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Arts Richmond New Plays Festival 2026

The **New Plays Festival** will be a celebration of original playwriting for the stage, with the shortlisted plays being performed live, and the winner selected on **Sunday 18th October** at The Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 17th July.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The play must be original, unpublished, and previously unperformed.
2. The play must be no longer than 20 minutes performance time.
3. The play must be suitable to be performed in the round, require a minimal set and a maximum of 12 performers.

Deadline: Friday, 17th July.

Full details: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/arts-richmond-events>

New Plays Competition 2026



Aspiring Playwrights submit your scripts by 17th July 2026

Final short listed plays will be performed at The Orange Tree Theatre on Sunday 18th October 2026 where the winner will be announced

Playwrights need to register and pay a small registration fee of £10.00

Full Competition rules: www.ArtsRichmond.org.uk

For further information please contact info@artsrichmond.org.uk

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What's On

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

Jul-Aug 2026

The Arts Richmond Newsletter

SHOWCOACH

Following our very successful Norfolk trip (review below) we have several more visits planned or in the pipeline: **Visit to the BBC Proms Sunday 23rd August 7.30 at the Royal Albert Hall**. We have 12 tickets at £66 in the stalls (own transport). The BBC Symphony Orchestra is conducted by Alain Altinoglu.

Programme:

- Stravinsky Symphonies of wind instruments
- Gautier Capucon playing Dvorak's Cello Concerto
- Debussy Prélude à l'après-midi faune
- Varèse's Amériques

Alain Altinoglu traces the vibrant dialogue between Europe and America pairing music from the Old World and the New. 100 years since wailing siren, whip and wind machine announced the arrival of Varese's Amériques the Proms celebrates this exhilarating urban hymn to the Composer's adopted home of NYC. Please book as soon as possible artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach.



We are hoping to book tickets to see The Bayeux Tapestry at the British Museum which opens in **September** (booking opens at beginning of July) so watch this space!

For **October** we hope to visit by coach The Silk Mill in Hampshire combined with a visit to Winchester Cathedral, date to be advised.

Monday November 30th - Thursday 3rd December :
four night trip, Culture and Christmas in Krakow (through Heritage Travel).

All the details and itinerary will be on our AR website. At this stage we just need to gauge interest so please email Linda: info@artsrichmond.org.uk if you are interested.

That is all that is planned at this time. However, if you have any ideas for visits you would be interested in please let us know, and if you would like to join our committee do please get in touch.

At the end of April Showcoach took to the road again with a group of 22 people to explore Norfolk. We arrived at our hotel near the cathedral in Norwich in the late afternoon having stopped at Flatford Mill to visit the John Constable Exhibition. The Hay Wain Pond is still very like in Constable's day minus the hay wain! A very pretty stopping point with an informative guide.



Our hotel claimed to be the oldest still being used as a hotel and fortunately had been updated so it was 4*, comfortable and modern. Our meal on the first night was at a very large round table so we could more easily get to know each other.

The next morning, we had a walking tour round the older part of Norwich before going into the cathedral for a guided tour. The afternoon was spent at Sandringham visiting the house, extensive gardens, stable block with its museum and church. The weather continued to be perfect - as it did for the whole of the 5 days.

The next day saw us at another magnificent house - Holkham Hall. A very fine Palladian country house with very extensive grounds. We had a very comprehensive tour, admiring the fabulous art collection, statuary, original furniture and wonderful library. The librarian explained about how the books are looked after and showed us examples of the curator's work. Back on the coach to finish the day with a boat trip to Blakeney Point from Morston Quay to admire the grey and common seals.

On our penultimate day we drove a short distance to Blickling Hall, a Jacobean house with more wonderful gardens and a lake. It also holds a museum dedicated to RAF Oulton who were billeted in the Hall during World War 2. A short journey on a steam train on the Bure Valley Railway followed this and we picked up the coach again to take us to East Ruston Old Vicarage Garden. This stunning 32-acre garden has some beautiful plantings and design.

Our final evening meal together was at a local restaurant which was very pleasant as we had the restaurant to ourselves and the food and service were excellent.

The final tour was at Ely Cathedral where we stopped en route back to Richmond. There were two guided tours of the Cathedral and of the Stained Glass Museum, again with very experienced and informative guides.

The lovely weather did help in making each visit very enjoyable and showed off the many gardens to their best but even if it had been rainy this would have been a very successful holiday.

