

PLEASE NOTE

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

What's On

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

May 2021**The Arts Richmond newsletter****“Talking
Lockdown”**

**On 12th, 19th and 26th of
May at 7.30pm.**

Arts Richmond has organised a series of short Zoom talks from representatives of the arts and media, all of them based locally but many with a national profile.

These will take place on three Wednesday evenings which are the 12, 19 and 26 of May at 7.30pm. We are delighted that they will be hosted by AR President The Right Hon Sir Vince Cable and at £3.00 per talk we believe we have made these fascinating evenings accessible to all. Full details of each evening plus booking information are available on the Arts Richmond website www.artsrichmond.org.uk.

The speakers include:
Roger McGough, internationally acclaimed poet and supporter of Arts Richmond; Nicholas George, Artistic Director of Instant Opera; Paul Miller, Artistic Director of the Orange Tree Theatre; Anne Sebba, award-

winning biographer and generous patron of Arts Richmond; Francis Abbott, Chairman of the Richmond Shakespeare Society; journalist Kate Silverton and author Suzy Rolands.

Do join us to listen to the reflections on lockdown from these influential local figures.

**THE DIANA ARMFIELD
DRAWING FROM
OBSERVATION COMPETITION**



Once again distinguished and highly respected artist, Diana Armfield, has generously agreed to sponsor a Drawing Competition to encourage artists to draw from observation (i.e. from

observing actual 3 dimensional forms and objects). It is in memory of her husband, Bernard Dunstan, another eminent artist, who sadly died recently at the age of 97.

Arts Richmond is offering a prize to the winner, who will also be allowed to keep one of Diana's beautiful framed drawings for a year. The details of the competition are as follows:-

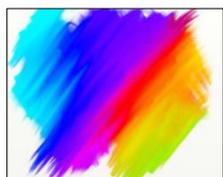
1. The drawing must be in monochrome in pen, pencil, ink or charcoal.
2. Each drawing must measure no more than 508 x 406mm (20" x 16")
3. All entries must be drawings from observation without the use of photographs. Entrants will be required to sign a statement to that effect.
4. Maximum of three drawings per person
5. Narrow mounts are permitted but not necessary. Each drawing and mount, if used, should have a thin cardboard backing and be covered in clear plastic as if it would go in a browser.
6. Please put a label on the back with your surname, title and price if you would like to sell it.
7. Framed work not accepted or work on canvas.
8. All entrants must be 16 years of over.

9. One prize will be awarded to the winner. A further prize will be awarded to a runner up if there is a close contender.
 10. A Panel of Judges will select the finalists.
 11. Diana Armfield RA NEAC, will select the winner herself.
 12. Deadline for entries PROPOSED AND TO BE CONFIRMED Saturday 3 July.
 13. All drawings must be brought to ETNA Community Centre, Arts Richmond Office Room No. 21, 13 Rosslyn Road Twickenham TW1 2AR.
 Dates and times for delivery of work PROPOSED AND TO BE CONFIRMED; Mondays to Saturdays between 9.30am to 12.30pm; Monday 21 June to Saturday 3 July 2021.

An Exhibition will be held at The Barn Church Kew, 41 Atwood Ave Richmond TW9 4HF from Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 July 2021. The dates of Private View will be announced at a later date.

It is open to everyone in the borough over the age of 16 years - if you or anyone you know wishes to enter, please get in touch with the Arts Richmond office for further details and an entry form.
 Phone: 020 8892 9446.
 Email:
info@artsrichmond.org.uk

Visual Arts



Fountain Gallery If the gallery is not allowed to open to visitors, the exhibitions will be mounted in the windows and contact details of exhibitors

will be displayed. Please contact them if you want to purchase artwork. Tue 27 April to Sun 9 May Barbara Mansi. Collection of nature inspired mosaics, which include mosaic polycliptures in vibrant colours using glass, tiles and stones; Tue 11 to Sun 23 May Stephanie Wilkinson. Her vibrant new collection includes garden themed paintings, colourful enamel, mosaic and glass creations as well as soft textiles for the home; Tue 25 May to Sun 11 June Jim Woodman. Impressionistic landscapes of both the local area and Scotland plus beautiful flower paintings by Kate Fletcher. At 26 Bridge Road, East Molesey, KT8 9HA. fountaingallery.co.uk

