



Bienvenue to Barnes Fair....

There's always something new to enjoy at BCA Barnes Fair and we're working hard to ensure that this year is no exception!

From St Osmund's school choir and a Rock Choir performing on the Bandstand for the first time to Lizzie's Hip Hop and Funky Moves on the Events Stage, we also look forward to welcoming lots of new stands. These include Barnes Wild Nursery with a mini beast zoo, Wax Hands where you can make a wax mould of your – or your children's – hands and Beat the Goalie with Rocks Lane Football.



On the food front, Madame Gautier will be flying the flag for our French theme and on Church Road, The Ginger Pig and &Feast are going to cross the road onto Barnes Green to run a BBQ and offer Mexican tacos. Bring a picnic rug and enjoy!

As usual, we will be sending out copies of this year's Barnes Fair programme with the July issue of *Prospect*. Barnes Fair takes place on Saturday 14th July, 9.30am-5.30pm and is kindly sponsored by Knight Frank, Barnes and Berkeley Homes. We are also very grateful to Apparent Properties, Chiswick Honda, Barclays Bank and West Motor Co.

It's not too late to offer your help, so if you have a spare couple of hours on 14th July and would like to get involved in the Fair, then do get in touch, charlotte@barnes-ca.org.

Charlotte Sharpe-Neal



Annual General Meeting 2018

The well-attended Annual General Meeting of Barnes Community Association was held at Rose House on Thursday 26th April.

BCA Chairman, Steven Mindel, spoke of an exciting year for the BCA, mentioning just a few of the highlights: the heart-warming response of local people to the appeal for funds for the new FiSH bus, the success of the dementia-friendly park initiative and the wonderful Fairs in July and September. He spoke, however, of one disappointment: to truly be the voice of Barnes, the BCA needs more members and entreated everyone to encourage their friends and neighbours to join. The full Trustees' Report, including a financial review, can be found on the website, barnes-ca.org.

Steven then congratulated Carol Sutherland who ran 26.2 miles in the hottest London Marathon on record in a time of 5hrs 6mins 40secs, raising £4,000 to fund defibrillators in Barnes. One is already in place outside Essex House and a second near Olympic Studios is coming later in the year. Stop press: see p3



Steven congratulates Carol

Peter Eaton of the Mortlake Brewery Community Group addressed the meeting, stressing how important it is to make known our concerns about the redevelopment. Micky Forster, as Executive Director of FiSH, thanked the BCA for all the magnificent help and generous support received.

Following the official business of the meeting, members were fascinated to hear about something new for Barnes – a Men's Shed! See p12.

Gill Spillane



Summer deadlines

The next issue of *Prospect* will be a combined July/August edition, delivered commercially, together with a Barnes Fair programme, to all homes in Barnes. It will include Diary entries for both months. Please note that copy, Diary and Adverts must reach the BCA, info@barnes-ca.org, by 10th June at the latest.

The following issue will appear in September. As Rose House will shut for summer holidays, the closing date for that issue is Monday 10th July.

To enable editing, we would like to remind you that copy for *Prospect* can be accepted only if sent as a Word attachment to an email or as part of an email, not as a pdf or Publisher file; graphics and photos must be sent as separate file attachments (not embedded in an email or Word file). Photos can be used only if the quality is good enough for commercial printing, ie high resolution.



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Barnes Societies & Volunteers Open Day

Despite a rather gloomy day when the weather seemed more typical of winter than spring, there was a steady flow of visitors to the ninth annual free-to-the-public event held on Saturday 28th April. It may have been particularly cold and grim outside the OSO Arts Centre, but the mood inside

was decidedly warm and lively as representatives of 20 local Not for Profit organisations chatted to the public and each other, in fact anyone who would listen, about what they get up to and how to get involved, whether as a member, volunteer or campaigner.



Bobby, centre, with Lisa Ross, OSO, left, and Sharon Morgan, Friends of Barnes Common, right

A wide range of interests were catered for: musical, literary, historical, philosophical, sport and drama, the built environment or the great outdoors, local interest groups as well as those whose work supports others – the homeless, the elderly, and the disadvantaged. And not least the BCA itself, which supports so many of the activities which make Barnes such a great place to live, looking to chase down those who live in Barnes and

who have somehow managed NOT to become members!

The upbeat mood was helped along by live music all day provided by the OSO Jazz Band and later on the Castelnau Chorale, as well as some delicious and tempting offerings from the OSO café.

After the main event Colin Cooper, Chief Executive of South West London Environment Network, led the discussion and shared ideas with participants over some wine and cheese in an informal round table event covering fund-raising, communication and data capture in the voluntary sector – important topics for those managing with limited resources.

Thank you to all those clubs, societies and groups who joined us this year and have supported this event in the past. If you are a NfP organisation and are currently not involved but would like to be next year, please do contact me, bobby.findlay@btinternet.com, and I will add you to my invitation list.



All photos courtesy of Andrew Wilson

Bobby Crabtree



Language school seeks new Trustee

The BCA English School, a thriving organisation integral to the community in Barnes, is looking for a new Trustee to join the team.

Founded over 40 years ago and based at historic Rose House, the School currently has adult students from more than 20 countries, many of whom live with host families in Barnes. The school offers classes at six different levels with a teacher/pupil ratio of 1:14. There is a flexible timetable – with many classes there is a choice of days and times, and as many of the students are working as *au pairs*, the class and term times are scheduled to work alongside local schools.

