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Arts Richmond wishes all its members and readers season's greetings



Choral Workshop

Back by popular demand Arts Richmond are holding another Choral Workshop in **January 2026** at St Richard's Church Ham on Saturday 24th January. Full details and booking link can be found on <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/>

**'COME AND SING'
CHORAL
WORKSHOP**


Celebrating 60 Years
@artsrichmonduk


**Saturday 24th
January 2026
at St Richard Church
Ham TW10 7NL**

Join us for a day of wonderful music from Oklahoma! The first musical written by the brilliant duo Rodgers and Hammerstein.
With famous songs such as "Oh What Beautiful Morning"/ "I Can't Say No" and many more.

Conductor Richard Harker is
back by popular demand.



**9.30am: Registration
10am: Singing
12pm: Lunch bring your own
1pm: Singing
3pm: Break
3.30pm: Performance for Friends and Family**


Friends and family ticket £5.00 (Available online or on the door)
Tickets £25. Includes score Hire Oklahoma Choral selection arrange by John Leavitt

More info and booking link: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events>

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What's On

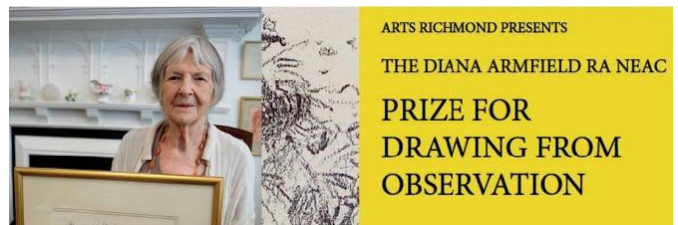
Arts & Culture in and
around the borough of
Richmond upon Thames

December 2025

The Arts Richmond Newsletter

Diana Armfield Drawing

We will also be launching another popular event **The Diana Armfield Drawing from Observation Competition**. Please keep your eyes on the website for full details.
www.artsrichmond.org.uk



Showcoach

Join our next Residential Trip in 2026.

Heritage Travel will be whisking us off to Norfolk from **Monday 27th April - Friday 1st May 2026**. We will be based in Norwich for 4 nights at the four-star centrally located Maids Head Hotel.

The wide-open spaces of present-day East Anglia give little indication of the region's rich past, a time when Norfolk was one of England's most densely populated and wealthiest areas. During the Middle Ages, a vibrant economy based on trade and farming resulted in the creation of beautiful churches and fine buildings in the towns. Wealth and power went hand in hand as the centuries passed, and politics also loomed large in East Anglia. For those at the top of the political tree, in many cases men from merchant backgrounds, the system of patronage enabled the building of some of the country's most magnificent country houses, each with its glorious architectural embellishments and splendid art collections.

Here are some of the highlights of this trip. On our way to Norwich, we will visit Flatford Mill. During our stay, we will have a guided tour of Norwich Cathedral, a visit to Sandringham, as well as a visit to Wells-next-the-Sea and Holkham Hall. We will also have a boat trip, and will go on a steam train! A visit to Ely Cathedral and more.

For all the information, including booking details, download the brochure from our website: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach>. We have 25 places, so please book early! We look forward to seeing you. **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**.

Norfolk
Explorer



Monday 27 April - Friday 01 May 2026

Showcoach Review by Helen Taylor

Musical Magic

Our recent visit to the Musical Museum in Brentford High Street was full of truly wondrous mechanical musical surprises.



We learned how a music box is put together. On show they have a tiny one and a monster one worth a veritable fortune, like so many of the other instruments, since no one would make it now. There are several versions of the His Master's Voice record-playing instruments complete with giant horns and we were told the story of how the brand name came about. Most of us had never seen a pianola close up and we were treated to demonstrations of how they are put together and played.

Who knew that the innards of a jukebox would be so fascinating - complete with a horizontal violin if you please! But the star of the show was the beautiful Wurlitzer. In the spacious concert hall it rose up from under the stage and we had a lovely little concert before going upstairs for tea and cake.

The museum does a lot of concerts, often for children - but anybody for a Tea Dance? Just get in touch with them for the wonderfully varied programme.

Coming in 2026

Visit to The Royal Hospital Chelsea including private tour with one of the Chelsea Pensioners. This will be in June, further details and date to be announced soon.

News Update: More accessibility for all.



Richmond Shakespeare Society: Captioned performances come to The Mary Wallace Theatre. Richmond Shakespeare Society is introducing captioned performances from December, starting with The Ghost Train (Revised) on **Thursday 11 December** at 7.45pm at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham (run: 6–13 December). "Theatre connects us through shared experience," said Director Asha Gill. "Captioning helps ensure that connection is open to everyone." From December onwards, all Thursday performances will be captioned – a first for community theatre in the borough. Tickets available from 3 November at richmondshakespeare.org.uk.

