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## Arts Richmond Affordable Art Tent at the May Fair 2025

Arts Richmond is bringing affordable art to residents across the borough this summer, returning to the Richmond May Fair on Saturday 10th May for our Affordable Art Tent! All artwork on sale from local artists will be on offer for £100 and under.

If you are an artist and would like to sell your artwork in our tent please contact [info@artsrichmond.org.uk](mailto:info@artsrichmond.org.uk)



## Diana Armfield Drawing from Observation Competition.

Arts Richmond held their annual exhibition of all the drawings entered into this year's Diana Armfield Drawing from Observation Competition. This was held at The Patch York Street Twickenham, who kindly gave us space to hold the exhibition in their window. Diana at her grand age of 105 years was able to not only judge and choose her winner but also attend the presentation on Friday 7th March along His Worship Deputy Mayor Kuldev Sehra. Winner Regina Ho was presented with one of Diana's very own pictures which she will keep for a year. Plus £100 prize money. Other finalists were:

- Second Place: Simon Klein with his drawing of Garlic
- Joint Third: Jules McDonald's drawing of St Ives Head and Zoe Scammell with her drawing of Ex Parrot
- Highly commended went to Carol Hogan/Patsy Bolton/ Joanna Moore/Jonathan Haydn-Williams/Heather Montford and John Swanson
- With commended pieces going to Jenny Wright/Sangeeta Gardiner/Rebecca Harvey/Wendy Mackenzie/Nicki Rolls and Lucina Rocca Hay.



# What's On

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

## May 2025

### The Arts Richmond Newsletter

## Showcoach

### Showcoach invitation to the Chichester Festival Theatre

'Top Hat' music and lyrics by Irving Berlin based on RKO's motion picture

Adapted for the stage by Matthew White & Howard Jacques

**Wednesday 6th August 2025 Cost £88.00 includes coach.**

*There may be trouble ahead,  
But while there's moonlight, and music,  
And love, and romance...  
Let's face the music and dance.*

You're invited to the musical equivalent of finest vintage champagne. Effervescent, elegant and exhilarating, Top Hat is a heady romantic cocktail laced with sparkingly witty dialogue, stunning choreography, lavish sets and gorgeous costumes. Irving Berlin's irresistible score includes some of Hollywood's greatest songs, the immortal Cheek to Cheek, Let's Face the Music and Dance, Top Hat White Tie and Tails and Puttin' on the Ritz.

When Broadway star Jerry Travers arrives in London to open a new show, he crosses paths with model Dale Tremont, whose beauty sleep is rudely interrupted by Jerry tap dancing in the hotel suite above hers. Instantly smitten, Jerry vows to abandon his bachelor life to win her – but the path of true love never does run smooth. Especially since Dale has mistaken Jerry for his hapless producer Horace, who's trying to avoid the wrath of his formidable wife Madge, and Dale's own fiery Italian admirer is planning a trip to Venice for her to showcase his couture gowns.

Based on the classic 1935 film which starred Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, the stage adaptation's West End premiere won the 2013 Olivier Award for Best New Musical and the Evening Standard Award for Best Night Out. Acclaimed American director and choreographer Kathleen Marshall, whose Tony and Olivier Award-winning production of Anything Goes recently wowed audiences and critics in London and on television, comes to Chichester to stage this brand-new production.

Book Tickets: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach>

## Shout out for Volunteers!

Arts Richmond is looking for volunteers to join our Drama Committee. A knowledge of the local Drama scene is useful but not essential. Much more important is enthusiasm and commitment to the role! You will be joining a keen group who organise the Swan Awards Celebration, our One-Act Plays and Radio Plays competitions and contribute to overall future planning for the committee. If you are interested, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Linda on [info@artsrichmond.org.uk](mailto:info@artsrichmond.org.uk) to find out more.

## Young Writers Festival

On Sunday the 23rd March, Arts Richmond held the annual Young Writers Festival at the Exchange Twickenham.

We received 726 entries to this popular competition from children who live or go to school in the borough. Thirty three of them made the finalists and their work was presented by a team of local actors under the direction of Marc Batten. We also published an anthology with all their work included. This annual competition is now endorsed by well-known author Anthony Horowitz.



There were four age categories and with winner of each age group were presented their certificates and prizes by the Mayor, Cllr. Richard Pyne.

