking at www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk Find the Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham's Embankment, close to the Barmy Arms.

Open Mic at ETNA. Over the first six months of 2025, we've hosted a monthly Open Mic on Climate Change and Human Rights at ETNA Community Centre. The Open Mic is paused over the summer. We will let everyone know through Arts Richmond and our website when new events are being planned. Meanwhile, a big thank you to the team at ETNA for making us so welcome, and to Freedom from Torture, Richmond Welcomes Refugees and our other charity partners for sharing news of our events with their members.



Richmond upon Thames Performing Arts Festival

The syllabus details for the Festival will be available on their website www.richmondfestival.org.uk from **15 September**. This is a competitive festival for young people and adults to take part in and enjoy. There are sections in piano, vocal, instrumental, dance, speech and drama, and choral. The competitions run from February-March 2026 and entry details can be found on the website. Last year over 2000 people were involved - we hope to see you there!

OSO Arts Centre Barnes

Fri 12 September, 19:30-21:30, £23.50

Are You Good? A question that I think is fundamental to our humanity. In this show I will be helping you, the audience, find

out if you really are thoroughly good or maybe quite evil, but in a fun way. I always start out with the assumption that people are born good and then life happens. So, let's pull back the curtain and see where your morals truly lie. Are you as virtuous as you think? With lots of audience participation (don't worry, no one leaves unscathed) and a few silly songs we'll have an entertaining evening and come out with our core values completely in tatters. Is it more important to be good or to be right? It's time to update what is a virtue and what is a sin. No biggie. Yours truly, Grayson Perry.

<https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665632>

Venus & Adonis by William Shakespeare

Wed 24 September, 19:30-21:00, £16.15-£19 edited and adapted by Christopher Kent. Acclaimed actor Christopher Kent (Bob in Things I Know to Be True) makes a welcome return to OSO with his bravura solo performance of Shakespeare's Venus & Adonis. He is accompanied once more by regular recital partner, the virtuoso classical pianist, Gamal Khamis. In their latest collaboration they present a rare opportunity to hear one of Shakespeare's most ravishing early solo works, interspersed with selections from Mendelssohn's hauntingly beautiful Songs Without Words. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665550>

Impropera

Thu 25 September, 19:30-21:30, £16.15-£19

With hugely successful shows in London's West End, at the Edinburgh Fringe and across Europe, Impropera have an international reputation for their unique mix of virtuoso musicianship, agile wit and ingenious storytelling. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665581>

The Comedy Store

Fri 26 September, 19:30-21:30, £19.55-£23

This is British-style improvised comedy at its absolute best, and it ought to be: established in 1985, the Comedy Store players have been selling out their shows ever since. Performers at previous OSO Comedy Store nights include Paul Sinha, Zoe Lyons, Paul Thorne, Laura Lexx and Emmanuel Sonubi.

Be prepared for an evening of stand-up featuring gags, music and quizzes! The Comedy Store is always one of the most popular events at the OSO - we strongly advise booking early! <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665582>

OSO Dining Room: Ethiopian Night 2025

Sat 27 September, 19:00-22:00, £29.75-£35

Join us for a vibrant evening celebrating the rich flavours and cultural traditions of Ethiopia — right here in Barnes! Enjoy an authentic Ethiopian feast lovingly prepared by Chef Yanete, whose home-style cooking brings the heart of East Africa to the OSO. Featuring classic dishes like injera, doro wat, misir wot, and fragrant lentil stews, this is a shared dining experience full of bold spices, warm hospitality, and unforgettable flavour.

Whether you're a foodie, a culture lover, or simply curious to try something new, Ethiopian Food Night promises a delicious and welcoming evening for all. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173665583>

Strawberry Hill House.

The Faery Tale Castle: Festival Late – Friday 13 September, 6–8:30pm. The UK's most sustainable flower festival returns this September, transforming Strawberry Hill House & Garden into a faery-tale realm where imagination runs wild. For one magical weekend, The Faery Tale Castle will burst into

bloom, as over 30 of the UK's most pioneering floral artists conjure up spellbinding displays inspired by folklore and faery legends. Using only homegrown British flowers and sustainable techniques, they will weave nature's untamed beauty into every corner of this gothic masterpiece.