Festival of Phenomenal Females

We invite all music affiliates to join Arts Richmond Music committee in a celebration of female composers who have been underappreciated and woefully underrepresented in musical programming (although that has started to improve). To raise the profile of female composers and their works, we're inviting music groups to join us in a Festival of Phenomenal Females in Spring 2026. Together we will shine a light on fabulous compositions by women who do not get the exposure they deserve.

- The festival will centre around a flagship concert at Landmark Arts Centre on 8th March 2026 (International Women's Day) featuring the Solarek piano trio with guests and Twickenham Choral. Highlights include
 - Debbie Wiseman:** 'Wolf Hall' suite arranged for piano quintet (Premiere)
 - Roxanna Panufnik:** 'Wild Musick', Twickenham Choral
 - Fanny Mendelssohn:** Piano trio (1st Movement)
 - Florence Price:** Piano quintet
 - Kate Bush:** Wuthering Heights (arranged for string quartet)
 - Discussion panel:** Debbie Wiseman, Roxanna Panufnik, Lottie Walker
- Interactive workshops on female composers for schools - led by Marina Solarek. This is aimed at GCSE and A-level students who are invited from schools across the borough, to be held at Waldegrave School in March 2026.
- We invite and encourage music affiliates to include works by female composers in your Spring programs for 2026. For instance, Richmond Orchestra will perform Ethel Smyth: Concerto for violin and horn in their March 2026 concert. If you would like to take part in the festival by including female composers in your repertoire for next spring, please contact Hugh Rogers. hugh.rogers2@btinternet.com by 1st January 2026 Participants will be supported by enhanced promotion of your event by Arts Richmond, raising your profile and increasing your audience.

ARTS RICHMOND PRESENTS

FESTIVAL OF PHENOMENAL FEMALES
A Celebration of Female Composers
Under-recognised, Under-appreciated, Underperformed

FLAGSHIP FESTIVAL CONCERT

Solarek Piano Trio with friends
Twickenham Choral

Fanny Mendelssohn: Piano Trio 1st movement
Eleanor Daly: Upon your heart (choir)
Florence Price: Piano quintet
Kate Bush: Wuthering Heights (arr for string quartet)

Panel Discussion: Debbie Wiseman, Roxanna Panufnik, Leah Broad, Lottie Walker (facilitator)

Debbie Wiseman: Wolf Hall Suite (string quartet & piano Premiere, special commission)
Roxanna Panufnik: Wild Musick (choral setting of verse by Alexander Pope)

8TH MARCH 2026
5:00PM
Landmark Arts Centre,
Ferry Road,
Teddington,
TW11 9NN

Festival of concerts
featuring female composers by local music groups in Richmond from March 2026
Richmond Orchestra
Hampton Choral Society
Twickenham Choral
Loki Music

Workshop for schools
led by Marina Solarek at
Waldegrave School March 2026

Tickets £20
Students £5
from www.landmarkartscentre.org

For more details of these concerts and workshops: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk>
Designer Marina Melnikova @pink.offdesign

Visual Arts:

Hampton Hill Photographic Society

Wed 17 Dec from 6.30 pm, The Bell Inn, Hampton
Christmas Competition and Social.

After dinner, we will look at members' digital images with "Light" as the theme of this annual competition, hoping to see great variety and creativity. A judge will analyse them and select the best but the audience will have the deciding vote. Guests are welcome to the dinner (own expense) and/or competition or can join HHPS and take part. They need to sign up and pay a £3 fee. Please email for details mailto: chairman@hamptonhillps.org.uk
<https://www.hamptonhillps.org.uk>

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

Final film of 2025 is 'Four Mothers' (Ireland) on 9 December at 8:00pm. The season resumes on **13 January**. Films are screened on alternate Tuesdays at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. Non-member tickets £5 (full-time students £3) at exchangetwickenham.co.uk/events. See www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk for further information; tel. **020 8894 2254**; admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society

4 December 2025 8 – 10 p.m.

A talk with James Deavin

'How You Look At It - Approaches to Photography'

Held at Kew Community Centre, St Luke's, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ.

James creates stories and narratives through descriptive and technical photography and motion. He works with commercial, corporate and editorial clients on short and long projects and undertakes his own documentary projects for publication and exhibition. Please see work from both these strands on his site. Winner of the 2023 Sony World Photography Portfolio Award. 2x Best in Book Creative Review Photo Annual. 2x Winner BJP Portrait of Britain. 2024 Exhibition - Sony Centre, Tokyo. 2023 Exhibitions - Somerset House, London and Museo Diocesano, Milan.