### The Winners:

Joseph Esenbaev Year 4 for 'Three years of Joy'  
Alba Rose Spencer-Brown Year 6 for 'Sheen Pond'  
Marcus Panditharatna Year 9 for 'Change for Change'  
Ryan McAleese Year 13 for 'One Pill'

## Visual Arts

### BobCat Gallery - Meet the Artists

Join BobCat Gallery for a relaxed and informal chance to meet the artists displaying their work at the gallery during May. Refreshments provided. **Thursday 15th May:** 5.30-7.30pm. Upstairs at Putney Exchange, SW15 1TW. Free tickets available via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/bobcat-gallery](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bobcat-gallery)

### Hampton Hill Photographic Society.

Yazi Nazari will give us a presentation in person about her live band photography. Please see our website for details. Here, non-members, who will be very welcome, can find an Eventbrite link to click on to register and pay a £5 fee. However, if you decide at the last minute you want to come you can just turn up and pay on the night. **21 May** at 8pm in the upstairs function room of The Bell Inn, Hampton.  
<https://www.hamptonhillps.org.uk>

### Orleans House Gallery

Cultural Reforesting exhibition runs until 31 August 2025 Tuesdays-Sundays 10am- 5pm. Cultural Reforesting asks the big question: How can we renew our relationship with nature? In this exhibition, the artists remind us that we not only have a relationship with nature but also that we are nature. Cultural Reforesting brings together a group of artists, the pulsating environment of Orleans House Gallery's woodland and gardens, and all who step (or fly or crawl or take root) into the gallery ecosystem. The exhibition, with you, will bring something to the air, the soil, the ingenuity, of our shared planet. Free [www.orleanshousegallery.org/events/cultural-reforesting-exhibition](http://www.orleanshousegallery.org/events/cultural-reforesting-exhibition)

### 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](mailto:johncwylie@yahoo.co.uk)

### RuptureXIBIT

An inclusive, artist-run space in Hampton Wick, London, offering Art Mentoring & Coaching, immersive Residencies, and experimental exhibitions. Led by Kate Howe and Sally Minns, the space encourages artists to showcase work, engage across disciplines, and expand their practice in a non-hierarchical environment. This month's Intensive Mentoring Residency Artist Shirley Archibald will be holding the following events:

**28th May** 2.30pm - Artist Talk with Shirley Archibald

**30th May** 6-8.30pm Fintissage with Shirley Archibald

**31st & 1st June** 11-5pm Open Studio with Shirley Archibald

Shirley Archibald's multi-disciplinary practice examines historical events from the positionality of a queer/neurodiverse/feminist perspective.

RuptureXIBIT is excited to announce the addition of Dr. James Miller and Dr. Anna Johnson to the Rupture mentoring team. These two published authors and experienced university lecturers now hold workshops, intensives and one to one mentoring at RuptureXIBIT.

We look forward to welcoming you to our creative weekend of workshops in Art, Practice & Writing on 17th & 18th May. For more details, visit: <https://www.rupturexibit.com/events>

### Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society

A friendly club, welcoming new members of all abilities. Why not come along to a free 'taster' evening at one of the following talks: **1st May:** Charlotte Bellamy will inspire you to get creative with your photography, showing how the use of Intentional Camera Movement and double exposure techniques can transcend traditional photography into abstract art. **8 May:** Chris and Ann Algar will show you how to get up close and personal with wildlife using a Macro lens, as well as looking at extreme macro photography using a bellows and microscope lens and photomicrography. **22 May:** It may be a cliché to say that a photograph is worth a thousand words but when viewing professional photographer Mark Lawrence's landscape and urban shots, it is certainly the case. One not to miss. Charlotte's talk is on Zoom, the others on the top floor of St Luke's Community Hall, Kew, from 8 to 10 pm. If you'd like to join us, just drop an email to [info@rtps.org.uk](mailto:info@rtps.org.uk)

### Richmond Arts Society

Richmond Art Prize. The closing date for the Richmond Art Prize 2025 is fast approaching! Make sure to submit your entries by 17th May to be in with a chance of winning a cash prize. You could also win membership of Richmond Art Society and exhibit your work at the Summer Exhibition. We look forward to announcing the winners soon.

<https://www.richmondartprize.com>

<https://www.instagram.com/richmondartprize>

## Sarah Dinsdale Studio

Watercolour Workshops with a relaxed and encouraging approach for beginner and intermediate painters seeking to build confidence with watercolour. The friendly sessions run in small groups to enable everyone to receive individualised technical input. \*Bring a friend and save £10. \* Price includes a frame for your artwork or cards, and all materials are provided.

