



# What's On

Arts & Culture in and around  
Richmond upon Thames  
**February 2018**

## Arts Richmond's New Plays Festival

The final of Arts Richmond's celebration of original playwriting will take place in the Orange Tree Theatre, Richmond, at 2pm on Sunday 18th March 2018. The winner of the Festival will receive the Roy Purdue trophy, presented by Edie Purdue, Vice President of Arts Richmond. The festival will feature in the Richmond Upon Thames Music and Drama Festival. The reading panel chose four plays from a very strong list of submissions.

### List of finalists

- Mr Stripeytail by Katie Abbott
- The Open Window by Miranda Barrett
- Matrexit by Andrew Lawston
- Tia and the Falcon by Loz Keal

The panel of judges on March 2018 will include: Jerry Gunn, Executive Producer, Rose Theatre Kingston; Kate Edwards, theatre producer; Vivien Heilbron, actress, director and adjudicator; Sara Burn Edwards, Patron and past Chair of Arts Richmond. Tickets, at only £5 for the

whole afternoon, are now on sale through the Orange Tree Theatre box office 020 8940 3633 or online at: [orangetreetheatre.co.uk](http://orangetreetheatre.co.uk)

### Visual Arts



**Fountain Gallery**, East Molesey, open Tuesday to Sunday 11.30am to 5.30pm: Check website for details of exhibitions. Tuesday 23 January to Sunday 4 February Kitty Wass -Traces of Sound: Kitty's paintings conjure up the essence of India; shimmering water and flowers. She is also exhibiting her jewellery; Tuesday 6 to Sunday 18 February Wick and Anouschka Hutton, metal makers extraordinaire, present curiously lifelike, witty oil lamps and fantasy ships, plus sublime land and seascapes; Tuesday 21 February to Sunday 4 March Claudia Stendel with JoJo Rowley. Evocative mixed media pieces,

rich in texture and layers, and often including discarded material, which show our world's beauty and fragility. [fountaingallery.co.uk](http://fountaingallery.co.uk)

**Twickenham Art Circle:** 3rd February – *Male and Female Life Models* You are welcome to bring an easel; 17th February – Demo and Workshop by Kevin Chapman 'People in the Landscape'. At the ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR. From 2 to 4.30 pm. [twickenhamartcircle.org.uk](http://twickenhamartcircle.org.uk)

**Stables Gallery**, Orleans House Riverside Twickenham TW1 3DY: 7 December 2017 to 21 January 2018 *Liquid to Solid: The Mutability of Glass:* Just Glass presents a stunning range of decorative, functional and wall-hung pieces, inspired by the transition of glass from solid to liquid and back again. [richmond.gov.uk/arts](http://richmond.gov.uk/arts)

**Landmark Arts Centre:** Ferry Road Teddington TW11 9NN Sunday 4 February from 10.30am – 3.30pm Landmark Spring Wedding Fair [landmarkartscentre.org](http://landmarkartscentre.org)

**Langdon Down Centre:** Saturday 10 February from 9am to 5pm Hansons Auction and Valuation Day: More information from

www.hansonslondon.co.uk  
Valuation from 9am to 2pm,  
auction viewing from 9.15am  
to 12 noon, auction  
commences at midday at  
Normansfield Theatre,  
Langdon Down Centre, 2a,  
Langdon Park, Teddington,  
Middlesex TW11 9PS.  
langdondowncentre.org.uk

### Showcoach Visits Top quality trips with like-minded companions

Sunday 21 January  
**Philharmonia Concert** at  
the RFH

Saturday 17 February  
**Visit to the theatre at  
Sonning** for "The Hound  
of the Baskervilles".