NEW AFFILIATE Kate Howe Studios Ltd Kate is an American artist and writer living and working in London. Selected pieces for the RCA WiP 2021 Show can be seen in person through the window at her studio at 55 High Street Hampton Wick KT1 4DG. She is using the space to work with the material in an installation setting and try new things out. This version of "HEARTTHROB" will complete installation on April 1, and will stay installed until the 17th of April. RuptureXIBIT is a walk-by window exhibition only at this time.
katehowe.com

Landmark Arts Centre
landmarkartscentre.org

Willow Bank Studio
janleejohnson.co.uk/

The Surrey Sculpture Society
surreysculpture.org.uk

Saturday Watercolour Workshops

patharvey.co.uk

Orleans House Gallery
orleanshousegallery.org

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

The Bowman Gallery
bowmangallery.co.uk

One Paved Court Gallery:
onepavedcourt.co.uk

Drama



Richmond Shakespeare Society They continue their programme of popular Zoom events with readings of *The Magistrate* by Arthur Wing Pinero on Wed 14 April and *Old Possum's Book Of Practical Cats* by TS Eliot on Thu 15 May. There will be a Zoom celebration of *Shakespeare's Birthday* on April 23rd - 24th with *The Seven Ages Of Mankind* - which they hope to be able to present live at Garrick's Temple later in the season.
richmondshakespeare.org.uk

The Exchange It has been more than a year since the first nationwide national lockdown and their theatre had to close its doors. They really miss live shows and having their auditorium full of people. They are looking forward to the Autumn Season when they can welcome you back safely for some fantastic live events. With a lot of hard work, and some government guidance, they have been able

to create a schedule that will see the return of audiences for events starting in September. Check website for details. exchangetwickenham.co.uk

Teddington Theatre Club

share their *Lockdown Memories* on YouTube. Watch and listen to 12 short, specially written pieces over 4 episodes as TTC members recall their lockdown experiences. Recorded on Zoom and edited for YouTube, these performances are sometimes funny, sometimes poignant and sometimes downright angry! You can also view TTC's back catalogue of work here too.

youtube.com/c/teddingtontheatreclub.

For more information contact: Christine Wayman, Communications Manager, Teddington Theatre Club. Email: christinew@teddingtontheatre.org.uk or telephone 07725 647476 teddingtontheatreclub.org.uk

Orange Tree Theatre

orangetreetheatre.co.uk

Bluefire Theatre Co

bluefiretheatre.co.uk

Wild Duck Theatre

wildducktheatre.com

Dramacube

dramacube.co.uk

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Hampton Hill Theatre

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OSO Arts Centre

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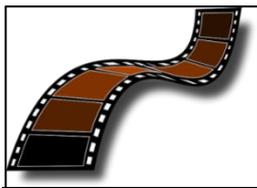
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Film



Richmond Film Society

richmondfilmsoc.org.uk

Dance



No dance events listed for April.

Music



Old Sorting Office Wed 19

May from 7pm - *Piano Lounge: OSO Medley*; Sat 22 May at 4.30pm and 8pm - *Roger McGough: Safety in Numbers*.

An intimate reading of poems, as yet unheard and unseen, from Roger McGough's new collection '*Safety in Numbers*'; Wed 26 May from 7pm - *Piano Lounge: Sofia Kirwan-Baez*.

Talented soprano and pianist Sofia Kirwan-Baez takes listeners on a journey from classic jazz ballads to pop anthems; Thu 27 May at 8pm *George Egg: Movable Feast*. Brand new comedy from the stand-up who cooks on stage. SOLD OUT.