**Tuesday 6th May:** Paint Your Own Abstract Cards: 10.30-12.30 @ Inspired Hub Hampton TW12 2JA. Explore pattern and colour with striking effects and take your own cards home with you! From £30

**Friday 9th May:** Paint Your Own Abstract Cards: 19.30-21.30 @ Inspired Hub Hampton. Includes glass of prosecco. From £40

**Friday 16th May:** Watercolour Pebbles: 10.30-12.30 @ The Greenwood Centre TW12 1QL. You will be taught a range of techniques to create textured effects inspired by pebbles. Take home your artwork in a frame. From £30

**Sat 24th May:** Watercolour Leaves & Wreaths: 14.30-17.30 @ Inspired Hub Hampton. Learn to paint a range of leaves from loose brush strokes and take home your painting in a frame. 3-hour workshop from £50.

Book Online: [www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com/upcomingworkshops](http://www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com/upcomingworkshops)

## Turner's House

Turner's Kingdom: Beauty, Birds and Beasts Exhibition. 23 April – 26 October 2025. For the first time in almost forty years rarely seen bird studies will form the star attraction of the first exhibition in a generation devoted to animals and birds painted by J.M.W. Turner. Feathers, fins and fur are not subject matter usually associated with Britain's greatest landscape painter, but Turner was enchanted by the colours and characters of creatures he encountered during his lifetime. Featuring around fifteen loans from British public collections, Turner's Kingdom: Beauty, Birds and Beasts brings together a menagerie of birds, fish and animals, from domestic pets to wildlife seen in the countryside. Displayed within the intimate, domestic space of his house they uncover a little known, personal side to the notoriously secretive artist. Tickets: <https://turnershous.beaconforms.com/form/c06a0352>

## CULTURAL REFORESTING

Exhibition at Orleans House Gallery

Cultural Reforesting asks the big question: How can we renew our relationship with nature? In this exhibition, the artists remind us that we not only have a relationship with nature but also that we are nature. Cultural Reforesting brings together a group of artists, the pulsating environment of Orleans House Gallery's woodland and gardens, and all who step (or fly, or crawl or take root) into the gallery ecosystem. The exhibition, with you, will bring something to the air, the soil, the ingenuity, of our shared planet. <https://www.orleanshousegallery.org/events/cultural-reforesting-exhibition>

## Saturday Watercolour Workshop

**May 10th 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. 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](mailto:patkayharvey44@gmail.com) or call 020 3643 6227 for details. [www.patharvey.co.uk](http://www.patharvey.co.uk)

## Fountain Gallery Exhibitions in May

From **Tuesday 22 Apr - Sunday 4 May:** NATALIYA ZOZULYA Exhibiting with: Viktoria Veil, printmaker and Ben Nicolas, ceramic sculptor. City Dwellers: Nataliya's latest work continues to explore the urban language and coexistence of people and animals in a densely populated environment. Contemporary oils.

From **Tuesday 6 - Sunday 18 May:** LIZ BERNARD Exhibiting with: Louise Rowe, Joanna Lloyd Expressive seascapes and landscapes, rich in colour and texture, alongside beautiful glass.

From **Tuesday 20 May - Sunday 1 Jun:** GRACE ELLEN Immersive paintings which capture light in the landscape. Inspired by familiar Surrey scenes as well as the British coastline.

[info@fountaingallery.co.uk](mailto:info@fountaingallery.co.uk) | [www.fountaingallery.co.uk](http://www.fountaingallery.co.uk)

## Landmark Arts Centre: Spring Art Fair

**Fairs Date: Fri 16 May 2025 - Sun 18 May 2025**

Twice a year – Spring and Autumn – the Landmark Art Fairs provide a unique setting for individual artists that make high quality fine art to exhibit and sell their work direct to the public. No galleries, no dealers, just the artists themselves with a stunning array of painting, sculpture, photography, mixed media, printmaking, ceramics and more. Visitors can browse from over 70 stands with artists from the local area and beyond. Cafe open throughout serving hot and cold drinks, cake, snacks and lunches. Admission on the door: £5, Concessions £4, LAC Friends & Under 16s FREE Book online in advance and save £1! Booking details: <https://www.landmarkartscentre.org/visual-arts/spring-art-fair/>

## Literature

### Barnes Literary Society

**Tuesday 6th May** at 7:30 pm St Mary's, Barnes. Black Girl from Pyongyang: In Search of My Identity. Monica Macias is the daughter of the first President of Equatorial Guinea. At the age of seven, she was sent to North Korea, to live and study under the care of Kim Il Sung. Shortly afterwards her father was ousted and executed and her mother abandoned Monica and her siblings in North Korea. Monica will be talking about her book to Jim Hoare, a diplomat who, after postings to Seoul and Beijing, became the first British representative in Pyongyang. He is a regular radio and television commentator. Free for BLS Members, £10 on the door for non-members.