Tuesday 27 March  
**Picasso Exhibition** and  
pretalk

April **Thursday 19 to  
Sunday 22 April a 3 night  
trip to Derbyshire**

*Members of Arts  
Richmond may invite one  
guest per visit to  
accompany them.  
See website or booking  
form in Arts Richmond's  
mailing*

**The Bowman Gallery**, 9  
Worple Way, Richmond, TW10  
6DG: open Tuesday to Friday,  
from 12noon until 6pm,  
Saturday 1pm to 5pm.  
Specialises in period views of  
Richmond Upon Thames.  
bowmangallery.co.uk

## Drama



**Richmond Shakespeare  
Society** Thursday 15 to Sunday  
18 February at 7.45pm  
(Sunday 18th February at 3pm)  
Romeo And Juliet - A Senior  
Youth Theatre Production by  
William Shakespeare directed  
by Katie Abbott. At the Mary  
Wallace Theatre, The  
Embankment, Twickenham,  
Middlesex, TW1 3DU Box  
office: 020 8744 0547  
richmondshakespeare.org.uk

**Rose Theatre, Kingston:**  
Thursday 1 February at  
7.30pm Jenny Éclair: How to  
Be a Middle-aged Woman  
(without going insane); Friday  
2 February at 7.30pm "Sound  
of the Times 18 Live"; Saturday  
3 February at 7.30pm The  
Royal Philharmonic Orchestra;  
Friday 9 to Saturday 17  
February at either 2.30pm,  
7.30pm or 8pm Dr Jekyll and  
Mr Hyde; Thursday 22  
February to Saturday 17 March  
at either 2.30pm, 7.30pm or  
8pm Curtains written by  
Stephen Bill directed by  
Lindsay Posner.  
rosetheatrekingston.org

**Orange Tree Theatre:** 25  
January to 3 March Various  
times and dates Paines  
Plough's Roundabout: 3 new  
plays (*Black Mountain* by Brad  
Birch; *Out Of Love* by Elinor  
Cook; *How To Be A Kid* by  
Sarah McDonald-Hughes);  
Friday 2 to Tuesday 13  
February at either 10.30am or  
2pm Romeo and Juliet  
(Shakespeare Up Close);  
Saturday 10 February from  
3.00-5.00pm *London Children's*

**Book Swap.** Come along to the  
rehearsal room just next to the  
Theatre to swap your books,  
where you'll also be able to  
read, write and listen to  
stories, old and new.  
orangetreetheatre.co.uk

## Volunteers needed at the Book Picnic

Would you give up a few hours  
of your time to help out at the  
Arts Richmond Book Picnic. It  
is held the day after The  
Richmond May Fair on  
Richmond Green.

Please contact the Arts  
Richmond Office for further  
details.

ETNA Community Centre,  
Room 16, 13 Rosslyn Road,  
Twickenham, TW1 2AR  
020 8892 9446  
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

**Richmond Theatre:** Friday 2  
February at 7.30pm *Mercury:  
The Ultimate Queen Tribute*;  
Tuesday 6 to Saturday 10  
February at 2pm or 7pm *The  
Jungle Book*; Sunday 11  
February at 7.30pm *Nights on  
Broadway – The Bee Gees  
Story*; Monday 12 and  
Tuesday 13 February at 11am,  
2pm or 4pm *Tiddler and Other  
Tales*; Wednesday 14 February  
at 7.30pm *The Carpenters  
Story*; Thursday 15 February  
at 7.30pm Barry Steele and  
Friends – The 30 Special *The  
Roy Orbison Story*; Friday 16  
February at 7.30pm *The  
Counterfeit Stones*; Saturday  
17 February at 7.30pm *An  
Evening with Aggers and  
Tuffers*; Sunday 18 February at  
7.30pm *Whitney: Queen of the  
Night*; Monday 19 to Saturday  
24 at 7.30 plus matinees  
*Strangers on a Train*; Sunday

25 February at 7.30pm *The Searchers*; Tuesday 27 February to Saturday 3 March 7.30 plus matinees *The Weir* by Conor McPherson.

atgtickets.com/richmond

**NB:** Many productions also have matinee performances and some also have audio-described performances. Check websites for full details or contact Arts Richmond for help.

**Hammond Theatre:** Friday 9 February at 7.15pm Royal Opera House Live : *Tosca*; Thursday 22 February at 7pm NT Live: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*; Wednesday 28 February at 7.15pm NT Live: *The Winter's Tale*.

