



## Abba-solutely fabulous fashion

There was an up-to-the-minute opening act for the Barnes Charity Fashion Show this year supported once again by the BCA and St Mary's Barnes – the FABBAGIRLS, an Abba tribute act who previously have sold out the Royal Albert Hall. Abba was further referenced in the stunning show by Caroline de la Drapière when the models wearing facemasks of Royals and Theresa May and hats by milliner, Anne Gretton, at a Buckingham Palace garden party came onstage to the lyrics of *Dancing Queen*.



Photograph courtesy of Cythare.com

The children who modelled for Milliemanu, women's and children's wear, were highly engaging as always, with particular mention of the young breakdancing model.

New this year were Clifford Studio models, who demonstrated some of the movements they teach in the clothing they sell, showing that anyone can enjoy exercise!

This year's new compère, Joe Fattorini, turned his expertise from that of a television wine critic on Channel 5 to a fashion presenter with consummate ease. He was very enjoyable and

self-deprecating when he said he had moved to Barnes a month ago and hadn't envisaged "auditioning in front of 250 prosecco-fuelled residents!"

The audience of the Thursday show was treated to an extra-special appearance by current *Strictly Come Dancing* contestant, BBC newsreader and Barnes resident, Kate Silverton, who had come straight from training for the samba. She was most enthusiastic about *Strictly* as well as Barnes, speaking warmly and eloquently about both.

In the after-show party in Kitson Hall, there was a new retailer among the pop-up shops, Barnes Nineteen, the new independent optician in the High Street.

All this endeavour is to benefit three local charities: Friends of St Mary's, Barnes, the church in which the show was held; Regenerate, a charity working with young people to help them realise their potential; and Glass Door, a charity that supports homeless people and partners with the Barnes Methodist Church in providing winter shelter.

Acknowledging the work of Knight Frank who have been the main sponsor for eight years, the show ended with grateful thanks to the many loyal volunteers, Barnes boutiques, the fabulous models, Lisa Mac for her continuing stunning choreography, Eddie Hartley for his stage engineering skills and finally, Isobel Woolfe, chair of the Fashion Show committee.

*Becky and Frances Butler*



**BARNES**  
CHARITY FASHION SHOW



## Christmas Festival

### Barnes Christmas Festival



Wander along Church Road or Barnes High Street on Friday 7th December (between 3pm and 8pm) and you'll be sure to enjoy some Christmas spirit! You may meet Father Christmas on his way to the Castelnau Centre or OSO Arts Centre: you'll certainly hear festive music from local choirs, St Mary's Handbell Ringers and Barnes Concert Band. And you'll be able to enjoy some Christmas shopping at our local shops, most of which will be staying open until late. This year, the BCA has joined forces with OSO to organise a Christmas Fair which will take place inside and outside OSO on Barnes Green – there will be a great selection of original gifts to buy as well as mulled wine and a traditional BBQ to enjoy as you browse.



### Website Help!

Can you help us re-design the BCA's website? We know that communication matters and we want to make sure that our website is the best it can be. We are planning an overhaul of our site next year – [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org) – and are looking for a volunteer to advise us on this exciting project and help us take it forward. We would also like some social media help.

If you have the skills we need and could give us some of your time, please do get in touch and we will tell you more; email to [membership@barnes-ca.org](mailto:membership@barnes-ca.org). Thank you very much.

## Prospect deadlines

The next issue of *Prospect* is a combined December/January edition that will be delivered commercially to all homes in Barnes and will include information on events in both months. Please note that **all copy, Diary entries and Adverts** must reach the BCA, [info@barnes-ca.org](mailto:info@barnes-ca.org), by Saturday 10th November, latest.



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Dear All

I cannot believe how quickly time is passing this year! It's hard to believe that not only are we finalising plans for the BCA Barnes Christmas Festival, the BCA Christmas Lunch and the BCA Turkey Run, but we are also starting work on the programme of events for 2019. This forthcoming year will mark the 45th anniversary of the founding of the BCA – our Sapphire Anniversary! It's wonderful to think how much Barnes has grown and flourished with many thanks to all of the lovely volunteers that have put in their time and effort over the years. We have some very exciting plans for upcoming community events that we can't wait to reveal in the New Year.

As you will have read in last month's *Prospect*, we have officially signed the lease for the site of the Barnes Men's Shed at the WWT London Wetland Centre. Currently, we are moving forward with the planning permissions process, with tenders for the supply and installation of the shed itself. We will continue to publish updates as they come and to share the final plans with you in the New Year. For those who would like to offer a donation of tools, we will start to collect these donations starting in Spring 2019, when we have the proper storage ready. For anyone who would like to contribute to The Men's Shed project fund, please visit our JustGiving page: [justgiving.com/fundraising/barnesmensshed](http://justgiving.com/fundraising/barnesmensshed).

On Saturday 6th of October we held the annual BCA Jumble Sale. I want to personally thank all the volunteers who worked on this project and made it such a success. The total amount raised this year was over £7,300 – a magnificent effort!

