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*Barnes Community Association newsletter*

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# Welcome

...to the Christmas edition of the BCA's new-look Prospect newsletter!

*So, why do we call it Prospect?*

Prospect was originally the name of the Mortlake and Barnes telephone exchange until the 1960s.

*And why do we have the BCA in Barnes?*

Barnes is a wonderful place to live and to visit, but this is not just by chance! We at the BCA work hard to keep it that way by positioning ourselves as the hub of our community. Take a look below for a real insight into how we focus our efforts and how our fabulous volunteers really make a difference.

*What can you do to help?* Without the revenue from our 2020 events, there is a very real chance that the BCA will not be able to preserve the unique magic of Barnes for future generations, so please support us and sign up for an annual membership (from £18).

*Do you have views you'd like to share?* The BCA gives you a voice in Barnes. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers, so please visit our website and follow us on social media (see left for details).

Wishing you a happy and peaceful Christmas,  
**Nicki Urquhart**  
*BCA Chairman*



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or see form  
on page 27

## Join the Barnes Community Association to support our community and our projects

### **Prospect**

A new-look hard-copy newsletter for all Barnes households and businesses, alongside its monthly members-only digital sister, Prospect Plus.

### **New enterprises**

The Barnes Men's Shed launch, a delightful Sensory Garden for Suffolk Road, a new Garden Bridge project and more.

### **Your voice**

We'll continue to inform on and fight for local projects, including Hammersmith Bridge and Stag Brewery.

### **Barnes High Street**

Working with our BCA Town Centre Manager, Emma, we've won a government grant for the development of Barnes High Street - we'll share ideas and options soon. Emma will also continue to ensure a vibrant mix of retailers in Barnes to attract visitors and locals alike.

### **Events**

Our famous BCA Barnes Fair and the Barnes Food Fair, Easter Duck Race, outdoor cinema screenings, Grand Jumble Sale, Christmas Festival, coffee mornings and more.

### **Charities and groups**

As always, we'll work with local groups and charities and support them in any way we can.

### **Our environment**

Our BCA Greenkeeper, Russell, will continue to preserve and protect Barnes' green spaces and our beloved pond. He organises community bulb planting sessions and is working on a project to restore Beverley Brook.

# Christmas in Barnes



Don't miss the  
BCA Christmas  
Festival on Friday  
11 December\*

*The Prospect team share what they love most about Barnes at Christmas, and which local gifts they hope to find under the tree...*



*Wreath by Blue Lavender*

## Julia Bebington

*Prospect contributor & BCA Office Manager*

"I love the build up to Christmas in Barnes - there is a real buzz around the streets and lots of locals go all-out decorating their homes with wreaths on the doors and lights in the trees. There is one particularly fabulous tree in a front garden on Nassau Road - my kids used to ask me to drive them round in the dark December evenings so they could sneak a peak at them all!



### *What I'd really like for Christmas...*

A bottle of L'Occitane's Verbena cologne - lovely, fresh and lemony - it is available at **Barnes Pharmacy**."

## Farrah & Pearce

*Sophie Farrah & Tom Pearce*

*Prospect designers & contributors*

"Barnes always looks so beautiful at Christmas. We love walking down the High Street to **Olympic Studios** to watch a festive film - *Elf* and *It's a Wonderful Life* are our favourites! They serve mulled wine and mince pies, and it's just so cosy. The fairy lights outside always look magical too.

### *What I'd really like for Christmas...*

Tom would like a bottle of single malt from **Lea & Sandeman**, and I'd love a new pair of leggings from **Clifford Studios** - I love the barre classes there."



*Olympic Studios*

## Charlotte Sharpe-Neal

*Prospect & BCA Barnes Fairs Organiser*

"My Barnes Christmas starts officially with my first mulled wine of the season at **The Sun Inn** on Christmas Festival night. I love wandering around the shops and inevitably end up with a long list of present requests from the family - if I forget anything, I tend to blame it on that wine!

### *What I'd really like for Christmas...*

I plan to spend as much time as possible wearing these cosy sheepskin slippers - size 6 please - from **Caroline Bloomfield**."



*BCA Christmas Festival*



*The Brown Dog*

## Leyla Hutchings

*Prospect subeditor & BCA Membership Secretary*

"We moved to Barnes after a night out at **The Brown Dog** one December: we emerged enchanted onto White Hart Lane glimmering under fairy lights and window-shopped our way down to the iconic view of Barnes Bridge over the Thames. We remain equally smitten eleven years later!

