

What's On

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

September 2020

Normal Service

Resumed!

For some months, we have been living "in interesting times". Due to the lockdown, the Arts Richmond office had to close, as the ETNA centre where it is situated, went into lockdown. Linda Hansell, Arts Richmond's marvellous admin officer has done a fantastic job of working remotely and dealing with all the issues that have come up and many of us volunteers have also been trying to keep things going.

In the last few months, Linda Hansell has been emailing out the newsletter to all with email (but we don't know if everyone received them, as sometimes these emails are put into a Junk Email box). We hope, however, that the newsletters got through.

We apologise to you loyal friends who do not have email that you didn't receive the last few issues. Because the office



has been in lockdown, we were unable to post newsletters out before now.

However we are now posting out this issue and hope we can continue doing this in the coming months. As you may expect, many of our affiliated societies may not be able to host events in the near future, whilst following Government guidelines. But some are starting to send us items about their plans for the near future and we will publish them.

I will continue to list affiliated societies and their websites so you can check their up to date news. Let's hope infection rates continue to drop, a vaccine becomes available and we can get back to some kind of normality. We wish you and your loved ones health, sanity and happiness during this trying time.

Linda White
Volunteer editor

Visual Arts



Orleans House Gallery opened its doors from 21 July 2020. They are following Government guidelines to safeguard visitors. Two exhibitions are on show and these are: *Views from a Playroom* until 30 August. Robin MacFarlan's 'Views from a Playroom' are views on life in which the roles of toys, objects and people are interchangeable. In scenes that are simultaneously natural and ludicrous, toys that were once our playthings now play with us – as they laugh and joke and quietly mock the behaviour of the adults we have since become; *Beyond the Frame Exhibition* until 27 September. An eclectic mix of new work from eighteen artists. Each taking a work from the Richmond Borough Art Collection as a starting point, they have created complementary artworks that are hung alongside those from the Borough Art Collection; orleanshousegallery.org

Saturday Watercolour Workshops Sat 19 Sept 10.00am-4.00pm. *Brush Up Your Watercolour Technique* (1). 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 catered for. 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

SHOWCOACH NORTHUMBERLAND RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Our provisionally re-booked trip to Northumberland will NOT be going ahead in October but will now take place next year.

The dates will be Sunday 25th April to Thursday 29th April. The Hotel and Itinerary will remain the same. Heritage Travel will be emailing/writing to everyone who has booked and paid their deposit to see if they still want to go next April.

By then hopefully we will have returned to a more normal way of life and more members might like to join this trip.

Thank you and stay safe.

Janet Langhorne
Showcoach organiser

Landmark Arts Centre
Summer Art Salon Fri 14 to Sun 16 Aug; Fri 21 to Sun 23 Aug. Open 10am-5pm (last entry at 4:20pm). Advance Booking Essential. landmarkartscentre.org

Fountain Gallery
fountaingallery.co.uk

Molesey Art Society
moleseyartsociety.co.uk

The People Hive Gallery
rhlt.org.uk/the-people-hive

The Bowman Gallery
bowmangallery.co.uk

Roland Goslett Gallery
rolandgoslettgallery.co.uk

One Paved Court Gallery:
onepavedcourt.co.uk

Drama



EXCITING UPDATE ON SWAN AWARDS 2020

Who would have thought at the beginning of the 2019 2020 drama season that a world-wide pandemic would force the closure of all our theatres and so radically reduce the Swan Awards season?

All the theatre spaces in the Swan circuit were closed in March, suddenly chopping our season in half. Typically the Swan Judges see forty-five shows; this year it has been twenty-two. But the judges put just as much scrutiny into judging those twenty-two and, despite all the set-backs, nominations for the 2019 2020 Swan Awards have just been announced and the winners will be revealed in September. There are 98 individual nominations from 11 societies

in 19 categories and there will be around 25 actual winners! The Drama Committee are working on a virtual event to replace the wonderful "Richmond Oscars" we are used to. Details still to be finalised but this will happen on Sunday 13th September at 7pm.