Once again, the Barnes Charity Fashion Show put on a fantastic two-day sold out event on the 10th and 11th of October at St Mary's Church with an amazing turnout.

Lastly, I'd like to remind everyone that Barnes High Street has been shortlisted for the national Great British High Street Awards. Please make sure to show your support on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram.

I'd like to thank the Barnes community for their continued support for the BCA and we will see you all at the holiday events within the coming months!

Sincerely



Steven Mindel, BCA Chairman

## The joy of giving

Maja Bebbler, a German *au pair* living in Barnes, who visited the recent BCA Jumble Sale at Kitson Hall sent *Prospect* an account of her experiences.



# Grand Jumble Sale

"What makes the Jumble Sale so popular? Which faces bring it to life and which stories are waiting to be written about? I had the pleasure to meet the people who are part of the yearly event that supports local charities.

At the heart of the event are the vivacious and jubilant people – all of them are volunteers, and that brings a different atmosphere to the whole place. They get together, are able to meet and to work with old friends and know each other well. That's why they get along and find joy in helping and sharing kindness. Additionally, everyone has an interesting story to tell – about themselves, the event and the things they sell – and it's all for a good cause. Being sold are clothes, books, electric items, furniture and so much more. Furthermore, even vintage or extremely precious, exquisite items are hidden between the ordinary things – hence it's worth taking a closer look. Where do the items come from? Local people donate unwanted things from their homes and the money raised goes to local schools and charities. Throughout the day the Guides made sure everyone is refreshed by serving sandwiches, tea and coffee. Friday night the so-called dealers come to pick up goods they can sell on.

At the end of the day, the event is dedicated to anyone – no matter what age – who could spend hours looking for little treasures. However, most of the volunteers are retired older people, therefore young blood is needed more than ever. If you have an eye for details, a motivated spirit, a kind heart and want to give back – this is for you. Everyone's help is needed and appreciated, it's always worth it. So help and never lose sight of what really matters – the joy of giving."



Volunteers serve happy customers.

## Barnes in Bloom



The judges for the Richmond in Bloom Village Competition loved our front gardens as Steven and I walked them around Barnes, showing off our best bits in the annual bid to win the Richmond Trophy. Alas, it was not to be this year, but at the award ceremony on 25th September Barnes received Gold and a wonderful citation for the

efforts made by Barnes Waterside, Lowther School's Allotment with several glamorous chickens, Castelnu Community Centre's Writers' Garden in the making and our lovely Pond and Green at the heart of the village.

Individual entries from Handel and Holst Mansions won Gold for their beautiful gardens on the riverside which are open to view as you walk long the towpath. The efforts of residents, working with their contractor to keep the gardens colourful without any watering system in place, were nothing less than heroic this year. Harrods Village won Silver Gilt and John Dee House Mortlake, a Silver. Some of the balconies there are a joy to see but not everyone is taking part, which is a pity. Our beloved St Mary's Church also raised a Silver, which I know was a disappointment to Rosie and probably all who work on the garden team.

We will soon be into bulb planting again and our Bloom sponsor, Laurent Residential, is providing several more sacks of colour for Rocks Lane and the corners around the Castelnu Estate. The BCA will, under the Green Keeper's direction, be planting more colour also but Russell recently suggested leaving it quite late this year in order to let the ground soften from some longed-for rainfall. We will both be needing people eventually for these plantings and some dates will follow in due course when offers of help would be gratefully received.

To all those gardeners who received a front garden award this year, thank you again – you brighten our lives and impress our visitors.

## LAURENT

RESIDENTIAL



Nicki accepts the Gold award for Barnes from the Mayor, Councillor Ben Khosa

# Town Centre Manager news

## The Great British High Street judges came to Barnes

You will have heard the great news that Barnes has been shortlisted in the Government-backed Great British High Street competition. Thank you to everyone who supported us by voting with the hashtags - and apologies to those who wanted to vote but couldn't as they don't use social media.

We entered the competition on the basis of our business plan for the coming year to help all our local retailers compete in today's digital market. Through our partnership with SavetheHighStreet we are helping businesses to create a digital transformation plan that is unique to them and supporting them to deliver it. The judges seemed to be impressed with what they saw and excited by our plan, so fingers crossed they pick us!

## Town team project update

Despite the atrocious weather the Town Team were out in force at the beginning of October to celebrate five years since the Big Barnes Ponder. Many of you remember the Big Barnes Ponder event of October 2013 which brought hundreds of residents from across the community together to share their ideas for the future of Barnes. Whilst there weren't so many people about in the rain this time, those that were wanted to hear about our plans for improvement to transport locally, including our campaign to address the congestion on the High Street and the 20mph campaign (see article below), as well as plans for the green walkway and for improvements to Suffolk Road.