Teddington Theatre Club

Presents God of Carnage by Yasmina Reza in the Coward Studio.

Mon 22 Sep - Sat 27 Sep 2025 Mon - Fri 7.45pm, Sat 2.00pm & 6.30pm. They say kids will be kids, but the adults are worse

- much worse. The other day in the park, 11 year old Ferdinand knocked 11 year old Bruno's two front teeth out. Their parents meet up to have a civil conversation about the misdemeanours of their children in a suitably calm and rational way... what can go wrong? As night falls chaos ensues with explosive tantrums, name-calling and tears. Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play and Olivier Award for Best Comedy, Yasmina Reza's sharp corrosive wit rips the thin veneer of civility with heart-pounding honesty. God of Carnage is the unmissable darkly funny roller-coaster you won't want to end. Estimated running time 1 hour 30 minutes, no interval. Ticket prices: Member £15, Non-member £20 (exc booking fee)

Music

The Barnes Choir Open Rehearsal.

Tuesday September 9th, 2025. Arrive at 7.30 for a 7.45 start. All Saints Church, East Sheen Avenue, East Sheen. SW14 8AX.

If you are a choral singer looking for a new choir to join, why not come and try us out at our Open Rehearsal on September 9th. We are a friendly mixed voice choir of some 70 singers and, led by our dynamic Musical Director, Julian Collings, and accompanied by our skilled accompanist, Elspeth Wilkes, we will be having a "first run-through" of Haydn's *Insanae et vanae curae* and Nelson Mass, and Mozart's *Ave verum* and *Solemn Vespers*, which we plan to sing at our Winter Concert on **Saturday, 29th November**. Scores can be provided.

Whilst it is helpful if you can read music, we provide all Members with access to rehearsal tracks for home practice and we offer optional musicianship classes on various subjects such as musical theory and sight singing. We do not hold formal auditions but our musical director, Julian Collings, will conduct a simple voice test to ensure you that you are placed in the correct Section.

We rehearse at All Saints Church, East Sheen Avenue, SW14 8AX, and the church is easy to find by car and there is free parking in the surrounding residential streets. It's a short walk from the Gilpin Avenue bus stop on the Upper Richmond Road (Buses 33, 337, 493), the nearest station is Mortlake. Bicycles can be brought into the church and left at the back.

You can email membership@barneschoir.org.uk for more information or to let us know you plan to come, or just turn up. Learn More About Us: www.barneschoir.org.uk

Concordia Voices

Is looking for enthusiastic singers in all voice parts, particularly men. We are a mixed-voice choir with particular emphasis on a cappella music, embracing repertoire across seven centuries. Applicants are invited to participate in a minimum of two rehearsals without payment of any subscription, after which they are invited to a voice assessment. We particularly welcome younger singers, including 6th formers, even if they have relatively little experience of choral singing. These candidates will be offered special terms and will have the opportunity of mentoring by experienced choir members. Visit our website for

more information: www.concordiavoices.com

The Crawdaddy Club

The incredible Chris Corcoran Trio are coming to the Crawdaddy Club for the very first time on **Friday 19th September** at the Turk's Head. Expect vintage grooves, red hot guitar and top class instrumental blues from one of the UK's finest. Joining Chris is rising star Elsie Franklin with her soulful vocals and authentic country blues guitar. This is going to be a proper night of live music for blues and roots fans alike. Tickets are flying so grab yours now! www.wegotickets.com/crawdaddyclub Crawdaddy Club, The Turks Head, Winchester Road, Twickenham.

Eel Pie Club

The Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. Doors 7:45pm. Music from 8:30pm (unless otherwise advertised). Tickets via www.eelpieclub.com or on the door (if still available). Enquiries: **07732 322610** or eelpieclubuk@gmail.com

Thursday 4 September 2025. Members Of The Yardbirds and Nine Below Zero Celebrate Billyboy's Big Birthday. BillyBoy's Birthday Blues Celebration featuring Jim McCarty (Yardbirds), Dennis Greaves (Nine Below Zero), Detroit John Idan (Yardbirds), Sonny Greaves (Nine Below Zero), Anthony Harty (Nine Below Zero) and BillyBoy Miskimmin (Yardbirds and Nine Below Zero). The merging of members of two of the world's seminal Blues Bands to celebrate BillyBoy's Big Birthday! Early booking advised! £25 Advance. £30 on the door (if still available).