### Hosted by RHACC. Reading for Wellbeing.

**12th May - 23rd June**, 7pm - 8.30pm. 6 weeks ONLINE course. Explore how reading can help us relax, reduce stress and navigate some of life's difficult problems, including anxiety, low mood and grief. Each week we will read poems and short passages from writers such as Emily Dickinson, Grace Nichols, Philip Larkin and many more. Course run by qualified counsellor Natasha Rozario for Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College. £83.75 / £58.63 concession. Free for registered carers. Tel: 020 8891 5907. Email: [art@rhacc.ac.uk](mailto:art@rhacc.ac.uk) <https://www.rhacc.ac.uk/course/reading-wellbeing>



## Performance

### The Exchange

#### Lee John of Imagination: Flashback Greatest Hits.

**1 May, 7.30 pm.** The Exchange is delighted to welcome The Flashback Greatest Hits Tour 2025, with a spectacular evening of Lee John & Imagination's classic indelible music. Join us as we celebrate a phenomenal career spanning over 40+ years with one of the UK's finest soul-stirring unforgettable voices, performing all the greatest hits of Imagination, including classics such as, Body Talk, Just An Illusion, Flashback, Music and Lights, Changes and many more. [www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk](http://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk) or call **020 8240 2399**.

#### Doorman.

**7 & 8 May, 7.30 pm.** A darkly comic tale of the brutal realities of life as a nightclub doorman. BAFTA award-winning writer, Geoff Thompson's one-man play follows a London based night-club doorman portraying the difficulties of the life and the real men behind the supposed thugs who keep the peace at clubs. Directed by Michael Vale and performed by Richie McDonald. [www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk](http://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk) or call **020 8240 2399**.

#### The Clare Teal 5.

**9 May, 7.30 pm.** She's back! Expect exhilarating swing from award-winning jazz vocalist and long-time Radio 2 & 3 & Jazz FM broadcaster, Clare Teal, who returns with a fabulous new show to celebrate 25 years in the business. This is an exciting collaboration between Clare and her magnificent band, featuring the UK's finest jazz musicians.

#### Simon Evans – Have We Met?

**15 May, 7.30 pm.** The much loved and well-respected comedian, Simon Evans, brings his Have We Met? tour to The Exchange. In this show Evans weaves comedy, pathos and narrowly averted cancellation into an unforgettable two hours of unique entertainment drawing on Joyce, Proust and the career of Philip Schofield to make sense of his own tangled past and possible future.

#### The Kate Bush Experience.

**17 May, 7.30 pm.** A rare chance to see the songs of Kate Bush performed how they would have been performed live by Kate herself. Presented by experienced professionals intent on creating a memorable and enjoyable show, capturing the spirit of her songs.

#### Exhibition on Screen – Michelangelo: Love & Death

**21 May, 3 pm & 7 pm.** A cinematic journey through the great chapels and museums of Florence, Rome and the Vatican, to the print and drawing rooms of Europe, to explore Michelangelo's tempestuous life. Perfect for students of art and the art curious.

#### Carnaby Army – 60s British Invasion!

**23 May, 8 pm.** Carnaby Army's electrifying live show 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.

### The Marquee Club All Stars

**31 May, 7.30 pm.** The Marquee Allstars, featuring Mel Gaynor from Simple Minds, play a musical tribute to the iconic world-famous Marquee Club that became the spiritual home to legendary bands from The Rolling Stones to David Bowie. Support by local bands, Archangels and Undici - finalists in local youth charity The Basement Door's Battle of The Bands.