<https://www.jamesdeavin.com/>

RTPS series of Special Interest Groups (SIGS) meeting on alternate months. Held on Zoom. <https://www.rtps.org.uk/>
For more info info@rtps.org.uk

RuptureXIBIT

Examining and Expanding Your Art Practice Workshop

Saturday 13 December, 10am–1pm. Reflect on your practice, explore new directions, and gain tools to work with greater confidence and freedom. Perfect for artists and writers seeking to deepen or reimagine their creative process. £5

Writing Workshop with Anna Johnson

Saturday 13 December, 2–4pm. Join writer and mentor Anna Johnson for our monthly writing session — a generative space for language, experimentation, and exchange. £5

SparkCrit (December)

Sunday 14 December, 12–4pm. Join Kate Howe and Sally for a dynamic, supportive group critique. Share your work, receive thoughtful feedback, and connect with fellow artists. £5

This winter, keep an eye out for exciting new work from Rupture founder Kate Howe who will be artist in residence for December and January. Expect glimpses, open studios, and a few surprises along the way.

RuptureXIBIT is an inclusive, artist-run space/art incubator located in Hampton Wick, London. Home to Art Mentoring & Writing Mentoring, Workshops, Intensive Immersive Residencies & Experimental Exhibitions. www.rupturexibit.com

Saturday Watercolour Workshop

December 6th 10.00am-4.00pm

Learn From A Watercolour Master: John Piper: 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 patkayharvey44@gmail.com or call **020 3643 6227** to confirm; or if you need help with stretching your paper. www.patharvey.co.uk

Fountain Gallery

Run by professional artists the Fountain Gallery runs an exciting and diverse exhibition programme showing a range of high quality paintings, prints, ceramics, textiles and jewellery. New exhibitions open every two weeks with each show giving the opportunity to visitors to meet the exhibiting artists. This beautiful gallery is located just across the bridge from Hampton Court Palace in South West London, in a delightful street famous for its cafes, restaurants, antique shops and boutiques.

2nd December – 23rd December: JIM WOODMAN AT THE FOUNTAIN GALLERY Exhibiting with: Julie Peel City streets, mountains and trees, all captured in expressive paintings by Jim Woodman, together with inspiring ceramics by Julie Peel

ORLEANS HOUSE GALLERY

THE WINTER SHOW 2025, OPENING RECEPTION

Nov 28th, 2025 to 1st February 2026 6pm-8pm

The Winter Show returns with original artworks made by Richmond-based artists! Join Orleans and support their vibrant local visual art community! For details:

<https://artsrichmond.org.uk/whats-on>

Performance:

The Exchange

Cinema Live: An American in Paris – The Musical:

Wednesday 3 December | 2 pm & 7 pm

This breathtakingly beautiful Tony Award-winning Broadway musical, inspired by the Oscar winning MGM film, tells the impassioned story of discovering love in the 'City of Light'. Featuring the gorgeous music and lyrics of George and Ira Gershwin (including the classic hits, Wonderful and I Got Rhythm), stunning designs, and show-stopping choreography, this incredible production received a record-setting 28 five-star reviews from the critics. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/cinema-live-an-american-in-paris/#20251203>

Richmond Youth Screen Orchestra presents The Snowman Schools Concert: Tuesday 2 December | 1:30 pm - 2.30 pm

Join us at this special performance for schools (suitable for KS1) and pre-school children (3 yrs +) by the Richmond Music Trust (RMT) Screen Orchestra, a local orchestra for young people focusing on music from well-known film, TV and gaming soundtracks, as they provide the live soundtrack to a film screening of Raymond Briggs' family classic, The Snowman, supported by the RMT Choir. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk>

Jazz at the Movies: A Swinging Christmas:

Thursday 4 December | 7.30 pm

This festive jazz entertainment is the perfect way to swing into the holidays being an annual sell-out for a decade at Ronnie Scott's, Pizza Jazz Club Soho, the RAH's Elgar Room and concert halls throughout the UK. A Swinging Christmas is a unique blend of irreverence, poignancy and jazzy joy fronted by acclaimed singer Joanna Eden ("The UK's answer to Norah Jones and Diana Krall" TIME OUT) and the Chris Ingham Quartet ("One of the finest combos in the country" JAZZ JOURNAL). <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/jazz-at-the-movies-a-swinging-christmas/>

Steve Knightley & The Winter Yards Band:

Friday 5 December | 7.30 pm

Following the outstanding success of his Winter Yards solo tour, Steve Knightley is thrilled to announce the first tour of his brand-new four-piece band. With the support of his new agency, Midnight Mango, this exciting new venture brings together some of the most talented musicians in the industry, promising a live experience like no other. Support by acclaimed folk/Americana family duo, True Foxes. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/steve-knightley-the-winter-yards-band/#20251205>

