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Diana Armfield Drawing from Observation Competition 2026

March saw a busy month for Arts Richmond starting with our annual exhibition of the entries to this Competition.

This year Diana was still able to judge, choosing her winners, runners up and several highly commended and commended pieces from the 80 entries we received.

The winner this year was Fei Wong with his drawing of Richmond Warren Footpath. Joint second were Sue Smith with her drawing of Richmond Bridge and Gerard Casserly with his untitled life drawing. Other highly commended drawings included Martin Dace's beautiful drawing of his daughter, who kindly allowed us to take a picture of her next to it.

This year we were extremely grateful to The Patch on York Street Twickenham for allowing us to use space at their premises for our exhibition. We were also extremely pleased to welcome Deputy Mayor Clare Vollum who presented the prize of Diana's own drawing which our winner gets to keep for a year.



Winner Fei Wong with Deputy Mayor Clare Vollum

Diana now in her 106th year was unable to attend the private view but asked Visual Arts Committee member John Coombs to say a few words on her behalf.

John passed on Diana's words saying 'Diana

wanted to emphasize the whole point of this is that you are drawing from life. It's so easy when you are drawing that you stop drawing from life and start drawing your own style. Draw what you actually see rather than create your version of it'.

She was extremely disappointed not to have been able to make the journey to the private view and see the exhibition in place, however administrator Linda Hansell made sure that it was filmed before it was dismantled and will get the recording over to her to view.



What's On

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

April 2026

The Arts Richmond Newsletter

Showcoach

Showcoach invites its members to visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea for lunch and a private tour with one of the Chelsea Pensioners **Thursday June 18th.**

The Chelsea Hospital is accessible either by tube to Sloane Square and a 10 min walk or by train to Clapham Junction and the 170 bus from outside the station to the Chelsea Hospital.

Cost £41. This includes a buffet lunch before the tour at 2.15. Please sign Book up as soon as possible as we can only have 25 places. Booking link: <https://artsrichmond.org.uk/showcoach>



Showcoach review by Janet Langhorne

Re: Tate Britain visit 10th February

A group of members visited Tate Britain on 10 February to see the exhibition of photographs by Lee Miller, famous as a model and muse, then as a war photographer, amongst her many other interests.

We were welcomed at the Clore Centre with coffee/tea etc before being treated to a fascinating talk given by Linda Bolton, one of the Tate lecturers. This gave great insight into what to expect when we went into the exhibition.



We then had a very good buffet lunch with time for socialising before having a free flow visit of the exhibition. Here there were 11 rooms with hundreds of photographs, all very small! The exhibition has been hugely successful, and it was particularly busy on our visit as it was about to close and move on to Paris. It was fascinating to see Lee's various styles of photography from her early days as a model to being a war photographer. All these photographs were discovered in the attic at her Farleys House and Gallery* only since her death and are still being collated by her son and granddaughter.

*Some of the group had actually been on a residential Showcoach trip which included this place.

We all enjoyed our day at the gallery to which we were welcomed by the very helpful and enthusiastic Tate group organisers.

Dates for your diary:



Visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea Thursday 18 June.

Chichester Festival Theatre: this year it will be My Fair Lady. Dates to be finalised once booking opens but will be matinees either on **Thursday 23rd July or Tuesday 4th August**. Please keep the dates free! More details soon.

Visual Arts:

Meet the Artists - BobCat Gallery

Thursday 16th April, 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 April. Refreshments provided. Free tickets via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bobcat-gallery>

Faam Gallery

Arts Richmond welcomes Faam Gallery as a new affiliate. 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

Hampton Hill Photographic Society

Wed 15th April 8pm at the Bell Inn, Hampton.
Picture Selection for the SPA Digital Inter-club Competition. We will look at members' images and have fun selecting the most suitable for entry into the Open and Nature categories of this annual Surrey Photographic Society competition. Guests are welcome to sit in to see what we do. Please see website for details. <https://www.hamptonhillps.org.uk/programme>

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

Richmond Film Society

Season continues with

I'm Still Here (Brazil) on **7 April** and

Good One (USA) on **21 April**.