### Teddington Theatre Club

**Presents The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald, adapted by Ben Clare.** A wild summer of love and money

**Tue 20 May - Sat 24 May 2025** in the Auditorium. Self-made millionaire Jay Gatsby has it all - a vast mansion, yacht, cars, parties. The one thing out of his grasp is the love of his life, Daisy Buchanan. He'll do anything to have her back. Meet Nick Carraway as he takes you back to the wild and decadent summer of 1922: New York in the throes of the Jazz Age. Featuring a large ensemble cast, this brand-new stage adaptation marks the 100th anniversary of F Scott Fitzgerald's iconic novel. Estimated running time 2 hours 25 minutes including interval. The Great Gatsby | Hampton Hill Theatre [www.hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk/production/great-gatsby](http://www.hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk/production/great-gatsby)

### Optik Theatre

Is taking over Whitton Library for two days in June and turning it into a fantastic fringe theatre space! The company will be presenting some of the brightest new talent in theatre writing as part of the Arts and Ideas Festival for a unique programme of unmissable new plays performed by an outstanding professional cast.

**June 18: 7.30pm, June 19 @ 3pm + 7.30pm.** Whitton Library Nelson Road Whitton Tickets £15: from [www.thescriptroom.com](http://www.thescriptroom.com) or [www.ticketsource.co.uk/optik-theatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/optik-theatre)

### The Orange Tree Theatre

**Sat 19 Apr – Sat 17 May.** The Orange Tree presents the London premiere of the RSC's acclaimed production Ben and Imo, by Mark Ravelhill, directed by Erica Whyman, starring Samuel Barnett and Victoria Yeates. Book Now:

<https://orangetreetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/ben-and-imo/>

**Sat 10 May: 11am.** Saturday Seminars: Ben and Imo. Enjoy guest lectures and discussions with leading academics and experts, going beyond the play and diving deeper into the world behind the production. Guests for Ben & Imo's Saturday Seminar will be announced soon. Book Now:

<https://orangetreetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/ss-benimo/>

**Tue 20 May – Fri 23 May.** Ben and Imo: on Screen. Watch the Orange Tree's presentation of the London premiere of the RSC's acclaimed production starring Samuel Barnett and Victoria Yeates from the comfort of your own home via OT On Screen. Book Now: <https://orangetreetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/ben-and-imo-ot-on-screen/>

**Sat 24 May – Sat 5 July.** In Praise of Love by Terence Rattigan directed by Amelia Sears. A perceptive and deeply moving drama, In Praise of Love is Rattigan's penultimate play about Estonian refugee Lydia and her Marxist literary critic husband Sebastian and their complex relationship. Book Now: <https://orangetreetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/in-praise-of-love/>

## OSO/The Telling

The Telling: Into the Melting Pot

**Sat 3rd May 7.30pm & Sun 4th May 3.30pm** at OSO Arts Centre, Barnes.

A concertplay (where music and theatre collide) written by Arts Richmond Radio Play Competition winner Clare Norburn and directed by BAFTA-nominated director Nicholas Renton. Spain 1492: a Jewish woman (Suzanne Ahmet, Generation Z Channel 4), Ludwig BBC) being forced to leave her home, tunes into a community of Christian, Muslim & Jewish women, soundtracked by plaintive songs & lively Spanish medieval music. More information and tickets: [www.thetelling.co.uk/itmp-oso](http://www.thetelling.co.uk/itmp-oso)

## Palewell Press in the ETNA Cafe.

13 Rosslyn Road, TW1 2AR. Open Mic on Human Rights and Climate Change. 18:30-20:00. Monthly, every third Thursday: 15/5, 19/6, 17/7, 21/8, 18/9, 16/10, and 20/11. £5 / concessions free. New performers welcome. No booking required. Refugees, Global Warming, Nature and Wellbeing: If these matter to you, do come along.

For a 5-minute Open Mic slot (reading poems or part of a short story or singing a song) sign up on [enquiries@palewellpress.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@palewellpress.co.uk). But there are usually some reading slots available on the night.

## TOPS Presents The Producers at Hampton Hill Theatre!

**May 6th to 10th:** Get ready for an unforgettable night of laughter as TOPS Musical Theatre Company brings The Producers to Hampton Hill Theatre. This hilarious Mel Brooks musical follows a scheming producer and his nervous accountant as they attempt to create Broadway's biggest flop—only for it to become a hit! Packed with outrageous comedy, catchy songs, and unforgettable characters, this award-winning show promises an evening of pure entertainment. Don't miss out—grab your tickets now for a spectacular night of musical mayhem! [www.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