The Polar Express SEEN Charity Film Screening:

Sunday 7 December | 3 pm

Join us at The Exchange this Christmas for The Polar Express (2004) film screening hosted by local Charity SEEN. All proceeds go to SEEN, providing a safe space to support those facing unplanned pregnancy and baby loss and delivering healthy relationship and sex education to empower and nurture our community. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/seen-charity-christmas-film/#20251207>

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

A Ghost Story for a Winter's Night:

Wednesday 10 December | 7.30 pm

Thursday 11 December | 1 pm & 7.30 pm

This new adaptation of Dickens' own performance script, adapted and performed by Vincent Franklin (Happy Valley, Doc Martin) will chill your blood and warm your heart. It's the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit – past, present and future. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/charles-dickens-a-christmas-carol-a-ghost-story-for-a-winters-night/#20251210>

An Evening with Clinton Baptiste:

Friday 12 December | 8 pm

Fresh from another sell-out UK tour, Clinton Baptiste is back to deliver the best of his recent work, plus some new bits. Join Clinton for his stories, jokes plus demonstrations of his amazing ability – and as always, he'll be in the audience to give you truthful (but startling) readings from the spirit world. Not for the faint hearted! <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/an-evening-with-clinton-baptiste/>

Carnaby Army Christmas Special. 60s British Invasion.

Saturday 13 December | 8 pm

Come and rock around our Christmas tree with Carnaby Army's electrifying live show – The British Invasion and Beyond celebrates the very best of 60s music with a two-hour set spanning Mod, Rock, Rhythm & Blues and Soul. Featuring era-defining hits from the biggest bands of the decade including The Beatles, Rolling Stones, Small Faces and The Kinks, this stellar, six-piece band presents an evening of unadulterated entertainment that has been wowing audiences across the country. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/carnaby-army-60s-british-invasion-2/#20251213>

Ian Shaw: Shaw Shimmers into Xmas:

Sunday 14 December | 6 pm

In his inimitable one-man powerhouse show, Ian Shaw explores the joys, tears and sheer horror of the festive season.... This mischievous artist brings you a cracker of a show, after yet another right old figgy pud of a year. Expect razor-sharp comedy and a flurry of Xmassy offerings, alongside songs from his favourite songwriters including Joni Mitchell. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/ian-shaw-shaw-shimmers-into-xmas/>

Beauty and the Beast: The Pantomime:

Weds 17 Dec relaxed performance, 7 pm | Thurs 18 & Fri 19 Dec, 7 pm | Sat 20 & Sun 21 Dec, 2 pm & 6 pm.

From the pen of acclaimed local playwright, Loz Keal, and following on from the success of 2023's Robin Hood and last year's Cinderella, comes this fast-paced, fun-filled panto that has everything you expect – groan worthy gags, laugh-out-loud jokes, sing-along-able songs, and loads of audience participation!

Join us, as the beautiful Enchantress transforms the vain and shallow Prince into a hideous Beast: will he find love and break the curse before the last petal falls? Will Beauty win the day or will her awful sisters and their daft boyfriends spoil everything? There's only one way to find out! Book now - <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/beauty-and-the-beast-the-pantomime/#20251218>

Rambert School Presents PLATFORM

Anya Linden Studio Theatre, Rambert School, St Margaret's Drive, Twickenham, TW1 1QN

Monday 8 – Friday 12 December 2025 at 7.30pm

PLATFORM showcases the bold creativity and fearless imagination of Rambert School students. Don't miss this exciting glimpse into the future of dance. Book tickets (priced £10-£15) at www.rambertschool.org.uk/whats-on

Richmond upon Thames Performing Arts Festival

Time is ticking away to enter for this competitive festival for young people and adults to take part in and showcase their talents. There are sections in piano, vocal, instrumental, dance (sold out), speech and drama, and choral. The competitions run from February-March 2026 and entry details along with syllabus requirements, can be found on the website www.richmondfestival.org.uk. Last year over 2000 people were involved - we hope to see you there!



Steve Leslie Productions:

Millie And Snowy's Magical Christmas Tree

Hampton Hill Theatre **Saturday 13th - Wednesday 24th December**. Performances 11am & 2pm. Millie and Snowy set off on an adventure into the enchanted forest in their quest to save Christmas. Can you help them on their journey? This atmospheric and heart-warming festive production is full of fun, magic, music and audience participation - the perfect family show to get you into the Christmas spirit! Suitable for children aged 3-8yrs. Running time 50 minutes. Suitable for children aged 3-8years. Tickets: <https://tinyurl.com/f77nfbxs>

Dramacube Productions

Annie 13th to 22nd December. With equal measures of pluck and positivity, little orphan Annie charms everyone's hearts despite a next-to-nothing start in 1930s New York City. Annie is determined to find the parents who abandoned her years ago on the doorstep of an orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie eventually foils Miss Hannigan's evil machinations, finding a new home and family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary, Grace Farrell, and a lovable mutt named Sandy. Performed by Dramacube's talented performers (aged 8-12 & 13-18 years), this vibrant, feel-good production features professional sound, lighting, staging and costumes creating a sensational musical theatre experience for everyone to enjoy! Tickets on sale early November at www.dramacube.co.uk.