Thursday 18 September 2025. The Errol Linton Band Erroll Linton won the UK Blues Challenge 2024 and was nominated for UK Blues Awards in 2023 and 2024, representing the UK Blues Federation both at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis, USA, and the European Blues Challenge in Braga, Portugal. Anyone interested in contemporary British blues/roots music will be aware of Errol Linton. The Brixton born, raised and resident singer, harmonica player and songwriter makes music that gets audiences dancing and cheering. This is the funky stuff, blues with a reggae tinge and jazz flavours. Black British music with roots in Mississippi and New Orleans, Kingston and London. Linton creates a dynamic, original sound like no other artist anywhere. £16 Advance. £18 on the door.

In Flagrante Choir

We're a friendly, local choir which rehearses on Tuesday evenings, 7.30 - 9.30pm, at the glorious venue of The Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club in Richmond (<https://www.rmsgc.co.uk>) - in a huge room with a stunning view over the surrounding Arcadian landscape. Singers are still offered the option of joining in through Zoom in case there is a week you are unable to attend in person. Following a summer break, the choir restarts on **Tuesday 2 September 2025**. In Flagrante Choir singers enjoy a mixture of repertoire old and new - popular songs and seasonal music - following fun vocal warm-ups to improve singing, posture and breathing techniques. We'd love you to come along and enjoy a couple of hours of singing in great company. For more information on the choir, please check the website <https://www.inflagrantechoir.com>

Hampton Choral Society

Why not join us? We sing together at Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, TW11 8TP? We meet to sing every Tuesday evening from 19.45 to 21.30. We restart the autumn season on **Tuesday 2nd September** and are singing Faure's Requiem and Mozart's Solemn Vespers.

Our next concert is planned for the evening of **Saturday**

November 15th at 18.30 at All Saints Church Kingston, KT1 1JP. <https://www.hamptonchoral.org.uk>

We 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. Contact macdonald.avf61@gmail.com

Kingston Choral Society

Is a choir of over 100 members of all ages and experience levels, ranging from music graduates to complete novices. New members are always welcome. If you enjoy singing and want to tackle repertoire from across the centuries, why not come along and try us out? We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 8 till 10 pm at Hollyfield school in Surbiton and perform 4 concerts a year, often with professional orchestras and soloists. Our first rehearsal in the new term will be on **Thursday September 4th** but new members are welcome any time. For more information on the choir, and our upcoming concerts see <https://kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk/>

The Richmond Rhythm Club

Will return on **30 September** after its summer break and you are cordially invited to join us for our autumn series of jazz talks and music on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm at the Twickenham Club, 7 Church Street, TW1 3NJ which offers a delightfully relaxed and friendly atmosphere and bar service. **30 Sept** Dave Gordon (keyboards/composer). No booking required - £8 for drop-ins.

Come and sing with Richmond Opera this autumn!

We're welcoming new singers to join our friendly, non-auditioned chorus as we rehearse Handel's glorious Alexander's Feast — a sparkling secular oratorio full of variety, from lively drinking songs to sublime airs. Weekly rehearsals start **Wednesday 3rd September** (7:30–9:30 pm) at the Vineyard Church (Richmond TW10 6AQ), leading to a performance on Saturday 15th November at St Mary's University Chapel, Twickenham. Try us out before committing — just email info@richmondopera.org.uk to find out more. We'd love to sing with you!

Richmond Concert Society's 64th season

Opens with a concert at 7.45pm on **30th September** in St Mary the Virgin, Twickenham Riverside. The varied programme begins with virtuosic solos played by the award-winning double bassist, Will Duerden. Trio Concept, an exciting young piano trio, will play the Ravel Piano Trio and all these musicians will join with the talented viola player, Jaren Ziegler, to play the Vaughan Williams Piano Quintet. www.richmondconcerts.co.uk