## Supporting the High Street through Barnes Artists

Art from Barnes Artists will be on display and for sale in a shop window near you from 19th November to 2nd December. Look out for the pink logos in shop windows! Over 16 artists living in Barnes will be showing their work in an Art Trail from the top of

Church Road down to White Hart Lane. Barnes Artists have partnered up with over 25 Barnes shops and cafés to bring more awareness for the large artistic community in Barnes. You can also pop into St Michael's Church for the Barnes Art Fair from 15th to 17th November where there will be a wider display of local art. This is a fundraising event for St Michael's Church as well as designated charities SPEAR and the linked Diocese of Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. Submissions for a Pet Portrait Show at the Brown Dog are now open for a fun community event from 29th November to 2nd December.

Follow the Town Team on social media: Facebook @BarnesTownTeam, Instagram and Twitter @TCMBarnes.



Jane from Sun Inn Flowers with the Great British High Street Judges



Emma and Raphael from the Environment Group celebrating five years of the Ponder

Emma Robinson, Barnes Town Centre Manager

## Twenty's plenty

Following trials in various parts of the borough, including roads in North Barnes, Richmond Council is proposing to reduce the speed limit on all roads to 20mph (except the A316 and the A205 which are under Transport for London red route control). Slower speed limits across Barnes is something that the Town Team has been pushing for a number of years to make Barnes' streets more appealing to pedestrians and cyclists and safer for everyone.



Leaflets outlining the many benefits of the scheme have been delivered to residents, who have until Friday 21st December to register their comments by visiting [richmond.gov.uk/20mph](http://richmond.gov.uk/20mph) and following the link to complete the survey. A limited number of paper copies are available in local libraries, by calling 8487 5296 and at Community Conversation Events which have been organised throughout the borough. The nearest one for Barnes residents is at the Mortlake Scout Group Hut, Alder Road, SW14 8ER on Wednesday 12th December at 6.30pm.

This is your chance to have your say. All consultation responses will be fed into a report available on the Council's website in 2019.



## Christmas Lunch

The BCA will be organising a traditional Christmas Day Lunch at the Age UK Barnes Green Centre on Christmas Day to ensure that no one needs to be alone on the day. If you would like to join the festivities, either as a guest or a volunteer then you would be very welcome. Please contact Julia on 8878 2359 or by email at [info@barnes-ca.org](mailto:info@barnes-ca.org).

## Public consultation on the future of Barnes Hospital

A recent open day at Barnes Hospital offered an opportunity to view displays on the possible redevelopment of the site. The South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust is committed to taking community feedback into consideration before the plans progress any further and all the information on display is also available on [swlstg.nhs.uk/documents/related-documents/about-us/estate-modernisation/515-barnes-exhibition-boards/file](http://swlstg.nhs.uk/documents/related-documents/about-us/estate-modernisation/515-barnes-exhibition-boards/file).

The plans include a mix of private and affordable homes, all with open space, either balconies or gardens, and parking. A total of 76 homes, including 64 apartments, featuring a mix of one, two and three bed units, and 12 terraced four-bedroom houses is proposed. A modern healthcare facility will enable the Trust to continue providing excellent mental healthcare outpatient services and improve patient experience, moving away from the current buildings, which are outdated and unsuitable for modernisation.

## Charity Christmas card pop-up in Barnes now open!

The festive season got underway in Barnes when the Cards for Good Causes charity Christmas card shop opened its doors at Barnes Methodist Church on Friday 26th October. Come to our Shop Reception on Friday November 2nd for coffee and mince pies at 12 noon.

Buying Christmas cards through Cards for Good Causes is the best way to get access to the widest selection of Christmas cards available and a fantastic range of brand new and exciting seasonal gifts and products this year while supporting a range of national and local charities.

Staffed by a team of local volunteers, the Barnes pop-up shop is part of a network of more than 300 temporary shops run by Cards for Good Causes, the UK's largest charity Christmas card organisation. It represents more than 250 charities including Cancer Research UK, Barnardo's, NSPCC, Alzheimer's Society and RNLI as well as a number of local charities such as the Royal Trinity Hospice and the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability.

Sally-Ann Feldman, Shop Manager says, "The proceeds from every card or product sold make a vital contribution to the work of the charities that we partner. Come and find us in Station Road and get ahead in your Christmas preparations by getting your cards early. In the past ten years, charities have received more than £40 million from Cards for Good Causes, representing at least 70p in every pound, out of which the charities pay for the production and distribution of their Christmas cards and any VAT."

Shop opening hours: 10am to 4pm every day except Sunday. (Saturdays 27th October and 3rd November closing at 1pm) Closing date: Saturday 15th December

For further information visit [cardsforcharity.co.uk](http://cardsforcharity.co.uk), follow us on Facebook or Twitter or Sally-Ann Feldman 07979 695575 [sally-ann@brianfeldman.co.uk](mailto:sally-ann@brianfeldman.co.uk)

## Bonfire Night

Barnes Sports Club is holding its fantastic fireworks display at the grounds on Lonsdale Road on Saturday 3rd November. Gates open at 5.30pm with the bonfire being lit around 7pm and the fireworks starting at 7.45pm. There is a Guy competition (all entries welcome), hot mulled wine, a large bar area, and a BBQ selling burgers and hot dogs. Sparklers and glow items can be bought on site. Afterwards there will be a late-night disco in the Clubhouse with music from DJ Disco Danger!