Richmond Shakespeare Society

THE GHOST TRAIN (REVISED) Saturday 6 to Saturday 13 December 2025 Captioned performance **Thursday 11 December** Old tales. New fears. And something none of them saw coming... Six passengers are stranded overnight at an isolated Cornish railway station. Ignoring the ghostly tales and dire warnings of the stationmaster, they decide to wait there until morning - with terrifying consequences as they unravel the secret of The Ghost Train. Join us for this classic chilling comedy thriller that will stop you in your tracks! <https://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk/Shows/ghosttrain25>

Teddington Theatre Club

Hansel & Gretel

Saturday 29th November to Saturday 6th December

It's Panto Time at Hampton Hill Theatre – Oh Yes It Is! This Christmas, follow the breadcrumbs to a magical festive treat like no other – our glittering, hilariously fun pantomime: Hansel & Gretel... with a twist! We've "remixed" the classic fairytale and added a sprinkle of sparkle, a dash of dazzle, and a whole lot of surprises! This isn't just any trip into the woods – oh no it isn't! Booking details and link: <https://www.hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk/production/hansel-gretel> Groups enquiries to boxoffice@teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

Music:

The Barnes Choir Annual Charity Carol Concert – Come and Sing with us.

Tuesday, December 16th, 2025, 8.00 - 9.00, Doors/Bar from 7.30. All Saints Church, East Sheen Avenue, East Sheen, SW14 8AX. Join The Barnes Choir for our Annual Charity Carol Concert in aid of the Mulberry Centre in Isleworth, your local cancer support charity. We've chosen a wide selection of carols from the really popular ones that you love to sing, to lesser-known ones that the choir will perform for

you. Admission is free, but we'd like to encourage you to make a donation to our chosen charity, The Mulberry Centre: www.themulberrycentre.co.uk, or donate on the door. www.barneschoir.org.uk

Concordia Voices

Saturday 6 December from 7.00 pm at St James's Church, Hampton Hill, TW12 1DQ. We will be joined by children from Stanley Primary School in a concert featuring Bob Chilcott's "On Christmas Night" and carols for choir and audience. Conducted by Jack Apperley and Nicola Whiteside; accompanied by Alex Flower. Tickets £13 in advance from choir members or from www.ticketsource.co.uk/concordiavoices (+ booking fee); £15 on the door. <https://www.concordiavoices.com>

Hounslow Symphony Orchestra : Family Christmas Concert 'Superheroes' conductor Dorian Todorov Dimitrov 3pm, Saturday 13th December at St Mary's Church, Osterley Rd, Isleworth TW7 4PW Walking in a Hollywood 'Superhero' Wonderland, Part III Seasonal fun with a fabulous raffle, mince pies, mulled cider and Christmassy treats with music for the whole family to enjoy. Perfect for Superhero fans, film music lovers, and anyone who wants to experience the power of a live orchestra. Whether you're 8 or 80, these musical themes will transport you into the D.C. and Marvel universe like never before. Bring your fine voices to sing along to Carols and indulge in that festive feeling. Special Family Ticket £25 (2 adults + 2 children). Individuals: Adult £10, Child £5. Available in advance or on the door. www.hounslow-symphony.org.uk New members welcome. Rehearsals on Monday evenings 7:30-9:45pm at St Mary's Church, Osterley Road, Isleworth TW7 4PW.

Kingston Madrigal Society

Our next meeting will take place on **Saturday 13th December at 7.30pm** in St Luke's Church/Swinerton Hall, Gibbon Road, Kingston KT2 6AB. A relaxed two-hour sing (with coffee and mince pie break) from our large collection of Madrigals (with the traditional Anthem to begin). We're a very friendly bunch, and welcome singers of all ability levels, so come along and give us a try! Details to be found at https://neilhawes.com/kms/next_meeting.htm.

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band will be holding their annual Christmas Concert at 3.00pm on Sunday 7th December at St. James's Church, Hampton Hill, TW12 1DQ. Programme will include music from the musical Oliver, John Rutter's Candlelight Carol, the Ukrainian Bell Carol, the sparkling Farandole from Bizet's Suite L'Arlesienne and much more. Tickets £15 (£12.50 if reserved ahead) include programme and refreshments.