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

Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society info@rtps.org.uk | <https://www.rtps.org.uk/>

9 April 2026 – A talk by Fred Barrington – 'A Retrospective'
Kew Community Centre, The Upper Room, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ. 8 – 10 p.m.

Fred has been to RTPS before in 2017 and 2021 and we are delighted that he is returning. He describes himself as an opportunistic and enthusiastic amateur, but he has won many awards (including a Landscape Travel Photo of the Year) and was honoured in 2022 with a Fellowship of the Royal Photographic Society. Fred is very well travelled, but he was born and bred in London, which is his first love, and where he has done a great deal of work in his very personal and appealing style.

For more info: <https://fredbarrington.com/london-1>

16 April 2026 – A talk by Peter Benson – 'Photography on the Darkside'

Held on ZOOM. Peter Benson: FRPS MCrGP AWPf CPAGB BPE3. Peter describes himself as being a very keen urban nightscape photographer since late 2013. This passion has taken him to some great places to photograph around the world, but he particularly enjoys the UK and London. To share his love of urban nightscape, he tutors clients and gives talks to camera clubs. Peter has received numerous awards, and his images have been selected to appear in several UK national and international exhibitions. They are also regularly featured in magazines and photo journals. In 2022 he was awarded a Fellowship of The Royal Photographic Society, (FRPS Landscape) in prints for his urban night photography. For more info: <https://www.peterfbenson.co.uk/>

23 April 2026 – A talk by Andrew Moss – 'He Shoots, He Scores'

Kew Community Centre, The Upper Room, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ. 8 – 10 p.m.

Andrew is an award-winning photographer based in London specialising in sport, and also landscapes and travel photography. His work has been seen in both solo and group exhibitions around England, France, the Czech Republic and Italy. He has achieved success in a number of photographic competitions, including the Sony World Photography Awards, the World Sports Photographer of the Year and the British Photography Awards. He gives talks to camera clubs in the UK

and elsewhere covering such topics as researching the sport before going to a shoot, hints and tips on getting good shots, available equipment to use and improve images and more. Latest images can be seen on his Instagram page: @mossfoto. For more info: <https://andrewmoss.smugmug.com>

30 April 2026 – ‘PDI Analysis’ with Ian Brash

Held at Kew Community Centre, The Avenue, Richmond TW9 2AJ. 8 – 10 p.m. A critique of Members’ submitted images.

April 2026 - RTPS series of Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

Members events held on Zoom.

Nature Group 7 April, Post Processing 14 April, Creative Eyes 20 April, Pictorial Group 28 April.

Notes:

1. Talks are held at Kew Community Centre, The Upper Room, The Avenue, Kew, TW9 2AJ, from 8 to 10 pm unless marked as on Zoom.
2. Prospective new members are warmly welcome to attend for free as a ‘taster’ session, other visitors £5. Just drop us an email at info@rtps.org.uk.

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

Abstract Watercolour Techniques: Learn to paint a range of striking textures and effects. **Friday 24th April 7.30-9.30pm.** From £40 including glass of Prosecco & frame.

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

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

Twickenham Art Circle

Presents its Spring Exhibition at the Landmark Arts Centre, Teddington, on **Saturday 25th April 10am - 5pm and Sunday 26th April 10am to 4.30pm.** Showcasing work from both amateur and professional artists, the exhibition features a diverse range of art and sculpture. Admission is free. www.twickenhamartcircle.org.uk.

Performance:

Dramacube Easter Holidays

Mary Poppins Workshop Hampton Hill Theatre – **30th March – 1st April** Suitable for 5-7 & 8-12 year olds. Step into a world of wonder this Easter holidays with our 3-day musical theatre workshops, inspired by Mary Poppins! With a spoonful of imagination and a whole lot of fun, children will sing, act, play drama games, and perform together — culminating on day 3 in a supercalifragilistic showcase. <https://dramacube.co.uk/workshops/>

Dramacube - Summer Term

Matilda JR: Does your 5-18 year old love to sing, dance, and act? Join our Summer Term casts and see them perform at Hampton Hill Theatre in Matilda JR.. Whether they’re new to musical theatre or have experience of drama classes or stage school – everyone is welcome and will be part of the show. Classes available in Hampton Hill, Walton-on-Thames, Teddington and Twickenham. <https://dramacube.co.uk/>