Teaching students about the British way of life is an important and fun part of all the courses. The teachers also provide pastoral care to the students, helping them to adjust to life in London and encouraging them to establish friendships with fellow students of other nationalities. To support this, there is a varied social

calendar. Providing excellent, good value tuition in a caring and friendly atmosphere has always been at the heart of the ethos of the School, and is the key to its success.

The School is set up as a charity whose Trustees are responsible for its governance. In normal circumstances the Trustees meet formally twice a year. Between meetings, when necessary, decisions are taken by email by all the Trustees. Information about the School can be found on its website, englishinbarnes.co.uk, and on the Charity Commission's website, gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission.

We are looking for someone whose attributes complement those of the existing Trustees, rather than possessing any particular skills and experience. The important thing is to be enthusiastic for the success of the school. To express an interest please contact Mike Spillane, mhspillane@hotmail.com, by Friday 22nd June.

The Barnes Community Association English School is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered number 1157867.



The Bookstall at Barnes Fair needs your books – and we need YOU!

The Bookstall at Barnes Fair on Saturday 14th July will be one of the busiest and best at the event. It is run by the BCA together with Barnes Brownies and Guides and we are most grateful to estate agents Winkworth Barnes for their sponsorship.

This month, leaflets will be delivered to all households in Barnes inviting people to turn out their unwanted books, CDs, DVDs and console games. Barnes residents traditionally respond generously by donating thousands of books which are then carefully sorted. This major re-cycling effort is made possible by a team of dedicated volunteers and to ensure our continued success, we need more helpers for the Bookstall.

Book donations can be accepted from Wednesday 20th June until Wednesday 11th July and we would be most grateful if

people dropping off books by car could take them directly to our storage facility, which this year is the **Guides Hall in Washington Road**, not the Vine Road Pavilion. Books can be dropped off here from Monday to Friday throughout the day until late. Other drop off points are Rose House, the Castelnau Community Centre and the Coach and Horses pub. We can also arrange to collect books.

If you would like to donate books or volunteer to help at the Bookstall please contact micky@barnes-ca.org, 07870 473 711. And when you come to the Fair, don't forget to visit the Bookstall and pick up the best value holiday reading you'll ever find.

One of the most rewarding things about the Bookstall is that every year we start with nothing and by the end have raised over £5,000! This is a truly staggering amount from unwanted goods but we could never do it without our generous donors and our team of amazing volunteers. Proceeds after costs are divided between the BCA and Barnes Brownies and Guides. Unsold stock is available at the end of the Fair to any local charity or community group that is able to take stock away there and then. The rest is collected by a recycling company that pays us a nominal amount per book. Nothing goes into landfill – it's all recycled.

Micky Forster



Looking for a summer internship?

The chairman of the BCA is looking for someone to work alongside him during the summer on a variety of projects. Computer skills in Word, Excel and Powerpoint required. Hours to be agreed, but very flexible; remuneration to be discussed. For further information please contact Steven Mindel, steven@barnes-ca.org.



Officers and Trustees, 2018-19

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Keeping in touch with you

The BCA takes your privacy seriously. Data protection laws are changing and we're writing to check that your communication preferences are up to date.

We believe we already have your consent to contact you about BCA news, including our events and fundraising activities, membership news (including renewals), volunteer opportunities, reports from our Town Centre Manager, editions of *Prospect Plus*, information about Barnes in Bloom and similar types of communication.

We may refer to third party companies if they are sponsoring our events and similar activities or tell you about other news that we think may be of interest to you and therefore some of this information may be classed as marketing communications. However, we won't share your data with those third parties for marketing purposes, so you won't receive emails from them unless you have given us specific consent to do so. And this will always be clear for you to see if we do offer this to you to consider.

If you are still happy to hear from us, then you don't need to do anything more – we will continue to keep in contact with you according to your preferences (by email, by post and/or by phone, as applicable).

Please take some time to read our privacy policy which is on our website, barnes-ca.org, which explains what data we collect, why we collect it, how we use it and other information relevant to the privacy of your data. If you would like to change your communication preferences, please email info@barnes-ca.org.

We'd love to keep in touch but if you no longer wish to hear from us then please email info@barnes-ca.org or click 'unsubscribe' in the footer of the emails we send.

The BCA is the Barnes Community Association, a charitable incorporated organisation, registered under number 1156379 whose address is Rose House, 70 Barnes High Street, London, SW13 9LD.

Stop press

For details of limited places on a Defibrillator Training course on Wednesday 20th June please contact Essex House Surgery, lucy.pascall@nhs.net.

Town Centre Manager news

Changes in our shopping areas

We are soon to welcome more restaurants to Barnes. Oka, the Asian fusion chain, is set to open at the former Monzil site on Church Road, and Côte Brasserie, a French restaurant, will soon open at the former Wildwood site on Station Road. Both restaurants inform me that they expect to be up and running in June in plenty of time for Barnes Fair. A new restaurant has already opened on the Castelnau Parade by Hammersmith Bridge. L'Olivo Italiano is an Italian restaurant run by a family which appears to own a number of other restaurants. The menu looks great and we wish them the best of luck.