Visual Arts:

RuptureXIBIT is an inclusive, artist-run space in Hampton Wick, London, run by artists Kate Howe and Sally Minns, dedicated to supporting artists and writers at all stages of their practice. Alongside mentoring, workshops, intensive residencies, and experimental exhibitions, Rupture offers a non-hierarchical environment where creative work can be explored, tested, and developed. At its core is a commitment to nurturing individual artistic growth through time, guidance, and community. <https://www.rupturexibit.com/>

"The Other Art Room", will be in residence in the front gallery space at RuptureXIBIT for the months of **June, July and August**. Founded and run by artist and teacher Sally Minns, The Other Art Room offers a programme of drawing and painting workshops for adults and teens across the summer. For all details go to www.theotherartroom.com.

BobCat Gallery

Meet the Artists. Upstairs at Putney Exchange, SW15 1TW
16th July, 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Join BobCat Gallery for a relaxed and informal chance to meet the artists displaying their work at Putney Exchange during July. Refreshments provided, please book your free tickets via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bobcat-gallery>

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The Exchange: Frida Kahlo: Exhibition on Screen

Monday 6 July, 12 pm £10 - £12 | Running time: 1 h 30 m

This award-winning film about Frida Kahlo, arguably the world's favourite female artist, is back for an encore screening to celebrate the anniversary of the iconic artist's birthday. Taking an in-depth look into the woman behind the bright colours, big brows and floral crowns, discovering her art and the story of her rebellious, passionate and turbulent life. Great for students and lovers of art. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/exhibition-on-screen-frida-kahlo/>

Faam Gallery

Since its founding in 1993 by Marziyeh Ramezani, Faam Gallery has emerged as a leading platform for contemporary visual arts. Over the past three decades, it has curated more than 230 solo and group exhibitions in countries including Italy, Germany, China, Dubai, Malaysia, South Korea and the United Kingdom.

Monday to Friday 09:30am - 5:30pm

Saturday 10:30am - 5:30pm. Sunday Closed

Tel: 020 3632 1468 Email: faamgallery@gmail.com Website: www.faamgallery.com/

Faam Gallery 131 Percy Road, Whitton, Richmond, TW2 6HT.

Fountain Gallery

Grace Ellen at the Fountain Gallery 26 Bridge Rd, East Molesey KT8 9HA. **26th May to 7th July 11am to 5pm**. Immersive paintings which capture light in the landscape. Inspired by familiar Surrey scenes as well as the British coastline.

Sharon Withers at the Fountain Gallery **9th June to 21st July**. Exhibiting with: Janet Stanley: Sharon's large-scale, bold & vibrant, abstract landscape paintings, together with Janet's textural, abstracted, figurative sculptures.

Andy Walker at the Fountain Gallery **23rd June to 5th July**. Vibrant landscapes, photorealistic from afar, but closer inspection reveals thousands of hand-drawn, coloured triangles - like an intricate mosaic.

Hampton Hill Photographic Society

Wed 15 July 8pm upstairs at the Bell Inn, Hampton. Members' photos. Members will be showing their own projected images of local subjects and scenes for discussion.

Wed 19 August 8pm upstairs at the Bell Inn, Hampton.

Monthly Meeting

We will be inviting a guest speaker to make a presentation and details will be in the programme as soon as confirmed.

We always warmly welcome visitors and guests to join us and there is just a modest fee to pay. Please see our website for details.

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

Molesey Art Society Open Air Exhibition

30th & 31st August 2026. Molesey Art Society will be holding its annual Open Air Exhibition at Molesey Lock on August Bank Holiday Sunday (30th) and Monday (31st) from 10am to 5pm on each day. Meet local artists and enjoy their paintings and craft exhibits. All visitors are very welcome to browse or buy. More information on the Art Society is available from www.moleseyartsociety.co.uk

Orleans House Gallery

All The Things: Exploring play and imagination across generations.

28 March – 31 August 2026. All The Things is an intergenerational exhibition, created by artists Abigail Hunt, Lucy McDonald and Matt Shaw in collaboration with Richmond borough residents aged from six months to ninety-four. The project is built on the idea that imagination belongs to everyone. Community groups, schools and volunteers took part by playing, experimenting and sharing ideas that shaped the work. The exhibition invites you to explore in your own way slowly, boldly, or playfully, and to let your imagination guide your experience. <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/events/all-the-things-exploring-play-and-imagination-across-generations/>

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.

- Diane McLellan demonstrating Poly Litho printing.
- Amanda Ribbans demonstrating Reduction Linoprint.
- Sue Ribbans presenting Linocut plates and prints.
- Lorraine Monk presenting her Linocut approach.

Richmond Film Society's 63rd Season of World Cinema will commence on **19 September** and run until **29 June 2027**. Films are screened at **8.00pm** on alternate **Tuesdays** at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. For further information on membership, tickets and the forthcoming programme, see <http://www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk> or email admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk.

