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## Art House Open Studios 2026

Arts Richmond has coordinated the borough's open studios festival, Art House, for 2026.

The festival gives visitors a chance to explore our artistic community and engage with artists, designers and makers from all corners of the borough. Saturday 23rd, Sunday 24th & Monday 25th May and Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May.



**Arts Richmond marked International Women's Day on 8th March by staging the Festival of Phenomenal Females,** a celebration of female composers, at the Landmark Arts Centre in Teddington.

Among those appearing at the flagship concert were the leading British composers

Debbie Wiseman OBE, notable for her film and television music, and Roxanna Panufnik, a prominent contributor to the modern English choral tradition. Highlights included the first performance of Debbie's newly arranged Wolf Hall suite for string quartet and piano (featuring a new arrangement of her themes composed across the two series); several musical pieces performed by the Solarek Piano Trio & Friends; and Twickenham Choral's recital of Roxanna's Wild Musick.



# What's On

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

## May 2026

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Debbie and Roxanna also took part in a fascinating panel discussion about female composers with Dr Leah Broad, author of the book Quartet which explores how women



composers were 'discouraged, ignored or deliberately written out of the canon'. It was chaired by Charlotte Walker.

Afterwards Debbie said: "It was a wonderful evening, and I was so happy to be in the company of such eminent and talented women." The flagship concert was followed by a conference for music students in the borough on under-represented female composers led by Marina Solarek, the leader of Richmond Orchestra and the Solarek Piano Trio. The event, held at Waldegrave School, was a great success with 50 students learning so much from Marina and listening to performances of wonderful quality both from recorded excerpts and from live piano performance by Antonio Oyarzabal.

We are grateful to Charlotte O'Brien, the Head of Music at Waldegrave School for her leadership of this event and her support for the Festival.

**Arts Richmond held its annual Young Writers festival at the Exchange on Sunday 15th March.**

We received 733 entries to this year's writing competition from 31 schools within the borough.

34 finalists were chosen and their work was presented by a group of fantastic local actors. The presentation was in front of a packed audience including the Mayor of Richmond Cllr Penny Frost who kindly presented the certificates.



We were very lucky this year to have on board four students from Richmond College who performed two of the pieces.

**Winners this year were:**



**Year 3 student:** Benji Hodges for 'Life with Benji'

**Year 6 student:** Ameer Sanghvi for 'The Magic Tongue: Flavor Wizard Extraordinaire!'

**Year 8 student:** Sukey Fox for 'Beyond the Price Tags'

## Showcoach

Join us for our annual visit to Chichester Festival Theatre on **Tuesday 23rd July** to see a performance of **MY FAIR LADY** at 2.30pm. Lerner and Loewe's glorious evergreen musical is being performed at Chichester for the first time. Songs such as The Rain in Spain, I Could Have Danced All Night, Wouldn't It Be Lovely and many more along with sparkling dialogue, witty story and gorgeous costumes make for a perfect musical.



Cockney Eliza Doolittle earns a living selling flowers on the streets of London. Unless she can speak 'proper English' her dream of being a lady in a florist's shop is out of reach. So, when she encounters Henry Higgins, a Professor of Phonetics, she seizes the chance to transform her life!

Higgins blithely takes on a bet to turn this 'squashed cabbage leaf' into a high society paragon. His impulsive wager becomes a journey of discovery for both him and Eliza! Cost: £81 which includes your ticket and coach fare. There will be time for lunch at the theatre or in the city before the performance.



Please sign up as soon as possible as we only have 29 seats:  
Tickets: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach>

**Arts Richmond** will have a stand at the Richmond May Fair Richmond Green on Saturday 9th May. Do come along and say hello, meet the team and find out what exciting events we have planned.