### *What I'd really like for Christmas...*

I'd love an RSPB mallard duck toy for my children from kids' pop-up **Souzu** on Barnes High Street - it plays an authentic bird call, perfect for days when the local parakeets aren't visiting the garden!"



## Carrie Marshall-Foster

*Prospect contributor & BCA volunteer*

"I love the village vibe; Christmas late night shopping; twinkling lights in the trees opposite Rose House; children waving at the inflatable snowman on my house and all within walking distance - magic on my doorstep!

### *What I'd really like for Christmas...*

Lots of lovely amaryllis...  
THE Christmas flower and available from our fab local florists **Blue Lavender, Sun Inn Flowers** and **The Flower Room!**"



*Why not give the gift of BCA membership this year?  
(See page 27)*

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# What's on this Christmas

## Events



### BCA Christmas Festival - Friday 11 December

Christmas may be a little different this year but the BCA is still planning to go ahead with its Christmas Festival. The date is now Friday 11 December and both Father Christmas and Barnes' festive White Rabbit will be joining us. We look forward to seeing most of our local shops staying open until late and hope you will support them as much as possible with your Christmas shopping. We hope to have local choirs and music groups performing through Barnes and the BCA will set up a new festive bar outside Rose House. We encourage everyone to wear masks – festive or otherwise – all evening and to respect social distancing. The event will end at 8pm. For up-to-date info – and for confirmation of the event should lockdown restrictions be amended - see [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org).



### BCA/Barnes Runners Turkey Run - Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 December

Our popular Turkey Run will see a few changes this year and will take place virtually (think the London Marathon!) but we hope you will continue to support this community event which provides essential funding to the FiSH/BCA Christmas Day Lunch. More details available at [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org).



### FiSH/BCA Christmas Day Lunch - Friday 25 December

This year, the BCA is unable to go ahead with its traditional Christmas Day lunch at Barnes Green Centre so FiSH Neighbourhood Care has come up with an alternative plan for Barnes residents who will be by themselves this Christmas. A delicious lunch (with vegetarian option) will be cooked by FiSH volunteers and these meals will be frozen and then delivered on Christmas morning by the FiSH bus, ready for reheating. Meals will be free of charge and supported by the BCA in conjunction with Barnes Runners and St Paul's Junior Boys School. If you would like to receive a Christmas lunch, please contact FiSH on 020 8876 3765 by Friday 11 December. Priority will be given to those who have previously attended the Christmas Day event and numbers are limited. Donations will be gratefully received - see [fishhelp.org.uk](http://fishhelp.org.uk). We are also looking for volunteers to deliver the meals on Christmas morning - please contact Julia at the BCA ([info@barnes-ca.org](mailto:info@barnes-ca.org)) by Monday 21 December if you are able to help out. Thank you to everyone involved in this new festive initiative!



### Carol services in Barnes

For the dates and timings of the various Christmas services being held in Barnes over the festive period, look out for your annual Christmas card from Churches Together in Barnes. This year's card will include contact details of the six individual churches so that you can contact them all for up-to-the-minute information as the details are liable to change.



### Support the Big Give Christmas Challenge

Home-Start Richmond, Kingston & Hounslow, a local charity supporting vulnerable families, has been selected by The Childhood Trust to participate in this year's Big Give Christmas Challenge. This means that any online donations to this Home-Start branch made this week - 1-8 December - will be doubled by the Big Give, which runs the UK's biggest match-funding campaign. Isolation, loneliness and mental health concerns continue to increase in the community, so please donate if you can at [homestart-rkh.org.uk](http://homestart-rkh.org.uk).





# BCA NOTICE BOARD

*All the latest from in and around Barnes*



## Mrs. SW13 suppers

If you fancy a break from cooking over the festive season, try Mrs SW13's recently launched Saturday Supper Club. You can order a delicious home-cooked meal with a different theme each week and collect it locally or arrange delivery. Orders need to be placed by 12pm each Wednesday. Visit [mrsSW13.com](http://mrsSW13.com).

## Barnes Fashion Show

A huge thank you to the White Hart Lane shops and businesses who donated to the Barnes Fashion Show raffle in aid of local charities FiSH and St Mary's Barnes. Thank you also to everyone who bought tickets - over £300 was raised.