A new café, No 40, has arrived in White Hart Lane recently, bringing more café society to this popular area of Barnes. We now have a plethora of fabulous coffee experiences in the area to choose from, each with its own particular personality. If you haven't been to White Hart Lane recently it's worth checking out!

Town Team project update

Congratulations to all our elected and re-elected councillors in Barnes and in Mortlake and Barnes Common wards. The Town Team's priority will be to build relationships with the new Liberal Democrat team, in particular the new Cabinet and our new Lib Dem councillor for Mortlake and Barnes Common, Alice Bridges-Westcott, whose support we will need to secure a future for our projects.

Crime

Crime in Barnes is on the increase and both businesses and residents are affected. I am doing what I can to tackle this problem, working closely with the police, our MP and the Council. Over the coming weeks we will be meeting to explore how we can better protect our homes and our businesses from criminals.

Community Roadwatch

With a new Lib Dem Council in place and 20mph on residential streets a key election pledge, we expect a borough-wide 20mph limit to be implemented in the near future.

In the meantime, residents concerned about excess speeding on Lonsdale Road, Nassau Road, Station Road and Madrid Road came forward last month to take part in a Community Roadwatch scheme, co-ordinated by the Police. They donned high-vis jackets and manned speed guns to pick up speeding traffic on our roads.

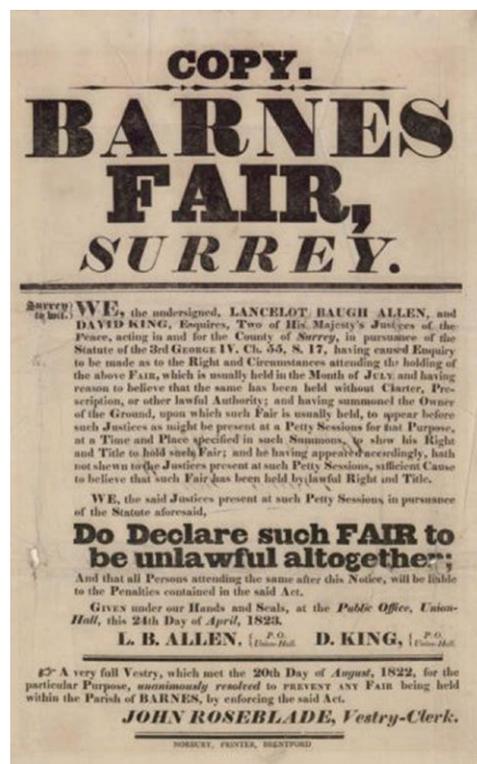
Emma Robinson,
Barnes Town Centre Manager

Barnes Fair banned!

This stern 1823 Public Notice, currently on display at Richmond Council's Orleans House Gallery in Twickenham, announces an unspecified penalty being imposed on the organisers of the 1822 Barnes Fair at a criminal hearing on 24th April 1823, for holding the fair without having obtained the proper consents.

It looks though as if there might be more behind the story. The second part of the Notice records that previously, on 22nd August 1822, the Barnes Vestry (the local parish administrators) had themselves determined to 'prevent any fair' after 1822 by a 'unanimous decision' made at a 'very full' meeting. We will probably never know whether this was just because the local grandees' feathers had been ruffled by not having been asked for permission to hold the fair, or whether something else had happened in connection with the 1822 fair which they were determined would not be repeated, but it was clearly a decision of considerable local interest.

Elizabeth Ford

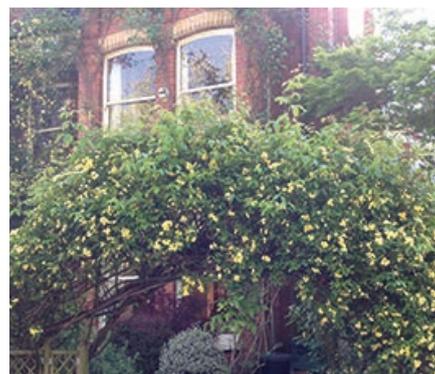


Barnes in Bloom

Ben's *Rosa Banksiae* is again the delight of The Crescent and a beautiful sight which I'm sure gives all who pass that way another thrilling reminder of the power of plants. It also shows us each spring how much our front gardens matter, not just as a joyful eyeful but as a haven for our insects and pollinators.

The BCA Front Garden Awards come along this month and the volunteer team will be knocking on your door if you are someone who has shown that you care about our local environment. There is also an opportunity this year to enter your frontage in the London in Bloom Awards, simply by sending in some photographs. You may already have seen that in the May issue of *Prospect* but if you need further details do contact nicki@barnes-ca.org.

Nicki Urquhart



Keeping Barnes Green clean

The BCA donated a litter-pick to Adam Barnsley, who has set up the Junior Barnes Litter Pickers. Recently, within an hour, Adam, together with his school friend Matt Edwards, filled a refuse bag with litter from around the pond. The boys, Year 6 pupils at Barnes Primary School, would love more youngsters to join them. If your children are interested please email barnespond@yahoo.co.uk.



Adam and Matt

Don't dump donations!

The BCA has received complaints about bags of goods being left outside local charity shops, particularly those in Barnes High Street. Please deliver your donations when the shop is open – do not leave bags on the pavement where they can be rained on or ripped open by foxes. This makes the contributions worthless and they have to be destroyed.