Tickets are available from local shops – look out for posters in shop windows.

Barnes Sports Club, Lonsdale Road, SW13 9QL. See [barnessportsclub.com](http://barnessportsclub.com).



## Armistice Day

At 7.30pm on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, St Michael & All Angels Church will host a special event remembering parishioners who gave their lives during the 1914-18 War. Barnes historian, Dr Peter Reder, who has researched the names and the background of the servicemen listed on the WW1 commemorative plaque in the church, will give an illustrated talk about the lives of some of the fallen and about the times in which they lived. As the event, which will include music from the era, is a fund-raiser, admission costs £15 to include a glass of wine. Please call the parish office on 8876 5230 or email [admin@stmichaelbarnes.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelbarnes.org).

Earlier, at 10am, a service will commemorate the sacrifice of those who served, fought and died in WW1 and subsequent conflicts. A bugler will sound the Last Post and Reveille at the end of the two-minute Silence at 11am.

At 7pm, church bells around the country will be *Ringin' Out for Peace*.

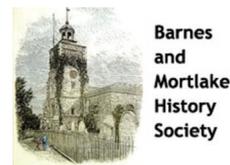
## How They Saw War a Century Ago

As attention continues to focus on World War One and the centenary of its end, Barnes and Mortlake History Society (BMHS) will present at its 15th November meeting a special view of the conflict.

Historian Richard van Emden over the years interviewed 270 veterans of "the war to end all wars" to learn at first-hand what life was like in the trenches and beyond, writing a dozen books on the subject.

His theme for BMHS is *Private Photography in World War One*, explaining how the growing popularity of the camera provided a rare opportunity for the ordinary individual to record not only the horrors but also the comradeship of war.

The meeting is as usual at St. Mary's Barnes, Church Road at 8pm. Society publications will be on sale, with a glass of wine available. Visitors are welcome on payment of £2.



Murray Hedgcock

## Barnes Choir Christmas Concert 2018

**Saturday, 15th December 19.30.** All Saints Church, East Sheen Avenue, East Sheen SW14 8AX

Join the Barnes Choir for a traditional Christmas celebration with Chilcott's *On Christmas Night* and carols for choir and audience.



*On Christmas Night* is a musical celebration of the Christmas story, presented as a sequence of eight original carols. Chilcott calls upon several familiar carol melodies within his own settings, resulting in an impressive array of styles and moods from comforting and reflective to jubilant, swinging, and folksy.

Chilcott was the conductor of the chorus at the Royal College of Music in London for seven years, and has been Principal Guest Conductor of the BBC Singers since 2002. He is also President of Southend Boys' Choir, a well-respected boys' choir from Southend-on-Sea which regularly performs at major London venues, such as the Royal Albert Hall.

The UK première of *On Christmas Night* was given on 28th November 2011 in Rugby School by the Arnold Singers conducted by Richard Dunster-Sigtermans.

## Janina's gems

With Christmas in mind a visit to Rose House Collectibles Market on Saturday 24th November is a must for the diary. Among the regular stalls you can find Janina Stapf's beautiful and unique jewellery, sourced from all over Europe including her native Poland. Janina explains that she seeks out both vintage pieces and the unusual and handcrafted work of living artists, often reflecting the culture and traditions of the region in which they are made.

Other stalls at the market include Persian rugs, French linens, Penny Montagnon's ceramic sculptures, vintage glass and La Petite Galerie for reasonably priced contemporary art.

Open from 10am till 4pm with coffee, tea and homemade cakes served all day. Rose House, 70 Barnes High Street.

## My Barnes



Lisa Ross is the Arts Centre Manager for OSO Arts Centre where there is a lively programme of theatre, music and comedy as well as a popular café. Lisa was born in Barnes, went to St Osmund's School and grew up playing on Barnes Common. She is also the founder partner of Mrs SW13.



### Where is your favourite place for coffee?

You really can't beat sitting outside OSO in the early morning on a sunny day drinking HEJ coffee (obviously in a reusable cup).

### Which shop could you not manage without?

Marco Tripoli: I always pop in for gifts for friends and often come out with a treat for myself.

### Where did you have your last great meal?

Annie's sitting outside in the back garden eating 'Annie's Chicken Kabab' served with flatbread, guacamole and chilli sauce.

### Favourite spa/grooming treat?

The Salon 001 for hair and Impress Beauty Boutique for nails

### Best thing a Barnes shop owner has ever said to you?

'You look amazing!' said by Maria at Truelove who somehow managed to convince me to be a model on the catwalk of the Barnes Charity Fashion Show – one of the scariest things I have ever done!

### Where would you meet a friend for a drink?

When the weather is mild I love to sit outside on the river at the White Hart.

### What is your Barnes secret?

Barbed is the perfect place to go for Christmas decorations.