Wild Duck Theatre
info@wildducktheatre.london

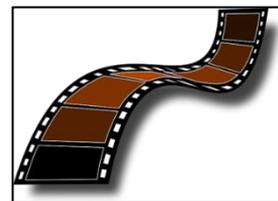
Hampton Hill Theatre
hamptonhilltheatre.org.uk
Orange Tree Theatre
orangetreetheatre.co.uk

OSO Arts Centre
osoarts.org.uk

Richmond Shakespeare Society
richmondshakespeare.org.uk

Teddington Theatre Club
teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

Film



Richmond Film Society Their committee is producing a monthly recommendation of films, one for each week. Their next set of recommendations for Sept are:

Volver directed by Pedro Almodóvar can be streamed from Amazon Prime and the BFI (BFI Player) and the discs are available from Amazon and others.

The Wave directed by Dennis Gansel appears not to be available to be streamed but

the disc can be purchased from Amazon and others.

Days Of Glory directed by Rachid Bouchareb can be streamed from Amazon Prime and the discs are available from Amazon and others.

Little Miss Sunshine directed by Jonathan Dayton & Valerie Faris can be streamed from Amazon Prime and the discs are available from Amazon and others.

For information email
admin@richmondfilmsoc.org.uk
richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Dance



Swing Patrol

swingpatrol.co.uk

Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance

rambertschool.org.uk

Hammond Theatre

thehammondtheatre.co.uk

Music



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confidence in performance. Friendly and very informative Coaching. Full 10 week Online Course available £100.00, which begins the second week of September 2020, with added Zoom Live sessions. In this Challenging Year, with most singing halted or prohibited, you can sing in the comfort of your home and learn about your voice, trying all styles and genres. "Back in The Room" Courses as soon as possible, when safe! Taught by Elaine Hallam. Pro singer and coach for 40 years. Check out the Website or email info@singersandsongs.com singersandsongs.com

Whitton Adult Community Singers have been very active on Zoom: exploring the culture of a wide range of countries and regions, through unison singing and poetry etc. They are managing to sing their hearts out for a modest fee of £2 per session (no charge for initial trial session). Sessions last between 60 and 90 minutes. Their project caters for beginners as well as those with some experience in singing. Contact Loulla Gorman (Group/Choir Leader) for any further information: loulla82gorman@gmail.com

In Flagrate choir is currently being led by their excellent Musical Director, Eamonn O'Dwyer. During lockdown, Eamonn has continued to provide a virtual weekly hour (every Tuesday) of music. They will continue with on-line weekly music sessions and look forward to when they can restart "normal choir" every Tuesday, 7.30 - 9.30 pm, St. Anne's church hall, Kew Green TW9 3AA. A love of music and ability to hold a tune is all that's required to join In

Flagrate! No audition. Watch this space for further information on dates for next term. For further details of the choir email Cathy Jago on catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk or visit the website. inflagratechoir.com

SHOWCOACH SOCIAL AND GALLERY VISIT

As we return to a more normal way of life we are arranging a socially distanced gathering as a way of meeting up once more. This will be at Orleans House Gallery on Thursday 27 August from 12.00 noon. The Main Gallery and Stables Gallery, which have exhibitions, are now open. We will be able to visit it in small groups. The Café is open for takeaway light refreshments and there is seating under large parasols. Toilet facilities are also open. Car parking is available on site. We can also picnic on the lawns in front of the Gallery.

I do hope that as many as possible will join us there on that day and that the weather will be kind to us!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF OUR GATHERING PLEASE CONTACT THE ARTS RICHMOND OFFICE BY FRIDAY 21 AUGUST with name and contact details so that we have an idea of numbers attending.