Performance:

Blue Fire Theatre Co

Blue Fire Theatre has a brand-new Edinburgh Fringe show, "Bloody Marys" previewing at The National Archives Kew on **18th July** before running **7th-30th August** in Edinburgh. From Biblical times to the present day, across cultures and continents, Marys, Mariams and Marias have been the focus of news reports, gossip columns, storybooks and holy tracts. Meet some of them at our fantasy dinner party – after all, who doesn't want to talk fashion with Mary Quant, politics with Mary Robinson or childcare with Mary Poppins? Tickets for Kew and Edinburgh: <https://linktr.ee/BlueFireTheatreCo> | <https://linktr.ee/BlueFireTheatreCo>

Puppet Barge Theatre Presents: The Three Little Wolves

Dates **17 August- 27 September**. Relaxed performance

Saturday 29th August, 11 am

Running time 50 mins, no interval.

Performances run at 11 am and at 2 pm

The Three Little Wolves is a musical adventure set right here on the Puppet Barge! Performed with glove puppets to an electrifying musical score by Josh Middleton. Expect dancing mice, slippery eels and a lion taming pigeon in this brand-new production written by Nick Cassenbaum.

Age recommendation: 4+. Ticket Prices Adult: £15 | Child:

£12 Concession (over 65/unwaged): £12 Book online:

<https://www.puppetbarge.com/home/#richmond>

Richmond Shakespeare Society

The Merry Wives of Windsor by William Shakespeare, directed by Cath Hardy. **Monday 13th to Saturday 18th July 2026** Fountain Gardens, Twickenham. **7.45pm | 3.00pm (Matinee Saturday 18 July)**

Shakespeare under the stars...Sir John Falstaff has fled London and arrived in Windsor – short on cash and rich in cheek. Plotting to charm the wealthy Mistresses Page and Ford, he underestimates their wit and resolve. The Merry Wives swiftly turn the tables, serving up humiliation, hijinks, and hearty laughter as they bring him down a peg or two. Packed with romance, trickery, and comic comeuppance, this sparkling Shakespearean comedy comes alive in the open air of York House's Fountain Gardens.

Tickets: £20 Standard | £15 under-18s (Book Early Bird by Monday 29 June, 11.59pm). £25 Standard | £20 under-18s (From Tuesday 30 June).

Teddington Theatre Club

Tryst by Jeda de Bri & Finbarr Doyle Tue 14 Jul - Sat 18 Jul 2026 Coward Studio.

Matt and Steph are hungover. Their wedding is in a week. Things are under control. Mostly. But when their best friend Rachel arrives unannounced, she reveals a secret that threatens to unravel everything. Now they must deal with the consequences of their messy nights and bad decisions. Who do you blame when your life is derailed? And how far will you go to get it back on track? A blistering play that explores the price of curiosity, the limits of friendship and the complications of sex.

Hansard by Simon Woods **Tue 25 August - Sat 29 August 2026** Coward Studio.

It's 1988. The lawns are perfectly mowed, the gin is poured, and Tory MP Robin Hesketh has returned home to the Cotswolds for the weekend. His wife Diana has been waiting. And she's not in the mood for small talk. As the couple spar over dinner, drinks, and decades of buried resentment,

polite conversation gives way to political clash, personal betrayal, and the raw cost of loyalty — both public and private. With razor-sharp wit and emotional depth, Hansard is a gripping two-hander that explores love, loss, and the irreparable rifts in both a marriage and a nation. <https://www.hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk/teddington-theatre-club/buy-tickets>.

Literature:

Palewell Press: Nature Poetry Workshops

Palewell Press is an independent publisher based in East Sheen, focused on books that help Human Rights and Nature. We are a keen supporter of Richmond & Kingston Greenpeace, Habitats & Heritage, Do Something Green, and a co-signatory of the Publishing Declares Climate Action Pledge. In 2026, we are hosting a series of Nature Poetry Workshops at a venue in the Richmond Borough. If you might be interested in taking part, do email Camilla Reeve enquiries@palewellpress.co.uk

Poetry Performance upstairs at the Adelaide pub, Teddington is on **Sunday 5th July, 6 till 8 pm**. Our featured poet is Mary Dickins and our MC is Ian Lee-Dolphin. The optional theme is Space. £3 entry fee (cash) and please buy a drink at the bar downstairs.

