

What's On

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

February 2021

The Arts Richmond newsletter

The Diana Armfield Competition "Drawing from Observation"

Arts Richmond is thrilled to announce the third "Diana Armfield Drawing From Observation Competition" and calls on anyone who enjoys creating art to spend the next few months drawing from observation. We hope to schedule the exhibition of work in the summer (having arranged the judging of work previously) but it will be dependent on whether the government restrictions allow us to go forward with this.



Diana first sponsored this Competition in memory of her husband, Bernard Dunstan, another eminent artist, who sadly died a couple of years ago at the age of 97. Both Diana and Bernard were well-known Royal Academicians for very many years and were members of prestigious Art

Societies. She wishes to encourage artists to draw directly from life, not from photographs or by using devices or other means. A very high standard of work was entered in the last two competitions and we eagerly anticipate new work this year. Drawings submitted (a maximum of three) must be in monochrome in pen, pencil, ink or charcoal and each drawing must measure no more than 508 x 406mm (20" x 16"). It is open to everyone in the borough over the age of 16 years.

As 2021 progresses and we see if and when restrictions are lifted, we will include details in the newsletter and on the website. For further details you can phone the Arts Richmond office on 020 8892 9446 or email info@artsrichmond.org.uk. If more restrictions mean that Arts Richmond office is forced to close, our marvellous Admin Officer, Linda Hansell, will make every effort to check phone and email messages.



PLEASE NOTE

Due to changing Government guidelines many events in the future may be affected. Please contact individual societies for up to date information.

Visual Arts



Saturday Watercolour Workshops-Sat 20 Feb

10.00am-4.00pm

Learn From A Watercolour Master: Eric Ravilious. Made-to-measure one-day workshop led by experienced tutor Pat Harvey at 21, Cranebrook, Manor Road TW2 5DJ, her Twickenham riverside home. All abilities. Places limited, owing to social distancing. First come, first served! The aim: for you to end the day with a painting you can be proud of! Suggested donation £45 (£10 reduction per class for three or more). Email patkayharvey@talktalk.net or call 020 3643 6227 for details. patharvey.co.uk

The Surrey Sculpture Society Showcase is exhibiting at the Landmark Centre from Sat 27 Feb to Sun 7 Mar. There will be stunning sculptures in many media with complementary paintings and wall pieces. During the exhibition there will be demonstrations and working artists in this airy and unique space with Covid restriction observance. Entry is free by timed ticket. Book your visit online from www.ticketsource.eu/surrey-sculpture-society. Venue The Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN surreysculpture.org.uk

Friends of Whitton Library. For more details contact: friendswhitton@gmail.com

Fountain Gallery
fountaingallery.co.uk

Landmark Arts Centre
landmarkartscentre.org

Orleans House Gallery
orleanshousegallery.org

The Bowman Gallery
bowmangallery.co.uk

One Paved Court Gallery:
onepavedcourt.co.uk

Drama



Dramacube sends this message “*Much like you, we are looking forward to a new year. We now have plans in place for a full schedule of classes, workshops and productions in 2021. “Annie Jr.” will be our production which will go into rehearsal in*

spring with performances at Hampton Hill Theatre in early April. Details on the website.” dramacube.co.uk

Wild Duck Theatre have launched a superb new drama series. Podcast subscribers who enjoy listening to drama now have access to the brand new series *Short Plays for Short Journeys*. Each episode has a different storyline and style, exploring the nature of the human condition and each runs between eleven and nineteen minutes. The four plays are: *The Shell Pilgrim* by Susan Conte; *Elaine* by Billy Brooks; *Brothers* by Matthew Huntington and *The Tulip Hunters* by Rosie Bilton. Season One is live now on Buzzsprout and on all other platforms. Donations to support the podcast and new writing can be made at www.wildducktheatre.com/donate. For full details check the website. wildducktheatre.com