Barnes Choir does jazz

Barnes Choir's summer concert this year, on Saturday 23rd June, is entirely given over to jazz. The earliest piece, from the 1920s, is Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande*, a setting of a fantastical poem by Sacheverell Sitwell. Like Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and Ravel's *Piano Concerto in G*, it is a seminal work of 'symphonic jazz'.

Then there will be Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story Choral Suite*, a piano and choir arrangement of some beautiful and familiar melodies from the 1950s Broadway hit, including *Something's Coming*; *Tonight*; *Maria*; *One Hand One Heart*; *I Feel Pretty*; *America* and *Somewhere*.

A more recent work will be *Feel the Spirit*, a cycle of spirituals arranged for chorus, mezzo-soprano soloist and orchestra by the highly successful contemporary composer of choral music, Englishman John Rutter. It was premièred in 2001 at Carnegie Hall in New York.

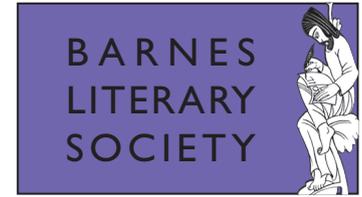
Finally, the choir will sing Bob Chilcott's *A Little Jazz Mass*, an original and effective concert setting of the Latin *Missa brevis* in which the various movements embrace a variety of jazz styles. It was first performed in New Orleans in 2004. Bob Chilcott, a former tenor in The King's Singers, is another most active British composer and choral conductor.

The concert is at 7.30pm in All Saints Church, East Sheen Avenue, SW14 8AX. Tickets: £15 (£10 concessions), children under 12 free, available from 07793 199 546, tickets@barneschoir.org.uk or on the door.

John Greenwood



From the film *West Side Story*



Social Summer Soirée

Monday 11th June 7-9pm

Barnes Green Centre

The final event in the Barnes Literary Society's very successful 2017/2018 season is a Social Summer Soirée with Philip Collins, journalist, leader writer and columnist for *The Times* and author of *The Times Book of the Year, When They Go Low, We Go High: Speeches that shape the world - and why we need them*.

Tickets, £25 (available to both members and non-members) include a welcome glass of wine, dinner and pudding and are available from Louise Carr, 07966 037 077. Tickets are going fast so don't delay.



Best Paw Forward

Barnes Best Paw Forward is making a comeback. The popular sponsored dog walk in aid of Cancer Research UK is being held on Saturday 30th June.

The 5km loop walk will start and finish at the Coach and Horses in the High Street with Top Dog prizes awarded to the biggest fundraiser and best fancy dress after everyone has completed the walk.

In the lead-up owners and their furry friends are asked to get sponsorship and fundraise for Cancer Research UK and on the day, dogs and their humans will take over Barnes, literally walking all over cancer. Everyone is welcome to come along and take part in this lovely family event with the emphasis on our canine friends and their hard-earned sponsorship and donations to help beat cancer sooner. Cancer is sadly a disease that affects everyone in some way, shape or form. Barnes Best Paw Forward is a chance to spend a few hours with family, friends and your beloved pooch in the great outdoors whilst raising essential funds for research into all 200-plus cancers.

Visit cruk.org/woofbarnes to sign up your dog and for more information email laura.megatli@cancer.org.uk, or visit Facebook - Barnes Best Paw Forward.

Wildlife monitoring

Now that the colder months are finally behind us, and the (hopefully) warmer months are ahead, signs of life are everywhere. It is this time of year that the Friends of Barnes Common like to see and record what wildlife there is on the Common. Surveys and transects (a sample strip of land for monitoring) play a key role for the Common. They provide information about what is there and how it is changing from year to year, and why that might be. It's also a lot easier to protect and help something when you know that it's there. The weekly butterfly transect is now in its third year and headed up by Karen from Butterfly Conservation.

At the end of May regular dragonfly and damselfly transects also began. A lot of the survey work could not happen without help from volunteers. It's a great way to improve your identification skills, so if you're interested in spotting banded demoiselles and red-veined darters, please do get in touch. If you're already a keen naturalist using the Common, it would be great to hear about any recent sightings, so that they can be added to an ever increasing list. Please contact Will, manager@barnescommon.org.uk.

Oak Processionary Moth

As we approach summer, the larvae of the Oak Processionary Moth (OPM) may become visible on the numerous oak trees around the Common. These caterpillars can affect both the health of the tree as well as people and animals, if they come into contact with them. The Common, as part of a London-wide control attempt, has had its oak trees treated to try and control OPM. This will be followed by a survey in late summer. Please do be very careful and vigilant around any oak trees and should you see nests or caterpillars near ground level, do not approach or touch them, as the hairs of the nests and caterpillars can cause skin irritations. Any near ground level sightings can be reported to Will.



Male banded demoiselle
courtesy Andrew Wilson

Donation to a worthy cause

Each year, Barnes Community Players make a donation from the proceeds of their productions to various national or local good causes. They have donated over £50,000 since 2000. This year, their donation was in support of those suffering from Alzheimer's disease and the many people helping to support them. At their Annual General Meeting the BCP Chairman presented a cheque for £1,000 to Tanya Williams, the Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Support Manager for Richmond, who received the cheque with thanks.