## Visual Arts:

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### BobCat Gallery Meet the Artists

**Thursday 14th May, 5.30 - 7.30pm**

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

### 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. Website: <https://www.faamgallery.com/>

Faam Gallery 131 Percy Road, Whitton, Richmond, London, United Kingdom, TW2 6HT. Monday to Friday 09:30am - 5:30pm Saturday 10:30am - 5:30pm Sunday Closed.  
Tel: **020 3632 1468** Email: [faamgallery@gmail.com](mailto:faamgallery@gmail.com)

### Hampton Hill Photographic Society

**Wed 20 May 8pm** at the Bell Inn, Hampton.

Monthly Meeting Presentation. A speaker has not been confirmed at the time of submitting this notice but closer to the date you will find details on our website so please have a look. We always warmly welcome any guests who should arrive from 7.45pm and go upstairs to the function room reserved exclusively for our club. Meetings last two hours with a break in the middle and are informal with time to socialise. You can pay the modest fee in advance or just turn up and pay on arrival. <https://www.hamptonhillps.org.uk/programme>

### Just Good Frames

368 Richmond Road East Twickenham TW1 2DX. (200m from Richmond Bridge) Tel: 020 8892 1530 Email: [info@justgoodframes.com](mailto:info@justgoodframes.com). We will be hosting the Richmond Printmakers Exhibition from **May 21st to June 20th**.

From 7pm to 9pm.

**Open Studios May 23rd - 25th:**

**Saturday 23rd: 9am to 5pm**

**Sunday 24th: 10am to 4pm**

(special opening for Just Good Frames)

**Monday 25th: 10am to 4pm**

(special opening for Just Good Frames)

### Kingston Open Studios 2026

**9-10 and 16-17 May**

Artists and makers in Kingston will open their homes and studios to the public. Visits are free of charge and artists are happy to talk about their creative process and what inspires them. Works of art are for sale but there is no obligation to buy, the focus is on enjoying your visit. As an added dimension some exhibitors will be holding workshops or demonstrations of their techniques. See the catalogue and details of the trail map online at [www.kingstonartistsopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.kingstonartistsopenstudios.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 at Orleans House Gallery, 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](mailto:johncwylie@yahoo.co.uk)

**Richmond Film Society's Season** continues with *There Is No Evil* (Iran) on 5 May and *The Servant* (UK) on 19 May. Films are screened on alternate Tuesdays at 8:00pm at The Exchange, 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. Non-member tickets £5 (full-time students £3) at [www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/events](http://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/events). See [www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](http://www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk) for further information, tel. **020 8894 2254**, [admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk](mailto:admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk).

### **Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society** **7 May 2026 – A talk by Mike Sharples – ‘People, Places and Faces’.** Held on ZOOM

Mike enjoys the complete spectrum of photographic subjects including Landscape, Portraits, Sport and Natural History. Photographing people has long fascinated him and led him to be inspired by people's creative art in the form of dress and face make-up. So, in this talk, he is likely to show some of his successful portrait images and share his techniques. Mike has been a senior member of Photographic Societies and Federations in the UK, a Regional Organiser for the RPS for several years and an accredited Permajet lecturer. He also judges at local, regional, national and international levels. <https://www.mikesharplesphotography.com>

**14 May 2026 – ‘Members Evening’ with Andy Clifton, Lynda Bailey and Francis Peckham.** Held at Kew Community Centre, The Upper Room, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ. **8 – 10pm**  
Andy Clifton - ‘On tour - Out of Africa’  
Lynda Bailey - ‘My Favourite 10 Images’  
Francis Peckham - ‘Family Histories and Photography’

**21 May 2026 – A talk by Allen Lloyd – ‘An Evening with Allen Lloyd’.** Held at Kew Community Centre, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ. **8 – 10 pm**

Allen has been a landscape photographer, who also enjoyed wildlife photography, for many years. During the past twenty years he has been associated with landscape photography under the stars. Photography interests often evolve, and due to lockdown in 2020, he discovered “Deep Space Astrophotography” from his back garden and this has become a real passion. For his landscape photography, he loves using a drone, which provides new challenges and a totally new perspective on familiar places. He hopes to share examples of his photographic interests with you. <https://www.allenlloyd.co.uk>

**28 May 2026 – ‘Members Judging Evening’**  
Held at Kew Community Centre, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ. **8 – 10 p.m.**

An evening where members' prints and pdi's are judged by other club members who have judging experience, with friendly feedback.