Optik Theatre Plans are being made to perform a postponed show in April. The company is very pleased to be able to announce that archive footage of its very first production (*One Spectacle* first performed in 1981) has just been posted on YouTube. To watch *One Spectacle* enter Barry Edwards Optik One Spectacle in the YouTube search box. The link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qr7GUrQFGkM&t=3s> optiktheatre.tumblr.com

Teddington Theatre Club Join Teddington Theatre Club on their YouTube Channel on 13 and 14 February as they perform live, 18 hours of plays, poems, letters, short stories and extracts from books in ‘*What’s Love Got To Do With*

It?’ – a Valentine’s celebration of love in all its many forms. teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

COPY / FLYER DEADLINES

We have now resumed posting out the printed newsletter, therefore we can now accept flyers that can accompany it. The deadline for items to be included in the newsletter is:

Monday 25 January
For events in March

The deadline for flyers to go out with the mailing is:

Wednesday
10 February
For events in March

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of the information in this newsletter, we urge you to check details with the venues before attending an event. If you need help with contact details, please contact our office info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Blue Fire Theatre Company

Have you just discovered the wonderful world of Podcasts? They’re ideal entertainment whilst pottering around the house or just relaxing. Why not listen to the Blue Fire podcast: *Famous People You’ve Never Heard Of?* In

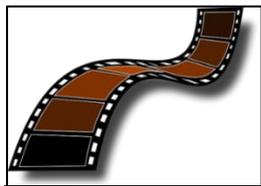
Series One discover the fascinating stories of, amongst others, a Showman, an Actress & Suffragette, a Music Hall star and the writer who was also the first person of African heritage to vote in an English General Election. Ask Alexa or Siri to find the podcasts or download from ApplePodcasts, Spotify, Google or directly here:
<https://bit.ly/3l1AjfX>
 Email address:
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bluefiretheatre.co.uk

Hampton Hill Theatre
hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk

OSO Arts Centre
osoarts.org.uk

Richmond Shakespeare Society
richmondshakespeare.org.uk

Film



Blue Fire Theatre Company is part of the Space UK's online fringe festival, with two short films. "Ally Sloper's Half Holiday", by Chris Harris introduces us to the world's original comic strip hero as he embarks upon the "season" and the arrival of Queen Victoria. "Don't Know Him from Adam", by local playwright J.J. Leppink, sees star of Music Hall Nelly Power in conversation with a reject from the D'Oyly Carte

chorus. What could possibly go wrong? The festival runs for 3 weeks from 7 January and is free to view at:
online.thespaceuk.com

Richmond Film Society
richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Dance



No dance events listed for February.

Music



Barnes Music Society Tue 9 Feb at 7.30 pm, venue to be confirmed. *Eblana String Trio*: Jonathan Martindale violin, Lucy Nolan viola, Peggy Nolan cello. Programme: *Schubert* String Trio in B flat, D471, *Beethoven* 2 String Trios from: Op.9, *Finzi* Prelude and Fugue for String Trio, *Judith Wier* The Bagpiper's String Trio. See website or call 07931 730009 for latest information.
barnesmusicsociety.org.uk

Richmond Opera is delighted to announce that rehearsals for Lampe's delightful baroque opera, *The Dragon of Wantley*, will restart on Wednesday 20th January, initially on Zoom. The show will be performed in the beautiful Normansfield Theatre on 23rd-

25th April, restrictions allowing. They are keen to hear from anyone interested in taking part, either on or off stage so now is a perfect time to join. This fun production with an open and friendly group could be a great pick-me-up after 2020! Contact is via
info@richmondopera.org.uk
richmondopera.org.uk

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band were delighted with the very warm reception given to their Christmas Concert presented to a socially distanced audience in St. James's Church, Hampton Hill (just before we went into tier 4). Plans are afoot for a concert in late March if restrictions permit. Contact judy.morrison1@btinternet.com for updated details.
mycb.org.uk