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra

Auditions for 2025/26 Season **Saturday 6 & Sunday 7 September**. Join your local youth Orchestra! Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra is one of the UK's leading youth orchestras. Based in Wimbledon with over 170 members drawn from across southwest London and Surrey, we run two full sized symphony orchestras, our Main Orchestra for players of grade 7 and above, and our Training Orchestra for younger, less experienced players aged 8 -13. Join us and you'll take part in 3 concerts a year at top concert halls in central London and Surrey. You'll be coached by our team of experienced instrumental tutors, get a chance to work with professional soloists, and for our Main Orchestra, take part in our annual European Tour. For more information and to book an audition visit our website: www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk

Strawberry Hill Community Choir

Strawberry Hill House. After more than 15 years in residence at Strawberry Hill House the Choir is now established in York

House. James, our talented choirmaster, remains with us as do all the existing members. We have room to expand and welcome new members to become part of this. There are no auditions. All you need is a love and enjoyment of making music, commitment and a willingness to be challenged. A mixture of genre, styles and languages. We rehearse on a Tuesday, and the subscription is £85 per term. More information can be found on our website and from here you can arrange to come to a taster session. You will be more than welcome. We look forward to seeing you there. The new term starts on **Tuesday 16th September** in the Hyde Room, York House at 7.15 and our concert will be at St Mary's Church, Twickenham on the 2nd December. After a very successful concert in July we are now looking forward to the new term. We have room to expand and welcome new members to become part of this. There are no auditions. strawberryhillcommunitychoir.org.

Thames Philharmonic Choir

Find out what it's like to sing with us as we start rehearsing Mozart's Coronation Mass and Bach's Cantata Wachet Auf. Join our open rehearsal at 7.30 pm on **Tuesday 23 September** at St Margaret's Church Putney to sing and socialise over a glass of wine. We are a vibrant and musically ambitious amateur choir; we enjoy performing everything from renaissance polyphony to contemporary compositions. For more information, go to <https://www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk/concerts-events>

Twickenham Choral

This highly-acclaimed choir is holding its next round of voice-test auditions for new members on **Thursday 25th September**, 4pm-6pm. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings 7-9.30pm at St Catherine's School, Twickenham and recommence on **11th September**. With Duruflé's gorgeous Requiem and Bach's Christmas Oratorio to practise, under the expert and enthusiastic guidance of conductor Howard Ionascu, this could be just what you're looking for. Come and try a couple of rehearsals before taking the test. All enquiries to membership@twickenhamchoral.org or visit the website <https://twickenhamchoral.org.uk>.

Twickfolk

Live folk music most Sunday evenings at the Cabbage Patch, 67 London Rd, Twickenham TW1 3DZ. Walking distance from Twickenham railway station and 267, 281, 490 and R68 bus stop. Doors open 7.45pm – music from 8.00pm

Sunday 7 September: The traditional season-opening singaround. Bring a pair of songs, tunes or poems to the circle, or simply pull up a chair and listen. £5 at the door.

Sunday 14 September: Huw Williams + Scolds Bridle. Veteran singer-songwriter returns with foot-tapping melodies, moving, humorous songs and maybe something from 'South Pacific'. Folk duo well known on the northern festival circuit. Tickets £15 on the door or £12 + booking fee at <https://wegottickets.com/event/653105/>

Sunday 21 September: Sid Griffin. Back after an ensemble set on Glastonbury's acoustic stage for an autumn tour with alt-bluegrass outfit the Coal Porters, this will be the only solo UK gig for the renowned LA-based singer-songwriter and music historian. A night of the finest Americana is assured. Tickets £15 on the door or £12 + booking fee at <https://wegottickets.com/event/654607/>

Sunday 28 September: Charlie Dore. A very welcome TwickFolk return for one of the country's most respected songwriters, who's been covered by everyone from George Harrison to Tina Turner. Her clever lyrics and melodic voice are as strong as ever, and she'll be backed by longtime sideman and multi-instrumentalist Julian Littman, once of Steeleye Span. Book early to avoid disappointment. Tickets £17 on the door or £14 + booking fee at <https://wegottickets.com/event/655114/>