**May 2026 - RTPS series of Special Interest Groups (SIGS) Members events held on Zoom.**

**5 May** Nature Group

**12 May** Post Processing

**18 May** Creative Eyes

**26 May** Monochrome Group

For more info: [info@rtps.org.uk](mailto:info@rtps.org.uk) | <https://www.rtps.org.uk/>

**RuptureXIBIT** is an inclusive artist-run space based in Hampton Wick, London. Home to art and writing mentoring, workshops, intensive residencies and experimental exhibitions, it supports a wide range of creative practices within a non-hierarchical environment. RuptureXIBIT is committed to fostering individual artistic growth, offering artists the space, guidance, and community to expand and deepen their work.

This **May**, RuptureXIBIT hosts **Claire Barber**, a textile-based artist whose practice is shaped by site-responsive and materially-driven enquiry. Her work draws on industrial histories, material culture and embodied making. During her residency, Claire will explore the material and spatial relationship between textiles and sound.

For details on Claire's Open Studio weekend, as well as this month's writing workshops with Dr Anna Johnson, and the regular fortnightly coffee mornings for working artists, please visit the RuptureXIBIT website.

**Sarah Dinsdale Studio** runs friendly **WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOPS and COURSES** for beginners and improvers @ Inspired Hub Hampton, TW12 2JA. Please book early to avoid disappointment [www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com](http://www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com)

**SUNSET CITYSCAPE Paint & Sip: Friday 8th May 7.30-9.30pm.** A simple & effective approach to painting a cityscape. From £40 including glass of Prosecco & frame.

Booking now open for **ABSTRACT LANDSCAPES COURSE 6 x Friday afternoons 1.15-3.15pm May-July** £210. All classes are suitable for complete beginners. [www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com/courses](http://www.sarahdinsdalestudio.com/courses)

**Sheen Artists Sheen Art Trail** returns to East Sheen's High Street from **18 April to 2 May 2026**. This free two-week event pairs local artists with independent businesses, transforming shop windows and interiors into a vibrant art trail across SW14. Visitors can follow a map, discover new work and enjoy exhibitions, workshops and weekend Artist Fairs at the Hare & Hounds. No booking required. For more information visit [www.sheenartists.com](http://www.sheenartists.com)

## **Performance:**

### **OSO Theatre on Barnes Pond**

Box Office **020 8876 9885** | [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Wednesday April 29 - Sunday May 9 7.30pm Blue/Orange by Joe Penhall** - Satire - “I am being harassed. I'm in fear of my life. I live in fear. They Know Who I Am...” Christopher has been confined to a psychiatric ward for a month. He wants out. The problem is he still thinks oranges are blue. A junior psychiatrist, convinced he needs help, wants to section him. The senior consultant thinks it's all a question of culture: at home in Shepherd's Bush, Christopher will be amongst 'his people'. And besides, it costs taxpayers' money to keep Christopher in care. Race, madness and medical ethics collide in Joe Penhall's exquisitely sharp, Olivier Award winning modern classic. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173669566>

**Thu 14 May – Fri 15 May Wilde Without the Boy** is Gareth Armstrong's brilliant staging of De Profundis, Oscar Wilde's searing letter to his lover, written from his prison cell. The piece is a window into the bruised soul of a literary genius. Wilde's poem The Ballad of Reading Gaol narrates the execution of Charles Thomas Wooldridge, convicted of murdering his wife. It is underscored by a specially commissioned score by Simon Slater. Performer: Gerard Logan (Olivier Nominee, The Stage's “Best Solo Performer of the 2011 Edinburgh Festival”). Tickets from £18.90 [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Sun 17 May – Mon 18 May Suitcase Circus by Oliver Smart.**