Twickenham Chamber Choir
 The Helen Astrid Singing Academy provides singing tuition, music workshops, choirs and performing opportunities with established music professionals and directors from theatre and opera. Twickenham Chamber Choir, rehearsals online via Zoom. Thursday evenings from 4 Feb onwards. Repertoire sacred, secular and popular classics. Opera Live At Home online concert featuring Milly Forrest, Kathleen Ferrier song prize winner 2020. Tue 23 Feb at 7.30pm. Enquiries helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com
thehelenastridsingingacademy.com

Whitton Adult Community Singers Every Saturday from 9 Jan to 13 Feb – (half term will be on 20th February) Singing Safely for Wellbeing & Happiness. They are meeting regularly online, using Zoom,

until they can return to the large, well ventilated Function Hall at the Whitton Community Centre. This is a Singing Class for all adults. If you have never sung, or only sung a little, or you just love to sing - no need to sing in public, just come along and enjoy learning some great songs. While online they will explore unison songs from most genres popular in England - folk, pop, gospel, classical, etc. Please contact Loulla Gorman for full details: Email: loulla82gorman@gmail.com Phone: 07788664957

In Flagrante choir A message from the choir. *"Sing Out! How In Flagrante choir never faltered during lockdown. Immediately restrictions curtailed us meeting face to face in our usual venue of St Anne's church hall on Kew Green, our wonderful musical director, Eamonn O'Dwyer, arranged for us to meet each week through Zoom. We started rehearsals with breathing and diction exercises and then rehearsed previous and new repertoires, allowing us to sing, accompanied by pre recorded music and voices. Very few of us had ever used Zoom before but with a helping hand from Eamonn we have all mastered it. Music is sent to us by email each week and we can choose to print or save it. However we have all missed rehearsals in person. We are hoping to get back to real rather than virtual rehearsals soon. If anyone is interested in having a go at singing please contact Cathy at catherine@cjheneegy.co.uk. It's a bit like singing in the shower! Doing it for your own pleasure and there is no embarrassment from any duff*

notes. We would love to "see" you and "hear" you.
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Contact Us or Join Us

ETNA Community Centre
Room 21,
13 Rosslyn Road
Twickenham, TW1 2AR
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info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Instant Opera Instant Opera is delighted to announce the appointment of their patron. *Michael Roswell* has worked in some of the world's most prestigious opera houses, including the Vienna State Opera and the Royal Opera House and has worked with some of the most world-renowned singers such as Pavarotti, Freni and Cappuccilli, to name but a few. Michael recently completed a highly successful tenure as Music Director of English Touring Opera where he played a central role in bringing the company much greater prominence and recognition and is currently Director of Opera at the Royal College of Music. He was also made an 'Honorary Associate'

by the Royal Academy of Music and a 'Fellow' of the Royal College of Music. Please see further details including 2021 performance dates on website.
instantopera.co.uk

SHOWCOACH INFORMATION

As the pandemic and Government restrictions are constantly changing, it is impossible to plan any day trips to galleries, museums or theatres for the foreseeable future.

We also do not yet know if the residential trip to Northumberland will take place. We will publish details when appropriate.

In the last few months we did manage to organise two outside gatherings so maybe as the weather improves we may suggest a walk or an outside meet up.

Contact the office for updates.
Phone: 020 8892 9446
Email:
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

West London Chamber Choir
musicmakersoflondon.org.uk

Concordia Voices For further information contact secretary@concordiavoices.org Or visit their website concordiavoices.org