## A giant thank you

Our thanks go to the North Barnes Residents Association (NBRA) for their generous donation to the BCA. The NBRA has now officially closed so this sum will be used by the BCA to support the local community with particular focus on projects that affect North Barnes.

## Space for hire

Did you know that we have inside and outside space for hire at Rose House at the top of Barnes High Street? Call Julia on 020 8878 2359 for more info.

## Pay & display

If you are planning to drive into Barnes for some Christmas shopping or a festive lunch, then you can now park at the London Wetland Centre. Pay & display parking is available from 9.30am-4.30pm - it is free to Centre visitors. For info on activities going on at the Wetland Centre this month and to book tickets (now essential), visit [wwt.org.uk](http://wwt.org.uk).

## Looking ahead

Start making plans for 2021 with Andrew Wilson's beautifully photographed calendar; one local image for each month of the year. £7.50 from Rose House and local shops including Presents, iLocal & Oh Darling.



## The show must go on!

The OSO Arts Centre has recently been revamped and local star of stage and screen, Michael Ball OBE (pictured above), popped in to congratulate the team and celebrate

the venue's reopening. The café alone is well worth a visit and there is also a full programme of events planned for next year. This Christmas, Rapunzel is letting her hair down in the OSO's pantomime from 11-20 December. Visit [osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk) for ticket info.

## Wine o'clock!

What happens to after-work drinks when you're working from home? Local restaurant Church Road has a solution - its new pop up wine room is a relaxing space serving wine and small plates of food. Sommelier and wine merchant Rupert Taylor is the man behind the introduction of wines on tap in some of London's best restaurants and has put together some great wines to try by the glass. Nibbles include charcuterie and cheese, antipasti, pies and patés and some very tempting desserts. Open from 6pm to 9.30pm Tuesday to Saturday, and lunchtime on Saturdays. Visit [churchroadsw13.co.uk](http://churchroadsw13.co.uk).



## BCA merchandise

We have some lovely and useful branded products for sale at Rose House, like environmentally friendly keep cups, and aprons and bags (see below) designed by local illustrator Caitriona Tamlyn of Little Page. You can buy them at our BCA Christmas Festival or pop by to see us one morning.



## The Tell-Me Tree

A plane tree on Barnes Green was the inspiration behind local author Karen Inglis' latest picture book, *The Tell-Me Tree*, an interactive book for 4-8 year olds. This is just one of the many new titles available from Barnes Bookshop, which is open 7 days a week. Visit [barnesbookshop.co.uk](http://barnesbookshop.co.uk).

## Let's hear it for the hogs!

This month's hedgehog cover star may not be a Barnes resident but, largely thanks to the efforts of local resident Michel Birkenwald, many more hedgehogs certainly are! Michel is hoping to make the Barnes



Hedgehog Superhighway the largest in the country. You can help by making a gap the size of a CD in your fences to let hedgehogs travel from garden to garden so that they can feed, nest and survive. Hedgehog food is available locally from Pets Corner – please don't leave out milk or bread! Contact [mbirkenwald@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mbirkenwald@hotmail.co.uk) for more info.



## Rewilding Barnes

A new project between BCA and Friends of Barnes Common aims to restore Beverley Brook. Its main objectives are to create a new zone for paddling and dogs next to the footbridge on Barnes Green and also to renaturalise the Brook in order to increase fish and other aquatic wildlife. We have applied for a grant but will need to recruit local volunteers to help out - if you're interested, check out our website [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org) over the next few months.

## Common news

Friends of Barnes Common, a local, innovative and charitable social enterprise, look after Vine Road Recreation Ground, Barnes Common and Leg O'Mutton local nature reserve (with Richmond Council). Next year the FoBC team plan to extend their conservation aims in the community as they offer their expertise to Friends who need help and advice with their own trees. Prices are competitive and proceeds will be ploughed back into the community. Visit [barnescommon.org.uk](http://barnescommon.org.uk) for details and sign up to become a Friend – membership is free!



## Got a story?

Email us at [prospect@barnes-ca.org](mailto:prospect@barnes-ca.org) with ideas for future issues

# Barnes Town Team

Follow Emma on Instagram at @tcmbarnes



Image: Andrew Wilson

**Emma Robinson** became the Town Centre Manager in 2012. Her area of responsibility extends from North Barnes to White Hart Lane,

and her remit is to help attract new, independent shops to Barnes, make local shops more popular with residents, build on the image of Barnes as a tourist destination (as a way of increasing shoppers' footfall) and to work with traders to fight for their interests. Matched funding for the Town Centre Manager's work in this essential community service is provided by the BCA and the Council.