Rodger Hayward Smith and Tanya Williams
Photo courtesy of Rishi Rai

Next year, Barnes Community Players intend to support two local causes in Barnes – the Castelnau Community Centre in Stillingfleet Road and the Guide Hall in Washington Road, which needs repair.

BCP are always delighted to welcome new members either to act or help in numerous other ways in the production of their three shows a year either at Kitson Hall or the OSO. No previous experience is necessary. The aim is for all to have fun and to give enjoyment to others – and all in support of good causes. If you would like to join, email barnescommunityplayers@gmail.com.



There is still time to visit barnescommunityplayers.co.uk for tickets to *Oh what a lovely war* at Kitson Hall from Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th June at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinée at 3pm.

Rodger Hayward Smith, BCP Chairman



June events at the OSO



The Opposite Sex: Monday 4th-Saturday 9th June, 8pm

This raucous comedy uncovers marital infidelity between two warring couples during a chaotic dinner party – it isn't long before the air is thick with insults, black eyes and broken china!

ERISEID (About Strife): Monday 11th June, 8pm

Eoin feels wronged when his long-term partner is excluded from a family wedding back home in Ireland. Eoin refuses to give in to their demands and begins his hunt for the most queer, inappropriate, disruptive plus-one possible.

Dispatches: Scratch writing: Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th June, 8pm

On Tuesday the OSO hosts a second scratch writing night with short pieces of new writing. On Wednesday there will be a rehearsed reading of *The Angel Rails*. This new play is currently being developed by the team behind *The Cavalry Behind You*, performed last year at the OSO, before transferring for a full run at The King's Head Theatre in Islington.

Party: Thursday 28th-Saturday 30th June, 8pm

A politically confused, perceptive and stingingly hilarious piece about how clueless we can all be about society, politics and birthdays. From the team that brought you the OSO pantomime, *Punk Rock* and *Sealed* comes *Party*, a political satire packed with sincerity.

Barnes Fringe Festival: 1st-14th July. Tickets are now on sale for this year's Fringe boasting headliners James Acaster, Gyles Brandreth and Roger McGough, as well as double-bills of top comedians, plus a weekend of plays.

Further information and tickets for all events from oso.org.uk, 8876 9885 or the OSO booking office.

Centenary Celebration Fair

The South West London branches of the Women's Institute (15 of them including Barnes) are joining forces on Saturday 9th June to hold a fantastic fair to celebrate the centenary of the Surrey Federation to which they belong and to showcase all that the WI offers.

Open to everyone, entry to the Fair is free and promises to be an amazing day with a variety of stalls, a chance to enjoy retro games, drop-in workshops, coffee and light lunches, a bar and, weather permitting, a barbecue, plus, of course, a supply of delicious homemade cakes!

The Fair will be an opportunity for a great family day out; children are welcome and can enjoy face painting and games. For a small fee, WI members will also offer workshops on screen-printing, making biodegradable glitter and various arts and crafts. An array of stalls will offer plants, books, jewellery, crafts, homemade baby clothes, as well as a raffle, a tombola and a cake competition. Entertainment will include the FISH Scales choir, the Balhamonics pop and rock group, Petite Performers and a tai chi demonstration.



It will be held from 11am-3.30pm at the Barnes Green Centre, an idyllic venue in the heart of Barnes. Do spread the word and go along to help them celebrate their 100th birthday!



Reader's letter:

Dear BCA

Andrew Wilson is not the only one who is 'wild about Barnes' – my wife Valerie and I are too and have been for years.

We had the most wonderful early May bank holiday walking along the river and wanted to share this image of Barnes Beach – well, it was 28C!

We are very lucky to live in Barnes and thanks to the BCA and so many other wonderful organisations here it just seems to keep getting better. Thank you all.

With many thanks

Martyn Wheatley

(On behalf of the BCA, thank you for your kind words – Ed)



Popular art therapy programme to continue

FiSH Neighbourhood Care is stepping in with funding to enable the popular art workshops delivered by Picassos in the Park to carry on in Barnes. The workshops, which are open to people living with early stage dementia and their carers, will now continue this summer and offer participants a chance to be creative together.

Classes run on Tuesdays from 1.30pm to 3.30pm from 5th June to 17th July at the OSO Arts Centre. To find out more or book a place, please contact Liz, 8878 8100, liz@fishhelp.org.uk.

Local artistic talent on show



Art House Open Studios Festival is Richmond's annual art extravaganza, celebrating the vast wealth of creative talent living and working in the borough. Over 70 artists and craftspeople will open their homes, galleries and studios to the public over two weekends, Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th June and Friday 29th June to Sunday 1st July. For details of local venues visit richmond.gov.uk/arthouse_open_studios and artsrichmond.org.uk.

A group exhibition at the Riverside Gallery, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Avenue, Richmond, TW9 1TP until Saturday 28th July, showcases a selection of work from this year's artists, offering a taster of the diverse range of crafts including paintings, photography, jewellery, ceramics and digital art to be experienced during Art House Open Studios Festival.

Stroke Awareness day



The Stroke Association welcomes all Barnes residents to a Stroke Awareness day on Wednesday 27th June when the Castelnau Community Centre (CCC) will host the UK's leading stroke charity, offering an opportunity for locals to learn more about strokes and their prevention.