singersandsongs.com
singersandsongs.com

Rogue Opera
vip.rogueopera.co.uk/welcome

Opéra Prélude

www.operaprelude.org

Richmond Orchestra

richmondorchestra.org.uk

OSO Arts Centre

osoarts.org.uk

Landmark Arts Centre

landmarkartscentre.org

Langdon Down Museum of Learning Disability

langdondownmuseum.org.uk

Whitton Choral Society

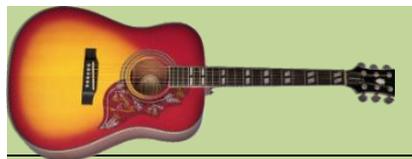
whittonchoralsociety.net

Richmond Concert

richmondconcerts.co.uk

Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts

www.richmondfestival.org.uk

Rock, Jazz & Folk**Mood Indigo Events St,**

moodindigoevents.co.uk

Mark's Jazz Sessions phone
07799 582337 for information

Eel Pie Club

eelpieclub.com

Landmark Arts Centre

landmarkartscentre.org

OSO Arts Centre

osoarts.org.uk

JKL-Jazz See

Facebook.com/JKL-Jazz for dates of appearances in the area. The band is also always available for Weddings, Private Parties and Corporate events.

Museums**Musical Museum**

musicalmuseum.co.uk

The Museum of Richmond

museumofrichmond.com

Historic Houses**Strawberry Hill House**

strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Turner's House

turnershhouse.org

Walks, talks and courses**The WEA (Workers Educational Association Richmond)**

Wed 13 Jan to Wed 17 Feb at 4pm An online literature course. *Besides the Wench is Dead: Women in Victorian Literature*. The WEA says "The course serves as an introduction to Victorian literature. The subject is vast and we shall explore only a fraction of the role of women in Victorian poetry and prose."

We will read one core text: *Hardy's Tess of the D'Urbervilles* and examine extracts from several other authors. Course Code: C2422081".

wea.org.uk/london/branches/richmond-branch

Popes Grotto Preservation Trust "Thames Luminaries"

Pope's Grotto Preservation Trust and English Heritage's Marble Hill, with other local heritage organisations, have organised a series of nine free virtual talks over three weeks beginning on Wed 27 Jan. Each 20 minute talk will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets free but they encourage you to make a £5 donation for each talk. Information and booking on the website: popesgrotto.org.uk/luminaries/

Barnes Literary Society

Tue 16 Feb at 8pm. A talk by Tom Bower *Boris Johnson: The Gambler*. Tom Bower is a journalist, broadcaster and one of Britain's leading investigative biographers. His latest book "*Boris Johnson – The Gambler*" focuses on his most fascinating subject to date. It is written with Bower's trademark access, insight and candour. The talk will also be filmed and a link to the film emailed to all members afterwards. Talk held at St Mary's Barnes, SW13 9HL. To join the BLS please email join@barnesliterarysociety.org.uk barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

Richmond Society Thu 18 Feb at 7.30pm. Matthew Syed, author and speaker on high performance. *Rebel Ideas – how to use diverse thinking to change the world*. Access to the talk by videoconference. Members free, guests £5.

Please register with
secretary@richmondsociety.org.uk.
richmondsociety.org.uk

The Arts Society Richmond is continuing with a programme of events on Zoom and YouTube for the time being. They had hoped to be back in the Covid-safe Duke Street Church but Government regulations make this impossible. Zoom Lecture– Tue 2 Feb at 8pm - Roger Butler on *The Hidden World of Canal Architecture* -£5 for non-members; Virtual Visit – Thu 25 Feb at 11am - Muriel Carré, a London Blue Badge Guide, will guide us round *Bermondsey* - £5 please. If you wish to join any of their events, please email richmond@theartsociety.org for further details and to arrange payment. You will be sent the Zoom link 24 hours in advance. Events also available to watch on catchup. theartsocietyrichmond.org

Richmond Local History Society Mon 8 Feb at 8pm. A talk by Dr Caroline Withall *Middle class housing 1870-1914 with a focus on Kew and Chiswick*. Meetings are held on Mondays, if possible, at Duke Street Church, Richmond, TW9 1DH at 8.00pm, or alternatively by Zoom. Further information from the Secretary, Elizabeth Velluet (020 8891 3825); email: rich.hist@yahoo.co.uk richmondhistory.org.uk