### Shoes and a bag?

I am a big fan of Schuberts Footwear and Marco Tripoli's handbags.

### Where is your favourite place to walk in Barnes?

Along the River anywhere between Barnes Bridge and Putney, especially around the 'leg o'mutton' reservoir.

### What are you reading?

Far too many emails!

### Bus, bike, taxi or train?

Bike usually to get from A to B as quickly as possible.

### Dog, cat or baby?

I don't have a dog or cat and my four babies are now 14 to 19.

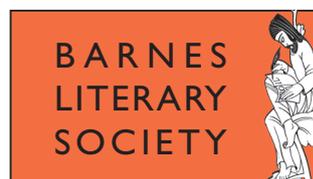
## St Mary's Christmas Fair

The annual St Mary's Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday 17th November at Kitson Hall, Kitson Road, Barnes from 10am-3pm.

Beautiful stalls will be displaying Christmas gifts and cards, home-made cakes and preserves, *bric-à-brac*, garden gifts and plants. There will be a café all day and activities for children including face painting, biscuit decorating and games.

Fabulous prizes in the raffle and silent auction.

Free admission and proceeds will benefit the Castelnau Community Centre in Barnes and additional charities. More information at [stmarybarnes.org](http://stmarybarnes.org).



## Professor Anne Applebaum *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine* Tuesday 27th November 8pm St Mary's Church Barnes

Barnes Literary Society is delighted to welcome to Barnes the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian, academic and journalist, Professor Anne Applebaum.

Professor Applebaum is a renowned expert on the history of communism in the Soviet Union and on Russia: her most recent book, *Red Famine*, examines the causes of the devastating famine in the Ukraine engineered by Stalin as a means of social and political control and goes some way to explain the relationship that exists today between Russia and Ukraine.

Professor Applebaum's interest in Russia has led her to the issue of disinformation and propaganda in the 21st century. She is Professor of Practice at the LSE's Institute of Global Affairs and runs their Arena programme, which looks at the role of disinformation in the internet age and at those states that exploit its potential to misinform and manipulate.

It promises to be a fascinating evening: this meeting will be in St Mary's Church on a Tuesday but at the usual time of 8pm. Meetings next year will be back in OSO Arts Centre at 8pm on a Wednesday.

Email via the website if you are a member and would like to bring a guest to this event and for enquiries about membership – [barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](http://barnesliterarysociety.org.uk).

## Richard Harries & Roger McGough

Distinguished author Richard Harries and eminent poet Roger McGough come together on Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm at St Mary's Barnes to debate the themes of Harries's new book *Haunted by Christ – Modern Writers and the Struggle for Faith*.

W H Auden, T S Eliot, William Golding, Elizabeth Jennings, C S Lewis, Flannery O'Connor, Stevie Smith... these are among some of the great poets and novelists whose struggle with faith finds expression in their works, and whose works have helped countless readers to appreciate the different forms that faith can take in different times and places. In his new book, Harries considers the work of twenty of these writers, painting vivid pictures of their lives and times, and providing us with numerous critically sympathetic insights into the spiritual dimension of their writings.

Richard Harries and Roger McGough are both long-term residents of Barnes and this promises to be a fascinating and thought-provoking evening. Books from both authors will be on sale for signing at the event and tickets at £10 are available from Barnes Bookshop or [ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes](http://ticketsource.co.uk/stmarybarnes).



Richard Harries



Roger McGough  
Photo courtesy of Colin Clarke

## Music & Invention

The programme has now been released for the Barnes Music Festival in March 2019 with the theme *Music & Invention*, inspired by the 500th Anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci, the Renaissance Man, the 'universal genius with feverishly inventive imagination'.



The Festival includes music and musicians of the highest calibre for fresh interpretations and explores new ways for performers and audiences alike to experience the music, with over 800 musicians taking part.

The Opening Concert at St Mary's on 9th March features the internationally acclaimed violinist Fenella Humphreys performing Richter's twist on the *Four Seasons* with the ever-inventive Bach's *Magnificat* performed the following day at St Michael's. Howard Goodall will showcase his new composition *Invictus* while Alistair McGowan returns with pianist Lucy Parham to present *Rêverie - the life and loves of Claude Debussy*. Other highlights include Britten's *Turn of the Screw* semi-staged opera and Rachmaninoff's *Vespers* by the King's College London Choir.



Fenella Humphreys violinist  
Photo courtesy of Gareth Barton

A major new Young Talent Programme includes the *Barnes Young Musician of the Year* competition and a local schools' production of *Leonardo & his Flying Machines*.

The seventh year of this annual celebration of beautiful music takes place from 9th to 24th March with a packed schedule of 30 events at eight venues across Barnes encompassing an exciting programme of music including orchestral, choral, instrumental, opera and jazz plus film and photography. It's a great opportunity to stimulate and engage with high quality, creative and inventive music-making.

Details of programmes and ticket availability are at [barnesmusicfestival.com](http://barnesmusicfestival.com).