The Stroke Association delivers stroke services across the UK, campaigns for better care, invests in research and fundraises to reach as many stroke survivors as possible. So pop along to Stillingfleet Road between 9am and 4pm for the chance to get your blood pressure taken, chat to a local coordinator and hear the experience and recovery journey of a stroke survivor.

For more information contact Abbey, londonevents@stroke.org.uk, 7940 1344 or Sarah and Simon at CCC, 8741 0909/6526.



Traffic stoppers! Photo courtesy of Ann MacMillan

Olive tree from Karavan Yard

Karavan Yard was a tranquil haven in Barnes providing respite from a busy day in the lovely coffee shop or browsing in the inspirational Swedish interiors shop which gave the courtyard its name. The shop, café and artist's studio are now gone but the beautiful olive tree in the centre of the courtyard, which contributed hugely to the peace and tranquillity, has been saved from destruction. Photographer Cythare Cooper, whose father, stained glass artist Eric Cooper, worked in his studio in the courtyard for over twenty years, arranged for the tree to be transported to a new home. Her picture captures the beginning of its dramatic journey.



Photo © cythare@cythare.com

Hammersmith Bridge update

Strengthening and refurbishment project: Following testing, surveys and inspections, no immediate concerns were raised on the bridge's condition, except the usual wear and tear through time. The consultants appointed by Hammersmith and Fulham Council, are currently analysing the field data and preparing models of the bridge to undertake load assessment and it is expected that a draft feasibility study will be available in August.

Interim repairs on the carriageway surface: Ongoing monitoring and safety inspections are in progress and no immediate works are planned; however, monitoring has indicated that several deck panels show signs of failure and will need to be replaced. This work is planned for August and exact dates and duration of the works, together with traffic management proposals, will be announced closer to the time.

Activity on the river

There are several events coming up over the summer on 'our' stretch of the Thames.

In rowing, the Barnes and Mortlake Regatta is on Saturday 16th June and on the same day stand-up-paddleboarders will take to the river for the 40tude London SUP Marathon from Teddington to Putney starting at 4.30pm.

There is also the Great River Race on 8th September to look forward to when over 300 boats of all different types make their way from London docklands to Ham.

Further information can be found on the following websites: britishrowing.org; pla.co.uk/Events and greatriverrace.co.uk.

Get the sleep you deserve

Join nutritionist Deborah McTaggart of Barnes Chiropractic Healthcare to discover how to work best with your body clock, how nutrition and exercise impacts sleep, how sleep impacts weight and key strategies for improving sleep so you can have more energy in your day. The talk is at Rose House, Barnes High Street on Saturday 30th June at 10am. To express interest email hello@deborahmctaggart.com.

Wildflowers and migrants

At this time of year one of the most popular summer migrants, the sand martins, can be seen swooping over the lakes as they hunt for insects. Grab your binoculars and look up at the sky to see if you can spot their aerial acrobatics. There's plenty to see down at ground level too. Take some time to look at the gorgeous wildflowers that grow at London Wetland Centre.

Orchids are among the most beautiful of the wildflower species in the UK and summer is one of the best times to see them in their full colours. Keep an eye out for the striking Bee Orchid, one of the most distinctive of the wild orchids as its flowers resemble the body of a bumblebee. The Common Spotted-orchid will likely also make an appearance. Its flowers can vary in colour from deep to light pink but what distinguishes this orchid are the characteristic darker pink/purple dashes and lines on their three-lobed lips. Other beauties you might see on site include Pyramidal Orchids and the Southern Marsh-orchids.

The perfect opportunity to be on the lookout for these stunning flowers, and other summer specialties on the reserve, is during the Summer Drawing Workshop on Sunday 10th June. The day will include an introduction to drawing materials and basic techniques, with particular focus on the summer's colourful foliage, as well as mesmerising water and seasonal birds. The course is suitable for ages 16 and over and all materials will be provided.

There is also an opportunity to attend one of the centre's regular Wildlife Photography courses on Saturday 16th June. Suitable for users of all types of camera, the content will be tailored according to the needs of those attending – get in touch for full details.

For more information on all Wetland Centre events, prices or to book please call 8409 4400 or email info.london@wwt.org.uk.

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Local charity, the OSO Arts Centre, is looking for a new cook and café manager. The job includes planning, cooking and serving daily menus, ordering food and supplies within the budget and day-to-day supervision of staff. The ideal candidate will have a solid background in the preparation of café style food, a flair for presentation, be passionate about the local community, have great customer service and contribute to the Arts Centre as a whole. Part-time hours, mainly Monday to Friday mornings.

For more information and to apply please send your CV to the Arts Centre Manager, lisa@osoarts.org.uk.



The striking bee orchid is well worth the search to locate one ... or even more

Rat infestation

Barnes is suffering from an unprecedented epidemic of rats, which is very disturbing not only for people witnessing them first hand, but especially for the proprietors of food outlets.

There are several initiatives underway with the backing of the BCA to reduce waste creation and to improve the management of rubbish. For example, demanding that waste producers, especially food waste producers, improve waste management by decreasing their production and by ensuring that bins are kept closed and locked between collections; increasing the frequency of collections; organising local clean-up groups to make our streets and back alleys litter-free.

Rats exist naturally on Barnes Common and other surrounding green areas. They also exist in London's sewers and have done for hundreds of years. They stray from these environs only when ample alternative food supplies are made available to them by the irresponsible behaviour of some commercial and domestic waste producers who allow rubbish to proliferate in open bins or leave food waste boxes out before collection day.