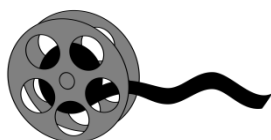
thehammondtheatre.co.uk

**Teddington Theatre Club:** at Hampton Hill Theatre 90 High Street, Hampton Hill, TW12 1NZ:

4pm on Sunday 28 January to Monday 29 January to Saturday 3 February at 7.45pm. *A View from the Bridge* by Arthur Miller. A tragic masterpiece of love, family and betrayal.

ttc-boxoffice.org.uk

## Films



**Richmond Film Society:** Richmond Film Society has relocated to The Exchange, the new community facility opposite Twickenham Station at 75 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 1BE. Its season continues with *'Graduation'* (Romania) on 13 February at 8.00 pm and *'Men*

*& Chicken'* (Denmark) on 27 February, 2018 at 8.00pm. Tickets are available on the night for non-members. Tel. 020 8893 3503.

facebook.com/RichmondFilmSociety  
www.richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

**Landmark Arts Centre:** Ferry Road Teddington TW11 9NN Wed 14 February at 8pm the film *Four Weddings and a Funeral* presented by the Nostalgic Film Club  
landmarkartscentre.org

## Dance



**Landmark Arts Centre:** Ferry Road Teddington TW11 9NN Saturday 17 February from 10am to 4pm a day of dance, music, art, sculpture and dance performance organised in association with Freedom Tango.

landmarkartscentre.org

**Combination Dance:** Quality classes for all ages delivered by Richmond's award-winning Combination Dance Company. To book your place, general enquiries, and payments via BACs, please contact Combination Dance at: info@combinationdance.co.uk or on 07966230563

combinationdance.co.uk

**Boundless Dance:** *Boundless 'Bounders' Dance Class* runs every Wednesday during term time and is aimed at children aged 8-13 at the Methodist Church, Teddington.

info@boundlessdance.co.uk

## Music



**Kew Sinfonia:** Orchestral Concert on Saturday 3 February at 7.30pm at St Stephen's Church, Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 2PD. *Chabrier*: The Roi Malgre Lui – Fete Polonaise; *Faure*: Pavane; Offenbach: Bacarolle – les Contes de Hoffman; *Berlioz*: Romeo et Juliette Scene d'Amour; *Bizet*: L'Arlesienne – Suites 1 and 2. £14 adults, £12 concessions and £6 students.  
kewsinfonia.org.uk

**Landmark Arts Centre:** Ferry Road Teddington TW11 9NN Saturday 10 February at 3pm Chamberhouse Winds perform Herbert Chappell's delightful piece *Paddington's First Concert*; Sunday 11 February at 2.30pm Joseph Spooner (cello) and Nicola Garty (piano) present a programme of beautiful and fascinating works, including the great *Sonata no. 1 by Brahms*; Sunday 17 at 2.30pm *'Trifarious'* fuse classical, jazz and world influences into a diverse instrumental combination.

landmarkartscentre.org

**Langdon Down Centre:** Sunday, 25th February at 7.30pm La Boheme by Puccini performed by Villa in Canto. At Normansfield Theatre, Langdon Down Centre, 2a Langdon Park, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 9PS.  
langdondowncentre.org.uk

**Richmond Concert Society:** On 20 February at 7.45pm at St Margarets Church, East Twickenham. The Atéa Wind Quintet - The Robert Stoker Concert. Debussy: Suite No.2 arranged by Gordon Davies; Mozart: Andante in F major, K616, arranged by Wolfgang Meyer; Ravel: Le Tombeau de Couperin arranged by Mason Jones; Ligeti: Six Bagatelles; Bozza: Quartet, Musique de Nuit; Mortensen: Quintet.  
richmondconcerts.co.uk

**In Flagrate Choir:** Following a hugely successful winter concert, choir rehearsals have resumed on Tuesday evenings at St. Anne's Church Hall, Kew Green, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Come along to meet the choir and sing with them! The choir is conducted and directed by Royal Academy trained, Eamonn O'Dwyer. You don't need an audition, nor be able to read music.