## A mural for Barnes Bridge

We hope you have had a chance to admire our fabulous new artwork under Barnes Bridge? This beautiful mural was designed by Katharine Pethick (who was behind the Barnes Day Out logo) and painted by local artist Lionel Stanhope (who has done a number of equally stunning projects around the country). We made several unsuccessful bids for funding the mural, but in the end a generous Barnes resident came forward and offered to fund the project, meaning we were able to make our vision a reality.

## Barnes Bridge Green Walkway

We won a grant earlier this year for a feasibility study of our ambitions to deliver a green walkway at the long-redundant original Barnes Bridge. This study will enable us to understand whether we can reinstate access to the original bridge at both sides of the river, providing much-needed step-free access at the same time on the Barnes side. If this project is successful, it will offer a unique attraction in Barnes unavailable anywhere else in London and will doubtlessly support our economy in the challenging times ahead.



## New maps for Barnes

A new visitors' map is set to hit Barnes! Funded by the Council's Civic Pride Fund, the maps will be placed at five strategic locations across the village, at points where visitors arrive. The bespoke artwork has been drawn by an artist who is a regular at the BCA Barnes Fair, Holly Francesca. We hope you like it as much as we do.



## Safeguarding our swans

You may have noticed that the 'Swans Crossing' sign on the road island near the BCA has been missing for a while now. The original sign was rotten and the temporary replacement far too luminous for the village. So we partnered with local artisans who designed and produced a new sign for us which we think will fit well with the character of our village. We hope you agree...



## New businesses come to Barnes

These are challenging times for retailers across the country. Barnes businesses have had the added blow of the closure of Hammersmith Bridge – and yet we seem to be faring better than other high streets: in fact, we are seeing new businesses arriving here; welcoming Caroline Bloomfield and SW Ski to the High Street; a new independent at the Jigsaw site; and Maverick men’s grooming have moved into the former Castelnau Tiles space. There may also be a new tenant moving into the Tree House after many years of closure. Up by Hammersmith Bridge, a new Georgian restaurant, Samaia, is well worth a visit - trade continues to be very challenging for all the businesses in this area given the huge drop in footfall - so do please support them if you can.

## Barnes High Street improvements

We have been campaigning to make the High Street a more attractive destination and to address the terrible congestion caused by traffic pinch points for many years. Last year we



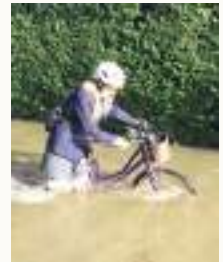
won a grant of £100,000 and we have been working with council officers and local ward councillors to shape the best proposals to deliver a more pleasant and functional High Street for everyone - including the creation of a new eastbound bus stop and the widening of pavements. Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent website consultation - we are waiting for the initial results and then there will be a further consultation in the spring. We really hope we can make the new plans a reality for the benefit of everyone in Barnes.

## Hammersmith Bridge SOS

A perspective on the Hammersmith Bridge crisis from Barnes resident and Hammersmith Bridge SOS team member, Nicola Horlick.

*When the news about the full closure of Hammersmith Bridge broke, my neighbour Helen Pennant-Rea and I agreed that we would set up a group to campaign for its full repair – and Hammersmith Bridge SOS was born.*

*We set ourselves three short-term aims: to create well-lit, safe routes for school children to get home on alternative routes; to improve the 533 bus service; and to get a temporary ferry service up and running. With the help of two organised rallies, national press, and even an article in the New York Times, we have had some success: Richmond Council have promised marshals between Putney and Queen Elizabeth Walk – but Dukes Meadows remains unlit; and TfL has increased the number of 533 services from two to five at peak times. TfL is now in charge of procurement for a ferry but a service is unlikely to operate before the spring.*



*With an estimated £163m rebuild bill, neither Hammersmith & Fulham council nor TfL appear to have the necessary funds and no funding has been pledged by the government. So, we must continue to make our voices heard about the issue to mend the broken bridge in the heart of Europe’s largest city.*

## Update

Work is due to begin on Hammersmith Bridge in 2021. Procurement for a ferry service has begun and is set to start in the new year, government officials have said.