It is in all our interests to ensure that once this epidemic has been dealt with it is never allowed to happen again. We can do this by simply taking more care over the production and management of our waste. As well as ensuring domestic and commercial rubbish is put out for collection in closed bins, if you are picnicking take your rubbish home if there is no room inside the bin – please do not just leave it next to a full bin.

Efforts to tackle the rat problem are being ably supported by the sterling efforts of Councillor Rita Palmer, who is championing this initiative with the Council's Health and Environment and Street Scene teams. If you see evidence of rats do contact her, cldr.ritapalmer@richmond.gov.uk.

Ron Hicks

Italian classes

There are still places available in some of the Italian courses at Rose House on Thursdays. For information on the course for advanced beginners (level A1/A2) at 12.45pm and more advanced courses at 2.45pm, 4.45pm and 6.30pm please contact Angela, angelabuffoni@yahoo.co.uk.



FiSH Open Gardens

Sunday 17th June

This year, the popular Open Gardens event organised by FiSH Neighbourhood Care returns to Barnes. As always there will be a variety of wonderful gardens to delight and inspire, delicious teas and also a Pimm's tent! Tickets cost £10 and are available from the FiSH Office at the Barnes Green Centre or online from fishopengardens2018.eventbrite.co.uk.

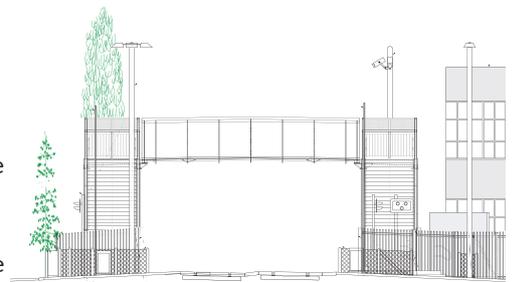


White Hart Lane footbridge

Network Rail is committed to building a new footbridge over the railway at White Hart Lane but it still has to be agreed by the newly elected Council. The planning proposal received overwhelming support from local residents with just a few people directly affected objecting. As one said "I do not want to look out onto a charmless steel structure at the front of my house".

In its submission, the BCA Environment Committee said that, while understanding the need for a footbridge, it would like to see Network Rail coming up with a more acceptable proposal. "The footbridge will be there for many years so more attention should be given to design. The bridge would also have to be illuminated to be safe during the winter months and evenings and this would have a detrimental effect on the nearby houses. In addition a steel construction would also create high level of noise to neighbouring properties. We also would like to remind the officers that the location of the bridge borders a conservation area (which is planned to be extended) so a more aesthetic design is needed."

How will it look compared with the two existing footbridges between White Hart Lane and Mortlake station? The airy metal Japanese-looking one? The rather solid brick further on? Or the original luxury version at Mortlake station itself?



West elevation of proposed footbridge



Barnes Philosophy Club

Barnes Philosophy Club, which has been flourishing since its origin at the end of 2010, recently applied for affiliation to the Royal Institute of Philosophy (RIP) and is thrilled that its application has been successful!

Apparently this is only the second club of this type to have secured affiliation. What this means in practical terms is that the club will receive funding towards the costs of external speakers. It also means that you will see the RIP logo on messages, posters and so on. Do visit royalinstitutephilosophy.org which has a lot of interesting information, and consider subscribing to their journal *Think: Philosophy for everyone*.

Thanks for help and support are due to Dr Yasemin J Erden who prompted and steered the application for affiliation, and also to those who have supported the club by attending meetings and being interested in philosophy – a place where we dare, in principle, to talk about our biases and prejudices in a desire to understand something. One of the factors in the success of the application is the size and strength of the membership. Barnes Philosophy Club has about 280 names on its mailing list, and over 50 people turn up to most sessions.

The next talk, *The promise and challenge of feminist epistemology*, at the Bull's Head on Tuesday 12th June, 7.30-9pm, will be given by Billy Holzberg. The programme for the 2018/2019 season, *Utopias and other jazzy philosophies*, is available, together with further information, from barbara.benson.underwood@gmail.com.

Barbara Underwood, Chair



At the Societies & Volunteers Open Day

The sky's the limit



During the Easter holidays a group of young film-makers travelled through space and time to put together an ambitious sci-fi movie.

Fifteen children aged between 8 and 14 shot *Last Contact* at various locations around Barnes including the OSO, Barnes Common and Dukes Meadows as part of Barnes Film Academy workshop.

Sam Cullis, course founder and Head of Media at the Harrodian School said "Sci-Fi is an incredibly popular genre of film at the moment, but shooting it during the



day on a limited budget proved Barnes Film Academy's biggest challenge to date. I was amazed by how quickly the students took to the project and how dedicated they were to achieving a continuity of style and learning how to use special effects in post-production. It was an exhausting week, but the results were well worth all the hard work."

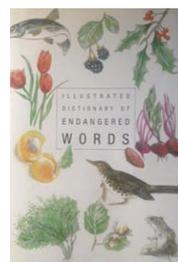
The film was screened in May to great acclaim on the Olympic cinema's brand new third screen!

Visit barnesfilmacademy.com for details of future film-making workshops.