Richmond Scientific Society Wed 24 Feb at 8pm. A Zoom meeting 'A Map of the Invisible', by Prof Jon Butterworth, University College London. Members will automatically receive a link to this, but others can email

richmond.science.society@gmail.com for a free link. Lectures are about 1 hour long, with opportunities for questions. rss.btck.co.uk

Kingston and District Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild
Fri 26 Feb A talk by Mary Kitson of the Fan Museum *Fans from the Royal Courts* – a brief history of the European folding fan. At present we do not know if the talk will be live or on Zoom. Anyone interested can contact the branch email kbegmembers@gmail.com kingstonanddistrictbranch.co.uk

Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society
rtps.org.uk

Richmond and Twickenham Historical Association
history.org.uk

Richmond Association for the National Trust For information contact the Programme Manager on tel: 020 8979 3834, email: wendyasim@btinternet.com nationaltrust.org.uk/features/richmond-association

Richmond Art Society
richmondartsociety.com

Poetry Performance
For information email: warringa@blueyonder.co.uk

RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College)
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BARNES MUSIC FESTIVAL 2021

In an unprecedented year, the Barnes Music Festival has prepared an exciting programme of much needed live music for the community. Due to the current restrictions and uncertainty, the organisers have decided to postpone the Barnes Music Festival, planned for March 2021, until **May 2021**. The final programme with the revised dates will be announced as quickly as possible with tickets going on sale in March 2021.

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Arts Richmond (*est. 1966*) is an independent charity (251359) supporting 100+ Arts and Cultural Organisations in and around the borough of Richmond upon Thames

Arts Richmond is an independent charity with 100+ affiliated societies based in and around the borough of Richmond upon Thames. As well as representing the voluntary arts sector on the Richmond upon Thames Borough Council's *Arts Advisory Forum*, we provide a wide variety of services and events aimed at promoting local arts and cultural activity including:

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*.

Showcoach: 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 annual *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. www.artsrichmond.org.uk



Obituary
Howard Greenwood, BEM
October 1929 - November
2020



It is with a heavy heart that I write a few words about one of Arts Richmond's long standing members, Howard Greenwood, a past President, Trustee and Chairman who sadly died on Monday 30th November 2020.

Howard was one of the founder members of Richmond upon Thames Arts Council back in 1966 and because of his involvement with Richmond Concert Society, the Society also joined RuTAC introducing many new members to RuTAC.

Howard took some years out from RuTAC as working in the City and running RCS was a 'full time' job, however, he returned and took on the baton of Chairman in 1989 and brought with him renewed enthusiasm for the arts in the borough and encouragement for young musicians in the form of Richmond Youth Orchestra and later he became a Trustee for Richmond Music Trust. Howard chaired RuTAC for six busy years, and when in 1994 I took over from him, I said, and meant it, that *'he was a hard act to follow'*.

In 2016 Howard was invited with Sara Burn Edwards, *another luminary of RuTAC*, to jointly be Presidents of Arts Richmond, which they both graciously accepted and the borough was richly rewarded by their combined knowledge of the 'arts'. It was a most fitting arrangement as Arts Richmond celebrated its fiftieth anniversary with many events to showcase the great number of achievements accomplished by RuTAC/Arts Richmond.

Howard will be greatly missed by many people across the borough and Arts Richmond send their sincere condolences to his widow Monica, who generously shared her husband with RuTAC and the 'arts' community.

Sandra Green
 Vice President and Trustee, Arts Richmond
 December 2020

**MANY THANKS TO ALL OUR
 TREMENDOUS SUPPORTERS**

Arts Richmond is blessed to have some wonderful people who work very hard to put on many cultural events, encourage self-expression and creativity in Richmond borough and beyond. Foremost of these are the Committee and the Patrons, amongst others. We thank them for such valued support. Here is the current list of the Presidents and Patrons.



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