Opéra Prélude Join Opéra Prélude's exciting young artists for another month of online

lecture recitals exploring hidden depths and offering fascinating insights into this most spectacular of art forms! Available to stream each week on the Opéra Prélude website. Tue 1 Sept *Welsh soprano Natalya Romaniw in discussion*; Tue 8 Sept *Meet Lady Macbeth: Comparing Shakespeare and Verdi*; Tue 15 Sept *Roderick Williams OBE in conversation*; Tue 22 Sept *Ballets Russe: Diaghilev and his Circle, Part One of Two*; Tue 29 Sept *Ballets Russe: Diaghilev and his Circle, Part Two of Two*.
www.operaprelude.org

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band Subject to government guidance the Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band plan to resume rehearsals in September at the Hub, 3 Ashley Rd, Hampton TW12 2JA Concerts will resume as soon as it is safe to do so.
mycb.org.uk

Richmond Orchestra
richmondorchestra.org.uk

OSO Arts Centre
osoarts.org.uk

Hammond Theatre
thehammondtheatre.co.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

Barnes Music Society
barnesmusicsociety.org.uk

The Choral Foundation
choral.foundation@hrp.org.uk

Richmond Opera
richmondopera.org.uk

Thameside Harmony Chorus
Email
thamesideharmony@gmail.com.
thamesideharmony.co.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:

Tuesday 25 August 2020
For events in October

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

Wednesday 9 September 2020
For events in October

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

Twickenham Chamber Choir
Enquiries:
helenastrid@gmail.com or call
07710 245 904.

Chase Bridge Community For more information contact
chasebridgecommunitychoir@gmail.com

Magna Carta Chorus Contact:
Dennis Counsel, Chorus
Secretary on 01344 843522
email
dennis@stillriver.plus.com
magnacartachorus@gmail.com

Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts
www.richmondfestival.org.uk

Rock, Jazz & Folk



Mood Indigo Events Mood Indigo have been regularly posting music videos and information on their website. Check website for their posts.
moodindigoevents.co.uk

TwickFolk
twickfolk.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 to confirm dates and also for other appearances in the area.

Museums



The Twickenham Museum
twickenham-museum.org.uk

Musical Museum
musicalmuseum.co.uk

The Museum of Richmond
museumofrichmond.com

Historic Houses



Turner's House
turnershous.org

Walks, talks and courses



Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society
Richmond and Twickenham Photographic Society is running a full programme of activities, all carried out virtually via Zoom. Thu 3 Sept *David Cantor: 'Ramblings of a so-called Street Photographer'*; Thu 10 Sept *Paul Harris: 'Brief Encounters'*; Thu 17 Sept *Alex Hare: 'Landscapes; a journey in technique, composition and lighting'*. Prospective new members warmly invited to log

on to join us for one or two meetings before making a commitment. If you haven't tried Zoom before; it's very easy and someone can talk you through it. For details email info@rtps.org.uk
rtps.org.uk

Richmond Scientific Society
We plan to start our next programme of lectures at 8pm on Wed 9 Sept using the Zoom video conferencing software. The speaker will be Prof Alan Aylward, on the subject '*Milankovitch Cycles*'. There is the possibility of starting real lectures at Vestry Hall in January next year.
www.rss.btck.co.uk

Richmond Local History Society
We hope to hold our meeting on Mon 14 Sept with a talk by Simon Fowler and then our Annual General Meeting. This may be held at Duke Street Church or by Zoom - all this is to be finalised. Our website will provide up to date information
richmondhistory.org.uk

Kingston and District Branch of the Embroiderers' Guild
kingstonanddistrictbranch.co.uk

Richmond Jewish Community Hub
rjch.org.uk
Borough of Twickenham Local History Society
bothls.co.uk

The Arts Society Richmond
theartsocietyrichmond.org

Richmond Art Society
richmondartsociety.com

Richmond and Twickenham Historical Association
history.org.uk

Richmond Society
richmondsociety.org.uk

THE NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust is opening some of their largest gardens and parks with 70,000 timed tickets each week. Many of their shops and cafes are open to add to the enjoyment of the visit. In July they opened seven houses in England and Northern Ireland as a pilot scheme and will use this test to see if many other houses can also throw open their doors to visitors. They manage hundreds of coast and countryside places across the nation also, where people can visit to enjoy the open air, the beauty of the landscape and can easily socially-distance. As the situation in the UK is constantly changing, it is best to check their website or phone them before planning a visit.