Music:

Crawdaddy Club

On **Friday July 17th** we're proud to welcome **The Terraplanes Blues Band** back to the Crawdaddy Club at the Turks Head, Winchester Road, St Margarets. The Terraplanes were winners of the UK Blues Award for Emerging Act of the Year and turned in a fabulous Crawdaddy Debut last year, since when the audience have been demanding a return. Expect a night of modern blues that still holds the groove and grit of the old school musicians that inspired them. Advance tickets are £14 + fees from wegottickets.com/event/695512 or £18 on the Door.

The Crawdaddy Club Summer Blues Party returns on the **21st August**, featuring a debut for new band The Fabulous Mojo Kings (though they're packed with familiar faces so we know they'll be amazing) a plethora of special guests and some music for dancing away hot summer nights. Join us at the Turks Head, St Margarets from 7:30pm. Tickets are just £10 + fees from <https://wegottickets.com/f/21002> or £12 on the door. Book early as last year was packed and you don't want to miss this!

Eel Pie Club at The 1907

The Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ
Doors 7:45pm. Music 8:30-10:30pm (unless otherwise advertised). Tickets via www.eelpieclub.com Enquiries: **07732 322610** or eelpieclubuk@gmail.com.

Thursday 2 July IAN SIEGAL BAND Described by Classic Rock Magazine as a "National Treasure" Siegal's long list of past achievements include 13 British Blues Awards, 3 Mojo Blues Albums of The Year, 4 European Blues Music Awards and 3 USA Blues Awards nominations. With such a pedigree, it's easy to see why MOJO Magazine celebrate him as "the cleverest writer and most magnetic blues performer in the UK." Tonight Ian will be joined by his top class 5 piece band. £18. £21 on the door.

Thursday 16 July CONNOR SELBY BAND UK Blues Awards Traditional Blues Artist of the Year 2026 and Young Artist of The Year for 3 Consecutive Years. Boisdals Blues Awards Winner 2024. This fast-rising star featured on Dire Straits legend Mark Knopfler's 2024 charity single "Going Home". He has played with The Who at Wembley Stadium and appeared at The Hyde Park Festival alongside Pearl Jam and Stereophonics. He has toured with powerhouse singer Beth Hart, as well as shows with Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Robert Cray, Joanne Shaw Taylor, Bette LaVette and P.P. Arnold, and produced a standout performance at Cheltenham Jazz Festival. £17. £20 on the door.

Thursday 23 July THE FORTY FOURS – LAUNCH OF NEW SINGLE

We are privileged to be hosting the launch of The Forty Fours' new single, 'Now She's Gone' which is being released in June on Blow Up Records. The Forty Fours are a young and talented London-based three-piece guitar band driven by melody, immediacy, and the kind of live energy that turns casual listeners into regulars. Drawing on the sharp songwriting and harmony-led approach of classic British rock, the band deliver concise, hook-filled songs that feel current rather than nostalgic. The band have completed their debut album and are now entering a focused release phase, rolling out original material designed to capture the urgency and connection of their live shows. With a strong grassroots following and a clear creative direction, The Forty Fours are positioning themselves for their next step forward. £10. £12 on the door.

Thursday 30 July SLIM CHANCE

Slim Chance is a tight band of good friends, with two original members of Ronnie's Lane's band - Steve Bingham and Charlie Hart. They are now regularly joined by Geraint Watkins, Frank Mead and either Brendan O'Neill or Jim Russell. Together they deliver a powerful, unique and entertaining show, both joyous and of a high musical calibre. The Slim Chance extended family consists of a host of wonderful musicians whose contributions will always be greatly appreciated: Jim Cregan, Colin Davey, Alun Davies, Des Horsfall, Malcolm Hoskins, Tom Leary, John Lingwood, Billy Nicholls, Nick Pentelow, James Walbourne and Graham Walker. £19. £22 on the door.

Sunday 9 August TWICKENHAM '60'S DAY

Midday to 5:30pm. Church Street, Twickenham
Return of our fabulous free Street Festival in and around Church Street, Twickenham. Top bands, DJ Disco, Dancing, 60's themed stalls, 60's fashion, Mods' scooters, and lots more.... Bands confirmed for the Main Stage: The Forty Fours, Carnaby Army, The Hornets, Alix Anthony Band. Eel Pie All-Stars + guest musicians. FREE.

Thursday 13 August THE DAVE THOMAS BAND ALBUM LAUNCH

Dave Thomas is a British Blues veteran. He is a survivor of the 1960s British blues boom so if you like John Mayall, Eric Clapton and Peter Green, you'll love the blues that Dave still delivers. He is truly coming into his best years yet after a lifetime devoted to the blues. In recent years Dave has built an international reputation as a fine blues guitarist and singer. For 10 years he led the house band at Shake Down Blues, a specialist promoter of black American blues in the UK giving him the opportunity to work with 40 great black American blues musicians. £14. £17 on the door.