A hilariously heart-warming, one-person show of extreme originality and virtuosity. A threadbare ringmaster sock introduces a selection of the most talented objects which the world has to offer. Tickets from £15.30 adults £13.50 children [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Tue 19 May – Fri 22 May Purcell, The Musical.** Composer Henry Purcell is not feeling well. Under pressure to finish a song, a series of surreal experiences transports him back in time. Plus, his wife keeps bursting into his songs. Featuring bawdy theatre ballads, slow airs, a 'mad song', and numbers from his semi-operas. Tickets from £20.70 [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Wed 27 May 7.30pm The Big Barnes Quiz..is back!** The best quiz in Barnes is back! Come along and test how good your general knowledge is while having a laugh and raising money. You'll be treated with a delicious dinner by OSO Chef, Yanete. All proceeds go to our £25k for 25 Years Fund, helping to support theatre development. Tickets from £31.50 [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Thu 28 May Sock Party.** Tom and Marta arrive at a sock-themed party. They didn't expect to meet. Marta is bold, and Tom doesn't know how to have a conversation with anyone, but they end up understanding each other more than they could've anticipated. In a colourful expression of drama, clowning, original music and stop motion, Sock Party is a playful journey through love and connection, asking how as adults we manage to create new friends, celebrate and play. Tickets from £13.50 [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Fri 29 May and Fri 26 June The Comedy Store.** This is British-style improvised comedy at its absolute best! Established in 1985, the Comedy Store players have been selling out their shows ever since. Performers at the OSO nights have included Paul Sinha, Zoe Lyons, Paul Thorne, Laura Lexx and Emmanuel Sonubi. Tickets from £22.05 [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

## The Exchange

**Jack Dee – Jack's Joke Show. Thursday 7 May** | 7:30 pm | £20 Celebrating 40 years in standup comedy, Jack Dee is coming to The Exchange with his brand-new work in progress show. Jokes and funny anecdotes have intrigued Jack for as long as he can remember. Now he has assembled the best of them to form a new show that offers a glimpse of the influences that led him into and helped shape his comedy career. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/jack-dee-jacks-joke-show/#20260507>

**The Kate Bush Experience. Friday 8 May** | 7:30 pm | £18 - £20 A rare chance to see the songs of Kate Bush performed live. One live performance in the last 30 years leaves fans wanting more. The Kate Bush Experience perform the songs how they would have been performed by the legend herself. Join us for a memorable show that will have you out of your seat and Running up that Hill! <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-kate-bush-experience-2/>

**When The Wind Blows (1986). 40th Anniversary Screening. Friday 15 May** | 2 pm & Sunday 17 May | 3 pm | £8 - £10 Running time: 1h 20m. Perhaps more pertinent now than ever, this hand-drawn animated tale, based on Raymond Briggs' graphic novel, is one of the most powerful depictions of nuclear Armageddon ever made. Elderly couple Hilda and Jim Bloggs have their quiet, simple lives in the English countryside interrupted when they learn of an impending nuclear attack. Followed by The Wind And The Bomb, a 25-minute behind-

the-scenes documentary on the making of the film. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/when-the-wind-blows-1986/>

**The Alex Voysey Blues Band presents the Best of the Blues. Saturday 16 May** | 7:30 pm | £18 - £20. Alex Voysey is one of the most exciting emerging artists on the current UK Blues scene with a core following built on the reputation of exhilarating and virtuosic blues rock live performances and phenomenal musicianship – a band that excites audiences wherever they go. Nominated for Contemporary Blues Artist of the Year, Album of the Year and Emerging Artist of the Year in the 2025 UK Blues Federation Awards. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-alex-voysey-blues-band-presents-best-of-the-blues/>

**Frida Kahlo Exhibition on Screen. Wednesday 20 May** | 2:30 pm (Captioned) & 7 pm £10 - £12 | Running time: 1 h30m. This award-winning film about Frida Kahlo, arguably the world's favourite female artist, takes an in-depth look into the woman behind the bright colours, big brows and floral crowns. A journey through the life of a true icon, 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/>