West London Chamber Choir

Is looking for enthusiastic singers, particularly altos, tenors and basses. We are a mixed-voice choir, based in Barnes, with emphasis on a capella music, embracing a broad range of repertoire. Applicants are invited to participate in a minimum of two rehearsals without payment of any subscription, after which they are invited to a voice assessment. We particularly welcome younger singers who are offered special terms and will have the opportunity of mentoring by experienced choir members, under the guidance of Music Director, Hilary Campbell. Visit our website for more information: www.westlondonchamberchoir.com

Walks Talks and Courses

The Arts Society Richmond

Has a full programme of live/Zoom hybrid lectures and visits! Our lecture programme continues on **Tuesday September 2nd 2025 at 7:30pm** with our monthly live/Zoom hybrid lecture. The title is "EH Shepard: his story from World War I to the Winnie-the-Pooh illustrations" and the speaker is Arts Society accredited lecturer James Campbell. We start the evening with drinks from 6:45pm in Duke Street Church, Duke Street Richmond, TW9 1DH. Always free to members, and non-members pay £5 on the door - no booking required. Non-members can also watch on Zoom for £7 by emailing us as below.

Outings

On **Saturday 6th September** we have an evening tour of Westminster Abbey with the Purcell Club Singers.

On **Monday 22nd September** there is a morning visit to Mercers' Hall. If you wish to join us for any of our events, please email Richmond@theartsociety.org for further details and to arrange payment, and when appropriate you will be sent the Zoom link 24 hours in advance. Our website is at www.theartsocietyrichmond.org.uk

Events at RuptureXIBIT

RuptureXIBIT is an inclusive, artist-run space in Hampton Wick, London, offering mentoring, immersive residencies, writing and practice workshops and experimental exhibitions. With over 1,000 international artists supported across five years, RuptureXIBIT provides the space, time and guidance for artists to grow and thrive. Visit our upcoming events page for details — opening hours vary weekly. There's more info and links to images here: <https://www.rupturexibit.com/press-kit>

The Landmark Arts Centre

Is excited to host a new Practical Philosophy Course, run by The School of Philosophy. **25/09/25 – 27/11/25**. This course is a great opportunity to get to grips with the teachings of the

great philosophers of East & West. Unlock your inner wisdom within a supported environment of small group discussions, meditation and retreats. No prior knowledge required, just an open mind and a willingness to learn. Book online for only £60 at www.kingston.schoolofphilosophy.org or www.landmarkartscentre.org

Richmond Association for the National Trust/ RANTS

Organiser for all 3 visits is: Ann MacLennan on email annmaclellan@btopenworld.com.

Thursday 4 September 2025. Coach visit to Ightham Mote, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks TN15 ONT.

Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 11 am. London visit to Kelmscott House, 26 Upper Mall, Hammersmith W6 9TA.

Wednesday 10 September 2025 at 2 pm. London visit to Emery Walker's House, 7 Hammersmith Terrace, Hammersmith W6 9TS.

Richmond Heritage Guides

Sunday 7 September at 11.00am. Join a Twickenham historical riverside promenade from York House to Marble Hill. Meet outside St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NJ.

Sunday 14 September at 2.00pm. A tour of Richmond including the ancient Green, the remains of the Tudor Palace and the riverside. Meet at Richmond Station by the Visitor Information Booth, Richmond TW9 2NA.

Saturday 20 September at 11.00am. Gently meander up Richmond Hill and enjoy the famous View of the river by the Terrace Gardens. Meet at Richmond Station by the Visitor Information Booth Richmond TW9 2NA.

Saturday 27 September at 11.00am. Whitton and its development over the centuries are revealed in this walk. Meet outside Whitton Library, 141 Nelson Road, Whitton TW2 7BB. No need to book walks, just turn up and pay the guide (£5). Richmond Heritage Guides **020 8894 3678** or **020 8948 2612**. www.richmondwalks.co.uk

Richmond Local History Society

Monday 8 September, 'Richmond History - past, present and future' at Duke Street Church at 8pm. The talks will mark the 50th anniversary of our founding as the Richmond Society's Local History Section and the Society's 40th anniversary as an organization in its own right. Non-members welcome £5.00 donation. Zoom available for members.