The Exchange Listings for Arts Richmond April 2026

The Zoo That Comes to You

Wed 1 April | 11 am & 2 pm | Family ticket £40

Two animal enthusiasts who have accidentally ended up with a sanctuary, but no visitors, decide to bring the zoo to you! Featuring puppetry, live music and playful characters. Age 5+ <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/the-zoo-that-comes-to-you/#20260401>

A Big Egg

Friday 10 April | 2 pm | Family ticket £40

Join children’s author Steven Lee in his magical writing shed, where stories hatch before your eyes! When his mischievous neighbour’s dog mistakes him for an egg, Steven begins writing a brand-new Easter adventure. Children get to join in, shout out, and help shape the story as it unfolds, discovering along the way that every egg – from quail to ostrich – holds a little miracle inside. A heart-warming Easter treat for the whole family. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/a-big-egg/#20260410>

Musik (15)

Saturday 11 April | 6pm

Frances Barber stars as Billie Trix — icon, radical, existentialist, and complete disaster in this bold and hilarious one-woman odyssey through the 20th and 21st Centuries. Blending monologue with original songs by The Pet Shop Boys, MUSIK is a genre defying exploration of fame, failure, and fierce individuality wrapped in sequins and spiked with satire. At once riotous and poignant, this cult show returns as a filmed stage event that cements Billie Trix’s place in the pantheon of outsider icons. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/musik-15/#20260411>

Doorman

15, 16 & 17 April | 7.30 pm

Writer Geoff Thompson worked ‘on the door’ himself for nine years at some of the toughest nightclubs in the UK before becoming an award-winning playwright, author and screenwriter. His one-man play explores the personal struggle and painful contradictions of being “a decent man trapped in a dark trade”. Directed by Michael Vale and performed by Andy Hough. Followed by a Q&A. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/doorman-2/>

NT Live: All My Sons

Thursday 23 April | 2 pm (captioned) & 7 pm

Bryan Cranston (Breaking Bad) and Marianne Jean-Baptiste (Hard Truths) feature in a five-star, triumphantly acclaimed new production of Arthur Miller’s classic play, from visionary director Ivo Van Hove (A View from the Bridge) about one family at the heart of the American dream. Filmed live from the West End. <https://www.exchangetwickenham.co.uk/show/nt-live-all-my-sons/#20260423>

OSO The Theatre on the Pond in Barnes

Green Tea - Psychological Drama

Thursday April 9 - Friday April 10 7.30pm

Green Tea is an award-winning and critically acclaimed theatrical production, delving into demonic possession in a Victorian world. Narrated by philosophical physician Dr. Martin Hesselius, it investigates the strange case of the Reverend Mr. Jennings, a man living with an unnatural affliction. Green Tea is a timeless portrayal of mental fragility, captivating audiences with its exploration of spirituality and the shadows that haunt us all. After winning the Standout Actor Award at the 2018 Sydney Fringe, Green Tea was slated to premiere in Edinburgh in 2020. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, it finally made its long-awaited Edinburgh Festival premiere in 2023. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173669508>

Steel Magnolias - Tragi-Comedy

Tuesday April 14 - Saturday April 18 7.30pm

All the ladies in Chinquapin, Louisiana, come to Truvy's beauty salon to have their hair done. Outspoken Truvy dispenses shampoo and free advice to the town's curmudgeon, Miss Ouiser, the eccentric Miss Clairee, and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter Shelby is about to get married. Comedy turns to tragedy when Shelby, a diabetic, risks her life with a dangerous pregnancy. Confronted with the harshness of mortality, the ladies draw together to find strength – and love – in the wake of tragedy. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173669559>

Solomon - Biographical Drama

Wednesday April 22 7.30pm

As Solomon grapples with his own sexuality within a society bound by conservative norms, he finds solace in unexpected friendships with individuals such as Henry Holiday, Edward Burne-Jones, Oscar Browning, and Algernon Charles Swinburne.