**TOP SECRET – THE MAGIC OF SCIENCE Saturday 23 May** | 2 pm | £12. Is it magic ... Or is it science? Join Top Secret as they go on a High Voltage Adventure!!! Fusing the mystery of magic with wondrous and miraculous feats of science. Hang on to your seats and experience a non-stop action packed interactive magical family science show with experiments and magic that will capture the imagination. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/top-secret-the-magic-of-science-2/#20260523>

**NT Live: The Playboy of the Western World Thursday 28 May** | 2 pm (captioned) & 7 pm £15 - £18. Running time: 2h 30m (with interval). Nicola Coughlan (Bridgerton) joins Éanna Hardwicke (The Sixth Commandment) and Siobhán McSweeney (Derry Girls) in John Millington Synge's riveting play of youth and self-discovery. Filmed live on stage at the National Theatre, Caitríona McLaughlin directs this darkly funny tale full to the brim with secrets. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/nt-live-the-playboy-of-the-western-world/#20260528>

**The Kids Show 2: The Power of Two. Saturday 30 May** | 11 am | £12 (family ticket £40). Fresh from their first award winning family friendly sketch show, Rachel and Ruby are back. It's double the funny, double the silly, double the sketch and it's fun for children, their adults, and any ghosts or pigeons that wander in. Winners of Best Kids' Show, 2023 Leicester Comedy Festival/UK Kids' Comedy Festival. As seen at The Southbank Centre, Great Ormond Street Hospital, Girl Guides UK, and more! <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-kids-show-2-the-power-of-two/#20260530>

**Alex McAleer: Mind Reader. Saturday 30 May** | 7 pm | £15 | Family of four £50. Don't miss your chance to see Alex McAleer live! He's neither psychic nor supernatural but has an uncanny ability to apparently tap into his audience's minds and read their thoughts. Wowing audiences for more than a decade in the UK and the US (Champions of Magic, West End, Blue Peter, GMB), in this unforgettable show Alex blends laugh-out-loud humour with jaw-dropping psychological feats. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/alex-mcaleer-mind-reader-2/#20260530>

## Richmond Shakespeare Society

The Mary Wallace Theatre presents **CIPHERS by Dawn King, May 30th-June 6th**. In Dawn King's 1913 espionage thriller, inspired by real events, a woman dies in mysterious circumstances. Someone knows how and why. Who was the victim and who killed her? But in a world of danger and deceit nobody can be trusted to tell the truth - and can you ever believe someone who lies for a living?

CIPHERS plays at the Mary Wallace Theatre on Twickenham's Embankment from **May 30th-June 6th**, with a captioned performance on **Thursday, June 4th**. Booking at [www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk](http://www.richmondshakespeare.org.uk)

**Rose Opera. 30th and 31st May** Puccini's breakthrough third opera, Manon Lescaut, is the moment his genius truly catches fire. In its soaring melodies and surging drama, you can already hear the seeds of La Bohème, Tosca and Madama Butterfly - yet this is a masterpiece in its own right. A passionate tale of love, desire and betrayal, it asks: is Manon fatally drawn to luxury, or is Des Grieux the ultimate romantic, sacrificing everything for love? Performed in the beautiful surroundings of Normansfield Theatre, sung in Italian with full orchestra and chorus, this promises to be another triumph for Rose Opera, following our acclaimed 2024 Tosca and 2025 Cav/Pag double-bill. Passion. Drama. Puccini at his most thrilling. <https://www.roseopera.co.uk/>

## Teddington Theatre Club

The Welkin by Lucy Kirkwood **Tue 28 Apr - Sat 2 May 2026** Rural Suffolk, 1759. As Halley's Comet blazes across the sky, a young woman is sentenced to hang for a shocking crime. But when she claims to be pregnant, a jury of twelve women is gathered to decide her fate. Locked in a room and charged with determining the truth, they must confront not only the case at hand, but the roles they've been forced to play in a man's world. From the Olivier Award-winning writer of Chimerica, The Children and NSFW, The Welkin is a fierce, darkly funny, and defiantly feminist courtroom drama that crackles with urgency. It's a visceral exploration of power, belief, and the price of solidarity in a society where justice is anything but blind. Tickets: <https://www.hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk/production/welkin>