They are also giving a Candlelight Concert 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th December in St. Mary's Church, Hampton with members of the NPL choir. The audience will be invited to sing many of the carols. Tickets £10 at the door.

Petersham's present for the future, with candles, choristers, organ and brass

Carols by Candlelight, 5pm, Wednesday 24 December 2025 Come and sing your favourite carols at Petersham's beautiful church St Peter's (TW10 7AB) at 5pm on Christmas Eve, between readings and prayers which follow the Christmas story: sung carols will include Once in Royal David's City, O Little Town of Bethlehem, While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night, Away in a Manger, Silent Night and Hark the Herald Angels Sing. In addition, the choir will sing some

Christmas classics, both old and new. Get there early as it fills up fast!

Richmond Chamber Choir

Join us for our Christmas concert at **7.30pm on Saturday 20th December** at St. Mary's Church in Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3DT. Conducted by our Music Director, Alexander Turner, the concert, entitled A Garland of Carols, is a celebration of

all things Christmas. Carols for choir and audience, readings, handbells, and organ solos. Music includes well-loved pieces by Rutter, Willcocks, Poston, Joubert and Tchaikovsky.

It promises to be a wonderful event! Tickets £15 from www.wegotickets.com/event/680539 (small fee applies online) or on the door. Our website is www.richmondchamberchoir.org.uk

Richmond Concert Society

Charismatic pianist Junyan Chen will be giving a recital for Richmond Concert Society at **7.45pm on Tuesday 2nd December** at St Margaret's church, Twickenham TW1 1RL. She was the winner of the Second Prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition in 2024. Her French-oriented programme includes Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin and La Valse, Variations on Balkan Themes by Amy Beach, as well as pieces by Couperin and Messiaen. www.richmondconcerts.co.uk

Richmond Opera, the borough's own established and inclusive opera company, is looking for a new Chair to take up the role from February 2026. We are keen to connect with people in Richmond who share our love of the arts and who would enjoy helping to guide and support a thriving local charity with an inclusive ethos and an exciting programme of opera and concerts. If you might be interested, we warmly invite you to get in touch for an informal conversation with our current Chair, John Rolt, at johnrolt@gmail.com.

The Richmond Rhythm Club

Cordially invites you to join us for our end-of-term gig on **Tuesday 2 December from 2.00-4.00 pm**, featuring the Emile Hinton trio with Emile on piano, Toby Yapp on double bass and Kai MacRae on drums. This will take place as usual at the Twickenham Club, 7 Church Street, TW1 3NJ which offers a delightfully relaxed and friendly atmosphere and bar service. £10 for drop-ins. RRC will then take its Christmas break, reconvening on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

Strawberry Hill Community Choir

Our Christmas Concert is at St Mary's Church, Twickenham on the **2nd December starting at 7.45** with doors opening at 7.30. Ticket price £15.00 (under 10s free). The Spring term starts on **Tuesday 13th January** in St Mary's Hall, Twickenham at 7.15. 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. www.strawberryhillcommunitychoir.org

Teddington Choral Society: and its Musical Director, Julian Collings present: When Icicles Hang. Saturday 6 December at 7:30pm at Landmark Arts Centre (TW11 9NN, Teddington). The variety of the program promises to create a performance full of magic and Christmas spirit.

Cantata No 140 by Johann Sebastian Bach A Winter's Night by Cecilia McDowall. When Icicles hang by John Rutter. Selection of Christmas carols with audience participation. Conal Bembridge at the piano. Tickets: £20 Under 16s Free at <https://www.landmarkartscentre.org/>
More information: www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk.

Thames Philharmonic Choir

Awake, Rejoice! Kick off Christmas with TPC! Thames Philharmonic Choir kicks off the Christmas season with an evening of festive music on **Saturday 6 December at 7.30pm** at **All Saints Kingston**. At the heart of the programme are two masterpieces: **JS Bach's Cantata Wachet Auf** (often known as Sleepers Awake) one of his best-loved works, weaving together a well-known Lutheran hymn with poetry inspired by the Song of Songs, and **Mozart's joyful Coronation Mass** in C major – written in Salzburg in 1779 and famously performed at the coronation of Francis II as Holy Roman Emperor in 1792. The evening concludes with heart-warming carols marking both Advent and Christmas, with plenty of opportunity for you to join us in rousing renditions of seasonal favourites for choir and audience. Book online:

www.thamesphilharmonicchoir.co.uk

Twickenham Choral : Celebrate the festive season with J.S.Bach's joyous Christmas Oratorio, Parts 1,2 3 & 6. Filled with uplifting choruses, tender arias and vibrant orchestral writing, this much-loved masterpiece tells the Nativity story with drama, beauty and reverence. Accompanied by specialist period instrument orchestra The Hanover Band, with outstanding vocal soloists and conducted by Howard Ionascu, Twickenham Choral looks forward to bringing you the perfect start to Christmas week.
7.30 Saturday 20th December 2025
All Saints Church, Market Place, Kingston KT1 1JP
Tickets from
<https://twickenhamchoral.org.uk/events/christmas-oratorio-parts-123-6-j-s-bach/>