For updates visit [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org).

**For updates from Emma and to sign up to receive her quarterly Town Centre Manager bulletins visit [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org).**



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# BCA 2021 Calendar

All events are subject to change in line with government guidelines.  
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**January**

*Happy New Year!*




**February**

BCA Barking Barnes dog walk *(date TBC)*



**March**

6<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Barnes Music Festival



**April**

3<sup>rd</sup> BCA Duck Race  
3<sup>rd</sup> The Oxford & Cambridge Boat Race




**May**

BCA Coffee Morning *(date TBC)*



**June**

22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Barnes Children's Literature Festival  
17<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Barnes Film Festival



**July**

10<sup>th</sup> BCA Barnes Fair  
BCA Screen on the Green *(date TBC)*



**August**

BCA Screen on the Green *(date TBC)*



**September**

11<sup>th</sup> BCA Barnes Food Fair



**October**

8<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> BCA Jumble Sale  
13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Barnes Charity Fashion Show



**November**

Local fireworks displays *(dates TBC)*



**December**

BCA/Barnes Runners Turkey Run *(date TBC)*  
BCA Christmas Festival *(date TBC)*  
25<sup>th</sup> BCA Christmas Lunch



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# Gifts galore!

## Gift guide

You can find something for everyone this Christmas in Barnes!

**Clifford Studios'** range of stylish workout gear is perfect for any Barnes barre babe or fitness fan. Go for gold with a new workout outfit, or slip some grip socks into his or her stocking...

**Tobias and the Angel** is a treasure trove of beautiful, unique gifts. From soft furnishings and antiques to beautiful Christmas decorations, it's an interior designer's dream.

**JK Collectables** on White Hart Lane is a lovely shop bursting with reasonably priced antiques. The glassware is gorgeous – especially the vintage champagne coupes...

Spoil someone rotten with a brand-new bike from **Barnes Bikes**, or treat them to a snazzy new bell or basket!



### Olympic Studios Records

can furnish you with fantastic vinyl and merchandise for the music lover in your life.

**Oh Darling!**'s fun boutique has lovely gifts for all ages and budgets (and some adorable resident sausage dogs, too).

**Shop Nina** is filled with fabulous clothes, jewellery and gifts, as well gorgeous Christmas decorations and fun stocking fillers.

Delight the fashionista in your life with a fantastic piece of clothing or jewellery from local fashion boutiques, **Ridley, Iris, The Clothes Room** and **Bazar**. A new addition to Barnes High Street is **Editor 37**, filled with cool, design-led clothes and accessories for him and her.

For fancy footwear, head to **Schuberts. Shoerique** also have some lovely leather gifts.

**Dilli Grey** is brimming with beautiful, ethical handmade goodies – from stunning sleepwear and clothing to gorgeous rugs and cushions. It sells lovely soaps and home fragrance products too.

**Presents** is of course brimming with presents for all ages, and fun Barnes merchandise.



Diamonds are a girl's best friend, so head to **Barnes Jewellery, Gerry Summers** or **Georgina Skan** (by appointment only) for something sparkly. Barnes Jewellery sell very smart men's watches too.



Head to **Nordic Style** for just that, and plenty of pretty gifts for the home.

For designer sunglasses and more pop into **Barnes Nineteen** and **Focal Point**, who both sell super specs!

If it's art you're after, Barnes has several fabulous galleries: **Boëcho, Riverside Gallery, Maze** and **Barnes Fine Art Gallery**. You might have also spotted some of the **Barnes Artists'** brilliant work in various shop windows - head to [barnesartfair.com](http://barnesartfair.com) to buy some of their wonderful art (20% of sales go to St Michael & All Angels Church to help finance its good causes).



**Natsons** have loads of fun gifts, wrapping paper and cards. Its vast selection of diaries, stationery and puzzle books make great stocking fillers too!



For luxurious bathing and beauty treats, head to one of the village's fine pharmacies: **Barnes Pharmacy, Round the Clock, Forward Pharmacy** and **Prime Pharmacy**.

The latest addition to the High Street is **Caroline Bloomfield**, filled with special gifts for the home and her own clothing range.



You can't go wrong with a beautiful plant, festive arrangement or bunch of flowers. Head to our talented local florists **Blue Lavender, The Flower Room** or **Sun Inn Flowers**.