All that is required is an ear for music and the ability to learn a tune and sing simple harmonies. Contact the following for further details of the choir and the concert.  
Catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk  
or  
barbarabrown5@virginmedia.com

**Vocal Tonix Community Singing Group:** Sing Along, socialise with this new weekly singing group hosted by Twickenham vocalist Shelle Luscombe. No singing ability needed whatsoever. All welcome! Every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road TW1 2AR.  
vocaltonix.co.uk

**The Choral Foundation:** Every Sunday at 3.30pm, *Choral Evensong* at Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace.  
choral.foundation@hrp.org.uk

**Thameside Harmony Chorus** at the White House Community Centre, Hampton, TW12 3RN. A friendly and fun-loving women's A cappella group who enjoy singing together in harmony. Email [thamesideharmony@gmail.com](mailto:thamesideharmony@gmail.com). [thamesideharmony.co.uk](http://thamesideharmony.co.uk)

**Magna Carta Chorus:** Men's four-part harmony A cappella chorus rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:45pm at The White House, 45 The Avenue, Hampton, TW12 3RN. New members always welcome.  
[thamesideharmony.co.uk](http://thamesideharmony.co.uk)

**Kingston Madrigal Society:** meets on the first Saturday of each month from October to March in the Swinnerton Hall, St Luke's Church, Gibbon Road, Kingston KT2 6AB at 7.30pm  
[kingstonmadrigals.org.uk](http://kingstonmadrigals.org.uk)

## Rock, Jazz & Folk



**Twickenham (A&E) Open Mic:** hosts 2nd (Alan) & last (Elaine) Sundays of the month. Sunday 14th & 28th January from 7pm, Sunday 11th & 25th February from 7pm at The Ailsa Tavern, 263 St Margarets Rd., Twickenham, TW1 1NJ. Songwriting Competition (cash prize) to be held on the March 25th Twickenham (A&E) Open Mic Theme is "Change - Sing for the Planet". Elaine Samuels is recording an environmental song and is looking for singers, passionate about looking after the future of the planet, who would like to take part in the choruses and be on the recording. For more information and to contact: [musicglue.com/elainesamuels](http://musicglue.com/elainesamuels)

**Mood Indigo:** Sunday 4 February Riverside Arts Jazz - The Music of Michael Garrick at Riverside Arts Centre (in the Concert Hall), 59 Thames Street, Sunbury on Thames TW16 5QF;  
[moodindigoevents.co.uk](http://moodindigoevents.co.uk)

**TwickFolk:** at The Cabbage Patch, London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ Sunday 21 January TwickFolk 35: *Singers' Night* (with stage, lights and PA system); Sunday 28 January TwickFolk 35: *Josienne Clarke & Ben Walker + support*  
[www.twickfolk.co.uk](http://www.twickfolk.co.uk)

**Eel Pie Club at the Cabbage Patch:** 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ from 8.00pm to 11.30pm Thursday 8 February The Lonnie Donegan Band featuring Peter Donegan; Thursday 15 February Catfish; Thursday 22 February Big Steam;  
[eelpieclub.com](http://eelpieclub.com)

**Twickenham Jazz Club:** Patchworks Bar 67 London Road, Twickenham TW1 3SZ. 8pm to 11pm Tuesday 6 February: Kelvin Christiane 'Allstars' Big Band; Tuesday 13 February: 'Valentines Special' - Paul Rhodes 'Tribute to Frank Sinatra'; Tuesday 20 February: Enrico Tomasso / Adrian Fry quartet; Tuesday 27 February: Sara Dowling Band.  
[twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk](http://twickenhamjazzclub.co.uk)

## Museums



**The Twickenham Museum** Open Tuesdays & Saturdays

11.00–3.00 and Sundays 2.00–4.00. Admission free.  
twickenham-museum.org.uk

**The Museum of Richmond:**  
Until Sunday 22nd April 2018  
*Poverty* The exhibition will look at Richmond during the period 1600-1948, from the point of view of the poorer classes.  
museumofrichmond.com

**Musical Museum** 399 High Street, Brentford, TW8 0DU: A very wide range of musical instruments from the Mighty Wurlitzer organ to the tiniest music boxes. Regular events and film screenings – contact the Museum for details.  
musicalmuseum.co.uk