The Richmond Society Annual Forum

Thursday 18 September at 7:30pm | An opportunity to raise questions and give your views on matters of local interest, in particular the Council's 'Richmond Vision' plans for the town centre. Queen Charlotte Hall, Richmond & Hillcroft Adult Community College, Parkshot, Richmond TW9 2RD. Doors open at 7:00pm with wine and soft drinks available. Members and guests welcome. There is no charge to attend but places are limited, and admission cannot be assured without a ticket booked in advance. Please visit: www.richmondsociety.org.uk

Coming Soon:

Arts Richmond Young Writer's Festival

Keep your eyes peeled for details of our next Young Writer's Festival, launching on 1st September!



Open to all young people who either live or attend school/clubs in the Borough of Richmond upon Thames, this is a chance to demonstrate writing skills of any form: stories, descriptive writing, poems, playlets, song lyrics - whatever the imagination can devise!

Arts Richmond November Literature Festival 2025

Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment

5th November: Justin Webb, the long-time Radio 4 Today presenter, will be talking to journalist York Membery about early starts, his life as a broadcaster and his frank, widely-acclaimed childhood memoir, *The Gift of a Radio*, about growing up in 1970s Britain.

12th November: The former Labour MP and minister, novelist and celebrated diarist Chris Mullin, who famously led a campaign that resulted in the release of the Birmingham Six, talks to York Membery about his latest volume of diaries, *Didn't You Use to Be Chris Mullin?*.

17th November: The historian Tracy Borman, Chief Historian at the Historic Royal Palaces and the author of several acclaimed books about Tudor England, talks about her new book, *The Stolen Crown*, which looks at 'treachery, deceit and the death of the Tudor dynasty'.

26th November: Broadcaster Reeta Chakrabarti is best known for being a BBC television news presenter, but will be talking about both her 30-plus years with 'The Beeb', as well her debut novel, *Finding Belle*, in a wide-ranging talk with journalist York Membery.

Please visit: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events>

Arts Richmond AGM News

At Arts Richmond's recent AGM we bade a fond farewell to Chair of Trustees Dr Hilary Dodman who has stepped down after many years of service to Arts Richmond. Hilary has been Chair of the Executive and more recently Chair of Trustees twice and has given many hours of dedicated work to the charity which she holds dear to her heart. Hilary will remain in her role as Chair of the Visual Arts and Music Committees. At the AGM Hilary was presented with a poem penned by the man himself Roger McGough a patron and supporter of Arts Richmond.



The poem reads as follows:

Roses are red, violets are blue
Roger requested a sonnet for you
'Think William Wordsworth' is what we were told
Clouds are lonely and daffodils are gold.

Roses are red, violets are blue
Thank Hilary for all she has managed to do.
As Trustee and Chair, no one could doubt her
Richmond will be much the poorer without her.

Loyal and dynamic, she has given her all
Forever cheery, always on call.
With A.I. technology at its best
We believe this passes the poetry test
(Better than any human could do)
Roses are red and violets are blue.

Roger McGough

Whilst Hilary will be a tough act to follow, we are delighted that stepping into her formidable shoes as Co-Chairs of Trustees are Jean Wit and Sue Pandit pictured either side of Hilary. Arts Richmond is grateful to both of Sue and Jean for taking on these substantial roles.



Arts Richmond is also delighted to announce that Cllr. Richard Pyne will be Arts Richmond President for 2025/2026.

Richard Pyne was elected to Richmond Council in May 2018 and represents the North Richmond ward. He serves on the Social Service and Housing Committee and is a trustee of Richmond Parish Lands Charity and of the Museum of Richmond. Now semi-retired, Richard was a Partner in an international management consultancy firm and before that worked in Human Resources in industrial companies. He is a long-standing volunteer at Kew Gardens and also enjoys golf and quizzing and has appeared on several TV quiz programmes. He lives in East Sheen with his wife and daughter. We are delighted that he has accepted the role of President.