Andrew Summers, Festival Chairman

## Things I Know to be True

"An articulate, poetic and poignant drama about the family circle" (Ben Lawrence review) by Andrew Bovell, directed by Susan Conte and original music by Joe Evans.



In suburban Australia, Bob and Fran and their four children grow and prosper. Pip marries and has children of her own, Mark is in a long-term relationship, Ben likes to make money while Rosie, the baby of the family, nurtures romantic dreams about Europe.

But no family remains unchanged and each sibling must find their own path. And secrets will out - the parents have secrets of their own too.

A telling and emotionally honest look at the ways we leave the nest. With shocks and surprises, what things can they know to be true?

Tickets now on sale: [wildducktheatre.com](http://wildducktheatre.com) or [osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk).

£10 - £15 with concessions and family discounts.

20th-24th November at 8pm and Saturday matinée at 4pm, OSO Arts Centre, Barnes Green. Why not bring your teenage kids, discuss growing up and weep a bit! Very occasional appropriate strong language. An English GCSE resource text.



## Sleeping Beauty - traditional family panto in Barnes

Barnes Community Players (BCP) are getting into the Christmas spirit



this year with a sparkling pantomime *Sleeping Beauty* ... oh, yes, they are! Imagine sleeping for 100 years, but will the dashing prince have waited for poor Sleeping Beauty? Come to the land of Woolley-Barnes and find out. Along with a prince (possibly), you're sure to meet other royalty, good and bad fairies, zombies and two cats to name but a few. You are promised lashings of festive family fun... groaningly bad jokes, audience participation, singalongs and masses of laughter. As if that weren't enough, Barnes Community Players always donate all profit to local charities.



Winning poster by Maggie Conway-Hughes

BCP kicked things off with a competition for local under-10's to design the panto poster this year and are delighted to announce that the winner is Maggie Conway-Hughes, aged 9. The winner and 5 runners-up entries will be exhibited in the Kitson Hall foyer for the week of the production.



Congratulations, Maggie!

*Sleeping Beauty* is on at Kitson Hall from 27th November to 1st December at 7.30pm with a Saturday matinée at 2.30pm. Concessions for under 14s and for groups of 10 or more with tickets available online via the BCP website [barnescommunityplayers.co.uk](http://barnescommunityplayers.co.uk) or at the door, if any are left!

## Could you play a member of the Royal Family?

The Barnes Community Players are now under starter's orders for a June 2019 production of Mike Bartlett's *King Charles III*.

Auditions will be held in January, but actors should get in touch now if they think they could play Charles, Camilla, William, Harry or Diana's ghost. With a cast of more than 20, the play will be performed 'in the round' in Kitson Hall from 4th to 8th June.

According to *The Guardian*, this famous and controversial play is "a splendid provocation and a really fine play...but not for the faint-hearted". Opening after the death of Queen Elizabeth II, it combines domestic comedy and political thriller, exploring the luxury and isolation of the monarch.

Visit [barnescommunityplayers.co.uk](http://barnescommunityplayers.co.uk) for further information.



## Screen Your Story 2019

Screen Your Story (SYS), the story-writing/film-making competition, has just launched its fifth year. Under the auspices of head judge, Michael Morpurgo, with Jack Whitehall, Patricia Hodge, Sir Tim Rice and Chris Riddell the competition has grown enormously. In its first year there were just a handful of schools taking part; this year entries came from around 50 schools including one school from abroad and, touchingly, the school from the Oak Centre for Children at the Royal Marsden. They're hoping to top those numbers in 2019.

For any school-age child SYS is a wonderful opportunity. Pupils are invited to submit a story which is then judged by a panel of writers and teachers. Winning stories are published in a beautifully illustrated collection *Stories from the Young*, while a group of distinguished film directors choose a story from each age group to make into a film. The films are shown at a Gala which next year is on 30th June in the Olympic Cinema. All winners are given a complimentary ticket and a complimentary copy of the book. SYS also took part in the Barnes Film Festival this year. Three schools were invited to turn a winning story into a film. Working with professional film makers they did a wonderful job, with Lowther School's film *Nico's Super Glasses* winning the award for best film. The award ceremony at OSO Arts Centre was an exuberant celebration of young talent.

In 2019 Screen Your Story will be working with the children's literacy charity Beanstalk and will, for the first time, have a reading competition alongside the writing and film competitions. Children will be offered the chance to read – and be judges – at the Barnes Children's Literature Festival. They will receive their award at the SYS Gala.

Anyone wishing to take part in the competition may do so through their school or, if they prefer, may enter independently. Check out the website [screenyourstory.org](http://screenyourstory.org) or contact [screenyourstory@gmail.com](mailto:screenyourstory@gmail.com).