The play unfolds as Solomon navigates the complexities of his desires and aspirations, all the while existing in a world that casts a critical eye upon those who deviate from societal expectations. Solomon, written by Stuart Eggleton, debuted at Tsitsit Festival 2023 before further development at the Royal Academy of Art. Directed by Joseph Winer. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173669544>

Blue/Orange by Joe Penhall - Satire

Wednesday April 29 - Sunday May 9 7.30pm

"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>

Q2 Players and Barnes Community Players

Have come together in a joint production of Jane Austen's last completed novel, Persuasion, adapted by American author Sarah Rose Kearns. In the 250th year since Jane was born in the small Hampshire village of Steventon we are delighted to offer the first ever production of this play in the UK. The play centres around the character of Anne Elliot. The story highlights the power of persuasion in observing the social pressures of the time, and contrasts Anne's quiet strength and

resilience with her father's vanity and sisters' social climbing. Anne was only nineteen when she met and fell in love with Frederick Wentworth. They were briefly engaged... until Anne broke it off, on the advice of her godmother Lady Russell. Eight years later, however, tides have turned: Captain Wentworth returns to England, rich and successful from the war with Napoleon, while Anne finds herself exiled from her family home in Bath. Though their paths cross at society and family gatherings, Anne has faded to an 'old maid' looking on as Wentworth's relationship with the Musgrove sisters becomes ever closer. Whom will he choose, will Anne overcome her regrets, and can Wentworth set aside his resentment?

Thursday 23rd April 7:45 pm, Friday 24th April 7:45 pm, Saturday 25th April 2:30 pm and 7:45 pm

Venue: The National Archives, Kew, Richmond TW9 4DU.
Tickets: £14 (£12 concessions) www.q2players.co.uk
07915 067007 4-6 pm

Richmond Shakespeare Society

Anne Boleyn by Howard Brenton

April 18th-25th at the Mary Wallace Theatre, Twickenham. Henry's second wife is intelligent, witty and strong-willed - a new queen for a new Protestant England. But Henry longs for a male heir and, when Anne repeatedly fails to provide one, her fate is sealed. Accusation, trial and execution inevitably follow. But her legacy survived in her daughter Elizabeth, and her belief that the Bible should be translated into English hastened its eventual achievement. Booking www.richmondshakespeare.org.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:

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:Camilla.Reeve@palewellpress.co.uk)

Reading for a Calmer Life.

Starts Monday 20 April, 7pm - 8.30pm. ONLINE course, 6 weeks, **ends 8 June.** 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. <https://www.rhacc.ac.uk/course/reading-calmer-life>

Music:

The Barnes Choir Open Rehearsal

If you are a choral singer looking for a new choir to join, why not come and try us out at our Open Rehearsal on **Tuesday April 14th** at All Saints, East Sheen Avenue, East Sheen. SW14 8AX. Arrive at **7.30 for a 7.45** Start. We are a friendly mixed voice choir of some 70 Singers and, led by our dynamic Musical Director, Julian Collings, and accompanied by our skilled accompanist, Elspeth Wilkes, we will be having a "first run-through" of Duruflé's Requiem, together with works by Cecilia McDowel and Russell Hepplewhite, which we plan to sing at our Summer Concert on **Saturday, June 27 2026**. Scores can be provided. Whilst it is helpful if you can read music, we provide all Members with access to rehearsal tracks for home practice and we offer optional musicianship classes on various subjects such as musical theory and sight singing. We do not hold formal auditions, but our musical director will conduct a simple voice test to ensure that you are placed in the correct Section. You can email membership@barneschoir.org.uk for more information, or to let us know you plan to come, or just turn up. Learn more about us at <https://barneschoir.org.uk/join-us>

The Crawdaddy Club

On the 24th April Bad Influence come to the Turks Head as they celebrate forty years together. That is four decades of gigs, songs and proper British blues built around Val Cowell's voice and Dickie Hayes' unmistakable guitar playing. They have done it the honest way by turning up and winning audiences night after night. This will be a warm loud heartfelt celebration of a band who have given so much to the scene. Come and share it with us. Tickets <https://wegottickets.com/event/684601/>

Eel Pie Club @ The 1907

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

Thursday 2 April The Milk Men

The Milk Men are one of the most popular and acclaimed blues rock bands in the UK. Nominated for eight UK Blues Awards and British Blues Challenge finalists, and with a Number 1 blues single and album to their name, The Milk Men have earned a reputation as one of the most dynamic and enjoyable live bands on the circuit. Their six albums of original material have seen them top both the Amazon and iTunes charts and won them 'Best Album' nominations, and their live shows are renowned for their electric energy and joyous sense of fun. £17 Advance. £20 on the door.