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 December 2nd, 2025**, at 7:30pm with our monthly live/Zoom hybrid lecture. The title is "The Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy" and the speaker is Arts Society accredited lecturer Rosamund Bartlett. Christmas drinks and mince pies will be served after the talk. 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.

Outing - On **Wednesday December 17th** we have an evening Christmas Concert at the Cadogan 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

Handmade Workshops

Festive Needle Felting

Mon 1st Dec 2025. 7.15 – 9.15pm @ £42.

Spring Grove, Kingston.

Come along to our fun festive workshop and learn how to make needle felted Christmas decorations! The workshop is suitable for both beginners and people who've done some needle felting before. All materials are provided, together with a drink, so just bring yourselves!

The class will be taught by Catherine from Handmade Workshops.

Papercut Baubles

Tues 2nd Dec 2025. 7.15 – 9.15pm @ £45.

Stepping On Out, Teddington

Decorating the tree at Christmas is a magical time for everyone, rediscovering those beloved baubles filled with memories of Christmases past.

In this 2-hour workshop, you will be taught the basics of paper cutting, including how to use a scalpel safely and the principles behind making a bauble. All materials are included to make your glass bauble, together with use of tools. We'll also be serving hot drinks, mulled wine and home-made mince pies.

Embroidered Christmas Decorations

Wednesday 3rd December. 7.15 – 9.15pm @ £42.

Tide End Cottage, Teddington

Join us for a fun and festive evening learning how to embroider your own unique and beautiful Christmas ornaments. Whether you're an absolute beginner or have done some embroidery before, experienced teacher and professional milliner and accessories designer

All materials and tools are included, together with wine, juice or hot drinks.

Christmas Stars

Wednesday 3rd December. 7.30 – 9.30pm @ £42.

Tide End Cottage, Teddington

Come and join us for a fun and festive evening of crafting and make yourself a set of beautiful and original Christmas decorations!

Using a selection of different embroidery flosses and 55mm star shaped blanks, we'll show you how to wrap the threads to make these stunning decorations. During the class you should have time to make at least 2, if not 3, stars and you'll also go home with all the know-how to make more.

Foraged Wreaths

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December. 7.15 – 9.15pm

@ £59. United Response, Teddington. Waitlist.

Get yourself firmly into the Christmas spirit with our fun and relaxed festive workshop. Join local willow weaver and spoon carver Ellie Morgan to craft your own beautiful Christmas wreath over a glass of mulled wine or two and a homemade mince pie. **Dried Fruit Wreaths**

Saturday 13th December. 10.30am – 12pm @ £42.

United Response, Teddington

Why not join us for a relaxing morning of festive crafting and make yourself a beautiful handmade dried fruit wreath over a coffee and a mince pie?

This class can also be booked as a bespoke event for birthdays, parties and company celebrations. Just mail us on **craft@handmadeworkshops.co.uk** for more information.

The workshop will be taught by Ann and Catherine from Handmade Workshops.

Festive Garland

Saturday 13th December. 9.30am – 12pm @ £59.

United Response, Teddington

Join us for our latest festive creative workshop and make yourself a beautiful and sustainable garland to decorate your Christmas table, mantelpiece or staircase!

The class will be taught by Ann from Handmade Workshops.

Rolled Beeswax Candles

Saturday 13th December. 1.30 – 3pm @ £42.

United Response, Teddington

Join us for a jolly winter afternoon of candle crafting over a glass of mulled wine and a homemade mince pie.

You'll each be given enough materials to make two pairs of taper candles and also 2 pillar candles. No prior experience of candle making is needed at all.

All materials and refreshments are included.

Festive Stamp Making

Saturday 13th December. 1.30 – 4pm @ £49.

United Response, Teddington

In this winter afternoon workshop with artist and experienced tutor Sophie Boyce, you'll learn how to make festive stamps from lino and foam blocks. These stamps can then be used to create Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper and much more! All tools and materials are provided, but feel free to bring any special papers or surfaces of your own that you would like to print onto.

Please bring an apron with you and one or two designs (up to 7.5 cm square or 12 x 5 cm in size) that you would like to create a stamped image from. We'll also bring some inspiration to work from if you don't have any immediate ideas!