## Literature:

### Barnes Literary Society

**Tuesday 26 May 2025** at 7:30 pm St Mary's Barnes.  
Black Butterflies: Priscilla Morris draws on her part-Yugoslav heritage for this novel, short-listed for the Women's Prize for Fiction amongst several others. Set in 1992, at the time of the outbreak of the Balkan wars, and in particular the devastating siege of the city of Sarajevo, the war is seen through the eyes of Zora Kovovic, an artist of Serb origin who teaches at the university. Priscilla will be talking to Jo Weinberger, a previous Chair of BLS. £10 on the door if you're not a BLS Member.

### 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 the **Spring of 2026**, we will be 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](mailto:enquiries@palewellpress.co.uk)

## Reading for a Calmer Life.

ONLINE course, 6 weeks. Mondays from **20 April to 8 June, 7pm - 8.30pm**. Hosted by RHACC. Explore how reading can help us to relax and navigate problems that we all face at times, including anxiety, low mood and grief. Each week we will read poems and short passages from writers such as Wendy Cope, Charles Dickens, Anne Tyler and many more. Course run by book lover and counsellor Natasha Rozario for Richmond and Hillcroft Adult Community College. £82 / £57.40 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-calmer-life>

## Music:

### Crawdaddy Club

We're excited to announce that the Blue Bishops will be live at the Crawdaddy Club at the Turks Head on **May 15th**. They hold a special place in our story as the very first band to play when Mike Rivers reopened the club in 2012, helping launch a whole new chapter. Expect a brilliant night of blues and roots rock, packed with great songs, big grooves and that warm, authentic live feel they're known for. Tickets are available now <https://wegottickets.com/event/687789/>

### Eel Pie Club at The 1907

Cabbage Patch, 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. Doors 7:45pm. Music from 8:30pm (unless otherwise advertised). Tickets via [www.eelpieclub.com](http://www.eelpieclub.com) Enquiries: ph. **07732 322610** or [eelpieclubuk@gmail.com](mailto:eelpieclubuk@gmail.com)

### Thursday 14 May

**LEAF HOUND**: Leaf Hound is a highly regarded Classic Rock band whose late 60s Decca Album "Growers Of Mushroom" recently changed hands on the internet for £13,640, playing their excellent brand of Classic Rock. Last year, Leaf Hound released their critically acclaimed album, 'Once Bitten'. Let It Rock review stated 'Solid contender for hard rock - with pro elements - Album of the year mantle, it's a fantastic work'. The band is led by Pete French (ex vocalist Atomic Rooster & Cactus) with Luke Rayner, Dominic French, Pete Herbert. Classic Rock wrote: 'Credited as progenitors of heavy metal and psych rock, Leaf Hound generate a wonderfully organic sound'. This is blues rock/classic rock for fans of Led Zep and Bad Company. £18 Advance. £21 on the door.

### Thursday 28 May

#### GENO WASHINGTON & THE YO YOS

Geno Washington is legendary. His live shows with The Ram Jam Band were immortalised in two of the biggest selling albums of the 60's - "Hand Clappin' Foot Stompin' Funky Butt Live" and "Hipsters Flipsters and Finger Poppin' Daddies". Geno's lifelong love of Blues and R & B has led to yet another chapter in his illustrious career with the formation of "Geno and the Yo Yo's" which features the longstanding rhythm section of the Ram Jam Band (Geoff Hemsley on drums, Steve Bingham on bass and Greg Lester on guitar) which is a hard-hitting, fast-moving show of R & B/Blues/Soul classics that has audiences on their feet from start to finish and is receiving rave reviews wherever they play. You can be sure of one thing and that is a barnstorming live show that never lets up in intensity or excitement and delivers the goods every time! Support band tba. £19 Advance. £23 on the door.