And finally, don't forget your four-legged friends! Treat your pets to something special from **Pets Corner, The Waggers** or **Medivet** (on White Hart Lane and Church Road). See Bark Life on page 24 for more canine Christmas fun!



Images: Tavi Noir grip socks, Clifford Studios. Eleanor bicycle, Barnes Bikes. Beaded santa, Shop Nina. Blundstone boots, Schuberts Footwear. Blue Patrika short-sleeve PJ set, Dilli Grey. Constellation earrings, Gerry Summers. 'Barnes Swans' lino print, Sophia Bloxham (see Barnes Artists). Clarins Men, Barnes Pharmacy. Vintage List glassware, Caroline Bloomfield. Penrose knit dog sweater, Pets Corner. Words by Sophie Farrah & Tom Pearce.

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# New year, new you

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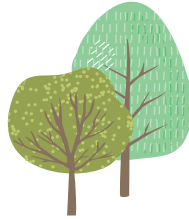
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# Have a crafty Christmas

Craft

Get creative this Christmas with some of our favourite festive projects to try at home. *By Carrie Marshall-Foster*

## Be a Grinch... make 'em smile!

Go a bit crazy and try making a Grinch Tree! Take a lime or dark green Cupressus plant, some metallic wire - coloured is best but garden twine would do - and then, pulling the branches upwards, bind the plant firmly but without cutting into the foliage, into a vertical 'ponytail'. To finish gently bend the top over to create the Grinch look. Add ribbon, baubles, beads and accessories to suit and watch people smile when they see it! Supplies can be picked up from shops such as **Natsons**, **Barnes Express** and **The Hardware Store**, and **Two Peas in a Pod** has a good selection of plants.



## Pot up a poin't

A poinsettia is THE plant of Christmas, available in a whole range of funky colours to suit every décor and perfect as a cut flower as long as you sear the ends in a flame. I love them in a row but if you want to make them even more bespoke and personal, why not bling up your pots using washi tape? Alternatively make mini macramé hangers and festoon your tree with mini poinsettia! Festive florals can be found at our fabulous local florists, **The Flower Room**, **Sun Inn Flowers** and **Blue Lavender**.

Reka Kurios, Annie Blooms, Dublin



## Good enough to eat - literally!

Gingerbread houses are quirky, rather yummy and a perfect weekend activity. Whilst you can buy them ready made, I've found a brilliant recipe from the Queen of baking, Mary Berry, at [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk). Best of all, it comes with a nifty downloadable template for the structure and everything you need can be bought locally in shops such as **Londis**, **iLocal** and new community delivery shop, [mytownshops.com](http://mytownshops.com).

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# Foodie finds

We go foraging for gourmet gifts around the village. *By Sophie Farrah*

## Food & drink



I start my shop at **Rick Stein** where you can pick up cookbooks written by the famous seafood chef, as well as some lovely fish-patterned tableware.

If you're buying for a beer lover, **Riva** nearby has a fantastic selection of craft beers from all over the world, including delicious cans from Barnes' very own brewery, **Jeffersons**. Perfect stocking fillers.



For stylish pouches of top-notch loose-leaf teas, I head to **Orange Pekoe**; their Christmas teas are absolutely delicious, and I hear that the pure peppermint leaves are a good cure for festive overindulgence...

For the home cook or star baker, pop into **The Hardware Store** for gadgets galore!



There are tasty treats aplenty in **Barnes Fish Shop** that will delight any food lover, including Ortiz's special tinned fish and jars of delicious pesto - you can pick up a piece of fish for sups whilst you're in there too.



Fine wines, craft gins, fabulous fizz and sensational single malts - there are lots of delicious gifts to be found in **Lea & Sandeman**.

Essential kit for any style-conscious cook can be found in **Presents**, including lovely aprons and oven mitts illustrated by Sophie Allport.



Aside from all the mouth-watering cheese, **The Real Cheese Shop** boasts a great selection of tasty chutneys and pickles that make lovely little gifts.

Pop into **The Parish Bakery** for some shopping sustenance - their mince pies are very good...

**Barnes Fruit and Veg** have a fantastic selection of nuts and dried fruits, and satsumas for stockings!

There are gourmet gifts galore in **Totally Swedish** - including some great sweetie stocking fillers.

The gourmet granola, bags of biscuits and jars of organic jam from artisan bakery **GAIL's** all make lovely gifts.