Thursday 27 August The ROLLIN' STONED

"The Best Rock 'n' Roll Tribute Band in the World", this magnificent band returns to The Eel Pie Club for two hours

of nostalgia, playing the best of 1964-1969 - Jumping Jack Flash, Brown Sugar, Paint it Black, Not Fade Away, Get Off My Cloud, It's All Over Now, Under My Thumb, Mother's Little Helper, Ruby Tuesday, You Can't Always Get What You Want, Two Thousand Light Years from Home, Let's Spend the Night Together, Street Fighting Man, Satisfaction, and all those eclectic classics you almost forgot about. Endorsed by Keith Richards' mother as 'outstanding and suitably fit stand-ins for The Stones, Rollin' Stoned have also been described by The Times as 'The nearest thing to the real article' and have been revered by both Stones fans for their authenticity and the real Stones who booked them for the band's birthday! £17. £20 on the door.

The Exchange

The ELO Encounter 10th Anniversary Tour

Saturday 1 August, 8 pm, £23.50 - £25

Roll over Beethoven, the UK's greatest Electric Light Orchestra tribute act has arrived! Drawing inspiration from all ELO's phases, from their spectacular debut single 10538 Overture to their seminal 1981 concept album Time, The ELO Encounter combines lights, projections, lasers and massive hits to provide a fast paced and exciting show. Those expecting Blue Skies and Telephone Lines will not be disappointed! <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-elo-encounter/#20260801>

The Searchers & Hollies Experience

Saturday 29 August, 7.30 pm, £25

Experience the unforgettable sound of two of the greatest harmony bands of all time in one sensational tribute show. This concert celebrates every top ten hit from both bands, as they stormed the UK and US charts throughout the golden age of pop. From the jangling guitars and soaring harmonies to the feel-good energy that defined a generation, this is a must-see show for fans of classic 60s and 70s music. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-searchers-hollies-experience/#20260829>

Hounslow Symphony Orchestra

The Grand Opera Gala Concert returns this summer for one unforgettable evening under the stars. On **Saturday 4th July 2026** at 7:30pm, St Paul's Church, Grove Park Road, Chiswick will come alive as soprano Olivia Doutney takes to the stage alongside Hounslow Symphony Orchestra for a night of breathtaking arias and orchestral brilliance. From the passionate drama of Verdi's La Traviata to the intensity of Wagner's Tristan & Isolde and the romantic sweep of Puccini's La Boheme, this is a programme that celebrates opera at its most magnificent. Whether you're a lifelong devotee or discovering opera for the first time, this is the summer event not to be missed. Tickets available now online at hounslow-symphony.org.uk

Why not join **Hampton Choral Society** who sing together at Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, TW11 8TP? It is the 80th year for the Society in 2027. We meet to sing every **Tuesday evening from 19.45 to 21.30**. We are singing "Music from Stage and Screen" including favourite opera choruses, extracts from musicals, and music featured in film or TV shows, for our summer concert. Our summer term will end with our **July 4th** concert at **All Saints, Hampton, TW12 3RG** at **19.30**. We will restart singing on **Tuesday September 8th**. We are actively looking for new members, especially Tenors and Basses. Visit <https://www.hamptonchoral.org.uk> or contact macdonald.avf61@gmail.com.

Join **Hounslow Symphony Orchestra** for a spectacular evening of operatic favourites at our Summer Opera Gala — an unforgettable celebration of some of the most beloved music ever written for the stage. **Saturday 4th July 2026** at 7:30pm. St Paul's Church, Grove Park Road, Chiswick, W4 3SD.

Experience a glorious programme of iconic arias and orchestral highlights including:

- Verdi: La Traviata & Aida
- Puccini: La Bohème & Madam Butterfly
- Bizet: Carmen
- Plus other favourite operatic classics

Under the baton of Dorian Dimitrov, with Nicola Garty leading the orchestra, this promises to be a thrilling summer evening filled with passion, drama and soaring melodies.

Tickets are now available and early booking is recommended. Book now: www.hounslow-symphony.org.uk/concert-summer-2026/

In Flagrate 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.

In Flagrate Choir, under the baton of our brilliant Musical Director, Eamonn O'Dwyer, is now preparing to celebrate its **10th Anniversary** with a **Gala Summer Concert on 16 July 2026** at the Royal Mid Surrey Golf Club. Look on our website for more information on the choir and the concert. <https://www.inflagratechoir.com>

In Flagrate 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 to the rafters in great company.