**Sunday 31 May from 6pm.**

### **The Trembling Wilburys – Sunday Special!**

The World's Greatest Tribute to The Traveling Wilburys. The Traveling Wilburys never played live as sadly the great "Big O" (Roy Orbison) passed away shortly after the release of their debut album "Volume 1" in late 1988. Luckily, the Trembling Wilburys can bring you their version of the "show that never was" with an incredibly uplifting 90-minutes plus of fantastic music. In addition, the band features two of the most acclaimed sound-alikes of any tribute act with Michael Goulding, while Dave Collison perfectly captures Roy Orbison's unique vocal range and look. Band Members are: Michael Goulding as George Harrison; Dave Collison as Roy Orbison; Andy McNish as Bob Dylan & Tom Petty; Marko Laver as Jeff Lynne; Dzal Martin – lead guitar; Steve Salvari – keyboards; Dave Stark – drums. Support Act tba. **Doors 5:45pm. Music 6:30 to 9:30pm.** £20 Advance. £25 on the door.

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**. We are looking for new members and after a short Easter break will restart singing on **Tuesday 14 April**. We will be singing some modern music (tbc) for a summer concert on July 4th. <https://www.hamptonchoral.org.uk>. Or contact [macdonald.avf61@gmail.com](mailto:macdonald.avf61@gmail.com).

**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.

**Kingston Choral Society** is a large well-established and very friendly choir that is always looking for new members. We rehearse at **8pm on Thursday evenings** at Hollyfield School in Surbiton and sing a wide range of mainly classical pieces. We perform four concerts a year. Our next concert 'Make Our Garden Grow' - an evening full of anthems, part songs, folk songs and madrigals - is at **7.30pm** at St Andrew's, Surbiton on **Saturday June 20th**. We strive for extremely high standards encouraged by our inspirational musical director, Andrew Griffiths, alongside having lots of fun at rehearsals. If you are interested, please do come along any Thursday and try us out and/or come to our next concert. For more information, see [www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk).

### **OSO Art Centre Barnes**

An Evening with Beethoven and Chopin **Sat 30 May**. Canadian violinist Guillaume Tardif and Turkish pianist and musicologist Mine Doğantan Dack join forces for a concert that includes

Beethoven's beloved Spring and Kreutzer sonatas, and Chopin's heroic Introduction and Polonaise. Not to be missed if you are in the mood for a Romantic musical evening. Tickets from £20.70 [www.osoarts.org.uk](http://www.osoarts.org.uk)

**Ripieno Choir** Radiant Majesty – French Baroque Sacred Choral Concert, **Saturday 9 May**, 7.30pm All Saints Weston, Chestnut Avenue, Esher KT10 8JL. French baroque sacred music is at the heart of the Ripieno Choir's Radiant Majesty concert featuring Charpentier's acclaimed Missa Assumpta est Maria, noted for its scale and beauty. Paired with Mondonville's Dominus Regnavit and Lully's Regina Caeli, these works showcase refined ceremonial music. Experience the rich sounds of the French royal chapel with strings, woodwinds, theorbo, and organ. Visit [www.ripienochoir.org.uk](http://www.ripienochoir.org.uk) for ticket prices and further details.

**Strawberry Hill Community Choir**: The theme this term is Songs of the Sea. The Summer Concert will be on **Tuesday 7th July** at St Mary's Church, Twickenham. 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 genres, 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 summer term starts on **14th April**. 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)

**St Mary Magdalene**, Richmond **Sunday 3 May, 3pm**  
Richmond Piano Series: Roderick Williams + Christopher Glynn. Following Joanna MacGregor's sensational launch, the series welcomes world-renowned song exponents baritone Roderick Williams and pianist Christopher Glynn. They take a winter's journey deep into the impassioned heart of English song, territory filled with edgy nostalgia and emotional honesty. Their programme includes heart-rending compositions by Ivor Gurney, extraordinary masterworks by Finzi and Britten, and spellbinding miniatures by Doreen Carwithen, Humphrey Procter-Gregg and Errollyn Wallen. Tickets: at **Eventbrite** (search "**Richmond Piano Series**"). Office: **020 8940 0362**.