**The Ginger Pig's** jars of chutney and spicy jam make tasty stocking fillers and are a must-have on Boxing Day.

**Londis** stocks a plethora of delicious, beautiful things, including a fabulous selection of panettones, biscuits and Christmas puds.



Pop in to **The Lost Corner** and you'll find beautiful table linens and serving platters.

**Two Peas in a Pod** is always brimming with deliciousness - food lovers will be spoilt for choice.

Popular pizza place **Arte Chef** also stocks authentic Italian produce such as olive oil and panettones.

Stylish café **Alma** sells bags of its popular granola and freshly ground coffee. Fun stocking fillers with great packaging too.

You can't beat a good cookbook and **Barnes Bookshop** has a great selection. Nigella, Ottolenghi and Mary Berry all have recent releases that make perfect gifts.

And finally, by Hammersmith Bridge, both **Sips and Bites** and **Spoonful** have a bounty of deli style produce, perfect for making up a hamper.



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The route will take you down to the river and along the towpath to the London Wetland Centre. Prizes will be awarded to particularly special pooches.

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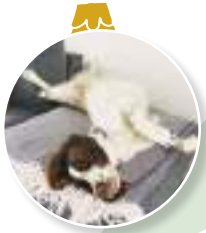
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# Bark life!

Pets

We hear what's set to get tails wagging in Barnes this Christmas from some of our local four-legged residents. *By Leyla Hutchings*



**Sheldon**

"I love greeting clients at the studio with my very waggy tail. At Christmas I am usually spoiled with festive shaped chews, treats and toys!"

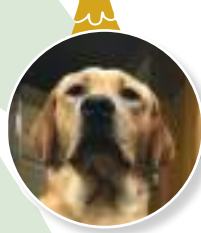
*Owner - Jo Higlett, Clifford Studios*



**Neo**

"I am a regular at the Farmers' Market (on a lead, of course) and enjoy solid friendships with many of the stall holders, especially the butchers and their offcuts!"

*Owner - Matthew Purser, BCA Trustee*



**Buddy**

"I wasn't pub-trained early so I find the Christmas rush a bit too exciting! My tip is to get a young pup out into Barnes' many dog-friendly pubs, quick smart!"

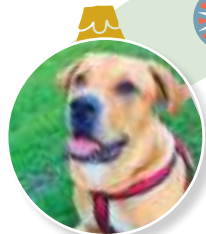
*Owner - Freddie and George, Jeffersons Brewery*



**Wilfred**

"I'm pretty sure my owners use my walks as an excuse for a pit-stop at &Feast, Orange Pekoe, The Brown Dog or The Bull's Head – all have a generous jar of treats so it works for me!"

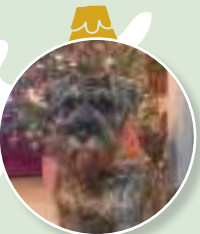
*Owner - Adam Lockwood, BCA Trustee*



**Monty**

"I love to drop into the vet for treats and treatment before meeting up with my mates to play on Barnes Common or Rocks Lane. I also love a trip to the pub!"

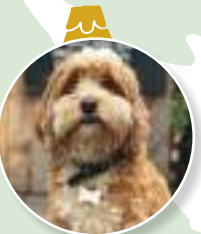
*Owner - Natascha Hedegaard, lead vet at Medivet White Hart Lane*



**Buddy**

"My top festive tip would be - 'don't leave the dinner plates with leftovers somewhere I can reach them...!'"

*Owner - Bobby Crabtree, organiser of the OSO Christmas Festival*



**Basil**

"After a long walk, I like to sit by the fire at The Brown Dog and listen out for whoever orders the roast beef!"

*Owner - James Williamson, The Brown Dog*



**Cappuccino & Eddie**

"We love a wander along the towpath before snuggling back in our bed. Our owner credits us with being the anchor of our family life that brings everyone back home and back to Barnes!"


*Owner - Helen Edward, BCA Trustee*

## DOGGY MINCE PIE RECIPE

Add 250g of plain flour, 115g unsalted butter and 50g sugar (optional) to a bowl and mix together. Add 4 tbsps water and knead into a dough. Roll out and cut your pie bases, placing them in a greased baking tray. Add a spoonful of dog food and top with more pastry then bake in a 200°C oven for 15-20 minutes before cooling and serving (one or two at a time!) to your pampered pooch!