## Richmond Concert Society May concert:

Three accomplished and award-winning instrumentalists - French horn player Ben Goldscheider, violinist Callum Smart and pianist Richard Uttley - will give a concert for RCS at 7.45pm on **Tuesday 6 May** at St Mary the Virgin church, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ. Their programme comprises Mozart's Horn Quintet in E flat arranged for horn trio, Lennox Berkley's Trio Op.44, Mark Simpson's Nachtstück for horn and piano and Brahms' Horn Trio in E flat Op.40. [www.richmondconcerts.co.uk](http://www.richmondconcerts.co.uk)

## The Richmond Shakespeare Society

At the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham

**May 31-June 7:** Joseph K and the Cost of Living. "Someone must have made a false accusation against Joseph K for he was arrested one morning without having done anything wrong." So begins Franz Kafka's THE TRIAL and in Emily White's witty and physical adaptation we see multiple facets of Joseph K facing the perplexities and injustices of modern life and the bureaucratic machine. This exciting and dynamic production of Joseph K and the Cost of Living plays at the Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham's Embankment and booking is from April 27th at [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk)

## Film

### Richmond Film Society's Season continues

'A Matter of Life and Death' (UK) on 6 May  
'Rose' (Denmark) on 20 May

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**; email:

[admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](mailto:admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk)

## Music

### The Crowdaddy Club

The Turks Head, Winchester Road TW1 1LF.

9th May Doors 7:30pm. Get ready for an electrifying night of blues as the Terraplanes Blues Band, winners of the UK Blues Awards' Emerging Act of the Year 2023, take to the stage at the Winchester Room. Hailing from Bristol, this dynamic quartet has been making waves across the UK blues scene with their authentic 50s and 60s-inspired rhythm and blues. Tickets £12 in advance from [www.wegotickets.com/crowdaddyclub](http://www.wegotickets.com/crowdaddyclub) or £15 on the door

### Eel Pie Club

The Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. Doors 7:45pm for 8:30 start (unless otherwise advertised). Tickets via [www.eelpieclub.com](http://www.eelpieclub.com) (or on door if still available). Enquiries: **07732 322610**

**Thursday 1 May 2025:** The Milk Men. Nominated in 3 categories in the 2024 UK Blues Federation Awards, and UK Blues Challenge Finalists 2023, The Milk Men is a band made up from the cream of British R'n'B talent and pedigree. Bringing together members of the legendary Pirates, and British Blues Award-nominated the Mustangs, The Milk Men have been tearing up venues and festivals all over the UK with their dynamic, white hot versions of classic blues tunes, alongside unforgettable foot-stomping originals. With former Pirate Mike Roberts on drums, Lloyd Green (son of r'n'b legend Mick Green) on bass guitar, husky blues singer Jamie Smy on vocals, the band is rounded off on guitar by Adam Norsworthy, singer and guitarist in the Mustangs. £16. £19 on the door.

**Thursday 15 May 2025:** Cyril Davies Tribute – The Alan Glen All-Stars. One of the most important Eel Pie Club gigs of the year in preserving the heritage of UK Rhythm & Blues which started at The Ealing Club, followed by the Eel Pie Island Jazz Club and The Crowdaddy Club, is the annual Tribute to Cyril Davies by The Alan Glen All-Stars plus guest musicians. The All-Stars are Alan Glen (Yardbirds, Nine Below Zero), Laurie Garman (Yardbirds, Jeremiah Marquest), Tim Hain (Jamside Up/The Incredible Blues Puppies), Bob Hadrell (Barcodes, Sonny Black, Bernie Marsden), Chris Belshaw (Incredible Blues Puppies, Robin Bibi Band), Peter Miles (Wessell Anderson, Herb Ellis). They will be joined by some of the best blues musicians and vocalists in the UK. £15. £17 on the door.

**Bank Holiday Monday, 26 May 2025:** The Eel Pie Club 25th Anniversary Party in The Cabbage Patch Garden – 1:30-6pm. Where does the time go?! Please keep this date free!! The Eel Pie All-Stars will host a fabulous afternoon of over 4 hours of music with guest musicians who have been important to The Eel Pie Club over the past 25 years. Confirmed (at time of writing) are The Eel Pie All-Stars, Blues Academy, The Blue Bishops, The Bluescasters, The Good Old Boys, The Mustangs, Mick Avory, Belinda Campbell, Paul Cox, John Fiddler, Mark Freeman, Peter French, Tim Hain, Andrew Heart, Peter Hammerton, Terry Marshall - and there's more to come..., plus some special surprises! £20. £25 on the door.