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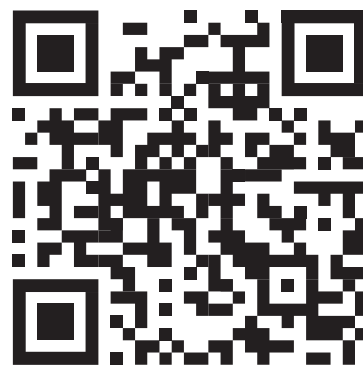
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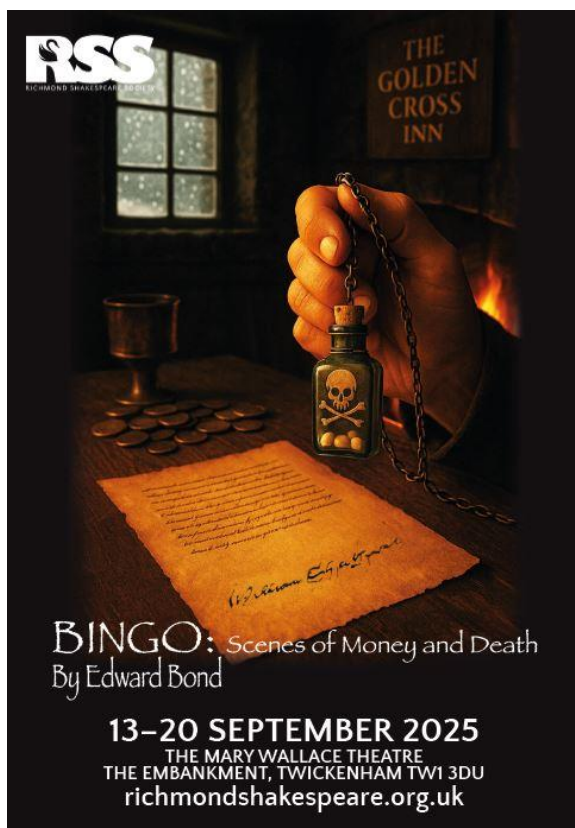
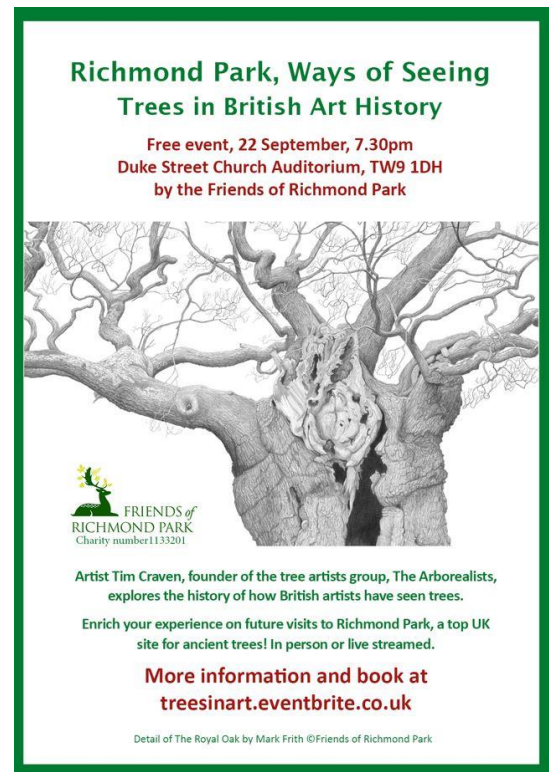
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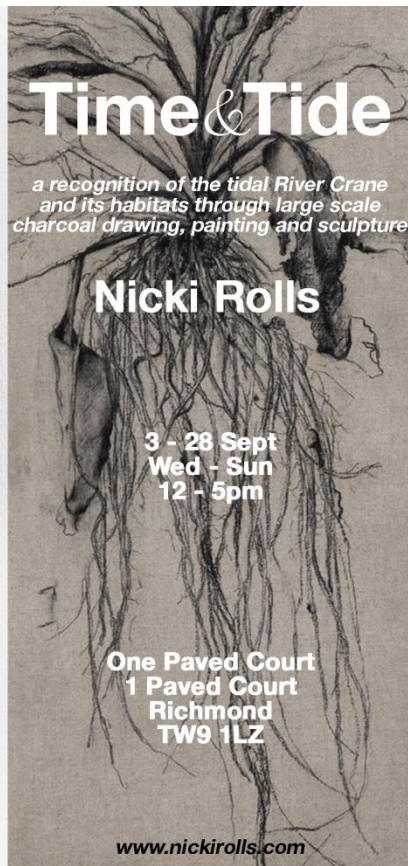
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