Chocolate and raisins can be extremely harmful to dogs, so we've sourced a dog-friendly mince pie recipe from our friends at The Dogs Trust!

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## Quiz

- 1 The new mural underneath Barnes Bridge features an illustration of which Barnes pub?
- 2 On The Terrace, there is a blue plaque indicating where Dame Ninette de Valois lived (1962-1982) - what was she the founder of?
- 3 Which one of these artists did NOT record at Olympic Studios - Dusty Springfield, The Beatles or The Clash?
- 4 When was Barnes Community Association (BCA) founded? A) over 20 years ago, B) over 30 years ago, or C) over 40 years ago?
- 5 In what year did Barnes pond dramatically empty overnight + an extra point for the month?
- 6 What is the name of Barnes-based conceptual artist Spike McLarrity's alter-ego, who appears by the river on the first of each month?
- 7 Including its Christmas teas, how many types of loose-leaf tea does Orange Pekoe stock? Nearest guess wins!
- 8 There are five pubs in Barnes (SW13) which feature animals or an animal in their names. Name all five for the point!
- 9 Whose statue appears at the entrance of the WWT London Wetland Centre in Barnes? Full name for the point.
- 10 What is &Feast's bestselling coffee? A) an oat milk flat white, B) a black americano, or C) a skinny cappuccino?
- 11 What is the first name of the BCA Barnes Greenkeeper?
- 12 Barnes is home to a special 'superhighway' for what?
- 13 What date is the 2021 BCA Barnes Fair due to take place?
- 14 Barnes is home to one of London's oldest and largest trees, known as 'Barney' - what kind of tree is it?
- 15 During the first lockdown, the OSO Arts Centre was re-purposed as a 'crisis kitchen' - how many meals did it provide to the elderly and vulnerable, NHS staff, and those in economic hardship? A) over 5,000, B) over 7,000, or C) over 10,000?
- 16 What is the name of Barnes' very own brewery, run by brothers Freddie and George?
- 17 Which night bus services Barnes?
- 18 The Lonsdale Road Reservoir is also known as the 'Leg o' what?
- 19 What is the name of the pretty pink building on Barnes High Street which is the BCA's HQ?

Did you know... that when the pond emptied, the BCA ran a campaign and had it successfully refilled?

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To celebrate the launch of the BCA's new-look Prospect newsletter, we are giving away some bottles of Pimm's! Simply take a photograph of your copy of Prospect in your favourite Barnes spot, upload it to social media and tag the BCA (see page 2 for our handles). We'll pick our five favourites - each will win a bottle of Pimm's and the winning photos will be published in the next issue of Prospect. If you don't do social media then fear not! You can email us your entry - send it to [prospect@barnes-ca.org](mailto:prospect@barnes-ca.org) with the subject line 'Prospect competition'.

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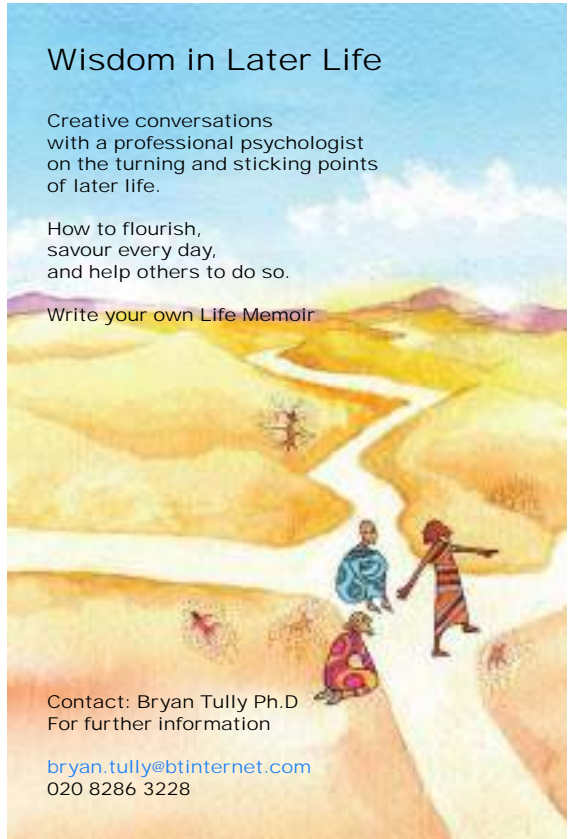
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