LOKI Summer Concerts presents 'These Old Shades' on **25th July** at Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, Garrick's Lawns, Hampton Court Road, Hampton TW12 2EJ. The evening's performance will include scenes from the book, dances of the period, and music from the era - as well as Georgian songs by female composers. Tickets Admission will cost £22 on the door, £16 in advance and £8 for Temple volunteers/children/students. Website <https://www.lokimusic.co.uk/>.

Richmond Chamber Choir are delighted to announce their Summer Concert entitled 'Ain't Misbehaving: Show Tunes and American Classics' taking place on **Saturday, 4 July 2026** at All Hallows Church, Erncroft Way, Twickenham TW1 1EW at **7.30pm**. It will feature a selection of well-loved music by Bernstein, Barber, Diemer, Gershwin, Paulus and Ellington and solos from our resident Choral Apprentices from the Royal Academy of Music. We look forward to welcoming you there. Tickets from <https://wegottickets.com/f/19368>. RCC are always keen to welcome new singers, please go online: www.richmondchamberchoir.org.uk for information.

Richmond Orchestra's 5th July Concert. Join Richmond Orchestra at the Landmark for a programme of Russian satire, fantasy and musical brilliance. Le Coq d'Or, Rimsky-Korsakov's last opera, poked fun at the Russian ruling classes through a fairy-tale. The suite from the opera arranged by Rimsky's pupil Glazunov contains some of the most beguiling music ever written by the past master of orchestral colour. The film Lieutenant Kijé is the tale of a man who exists only as a fictitious set of records, another satire on governmental incompetence; Prokofiev's soundtrack, which he later fashioned into a concert suite, contains some of his most memorable music, including the famous Troika. Our main work is Mussorgsky's monumental suite Pictures at an Exhibition, in which the composer makes a journey in sound through the artworks of his friend Victor Hartmann. Originally for piano, it was gloriously reimagined by Maurice Ravel into an orchestral showpiece like no other. Prepare to be dazzled and delighted. <https://www.landmarkartscentre.org/shows/richmond-orchestra-summer-concert/>

The Richmond Rhythm Club's Tuesday afternoon sessions of talks and jazz at the Twickenham Club will cease for the summer break from **30 June until 6 October**. However, we cordially invite you to join us for our Summer gig at the Exchange on **Wednesday 19 August at 7.30pm** when we are delighted to present the stellar **Alex Clarke Quartet**, featuring Alex on sax, Dave Newton on piano, Dave Green on double bass and Steve Brown on drums. Tickets are only £15. Please book via our website richmondrhythmclub.org.uk. (Drop-ins on the night will be welcome unless we have reached capacity).

Richmond Opera are a friendly opera group with no audition for chorus members. Currently planning a summer evening of opera entertainment in Richmond, and then a small 'tour' of Messiah concert performances in November. Weekly rehearsals will restart in October and are generally on Wednesday evenings at the Vineyard Church (Richmond TW10 6AQ). Note that as an amateur self-funded group Richmond Opera does charge a fee to sing or play with us. If you'd like to enquire about trying us out as a singer or a baroque orchestral player, or to help with organisation or behind the scenes, just email info@richmondopera.org.uk to find out more about us.

St Mary Magdalene, Richmond

Richmond Piano Series: Adam Heron **Friday 3 July**, 7.30pm. The Richmond Piano Series continues with a performance by the outstanding young composer and pianist Adam Heron. Former BBC Young Musician of the Year Piano Finalist, winner of the prestigious Harriet Cohen Bach Prize, and laureate of the Stefano Marizza and HRH Princess Lalla Meryem international competitions, Adam's programme will include Beethoven's famous "Tempest" Sonata, alongside works by Chopin, Handel, and William Bolcomb, as well as Adam's own compositions. Tickets: at **Eventbrite** (search "Richmond Piano Series") Box Office: **020 8940 0362**.

Strawberry Hill Community Choir

Strawberry Hill Community Choir sets sail for wild waters and calm lagoons with our concert Songs Of The Sea, **Tuesday 7 July 2026**, 7.45pm, at St Mary's Church, Twickenham. Tickets £15.00 (children free). Our wide-ranging set list includes songs by Eric Whitacre, Gilbert & Sullivan, Herbert Sumsion, Charles Trenet and Frank Loesser. The captain is our MD James Speakman, with first mate Jon Booth on the piano. VIPs on board: bass

soloist Patrick Alexander Keefe and our very own soprano Erica Peplowski. There'll be a call for all hands on deck (audience participation)! The theme this term is Songs of the Sea. 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** currently in the Hyde Room, York House, Twickenham at **7.15** and the subscription is £85 per term. The Autumn term starts on **Tuesday 15th September**. 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