Sat 29 May at 4.30pm *John Robertson: The Dark Room (for Kids)*. Part stand-up comedy show, part theatre; Sat 30 May at 8pm - *John Robertson: The Dark Room*. Welcome to the world's only live-action, text-based adventure game; Fri 28, Sun 30 and Mon 31 May at 8pm - *Mark Glentworth's Seven and a Half Years*, a new two-hander musical. Book events o

<<https://www.osoarts.org.uk/whats-on>>

Richmond Orchestra Having done some solid (socially distanced) work on Brahms' *Tragic Overture*, Elgar's *Enigma* and Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante* through most of the autumn term, it was gutting to see their efforts towards their regular

SHOWCOACH NEWS

Our proposed virtual tour and talk about the Turner exhibition at the Tate won't go ahead as we only had very limited interest. Apologies to those of you who did register. Hopefully we may be able to visit there later in the year. We are delighted to tell you that our re-arranged 2020 visit to Chichester Festival Theatre will now be Thursday 26th August 2021. This will be for a theatre talk and matinee for South Pacific. Further details will follow once the current situation becomes clearer

We are also very pleased that our postponed trip to Northumberland is finally re-booked for Sunday 5th - Thursday 9th September. The itinerary will be as it was for last year but we will be staying at Hotel Indigo in Newcastle. For further details, brochure and booking form please contact Heritage Travel direct. The email address is: Emily@grouptour.co.uk Please can you copy me into your email to Emily so that I can keep count of numbers. (To date we have 17 members signed up). Also please feel free to email me if you have any queries about this trip at Langhornejr45@gmail.com. Here's to a better year for everyone and hopefully we can enjoy getting together once more.

Janet Langhorne

November lockdown. Plans are underway for a Covid-safe event with a short programme and no interval. If all goes to plan, they hope to see as many of you as the circumstances allow at the Landmark Arts Centre (tbc) on 11th July. They hope this finds you well, and that you're coping all right without much live music around. It has certainly been a quieter time for the musicians of Richmond Orchestra. richmondorchestra.org.uk

Helen Astrid Singing Academy presents, on Fri 14 May, *Opera Live At Home Concert* with Germán Alcántara and Knut Jacques perform live from the Munch Academy in Paris. Tickets:

www.operaliveathome.co.uk.

The Health & Vitality Choir (NEW) run by Helen Astrid welcomes new members. 3 May- 7 June, Mondays by Zoom, 6.30-7.30pm. To enrol: helen@thehelenastridsingingacademy.com thehelenastridsingingacademy.com

Teddington Choral Society TCS has managed to continue singing since the beginning of the pandemic and is continuing with online rehearsals on Monday evenings, starting with a social session including a quiz, managed by Chair, Rebecca Clarke. It is followed by a Zoom rehearsal session directed either by Music Director, Julian Collings, or accompanist, Phil Culling. TCS is hoping to start physical rehearsals again as soon as possible and this will be a quick move as the choir knows well now how to manage socially distanced rehearsals. TCS is now working on the Summer programme, "TCS at

December concert go down the drain in the face of the *the Movies*", and is hoping to be able to perform in front of a live audience in July. This year is a very special year for TCS, its 70th Anniversary Year! The choir will be having a HUGE celebration concert later this year. For more information about them and to stay up to date visit their website and follow them on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram). Feel free to contact them:

infoteddchoral@gmail.com
teddingtonchoral.co.uk

Whitton Adult Community Singing They are meeting regularly online, using Zoom, until they can return to the large, well ventilated Function Hall at the Whitton Community Centre. If you have never sung, or only sung a little, or you just love to sing - no need to sing in public, just go along and enjoy learning some great songs. They learn songs from most genres - pop, gospel, classical, folk etc. This is a Singing Class for all adults, singing safely for health & wellbeing. Please contact Loulla Gorman for full details by email: loulla82gorman@gmail.com or by phone: 07788 664957

Richmond Opera In light of recent Covid developments Richmond Opera have unfortunately had to postpone their April production of Lampe's delightful baroque opera, *The Dragon of Wantley*, to 12th-14th November. Rehearsals will therefore begin in August. Expressions of interest in taking part are still very welcome at info@richmondopera.org.uk richmondopera.org.uk

The Middlesex Yeomanry Concert Band are pleased to confirm (subject to any government revision of their road map) the date of their next concert which will be held on Sunday, 27th June at 3.00pm in St. James's Parish Church, Hampton Hill. TW12 1DQ. The concert will have an American flavour ahead of Independence Day.