Thursday 16 April The Crazy World Of Arthur Brown

Best known for his UK Number One single, "Fire", his flamboyant theatrical performances and his powerful, wide-ranging operatic voice, Arthur Brown has been a major influence on a wide range of musicians due to his outstanding

vocal ability and wild stage persona and concepts. He is considered a pioneer of shock rock and progressive rock and influential on heavy metal music. He associated with Jimi Hendrix, The Who, Frank Zappa, Hawkwind, Klaus Schultze and Alice Cooper and made a cameo appearance in the cult film "The Committee" and also "Tommy". His countless collaborations include The Alan Parsons Project, The Stranglers and The Prodigy. £23 Advance. £26 on the door.

Thursday 30 April The Terraplanes.

The Terraplanes Blues Band having been awarded the highly prestigious "Emerging Blues Act of The Year" at the UK Blues Awards 2023, have been busy playing around the country at some of the best blues clubs and festivals, cementing their reputation as one of the UK's most exciting blues acts. "These boys are phenomenal – A joy to watch!" - Blues Matters Magazine. "The Terraplanes are a band at the very heart of the British Blues Scene!" - Blues In Britain Magazine. "Traditional, Hard-Hitting Blues Vibes!" - BBC Upload. £15 Advance. £18 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**. 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

HLO Musical Company

My Fair Lady - Launch Night and Auditions

Launch Night **Mon 13 April 2026, 7.30pm**
Auditions **Mon 27 and Thu 30 April, 7.30-10pm**. All at St Stephen's Church Hall, Parkside Road, Hounslow TW3 2BP. We're delighted to announce that our Autumn show will be one of the most famous and beloved musicals of all time - Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady. Find out more at our welcome evening on Monday 13 April, including details of the auditions. More info at www.hlo.org.uk.

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.rmshgc.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, shake off those winter cobwebs and enjoy a couple of hours of singing to the rafters in great company.

The Jazz Sanctuary

Breen & Boizi April 16th Breen and Boizi are highly accomplished as composers and improvisers. Their partnership has given rise to a vibrant new band, drawing on years of collaboration within Christ-Stéphane's sextet. This latest project showcases original compositions by Christ-Stéphane and Lauren, brought to life by a talented young rhythm section featuring Jack Thomas, Lorenzo Morabito, and Danny Piers. The group has graced celebrated venues including Pizza Express Soho, the Elgar Room at the Royal Albert Hall, and the Jazz Cafe. Tickets via <https://www.thejazzsanctuary.co.uk> **Doors/bar 19:15**

Chris Biscoe's Profile Quartet April 30th. Chris Biscoe – saxes, alto clarinet and alto flute, Alcyona Mick – piano, Larry Bartley – bass, Winston Clifford – drums. An exploration of the musical legacies of the extraordinary bassist, composer and bandleader Charles Mingus and of reeds virtuoso Eric Dolphy. The band features music written by Eric Dolphy and tunes from Oliver Nelson, Fats Waller, Monk and Mingus.

Tickets via <https://www.thejazzsanctuary.co.uk> **Doors/bar 19:15 First set 19:45**

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. For more information see www.kingstonchoralsociety.org.uk.