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra

Sibelius Violin Concerto and Tchaikovsky Symphony No 6 Sunday 5th July 6pm at Fairfield Halls, Croydon
Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra perform Tchaikovsky's last and greatest symphony - the Pathétique - and are joined by up-and-coming young violinist Jordan Brooks for Sibelius's virtuosic Violin Concerto. Stoneleigh's Training Orchestra will also be taking part in the concert, playing excerpts from Tchaikovsky's ballet Swan Lake. Tickets £10 - £18.75 www.fairfield.co.uk | <http://www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk>

Teddington Choral Society Concert: "Anything Goes!" **Saturday 11 July 2026**, Landmark Arts Centre (TW11 9NN), 7:30pm. Teddington Choral Society will perform a varied and engaging concert featuring compositions from the 1950's: Ralph Vaughan Williams's "Five Mystical Songs", Frank Loesser's Guys and Dolls and Irving Berlin and Cole Porter Medleys. The choir will be joined by baritone Dominic Sedgwick. Do not be surprised if you find yourself singing along while enjoying well known cheerful tunes! Tickets: £20 (under 16s free) at www.landmarkartscentre.org. Information: www.teddingtonchoral.co.uk.

Twickenham Choral, Saturday 11th July 2026, 7.30pm All Saints Church, Kingston upon Thames, KT1 1JP. Conducted by Howard Ionascu and joined by Onyx Brass, we present an evening of English choral music with sumptuous organ accompaniment and rousing brass fanfares and fugues. In addition to John Rutter's joyous Gloria, the concert features Vaughan Williams' O Clap Your Hands and Psalm 100, Balfour Gardiner's Evening Hymn and Parry's majestic I Was Glad. The fabulous brass quintet Onyx Brass will add their glorious musical magic. Tickets from twickenhamchoral.org.uk £20-£26 (u-18 half-price).

Twickfolk Presenting live acoustic music in Twickenham most Sundays, at Patchworks. The Cabbage Patch pub, 2 minutes from Twickenham Station. **Sunday 12th July: Singers' night.** Our last session of the summer season. An opportunity to perform a pair of songs, tunes or poems in a relaxed, informal atmosphere. Then we break for summer holidays and festivals, returning on the **6th of September**. Just £5 on the door.

Whitton Adult Community Singing: (Singing for Health Network - membership). Free trial session. Community Singing Group for adults of all cultures and ability levels, including starters and continuers! No auditions and no need to read music. The nuts & bolts of singing with others is learnt for Health, Well-Being & Love of Music! Every term time Saturday 11.15 - 12.15 at Whitton Community Centre, Percy Road, TW2 6JL. The rest of our Summer Term runs from **Saturday 6th June to 11th July**. Varied repertoire including – Pop, Folk, Soul, Classical, Spirituals etc. Contact: loulla82gorman@gmail.com or **07788664957**.

West London Chamber Choir on **Saturday 4 July** at 7pm at St Mary's Church, Twickenham.

An evening of American choral music featuring Copland In the Beginning and works by Lauridsen, Diemer, Barber, Whitacre and Bernstein. Directed by Hilary Campbell with Martha McLorinan mezzo soloist and accompanied by Krystal Tunnicliffe. Tickets £15 (+ booking fee) from Ticketsource, £17.50 on the door, U30s £10, U18s free. <https://www.ticketsource.com/west-london-chamber-choir>

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 7 July** with a lecture on **Trannies, Taste and Teddy Bears: Uncovering the World of Grayson Perry**, given by Jackie Klein, an Arts Society accredited lecturer. We start the evening with drinks from **6.45pm** in Duke Street Church, Duke Street Richmond, TW9 1DH. The lecture is always free to members and guests are asked for £5 at the door - and no booking required. Non-members can also watch on Zoom for £7 by emailing us as below.

Visit on 16 July: Hatfield House, Park and Gardens.
Details tbc.

Lecture on 4 August is My Daubs: The Paintings of Winston Churchill given by Angela Smith, an Arts Society accredited lecturer.

Visit on 20 August: Portsmouth Historic Dockyard.
Details tbc.

If you wish to join any of our events, please email richmond@theartsociety.org for further details and when appropriate you will be sent the Zoom link 24 hours in advance. Our website is at www.theartsocietyrichmond.org.uk

RANT (Richmond Association for the National Trust)

Coach Visit to Upton House and Gardens, near Banbury, Warwickshire OX15 6HT

Date: **Thursday 9 July 2026**

Art tour of the Mansion House, Walbrook, London EC4 8BH
On **Wednesday 15 July 2026** at 2pm.