Inquiries:

judy.morrison1@btinternet.com, 020 8941 1227
mycb.org.uk

Barnes Music Festival The festival will take place between 15th and 30th May this year, by which time the organisers expect the restrictions will have eased and audiences and performers will be able to come together safely for the usual fortnight of excellent music-making. The programme is already on the website and the printed brochure is available.
barnesmusicfestival.com

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 on Thursday evenings. Repertoire sacred, secular and popular classics. Enquiries helen@thehenastridsingingacademy.com
thehenastridsingingacademy.com

In Flagrate choir In Flagrate choir normally rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 8.30pm. However, since the "lockdown" they have been having a fun weekly online choir session singing with their Musical Director,

Eamonn O'Dwyer, from 7.30 pm to 8.30pm. You are most welcome to join this as they will be continuing through the summer months. Singers have a great time working on a wide range of songs. No audition. For further details contact Cathy Jago
catherine@cjhenergy.co.uk
or see the website.
inflagrantechoir.com

Richmond upon Thames Festival of the Performing Arts

www.richmondfestival.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 Concerts

richmondconcerts.co.uk

Helen Astrid Singing Academy

thehenastridsingingacademy.com

Instant Opera

instantopera.co.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

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:

Sunday 25 April For events in June

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

Wednesday 12 May For events in June

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

Rock, Jazz & Folk



Powerjam Band Project Follow this innovative not-for-profit band project for ages 9-18, to catch their livestream gig, "Rockdowns", on June 25th, with performances from their

talented rock and pop bands, with popular covers, and original songs written during their online lockdown sessions. Inspire your young ones and follow Powerjam for more information on Facebook @PowerjamBandProject or Instagram @powerjam_band_project. powerjambands.com

Mood Indigo Events
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



The Museum of Richmond

If all goes well, the Museum is due to reopen on Tuesday 18 May 2021. Full details are yet to be confirmed. 13 February - 18 September. Exhibition: *The King's Observatory: Richmond's Science Story*. Discover the fascinating story of the King's Observatory, a hub for scientific research in Richmond for over 200 years. Extended version available

online from 13 February 2021. <http://bit.ly/KingsObservatoryExtended>; June Half Term Family Workshop Tuesday 1 June to Friday 4 June: *Here comes the Sun*. Discover how the King's Observatory has helped us learn more about the Sun.

The residents of London Borough of Richmond upon Thames created squares for a unique memorial quilt. Due to the Museum's closure, they have created a virtual display of the quilt that can be accessed on this link: <https://bit.ly/MorQuilt> museumofrichmond.com

Musical Museum
musicalmuseum.co.uk

Historic Houses



NEW AFFILIATE **The Friends of Marble Hill** is an association promoting, for the benefit of the local community and the general public, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Marble Hill House and Park. Membership is currently FREE and is open to all individuals over the age of eighteen provided such individuals fully support the objectives and constitution of the Friends. friendsofmarblehill.org.uk

Marble Hill House shut in late 2019 and will re-open in spring 2022. The long closure will be well worth it. The Friends of Marble Hill will host a free talk from English Heritage on Thursday May 27th at 6 pm to give you a glimpse behind

closed doors as they update you on progress and share the significant changes in public access, and reinterpretation of the House, that they will deliver.

English-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/marble-hill-house/

Strawberry Hill House
strawberryhillhouse.org.uk

Turner's House
turnershous.org

Walks, talks and courses



Richmond Scientific Society Zoom meeting at 8pm on Wed 19 May: *Biology and Light*, Dr Elinor Thompson, University of Greenwich. Lectures are about 1 hour long, with opportunities for questions. Members will automatically receive a link to this, but others can email richmond.science.society@gmail.com for a free link. rss.btck.co.uk

Borough of Twickenham Local History Society. AGM for 2019/20 and 2020/21. The meeting will be held online on Mon 10 May at 8pm. Members are requested to consult their newsletters for details on how to join the meeting. New members are welcome to attend. Details for joining the Society on website. boths.co.uk/membership/.