**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 3 May: Singaround**. All are welcome to bring a pair of songs, tunes or poems to the circle, or just pull up a chair and listen. A lovely warm evening of music for just a fiver, payable at the door.

**Sunday 10 May: Phil Beer**. For 45 years, one of the most respected folk musicians on the circuit, a fine singer and dazzling instrumentalist. The next piece might be a song or a tune, his own or a traditional arrangement, or a Springsteen or Hollies cover! Tickets £23 on the door or £20 + booking fee online at [www.wegottickets.com/event/681676](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/681676).

**Sunday 17 May: Suntrap**. Multi-vocal, multi-instrumental five-piece, performing original, traditional and contemporary songs, quite beautifully. Tickets £15 on the door or £12 + booking fee online at [www.wegottickets.com/event/685843](http://www.wegottickets.com/event/685843)

**Sunday 24 May: Singaround**. An unusual second chance this month to bring a pair of songs, tunes or poems to the circle, or just pull up a chair and listen. Outstanding value for just a

fiver, payable at the door.

**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. A Community Singing group is where 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. Our Summer Term runs until **Sat. 11th July (Half Term break on 30th May)**. Songs are learned from a wide variety of genres and styles – Pop, Folk, Soul, Classical, Spirituals etc. Contact: [loulla82gorman@gmail.com](mailto:loulla82gorman@gmail.com) or **07788664957** to arrange for a Free trial session.

## 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 5th May at 7:30pm** with our monthly live/Zoom hybrid lecture. The title is 'Robert Keable, Utterly Immoral WW1 Chaplain and Writer?' and the speaker is Arts Society accredited lecturer Simon Keable-Elliott. This is a Bring-a-Friend-Free Lecture.

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 this month guests are welcome with no charge - and no booking required. Non-members can also watch on Zoom for £7 by emailing us as below.

Visit: on **Wednesday 20th May** we will be going to the V&A East Storehouse and the V&A East Museum. The Storehouse has been open for about a year, but the Museum opened for the first time on **16th April**. The cost for this is £38 and we will be taking a coach from the Old Deer Park at 9.15. The link is: <https://vandaEast.eventbrite.co.uk>

On **27th May** we are holding a Study Morning on John Constable: A celebration of the 250th Anniversary of his Birth, and the lecturer is Alan Read. The cost for this is £23 and details are on our website and on the link: <https://studymorning27May2006.eventbrite.co.uk>

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).

### **Richmond Association for the National Trust:**

**Thursday 14 May 2026 at 11am.** Kingston Walk. Meet at the Golden Queen statue in the Market Place. Contact Ann MacLennan on email: [annmaclennan@bopenworld.com](mailto:annmaclennan@bopenworld.com).

**Wednesday 27 May 2026** Coach visit to Chawton House and the Jane Austen Museum, Chawton, Hants. GU34 1SD (and 1SJ). Contact Ann MacLennan on email: [annmaclennan@bopenworld.com](mailto:annmaclennan@bopenworld.com).

### **Richmond Heritage Guides:**

**Sunday 3 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.

**Saturday 9 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 17 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.

**Sunday 24 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)

### **The Richmond Society: Richmond May Fair**

**Saturday 9 May 10am – 5pm**

All the fun of the Fair takes place on Richmond Green! The Fair plays an important role in bringing the people of Richmond together to support good causes and enjoy a great day out. Visit the Society's stall to catch up with what we are doing locally, tell us your concerns or just say 'hello'. For details please visit: [www.richmondsociety.o](http://www.richmondsociety.o)

## 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](mailto: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/> Turners House is offering a 10% entry discount in May for those carrying a Arts House Open Studio brochure.



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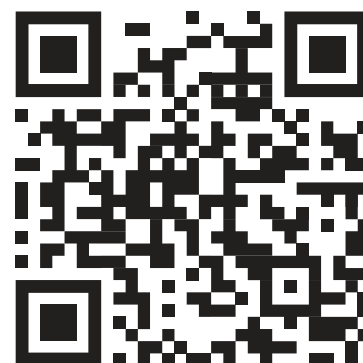
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