**Anne Mullins, Director, Screen Your Story**

## Barnes Film Festival 2018

The 3rd Annual Barnes Film Festival (BFF) in partnership with the European Nature Trust, enjoyed a showstopping weekend with a pre-release screening of Toby MacDonald's *Old Boys*, where the audience were joined by cast and crew. The Festival kicked off with Q&A with Kevin MacDonald and a screening of his new film, *Whitney*, a biopic about the late, great singer. The brand-new Screening Room of the Olympic, which opened for the Festival, was used to showcase new up-and-coming talent over the course of the weekend. The Festival also included a number of different workshops for enthusiasts of the film industry, from cinematography to Foley sound. The BFF engages with local people as well as a national audience which is reflected in a range of venues covering every corner of Barnes. The BCA is proud to be one of the inaugural sponsors of the Barnes Film Festival.

Over 300 film entries into the short film competition saw the work of young filmmakers from schools, colleges and universities from all over the UK screened in age group categories, with winners being awarded prizes and praise from industry judges hailing from Film4, BFI and UKTV. The Festival was also very proud to welcome Vanessa Redgrave, who was interviewed by Frank Gardner of the BBC, before showing her powerful new documentary, *Sea Sorrow*, about refugees fleeing war zones. Attendees included Festival patrons George Mackay and Steven Moffat who gave interviews and provided thought-provoking debate. The inspirational female panel helped the Festival's goal of diversifying the next generation of filmmakers, including prominent female members of the film industry Candice Onyema, Sue Vertue, Rebecca Frayn, Diana Phillips and Anushka Kishani Naanayakkara.

The BFF has grown significantly since its 2016 inaugural year, with over 1500 people in attendance, 350 of whom attended the sold-out open-air screening of *The Greatest Showman* (complete with fire-juggling clown and flash mob). What's exciting is that as Barnes Film Festival grows, so does its power to reach different audiences. The Festival aims to inspire a new generation of filmmakers from all backgrounds and Britain's young filmmakers now have a distinctive annual festival that's firmly rooted in Barnes and which people in South West London can all get behind.

**Sam Cullis, Festival Director**



## Tennis anyone?

Exercise improves mental health, irrespective of age or gender. It improves mood while reducing the risk of heart disease and strokes and, according to a study at Oxford University, tennis players live longer than those playing other sports. What's not to like! If you want to get back into it but don't know where to start, try the Barnes and Sheen Tennis League. Open to men and women of all standards, it offers friendly, competitive singles matches. Players arrange their own time to play over ten weeks from Thursday 29th November 2018 to Wednesday 6th February 2019 and can use any court that suits them both. Join for £18 at [localtennisleagues.com/barnes](http://localtennisleagues.com/barnes) by Monday 26th November and see what a difference being active makes.



*Nigel and Robby await their opponents*

## Winter migrants arriving

There's still time to see the amazing Giant LEGO® brick animals at London Wetland Centre. The 14 remarkable animals will be living within the beautiful wetland scenery until Sunday 18th November, so grab your free trail at Admissions and explore the reserve to see if you can find them all – you could even win a prize! If you'd like a go at making your own LEGO animal then why not give our LEGO workshops a go. You'll get to compete in some exciting challenges and build your own LEGO owl to take home.

Colder weather in early October brought the first winter passerines like brambling, redwing, stonechat and siskin, and Jack Snipe have arrived, having been spotted on the wetter grazing marsh fields.

If you already understand how your camera works and the basics of photography but want to fine-tune your pictures of the natural world then join the Intermediate

Skills Wildlife Photography Course on Friday 16th November. Based both in the classroom and outside you will explore and practise various advanced techniques such as lighting and exposure and depth of field.



The content will be tailored to the needs of course attendees and, with limited numbers, there will be plenty of time for 1-to-1 tuition. During the course you'll be exploring and photographing the reserve's seasonal migratory birds, fungi, berries and beautiful autumnal foliage.

It's that time of year again when Christmas seems to be on everyone's mind. If you're looking

for something festive to do with family and friends in the run-up to the holidays, then come along for our Christmas weekend from Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th December. There will be everything from husky sleigh rides, elves' workshops and Santa himself! He's even taken time out of his busy schedule to join us for a second weekend from Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th December. Tickets to see Santa can be pre-booked online from 1st November.

For more information on all our events, prices or to book please call 8409 4400 or email [info.london@wwt.org.uk](mailto:info.london@wwt.org.uk).

*Maria Sall, Marketing Assistant*



## OSO Arts Centre Christmas Market

Christmas comes to Barnes on Saturday 17th November between 10am and 3pm when the OSO Christmas Market opens its doors. Come along and start your Christmas shopping in earnest and why not pick up a few treats for yourself too from a wonderful range including seasonal goods, imaginative gifts, fashion, delicious chocolates, elegant homeware, children's clothing, art, beautiful accessories and much more. OSO will be looking suitably festive; there will be live music throughout the day and there is a raffle too with a wonderful selection of prizes including tickets to forthcoming OSO productions.

OSO Everyday Café will be serving drinks, snacks and tempting light lunches as well as a selection of seasonal goodies including delicious mince pies and mulled wine. This popular local event is a great way to ramp up the Christmas spirit, get stuck into your present-shopping list, and maybe if you're really lucky finish it too.