The Richmond Local History Society Mon 17 May at 8pm. AGM followed by Jane Short talking on *Artists and Paintings in Richmond, Twickenham and*

Kew. Over the centuries many artists have visited or lived in the Richmond area, inspired by the picturesque scenery of the River Thames, parks, palaces and open spaces. Thomas Gainsborough, Sir Joshua Reynolds and Joseph Mallord William Turner are of course famous names, but some others are lesser known. Details on joining by Zoom or at Duke Street Church (tbc) will be available on the Society's website richmondhistory.org.uk

Richmond U3A Wed 26 May. Andy Thomas : *Unexplained Mysteries and Cover-Ups*. He explores some of the most famous global mysteries, finding intriguing linking threads between them. What is the truth about real-life 'X Files': UFOs, ghosts, the Bermuda Triangle, strange creatures, religious apparitions, psychic phenomena and visions of the future? u3asites.org.uk/richmond-on-thames

The Arts Society Richmond
The Arts Society Richmond is continuing with a full programme of events, albeit online via Zoom and YouTube for the time being, with 7-day recordings also available for later viewing. We will return to our meetings in Duke Street Church as soon as Covid regulations allow. Zoom
LECTURE Tue 4 May at 8pm - Lars Tharp – Hogarth - *"Harlots, Rakes and Crashing China"* - Hogarth's pots;
VIRTUAL VISIT Tue 25 May at 11am – Jo Rhymer on *"Look Again: Paintings at The Wallace Collection"* - £5 contribution please. If you wish to join us for any of our events, email Richmond@theartsociety.org for further details and to

arrange payment, and you will be sent the Zoom link 24 hours in advance. theartssocietyrichmond.org

Kew Society Wed 12 May at 7pm *The Flowering of Kew Gardens in Art*. Talk by Chris Mills, Former Head of Art & Archives at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. Since Kew Gardens creation numerous talented botanical artists have recorded the cultivation of thousands of species of plants. This webinar will provide an introduction to some of these artists and will conclude with an overview of some of the outstanding women artists of the 20th and 21st centuries. The talk is free to all. www.kewsociety.org

Richmond & Twickenham Photographic Society Virtual Exhibition (which also includes the work of GCSE and A level students at St. Catherine's School for Girls, Twickenham) continues until Thursday 20 May. It's free and can be accessed from a link on the society's website.

Thu 6 May - Julia Cleaver, a portrait photographer based in the Chiltern Hills, loves creating images with character and atmosphere using flattering posing and lighting;
Thu 13 May - David Mason is a British born photographer who takes great pleasure in finding the extraordinary in the ordinary; Thu 20 May – Andrew Mills specialises in advertising, editorial and commercial photography and is an exhibiting art and documentary photographer. The talks will run on-line via Zoom from 8 till 10 p.m. with a 15-minute break. Prospective new members are warmly invited to log on to join us for one or two meetings before

making a commitment to become a member. Email info@rtps.org.uk rtps.org.uk.

Richmond Society on Thu 13 May at 7.30 pm. Talk via Zoom Manoj Badale, OBE *"How the business of sport (cricket in particular) is changing"*. Manoj is the founding trustee and chairman of the British Asian Trust. He has recently co-authored a book on the business of sport, "A New Innings". Talk free to Richmond Society members, guests welcome for a £5 donation. Book here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/manoj-badale-how-the-business-of-sport-cricket-in-particular-is-changing-tickets-141745940925?aff=erelpanelorg> richmondsociety.org.uk

Richmond Local History Society
richmondhistory.org.uk

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

Poetry Performance
contact Anne Warrington on warringa@blueyonder.co.uk

Barnes Literary Society To join the BLS please email join@barnesliterarysociety.org.uk barnesliterarysociety.org.uk