### Hampton Choral Society

Why not join Hampton Choral Society who sing together at Teddington Methodist Church, 1 Stanley Road, TW11 8TP. We meet to sing every Tuesday evening from 19.45 to 21.30. Our next concert is planned for the evening of Saturday June 21st at St James Church, Hampton Hill at 19.30. We will sing from George Shearing - Songs and Sonnets, Ralph Vaughan Williams - Five Mystical Songs and Feel the Spirit by John Rutter. For tickets - Box office 0208 941 5394, on the door or [www.hamptonchoral.org.uk](http://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](mailto:macdonald.avf61@gmail.com)

### 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, in a huge room with a stunning view over the surrounding Arcadian landscape. [www.rmshgc.co.uk](http://www.rmshgc.co.uk) Singers are still offered the option of joining in through Zoom in case there is a week you are unable to attend in person. The choir is now working with our two fantastic Choir leaders - Eamonn O'Dwyer and Elliot Clay - towards our summer concert on **Thursday 17 July 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. This is a great choir - come along and give us go!! It's a relaxing way to end a busy day .....For more information on the choir, please check the website <https://www.inflagrantechoir.com>

### The Richmond Rhythm Club

You are cordially invited to join us for the continuation of our summer term of jazz talks and music on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm at the Twickenham Club, 7 Church Street, TW1 3NJ. No booking required - £8 for drop-ins. Bar service. Here is the programme of guest speakers for May:

**6 May:** Jeff Williams (trombone)

**13 May:** Mark Armstrong (trumpet)

**20 May:** David Horniblow (clarinet, sax)

**27 May:** Phil de Greg (piano)

### Strawberry Hill Community Choir

The new 10-week term starts on **April 22** in the Hyde Room at York House, Twickenham. We are currently studying Rutter and Mozart and will be giving a concert in the Clarendon Hall at York House on Tuesday 1st July. We are a non-audition choir who 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](http://www.strawberryhillcommunitychoir.org)

### Landmark Arts Centre

Landmark Tea Dance & Beginners' Dance Class

**Date: 10 May 2025**

The Landmark Tea Dance is a fun, friendly afternoon of music, dancing, and tea for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a complete beginner, the Landmark Tea Dance is a fun and social way to spend an afternoon. Led by the ever-popular Mr Wonderful, you will enjoy a mix of classic Ballroom, Latin, and Sequence dances in a relaxed and friendly setting. Tickets: <https://www.landmarkartscentre.org/shows/tea-dance/>

### 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 4 May:** Singaround. Bring a pair of springtime songs or poems to the circle for us all to enjoy or just pull up a chair and listen. Outstanding value for a fiver.

**Sunday 11 May:** Steve Tilston. A welcome return for one of Britain's outstanding troubadours. Expect Tilston favourites like 'The Slip Jigs and Reels', and songs from his acclaimed new album, 'Last Call', all delivered in his rich baritone. Tickets £18 on the door or £15 + booking fee at [wegottickets.com/event/650656/](http://wegottickets.com/event/650656/)

**Sunday 18 May:** Hatful of Rain. Another TwickFolk favourite, this wonderful four-piece band use guitar, banjo, mandolin, and bass to fuse folk and country into 'melanjolly' – miserable lyrics performed joyously! Tickets £15 on the door or £12 + booking fee at [wegottickets.com/event/651584/](http://wegottickets.com/event/651584/)

**Sunday 25 May:** Singaround. A second chance this month to treat the circle to a pair of songs or poems or just pull up a chair and listen.

### Whitton Adult Community Singing

A Community Singing Group for adults of all cultures and ability levels, including starters and continuers! No auditions and no need to read music. Come and discover that: if you can speak, you can sing! Learn Singing for Health, Well-Being & Love of Music! Our Summer Term will run from **Saturday 26th April to 19th July** (Half Term break on 7th June) 11.15-12.30 at Whitton Community Centre – Percy Road, TW2 6JL Songs are selected from a wide variety of genres and styles – Pop, Folk, Soul, Classical, Spirituals etc, etc. Free trial sessions every term time Saturday (11.15-12.30). Contact: [loulla82gorman@gmail.com](mailto:loulla82gorman@gmail.com) or **07788 664957**



## 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 May 6th** at 7:30pm with our monthly live/Zoom hybrid lecture. The title is "Monopoly", and the speaker is Arts Society accredited lecturer Roger Mendham. 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.