The Richmond Society AGM & Christmas Party

Thursday 11 December at 7:30pm

The AGM is followed by the Christmas Party, and the festive fun begins! Join fellow members for a convivial evening with a delicious buffet provided by The Sun Inn with music by popular local jazz band The Raccateers.

Queen Charlotte Hall, Richmond & Hillcroft Adult Community College, Parkshot, Richmond TW9 2RE. Doors open at 7:00pm. The AGM is free and open to all members. Tickets for the Party are £17 each for members and their guests only. For further details please visit: **www.richmondsociety.org.uk**

Twickenham Local History Society

Our final speaker for 2025 is Tracy Borman who will talk about her book "The Stolen Crown: Treachery, Deceit and the Death of the Tudor Dynasty" to members and guests at the Borough of Twickenham Local History Society's Alan Urwin Memorial Lecture. St Marys Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ. 8.00pm. **Monday 1 December 2025.** Free for members. Join the Society on the night or non-members and guests £4. **www.BOTLHS.co.uk**. **www.facebook.com/BOTLHS**

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.

The museum currently has a display featuring the painter JMW Turner and South-west London at part of the 250th anniversary celebrations of his birth. Turner lived locally at Brentford, Isleworth, Hammersmith and Twickenham.

Museum Open: Fri 11-3pm, Sat 11-3pm and Sun 2-4pm.

The 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, please email the House Manager for further details or housemanager@twickenham-museum.org.uk

Museum of Richmond

In the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames is located in Richmond's Old Town Hall, close to Richmond Bridge. It was formally opened by Queen Elizabeth II on 28 October 1988. An independent museum and a registered charity, it is supported by Richmond upon Thames Borough Council. Usual opening hours: **Tuesday to Fridays, 11am to 5pm** **Saturdays, 10am to 4pm**. We are closed on Sundays and Mondays, including Bank Holidays.

Join the Museum Team and discover more of the secrets and stories behind the Museum's collection by joining one of our FREE Curator's tours. Every Thursday at 2pm. No need to book – just head to the Museum's reception. Tours last 20-30 minutes.



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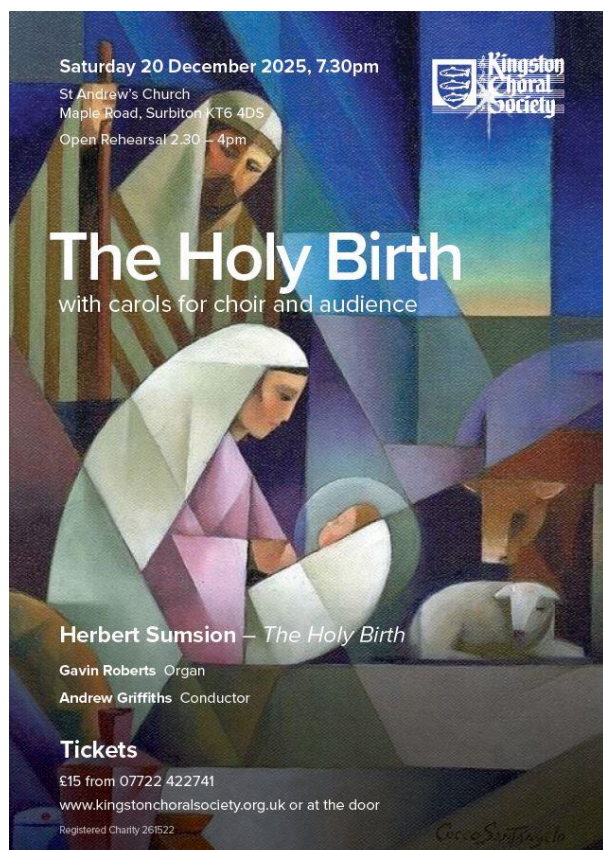
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Richmond upon Thames Performing Arts Festival 2026

Speech & Drama 8 March Waldegrave School, TW2 5LH Adjudicator: Frances Colyer	Instrumental 20-22 March St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Twickenham Adjudicator: Robert Bailey
Piano 7, 13-15 March St Augustine's Church, Twickenham Adjudicator: Tim Barratt, Alexis White	Vocal and Choral Adult Solos 27 February Tagg's Yard, Barnes Youth Solos 28 Feb, 1 Mar Kew Community Centre School Choirs 16 March Adult Choirs 17 March Duke St. Church, Richmond Adjudicators: Julia Dewhurst (solo), Ben Costello (choirs)
Dance 16-21 February Waldegrave School, TW2 5LH Adjudicator: Gemma Summerscales	

Entries Open 15 September 2025
Full details and online entry: www.richmondfestival.org.uk
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Scan the QR code
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Get in touch
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