The WEA (Workers Educational Association Richmond)
wea.org.uk/london/branches/richmond-branch

Popes Grotto Preservation Trust
popesgrotto.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

RHACC (Richmond and Hillcroft Adult and Community College)
rhacc.ac.uk

COMMUNITY HEROES AWARDS 2020

Howard Greenwood BEM, The Lifetime Achievement Award 2020

Richmond upon Thames Borough Council posthumously awarded **Howard Greenwood BEM**, a past President and Trustee of Arts Richmond, **The Lifetime Achievement Award 2020**, in recognition of his long-term commitment to voluntary work which made a significant contribution to the community over ten or more years. Howard was Chairman and Music Director of Richmond Concert Society for over fifty-seven years, working to provide high standard concerts at affordable prices for residents, whilst simultaneously giving help and encouragement to Arts Richmond, (formerly *Richmond upon Thames Arts Council*). In addition, he was a member of the Richmond Music Trust, as well as taking an active role in the RFU Community Partnership. Howard's widow Monica and his family are very proud of the Award and wish to thank all those involved

with giving the Lifetime Achievement Award to him; Monica said – "**he would certainly be very grateful and proud of the recognition awarded to him by his peers**".

Sandra Green
Vice-President

THE SHOWCOACH RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO NORTHUMBERLAND



NEWCASTLE

The trip is a five day/four night stay scheduled from Sunday 5 to Thursday 9 September. It will include executive coach travel from local pickup points to our hotel in Newcastle. We shall be staying at the centrally-located Hotel Indigo on a bed and breakfast basis. Some fascinating trips are included, such as visits to Durham, Lindisfarne, Hadrian's Wall and Bamburgh and Aukland Castles.



DURHAM CATHEDRAL

The cost is £635 per person sharing a twin/double room (with a £140 single supplement). A deposit of £150 is required to reserve a place. For further details, brochure and booking form please contact

Heritage Travel direct. The email address is: Emily@grouptravel.co.uk



LINDISFARNE CASTLE

Please can you also email the organiser, Janet Langhorne, so that she can keep count of numbers on langhornejr45@gmail.com Please feel free to email her if you have any queries about this trip.



HADRIAN'S WALL

If you are interested in going, there is further information on Page 4. They have organised some super residential trips for us and I am sure this trip will be just as enjoyable.

Heritage Group Travel's website is : www.grouptravel.co.uk

RICHARD LEBUS THE CHAIR OF THE ARTS SOCIETY RICHMOND HAS BEEN REWARDED FOR STERLING VOLUNTARY WORK.

Richard Lebus and the Arts Society (Richmond branch) have really been splendid during lockdown, providing fascinating talks virtually via Zoom. Richard has been awarded the Marsh Award from the Arts Society

which he fully deserves. His citation is as follows:

"The judging panel was unanimous that the nomination demonstrated your outstanding contribution as a volunteer during 2020 in sharing your skills and support far beyond your own Society to help others keep going, communicating and accessing lectures successfully and enjoying the online offer. All this being done with good humour, patience and enthusiasm."

The Marsh Christian Trust was founded in 1981 as a grant-making body by Brian Marsh OBE. Over the past 30 years, the Trust has developed an Award Scheme to provide recognition to and reward those who modestly work to improve peoples' lives and the world in which we live.

Recipients of Marsh Awards are always people who make a difference by selflessly contributing their time and energy. The Marsh Award for Volunteering with The Arts Society is just one of 65 awards the Trust runs in partnership with other charitable organisations across the fields of heritage, the arts, conservation and social welfare.

This national award will give recognition to members of The Arts Society who are actively engaged in Heritage Volunteering, Trails of Discovery, Arts Volunteering, or running their Society.

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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Bank details: Arts Richmond Co-operative Bank, Sort
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include 'mmship' in reference

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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*.

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.