**May 8-12th:** a group of us will be in the Peak District.

**May 20th:** we have a coach trip to the Russell Cotes gallery & museum near Bournemouth. May 28th: we have a study morning (2 lectures) at Duke Street Church on "John Singer Sergeant and Fashion" by Arts Society accredited lecturer Cindy Polemis. If you wish to join us for any of our events, please email [Richmond@theartsociety.org](mailto: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](http://www.theartsocietyrichmond.org.uk)

### Borough of Twickenham Local History Society.

The Society ends its 2024/2025 season with its annual general meeting and a short talk on "Twickenham Motorcars" by Robin Hunter. St Marys Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ. 8.00pm. **Monday 12 May.** Free for members. Join the Society on the night or non-members and guests £4. [www.BOTLHS.co.uk](http://www.BOTLHS.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/BOTLHS](https://www.facebook.com/BOTLHS)

### Hampton Hill Photographic Society

**Wed 21 May** at 8pm in the upstairs function room of The Bell Inn, Hampton. At this monthly meeting we plan to invite an outside speaker to come along in person and make a presentation with projected digital images. Please see our website for details. Here, non-members, who will be very welcome, can find an Eventbrite link to click on to register and pay a £5 fee. If you decide at the last minute you want to come you can just turn up and pay on the night.  
<https://www.hamptonhillps.org.uk>

### Know Your Place heritage festival

From mid-May until mid-June delve deeper into the fascinating history of Richmond upon Thames through the Know Your Place heritage festival. With talks, workshops, a riverside exhibition and more, the Know Your Place festival has plenty to do for anyone looking to learn about local history. See the full programme at: [www.richmond.gov.uk/know\\_your\\_place](http://www.richmond.gov.uk/know_your_place)  
The full festival dates are **Friday 16 May to Sunday 22 June.**

### Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington

This May Mr Wonderful's Tea Dance is coming to the Landmark. A fun, friendly afternoon of music, dancing, and tea for everyone. Whether you're a seasoned dancer or a beginner, it's a great way to enjoy a social afternoon. Led by the ever-popular Mr Wonderful, you'll dance to a mix of Ballroom, Latin, and Sequence. Start with an optional beginners' class to learn the basics or refresh your steps, then stay for the main event. It's the perfect way to meet new people, have fun, and enjoy our beautiful new dance floor! [www.landmarkartscentre.org/shows/tea-dance/](http://www.landmarkartscentre.org/shows/tea-dance/)

### Musical Museum.

Join us at the Musical Museum for one of our public tours on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 10.30, 12.30 and 2.30 led by an expert guide who will demonstrate the instruments. We also have an interactive family and children's tour on **Saturday 10 May** at 2pm for our younger audiences. Special musical events in May include a Wurlitzer Concert with David Ivory on **Monday 5 May** at 1pm and a Tea Dance with the accompaniment of the Wurlitzer Cinema Organ on **Monday 26 May** at 2pm. Everyone is also welcome to our Relax on Thursday evening with music from Ananda Flow on **Thursday 8 May** from 7pm. Admission for all the above events can be made on the day at the Museum Reception or online. We look forward to welcoming you to the Musical Museum soon.

### Richmond Association for the National Trust (RANT)

Visit to Inner Temple Gardens, Tudor Street, London EC4Y 7HL on Tuesday 13 May at 11 am. Contact: Ann MacLennan on email: [annmaclellan@btopenworld.com](mailto:annmaclellan@btopenworld.com)

Coach visit to Sissinghurst Castle Garden, Biddenden Road, near Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2AB on 27th May. Contact: Ann MacLennan on email: [annmaclellan@btopenworld.com](mailto:annmaclellan@btopenworld.com)

### Richmond Local History Society

**Monday 19th May** at Duke Street Church, Richmond. The Annual General Meeting of the Society at 7.45pm followed at 8pm by three short talks by members on their current research. Free to members, non-members welcome £5. Also, on Zoom for members. [www.richmondhistory.org.uk](http://www.richmondhistory.org.uk)

### Richmond Heritage Guides

**Sunday 4 May** 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.

**Sunday 11 May** 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 17 May** 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 25 May** 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. 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](http://www.richmondwalks.co.uk)

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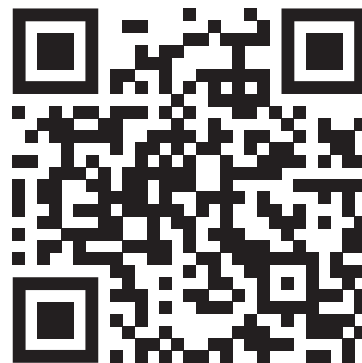
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