Lost for words

Have you ever wondered what happens to the words which are dropped forever from dictionaries?

Debra Thompson, artist, bookmaker and erstwhile resident of Sheen was so concerned to see words such as leopard, apricot, holly and blacksmith erased recently from the Oxford Junior Dictionary that she pinned them down, along with over eighty other 'lost' words from the dictionary, in her beautiful self-published *Illustrated Dictionary of Endangered Words*. The book has already been bought by the British Library and you can find it, with its accompanying wall poster, and other illustrated books by Debra on her stall at the Collectables Market at Rose House on Saturday 16th June. Visitors are welcome from 10am and refreshments are served all day.



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Tuesday Talks

Barnes Green Centre

Coffee from 10.30am; Talk at 11am (40 mins)

Everyone welcome!



- 5th June** Emma Townsend: *Kew in summer - the Temperate House reopens!*
- 12th June** Isobel Williams: *The unveiling of Antarctica*
- 19th June** Jane Short: *Pop Goes the Weasel - a story of London's City Road and the people who worked and lived there*
- 26th June** King's College School
- 3rd July** Dame Mary Peters: *Special memories of a life well lived*
- 10th July** Jo Lindsey: *Rwanda, land of 1,000 hills and no plastic bags*

Friday Lunchtime Concerts

St Michael's Community Centre, Barnes, 12.30-1.30pm

Light lunch with musical entertainment

- 1st June** Jeremy Collis & Peter Morgan: piano & trumpet
- 6th July** Christabel Gairdner: piano *Spanish Romance*

Suggested donation of £5 to cover lunch costs.

DIARY

June

Tues 5th to Sat 9th

Barnes Community Players: *Oh what a lovely war*, Kitson Hall, 7.30pm, plus Sat matinée, 3pm. See p6

Sat 9th

Women's Institute Centenary Fair, Barnes Green Centre, 11am-3.30pm. See p6

Mon 11th

Barnes Literary Society: Social Summer Soirée, Barnes Green Centre, 7-9pm. See p5

Tues 12th

Barnes Philosophy Club: *The promise and the challenge of Feminist Epistemology*, Bull's Head, Barnes, 7.30-9pm. Further information from barbara.benson.underwood@gmail.com. See p9

Sat 16th

Collectables Market, 10am, Rose House. A lovely mixture of stalls: glass, china, jewellery, cards, books. Fresh coffee and home-made cakes served all day. Further details from 8878 2359

Sun 17th

Barnes Open Gardens in aid of FiSH. See p8

Fri 22nd to Sun 24th

Art House Open Studios throughout the borough. See p7

Sat 23rd

Creative Jewellers Market, Rose House, 11am-5pm. Handmade jewellery direct from local designers and makers

Barnes Choir summer jazz concert, All Saints Church, East Sheen, 7.30pm. See p5

Wed 27th

Stroke Awareness Day, Castelnau Community Centre, 10am-4pm. See p7

Fri 29th to Sun 1st July

Art House Open Studios throughout the borough. See p7

Sat 30th

Nutritionist Deborah McTaggart talks about sleep, Rose House, 10am. See p7

Best Paw Forward sponsored dog walk in aid of Cancer Research. See p5

July

Tues 3rd

An evening with Dame Mary Peters, OSO Arts Centre, 8pm. See p12

Sat 14th

BCA BARNES FAIR, 9.30am-5.30pm

Regular Events

We regret that we have found it necessary to leave Regular Events out of this month's *Prospect* as we had so many interesting articles and exciting events to tell you about. Please refer instead to the May issue or the BCA website, barnes-ca.org.

Regular Events will be back in July!

What is a Men's Shed?

According to the Men's Shed Association 'Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder'.

A Men's Shed is a bit like a shed at the end of a garden. Some of the activities are the same, but the space is often bigger and for the benefit of a community of local men. The UK Men's Sheds Association promotes Men's Sheds and helps them develop and grow for the improvement of men's wellbeing. When men come together to connect, converse and create, they stay healthier for longer, both mentally and physically.

The concept began in the southern hemisphere and there are some 1,200 in Australia and New Zealand. They came to the UK six or seven years ago and now there are about 250 all over the country. The BCA would like to set one up here in Barnes and has received notification from Richmond Council that an application for funding, submitted in partnership with FiSH and the Castelnau Community Centre, has been successful. Talks are in progress with WWT and it is hoped that by the autumn a Men's Shed will be sited in the carpark at the London Wetland Centre. The funding already secured, through LBRuT's Village Planning Fund, should cover the cost of the shed, and some tools have already been donated. We may be able to buy a ready-made shed, but if it has to be custom-made a competition for architecture students has been suggested.

Tim Tempest from the Sherwood Men's Shed told BCA members attending the recent AGM a little about their shed in Tunbridge Wells which started two years ago. They welcome people (including one or two women) of all abilities who share the knowledge, tools and resources needed to work on community projects in a safe, friendly and inclusive environment. They have made planters for local businesses, nesting boxes, bug hotels, boot jacks and bottle carriers. But the most important aspect has been the camaraderie engendered amongst people who were lonely, perhaps recently retired, out of work, looking for a new challenge or just wanting to share their skills with others.

Look out for more information on this exciting project in *Prospect* in the coming months!

Gill Spillane



An Evening with Dame Mary Peters

Introduced by Vassos Alexander

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