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POETRY – AN ANTIDOTE TO COVID 19

The Arts Richmond website has been posting a Poem for the Day for some weeks and this has resonated with many people. You may have noticed that some shops in Richmond have, on their shopfronts, poems submitted by Arts Richmond. In the last issue of the “What’s On” Arts Richmond newsletter, we published the names of the finalists in the Roger McGough Poetry competition. Also, during these “interesting times”, many people have discovered their inner poet. It would seem that lockdown is giving us a chance to reflect on life. Why don’t you take up a pen (or a wordprocessor) and write some of your thoughts down? You may find it quite therapeutic and liberating.

Each of their own Kind
We beget only of our kind.
Fish make fish, birds make birds,
Flocks, shoals, schools and herds,
All animals are the same you’ll find.
Packs, prides, hives and tribes, rakes, hobs,
Mobs and pods, all designed with this in mind.
Shark opens from shark’s opened purse,
Roaring lions cub lion cubs,
And gentle dove from dove eggs birth.

Violence tends to violence.
Anger regrets an anger worse
When softer words are silenced.

Yet curse of kind is broken by a kinder birth
With violence of that tree-bound curse.
Such love breaks mould for all on earth,
Such love unfolds the deepest truth,
That God is love,
And love has only come
With love’s most certain proof,
The giving of the Son.

by Bob Kimmerling
Chair of Trustees of the Vineyard Community

YOUNG WRITERS COMPETITION 2020/21

Arts Richmond is delighted to announce the finalists and winners of this year's Young Writers Competition Held in association with The Exchange Twickenham on Sunday 28th March

Category Year 4 and under:

- 'Wolves' by Alba Spencer-Brown, Old Vicarage School (**WINNER**)
- 'The Polar Bears' Mission by Max Wilkinson, St Marys Church of England
- 'My Life in Lockdown' by Imogen Elizabeth Haddon Bishop , Archdeacon Cambridge
- 'Bournemouth Beach' by Lara Ozdalga , Broomfield House School
- 'Missing Friends' by Galia Isolde Martin, Archdeacon Cambridge
- 'The Owner' by Layla Farr, Archdeacon Cambridge



Category Year 5&6:

- 'What it feels like to be 11 and dyslexics' by Eloise Poland Bowen, Old Vicarage School
- 'The Journey' by Celia Grace Skingley , Old Vicarage School (**WINNER**)
- 'Peace at Last' by Zakariyya Aziz, Kew College
- 'A Poem in the style of Thomas Hood' by Rosie Lever, Barnes Primary School
- 'What Makes Me, Me with my Autism and ADHD' by Henry Phillpot, Archdeacon Cambridge
- 'The Forest' by Theo Hardwick Skottowe, Archdeacon Cambridge
- 'Coronavirus' by Isabelle Edwards, Archdeacon Cambridge
- 'The Midnight Horseman' by Anna Wilkinson, St Marys C of E Twickenham

Category Year 7 to 9:

- 'Why I Love Science' by Saskia Hanson, LEH Hampton
- 'Arctic Villanelle' by Tilly Downie, LEH Hampton (**WINNER**)
- 'The Necklace' by Uma Cizmiz , Grey Court School
- 'In Lost' by Anna Fibbins, Grey Court School
- 'Audrey' by Lara Diana Antelo Miles , LEH Hampton
- 'Fabric' by Lara Diana Antelo Miles, LEH Hampton



Category Year 10 and above:

- 'One Hundred and Three' by Catherine James, LEH Hampton
- 'How Much Of It Was Lies' by Leah Ash, Waldergrave
- 'The Fog and Ivy' by Nicco Bargioni, Westminster School
- 'Heron' by Nia Ivanova Videnova , Richmond College
- 'Through Your Eyes' by Avni Ladwa, LEH Hampton (**WINNER**)
- 'Oh dear lord' by Chloe Yun-Jen Chen, LEH Hampton

Sadly, these talented young people and their parents were not able to gather at the Exchange for the prize-giving. However, this Festival was transmitted virtually and we are very grateful for the technical expertise at the Exchange, Twickenham, who hosted the event. The submitted works were brought to life in an economical staged reading with professional actors Cara Steele, AJ MacGillivray and Jo Shirley, under the direction of Keith Wait.