## Historic Houses



**Ham House:** Unlock the secrets of the C17th Residents February half-term Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 February 10am to 5pm  
nationaltrust.org.uk/hamhouse

**Hampton Court Palace:** Monday 8 January to Friday 9 February at 11am, 12.45pm or 2.30pm *Vote 100: The palace under attack*. It is 1914 and the palace has been closed for months because of the threat of attack by militant suffragettes. Now it has reopened but the danger has not gone away. Join Superintendent of the Works Mr Preedy on a tour.  
hrp.org.uk/hamptoncourtpalace

## Walks, Talks & Courses



**“Understanding Shakespeare”** seminars on Friday mornings 11.00-12.30 (in term time) over 10 weeks. YMCA at The White House, 45 The Avenue, Hampton, TW12 3RN on 111 bus route/easy parking. Meet in the café at 10.30 ish. Reading, analysis, discussion of the play *King John*. Tutor: Dr Jane Gibney. Fee £100 per term - come and try first class for free. For more information contact:  
lntywright@btinternet.com

**Borough of Twickenham Local History Society:** Monday 5 February at 8pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Church Street, Twickenham/. A talk about *Dr John Langdon Down and Normansfield Hospital* by Ian Jones-Healey (Archivist at Normansfield). Non-members and guests £2.50.  
botlhs.co.uk

**Art Historical London:** From On Fridays from 2 to 23 February *Deciphering a Painting using Iconography Biblical Stories & Mythology* (2/2-23/2/18); Richmond Old Town Hall, Fridays 11.00-12.00 £12; *Love In Art - A St Valentine's Celebration* (11/2/18); National Gallery, 15.00-16.15 £12; *Water: Master Pieces* (20/2-27/3); Orleans House Gallery, Tuesdays 13.00-14.30; £15; *Art & History of Amsterdam* (2 &

9/3/18); Richmond Old Town Hall, Fridays 11.00-12.00; £12; *Mother's Day Special – Motherhood in Art* (11/3/18); National Gallery, 15.00-16.15; £12. Book on the website or by emailing mariska@arthistoricallondon.com arthistoricallondon.com

**Richmond Association for the National Trust:** Thursday 1 February visit to the Garden Museum, 5 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7LB; Saturday 3 February at 1 pm Social Lunch at All Hallows' Church, Erncroft Way, Twickenham; Thursday 22 February at 2.30pm lecture on 'Victorian Leisure and Pleasure' by Ian Bevan at Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road Richmond. For more information contact Betty Weisblatt on 020 8979 3089 or email b.weisblatt@btinternet.com nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association

**Richmond U3A:** Wednesday 28 February at 2.30pm at Clarendon Hall, York House, Richmond Road, Twickenham TW1 3AA. A talk by Paul Whittle : *China Beyond the Wall - Highlights of a 2,000 mile journey from Beijing to the mountainous Jing Peng region of Inner Mongolia - the hidden side of China.*

**Barnes Literary Society:** Wednesday 21 February at 8pm *After Good and Evil: The Grantchester Mysteries* Novelist, film maker & producer James Runcie discusses his recently televised Grantchester novels at The Old Sorting Office, Barnes Green.  
barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

**Richmond Local History Society:** The Richmond Local History Society and The Kew

Society joint meeting: Monday 12 February at Duke Street Church, Richmond at 8pm. Val Bott will talk on *'The Greenings of Brentford End: Royal Gardeners'*. Free to members, visitors £4  
richmondhistory.org.uk

**Richmond Society:** Thursday 22 February at 7.45pm  
Creating a Local Magazine a talk by Linda Duberley, broadcaster and journalist.  
richmondsociety.org.uk

**Poetry Performance:** at The Adelaide, 57 Park Road, Teddington, Middlesex, TW11 OAU. Next session: Sunday, 4th February from 6 to 8pm  
Entry £2.00 and please buy drink at the bar. Poems for February: dreams, love, romance, cyclones, snow (or whatever takes your fancy!). There is normally time for poets to read two poems. It helps us plan for open mic spots if you email us beforehand:

warringa@blueyonder.co.uk  
but we always try to fit people in at the door. Do please arrive on time, though, because we don't like to interrupt once poets have begun reading, musicians and songwriters welcome.  
poetryperformance17@gmail.com