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band

Are on tour in Ypres, Belgium, from **24th April to 27th April**. Concerts are planned in Ypres, Dentergem and back in Ypres they will take part in the daily memorial service at the Menin Gate. <http://mycb.website/>

OSO The Theatre on the Pond in Barnes

An Evening with Yasmine Giles - Music - Thursday April 23 7.30pm. Yasmine comes to the OSO with her joyously stylish One Woman Show, performing songs from some of the most inspirational songwriting-singer-pianists of our time, including Carole King, Billy Joel, Roberta Flack, Randy Newman, Stevie Wonder, Donald Fagen and Elton John. Yasmine's record of live performances, along with her vast repertoire is astonishing. She has released two albums of original songs with her husband and producer Peter Giles, who is an original founder member and bass player with the legendary prog rock band King Crimson. <https://osoarts.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173669545>

Richmond Chamber Choir

We are delighted to welcome our first cohort of 'choral apprentices' for 2026. Generously funded by the choir and the Royal Opera House Benevolent Fund for aspiring young singers in full-time education, apprentices will gain experience in a secular chamber choir, take on large solos and explore musical leadership within the group. This year we welcome Angelina Lee (soprano), David Karaptian (tenor) and Finlay Bloore (bass) – all undergraduates at the Royal Academy of Music, specialising

in vocal studies. The choir is also open to new members, with active vacancies for Tenors and Basses. Please contact richmondchamberchoir@gmail.com to find out more.

Richmond Concert Society

The Talich String Quartet will give a concert at **7.45pm on Tuesday 14th April** at St Mary the Virgin church, Twickenham Riverside TW1 3NJ. Their all-Czech programme comprises works by Janacek, Smetana and Dvorak. The quartet was founded in 1964 by Jan Talich Sr. and has been one of the finest Czech quartets for decades. It is now led by Jan Talich Jr., son of the founder. www.richmondconcerts.co.uk

Richmond Opera

Presents Handel's Susanna A tale of love, courage, and triumph over adversity. Richmond Opera is delighted to announce performances of George Frideric Handel's Susanna at St Mary's University Theatre, Waldegrave Road, Twickenham TW1 4SX, adjacent to the University Chapel. This production marks Richmond Opera's debut at the venue. Performances take place on **Friday 17 April 2026 at 7.30pm, Saturday 18 April at 7.30pm, and Sunday 19 April at 2.30pm.**

Composed in 1748, Susanna is one of Handel's most dramatic English oratorios, telling the compelling story of a virtuous woman falsely accused, and her ultimate vindication. Combining moments of lyrical intimacy with powerful choruses, the work offers a moving exploration of integrity, resilience, and justice.

The production is directed by Patricia Gómez, with musical direction by Lindsay Bramley, and features Richmond Opera's in-house baroque orchestra, performing on period-appropriate instruments to bring Handel's score vividly to life. Tickets £24, with £12 tickets for under-18s and for all students at St Mary's University. Available via <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/richmondopera> or by telephone on 0333 666 3366. St Mary's University Theatre offers step-free access, ensuring the performances are accessible to all audience members. Founded to present high-quality opera in west London and south-west London settings, Richmond Opera continues its commitment to engaging performances of operatic repertoire in welcoming local venues.

The Richmond Rhythm Club

Will be taking an Easter break between **24 March and 28 April** then we cordially invite you to join us for our summer term of jazz talks and music on **Tuesday afternoons from 2pm - 4pm**. We meet at the Twickenham Club, 7 Church Street, TW1 3NJ, which offers a delightfully relaxed and friendly atmosphere and bar service. **28 April** Will Barry (piano). No booking required - £8 for drop-ins.

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 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 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

Whitton Adult Community Singing

We welcome those who believe they cannot sing but would like to have a go. Everybody is welcome, including starters and those with previous experience. This is where simple techniques are taught with musically enjoyable songs from a wide variety of genres and styles. We meet on **Saturdays 11.15 - 12.30** at Whitton Community Centre – Percy Road, TW2 6JL. Summer term - **18th April - 11th July (Half term 30th May)**. You would be welcome to a free try-out session on any term time Saturday. Contact: 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 7th April at 7:30pm** with our monthly live/Zoom hybrid lecture. The title is **“18th century England Through the Eyes of Canaletto”** and the speaker is Arts Society accredited lecturer Nick Salmond.

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 non-members pay £5 on the door - no booking required. Non-members can also watch on Zoom for £7 by emailing us as below.

Outing - on **Wednesday 15th April** we will be going to **Arundel Castle and Gardens**. This visit is nearly fully booked but if you go onto the Eventbrite website you can add your name to the waiting list as we nearly always have people dropping out.