Contact details: Ann MacLennan on email: annmaclellan@btopenworld.com

Richmond Heritage Guides

Sunday 5 July and Sunday 16 August 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 11 July at 11.00am. Gently meander up Richmond Hill with historical revelations on the way and enjoy the famous View of the river by the Terrace Gardens. Meet at Richmond Station by the Visitor Information Booth Richmond TW9 2NA.

Sunday 19 July and Sunday 9 August at 2.00pm. Trace Hanoverian Royal Family connections as you saunter around historical Kew Green and the riverside. Meet outside St Anne's Church, Kew Green TW9 3AA.

Saturday 25 July at 11.00am. A sample of the history of East Sheen from the gates of Richmond Park to the War Memorial at Milestone Green. Meet outside Sheen Gate, Fife Road, East Sheen, London SW14 8BJ.

Sunday 2 August at 11am. Join a Twickenham historical riverside promenade from York House to Marble Hill. Meet outside St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NJ.

Saturday 22 August at 11am. Find out that there's more to Teddington than just the picturesque lock on the River Thames. Meet at St Mary with St Alban's Church, Corner of Ferry Road and Twickenham Road, Teddington TW11 9NN.
No need to book walks, just turn up and pay the guide (£5).
Richmond Heritage Guides 020 8894 3678 or 020 8948 2612.
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The Richmond Society

Evening Excursion aboard Lord Hendy's Routemaster

Friday 17 July Climb aboard Lord Hendy's vintage Routemaster bus for an evening tour of Richmond Hill, Petersham and Ham Common, passing sites evocative of 60s music along the way. Following the tour, a buffet supper will be served in The Sun Inn, Parkshot. The bus departs at 7pm from outside Richmond Railway Station, Bus Stop Z. Routemasters can only seat 72 passengers so don't delay in reserving your seat. Tickets are available exclusively to members of the Society and their guests for £25, including food. For more information and to book tickets please visit: www.richmondsociety.org.uk

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

The Museum of Richmond

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.

Turners House Trust

Sandycombe Lodge (Turner's House) was built by 1813 to the designs of J.M.W. Turner. In 2017 the property was comprehensively restored with money from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and today is open to the general public from **Wednesday to Saturday, 12pm-4pm.** Booking essential. <https://turnershouse.org/>

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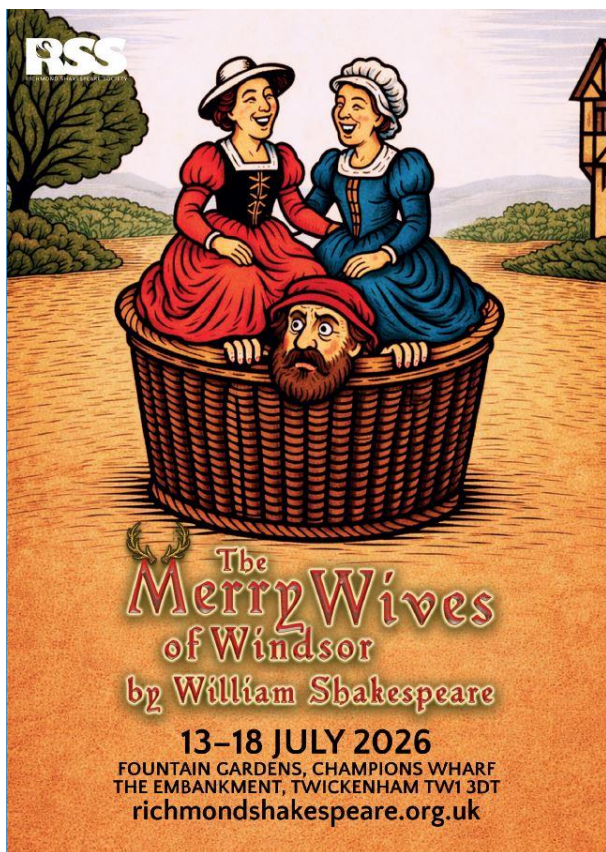
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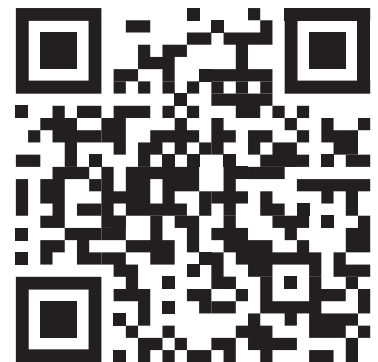
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