Phone: 0344 800 1895

Website:
www.nationaltrust.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 U3A
u3asites.org.uk/richmond-on-thames/home

Barnes Literary Society
barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

Richmond Heritage Guides
richmondwalks.co.uk

Richmond Art
richmondartsociety.com

Poetry Performance

For information email:
warringa@blueyonder.co.uk

Richmond WEA: contact Carol Veitch on 020 8979 5929.
wealondon.org/Richmond

RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College): provides a wide range of Further Education courses
rhacc.ac.uk

Affiliate Stories

THE MARY WALLACE THEATRE FROM AN IDEA TO A REALITY.

Back in the early 'seventies the Richmond Shakespeare Society was struggling and on its last legs. Having been the most prominent amateur theatre company in the area since Gladys Eriksen created it in 1934 to perform the works of Shakespeare, we were then down to our last 25 paying members and had no permanent home of our own. We were at times offered temporary facilities but this was not a satisfactory solution. I was appointed Project Manager with special duties to find "a proper theatre of our own" - but without much confidence that it could be achieved. First it was the small matter of raising funds. We performed street theatre and pub theatre, we marched in costume, we mounted stalls in all the garden fetes and fairs we could find. Concert play-readings and jumble sales were held. All regular RSS

productions were suspended for this essential fund-raising period. Then Mary Wallace, who had been the RSS Secretary for many years, died of cancer. Mary was a long-term employee of Thames Television and she had generously willed her entire pension fund to the RSS, boosting our Theatre Project Fund substantially. Our project was widely advertised and strongly supported by the local press. Various buildings were considered for a permanent home.

Eventually Ted Latham, the new Chief Planning Officer, suggested we take a look at the old Mission Hall nearby St. Mary's Church and beside the river in Twickenham. It had been one of the earliest of Baden Powell's scouting venues, then a mission school, but was now totally derelict and a haven for the homeless of the area. We had found our site! After lengthy and detailed negotiations with the Council Planning Department we were granted a 99 year lease at a peppercorn rent! Now to convert the derelict and leaking shell into a working theatre. Soon the same artsy characters who had pranced about the streets in doublet and hose were on site, up to their necks in muck and bullets. We dug out all the pigeon manure, cleared out all the empty bottles and rotting timber and, I regret to say, all the needles, phials and other nasties, all ready for building contractors to start work. And when it came to finding contractors, another stroke of good fortune. As I was crossing the car park I was approached by a charming man, Trevor

Osborne, and his company, Speyhawk, had been doing a lot of upgrading of Church Street. He offered to assist with the building works necessary to transform the old Mission Hall into a theatre, and on the basis that the RSS would pay him when they could, since we were a long way short of the required funds at that time.

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Speyhawk moved in and, with Peter Powell as architect, the stage, auditorium, dressing rooms and workshop miraculously began to take shape. We hadn't anticipated that the completion date would turn out to coincide with a planned visit to the town of HRH the Prince of Wales, who kindly agreed to open the "Mary Wallace Theatre beside the Thames at Twickenham". Prince Charles

laid the commemorative stone on May 28th, 1981 and the RSS was once more up and running! The opening show in the proud new building was a compendium of several of our fundraising shows entitled *OPENING GAMBITS*, the first Shakespeare, in October 1981, was *RICHARD III*. A broad programme of plays followed, and we went on to substantially increase our membership numbers and to establish a loyal local audience..... and the RSS was able to pay Speyhawk the last £17,000 within three years of opening. The rest, as they say, is theatre history.

Simon Walters - Life Member of the Richmond Shakespeare Society.

ART GALLERIES OPENING

Tate Modern and Tate Britain open from Monday 27 July. The public can go and see the collections - although it is not essential to book, it is recommended in order to ensure entry at the desired time. Since the galleries are managing entries to ensure there are not too many people, it may be that at times you would have to wait to be allowed in. If you wish to see a special exhibition, you would have to book a timed entry and there will be a one-way system. Cafes and shops are open and they may have reduced capacity.

www.tate.org.uk

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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 Committee and the Patrons.

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

Please return this form to:
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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.

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