**RACC (Richmond Adult and Community College):** provides a wide range of Further Education courses. As well as over 1900 courses offered, they host an exciting events calendar featuring concerts, drama, lectures, workshops, displays and fairs throughout the year.  
racc.ac.uk

**Richmond WEA:** Wide range of courses and evening classes on offer each term  
wealondon.org/Richmond

A reminder about the joint Arts Richmond and Richmond Art School exhibition



Arts Richmond, in partnership with Richmond Art School is hosting an Art Exhibition entitled "Works on Canvas and Paper" from Friday 16 February to Friday 2 March

If you are a member of an Art Society affiliated to Arts Richmond, your society contact may have already circulated some information about this and you would be eligible to submit work on paper or canvas. If you are an individual subscriber to Arts Richmond, you too may submit work. This event will be at the Atrium, Richmond Adult and Community College, Parkshot, Richmond TW9 2RE

#### Details of the exhibition

Hand in/hanging day on Thursday 15 February.  
"Meet the Artist" reception on Saturday 24 February. .  
Take down/collect work Saturday 3 March.

#### To download entry forms

-Load the Arts Richmond website: [artsrichmond.org.uk](http://artsrichmond.org.uk).  
-Click on "AR Events".  
-Click on "Arts Richmond Painting Exhibition" and click on the "More" button.  
-Then click on "Download guidance and submission form".

-Print off and send to the Arts Richmond office with your payment.

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## Contact Us

ETNA Community Centre,  
Room 16, 13 Rosslyn Road,  
Twickenham, TW1 2AR  
020 8892 9446

## Copy/Flyer Deadlines

**NB: Deadline** for information for Newsletter for events in March 2018

**Thursday 1 February**  
**Deadline** for delivery of flyers for events in March 2018:

**Tuesday 13 February**  
Contact the office for current rates

**Disclaimer:** Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, we urge you to check details with venues before attending an event.

If you need help with contact details, please contact our office  
[info@artsrichmond.org.uk](mailto:info@artsrichmond.org.uk)



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**Individual Membership**  
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 Valid until end of March 2018

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Tel:**

**Email:**

I enclose a cheque £10 for 6 months' subscription to March 2018 (payable to Arts Richmond)

I am paying £10 electronically for my membership. Bank details: Arts Richmond, Co-operative Bank, Sort code: 08-92-99 Account no: 65130096. Please include 'mmbshp' in reference

In the future I would like to pay £20 by standing order for a yearly subscription

*Gift Aid.* I would like my payments to be treated as being Gift Aid donations

**Please return the completed form to:**

## Arts Richmond

ETNA Community Centre  
 Room 16, 13 Rosslyn Road  
 Twickenham, TW1 2AR  
 020 8892 9446  
[info@artsrichmond.org.uk](mailto:info@artsrichmond.org.uk)  
 @ArtsRichmond

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**Regular Information** about *What's On* and *How to Get involved* in the thriving local arts & cultural scene through our *website*, and monthly *What's On Newsletter*. Your subscription allows us to provide free copies via the Public Library Network.

**Show Coach:** Excursions to plays, musicals, operas, concerts and places of interest – some with coaches from pick-up points across the borough. We know how important safe transport and companionship is for our members and we make every effort to ensure ease of access for all.

**Literature:** We run literary events throughout the year including our biennial *Book Picnic* on Richmond Green, and *Young Writers' Festival*, as well as events in the Richmond upon Thames Literature Festival.

**Drama:** We promote the performances of local professional and amateur theatre companies and run the *Swan Drama Awards* – our local version of the Oscars – rewarding amateur talent in the borough – as well as a *New Plays Festival*.

**Music:** We promote the extensive programme of concerts organised by concert societies, choral and other music groups throughout the borough and run an annual *Choral Workshop* with eminent local conductors.

**Visual Arts and Photography:** We promote the work of local artists and run exhibitions and competitions offering the opportunity to buy paintings, prints and photographs at affordable prices.

**Heritage and Museums:** We promote the events and exhibitions taking place at the large number of historic places in the local area.