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

The Richmond Society

Local Election Hustings Thursday 16 April at 7:30pm.

Candidates standing in the 7 May local Council election for three wards of the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames – Ham, Petersham & Richmond Riverside; North Richmond; and South Richmond – will discuss local issues and answer questions in a hustings organised by The Richmond Society. Duke Street Church, Richmond TW9 1DH. There is no charge for admission. The Richmond Society is a civic and amenity charity and is wholly non-political. For further details please visit: www.richmondsociety.org.uk

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society

Tharik Hussain from Habitats and Heritage will give a talk entitled “Sir Richard Burton – Explorer of the Nile”. Burton went to school in Richmond and became a famous explorer, spending time in India, Middle East and Africa. He is buried in a tomb in the shape of a Bedouin tent in Mortlake.

Monday 13 April 2026 8pm St Marys Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ.

Free for members. Join the Society on the night or non-members and guests £4.

www.BOTLHS.co.uk, www.facebook.com/BOTLHS

Richmond Shakespeare Society

27th April. Dr Dan Gosling presents “A Battle Of Wills”. An inheritance battle in Shakespeare’s legacy. 1642: Thomas Nash, husband of Shakespeare’s granddaughter Elizabeth left New Place, where Shakespeare died, to his cousin Edward, however it wasn’t his to give! Shakespeare bequeathed it to his daughter Susanna, still living at Thomas’s death in 1647. The dispute pitted Edward Nash against Elizabeth and Susanna, the rightful owners. Dr Gosling explores the battle through documents he found at The National Archives, including his discovery of Thomas Nash’s 1642 will. <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/102288>

RuptureXIBIT

Join artists Kate Howe & Sally Minns for our monthly Practice Group - an informal session to discuss artist statements, writing about our work and critiques. **Saturday 18th April, 10am–1pm.** The session offers a supportive space to question, rebuild and develop work beyond fear and self-doubt.

Later the same day, 2pm–4pm, the RuptureXIBIT Writing Workshop with Anna Brook Johnson welcomes writers of all levels to explore and strengthen their practice through guided prompts, readings, and discussion.

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.

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For queries contact: boxoffice@rss-mwt.org.uk | 07484 927 662

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Richmond Shakespeare Society is affiliated to Arts Richmond and this production is entered for the Swan Awards for Drama and Musicals
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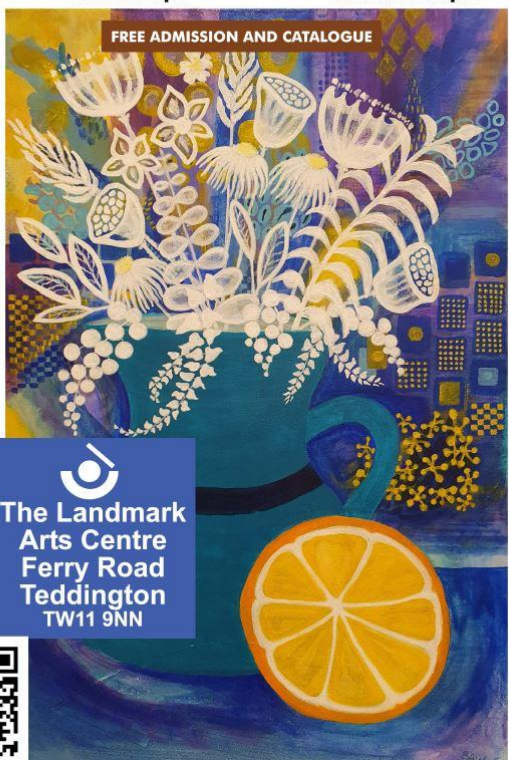
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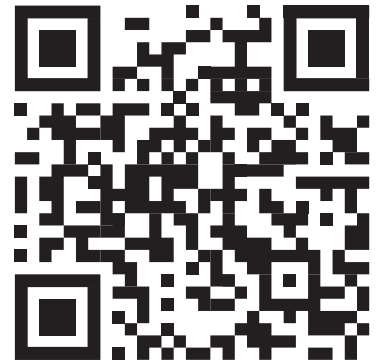
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