And you'll also help OSO Arts Centre, Barnes' local cultural hub as funds raised will go towards supporting its activities. Find it at 49 Station Road, SW13 0LF, entrance on Barnes Green near the Pond.

For more information about this and forthcoming events at the OSO visit: [osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk).



## Reader's letter

Dear Editor

Following a limited survey in our central Barnes street conducted in August, I discovered that we are all suffering at the hands (or paws) of the urban fox, which has found our gardens to be a very comfortable environment in which to settle, bring up families and generally make themselves at home. They've been spotted hurdling walls up to ten feet high, enjoying the view from a conservatory roof as the owners sit below, setting up home under garden sheds to appear in March with several cubs. This resulted in an unpleasant scene of carnage as a male fox with designs on the mother fox killed the cubs, not a pretty sight on a May morning. Digging up precious plants, burrowing under fencing, leaving calling cards all over lawns - just about every garden has been visited and damaged by these pests. They carry their own passengers in nasty fleas and mites. They have been known to bite humans and domestic pets.

We all need to take measures to make the fox's life less comfortable in our midst. Do not let them set up camp under your shed, secure rubbish bins and on no account feed them. There are other more scientific and costly remedies that could be employed but discouraging scavenging is a good place to start.

*Caroline Scallon*

## Net covers for kerbside recycling boxes

Net covers to keep your household recycling secure for collections are now available for sale in Richmond libraries. Cllr Martin Elengorn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Planning and Sustainability says: "Using a net may increase the amount you can recycle as you will be able to fill your bin without fear of the recycling blowing away."

The kerbside recycling nets are elasticated string nets which stretch tightly over the top of your blue and black recycling boxes. This stops contents from spilling out or blowing away. The net costs £2.10 if purchasing from libraries (avoiding postage costs), or purchase net covers from the website: [richmond.gov.uk/services/waste\\_and\\_recycling/order\\_an\\_item](http://richmond.gov.uk/services/waste_and_recycling/order_an_item)

## Barnes Tidy Towpath Group (BTTG) celebrates its 1st year anniversary



THANK YOU EVERYONE who joined the group to preserve our beautiful habitat, striving to keep the wooded Towpath and Thames foreshore clean and free of harmful litter.

564 volunteer hours in 31 BTTG clean-ups collected 395.5 bags of rubbish from the three mile stretch of towpath and foreshore. You name it, we bagged it: hundreds of plastic bottles, cups, food trays, ear bud sticks, plastic straws, bags, dog poo bags, cans, bikes, tools, shoes, ropes and clothing. And then there are all the toiletries washed up with the tide following a sewage release: wipes, condoms, syringes, panty liners, just to name a few.

Collaboration with Richmond Council has been vital as they provide equipment, efficiently collect the findings and have installed six new rubbish bins along the Towpath.

The Group are encouraged by the impact of their efforts to reduce wilful littering and are often thanked by passers-by for having made such a noticeable difference.

**It is all good work but is by no means enough!** The tide is relentless in its offerings, with sewage and related debris continuing to be pumped into the Thames. What goes down the loo or drain can go into the river, as can debris tossed onto the Towpath. It is all harmful to us and our environment.

**To help create a litter free habitat, we can all:**

- Reduce, Reuse and Refuse single use plastics and coffee cups
- Deposit rubbish responsibly
- Only flush paper, pee and poo down the loo
- Join the BTTG on their regular Towpath clean ups

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## Tuesday Talks

Barnes Green Centre

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

Everyone welcome!

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Stephen Fay & David Kynaston Arlott: *Swanton and the Soul of English Cricket*. OSO Arts Centre 7pm, tickets from the OSO box office: osoarts.org.uk or 8876 9885.

### Tues 13th

Barnes Philosophy Club – A talk by Dr Daniel Barnes on *The Value of Art at the Coach and Horses*, Barnes High Street 7.30pm-9pm. For further information contact barbara.benson.underwood@gmail.com.

### Thurs 15th

Judith Chernaik- Schumann: *The Faces and the Masks* OSO Arts Centre 7pm, tickets from the OSO box office: osoarts.org.uk or 8876 9885.

Barnes and Mortlake History Society at St Mary's Parish Church, 8pm. *Private Photography in World War One*, by Richard van Emden. See article p9

### Tues 20th-Sat 24th

Wild Duck Theatre returns to the OSO with a beautiful family saga entitled *Things I know to be True* by Andrew Bovell –see main article for full details p6

### Thu 22nd Nov

Barnes Music Society at Velehrad, 39 Lonsdale Rd, Barnes, SW13 9JP at 7.30pm Reiko Fujisawa piano & Anton Lesser narrator. Combining the music of Clara and Robert Schumann together with other of Clara's favourites, Reiko explores the life and work of this extraordinary woman from child prodigy to the resurgence of her career as a formidable concert pianist and tour de force of the musical world. Tickets (for non-members) available at the door £15, £12 concessions, £6 students or, in advance from WeGoTickets.com. Details see barnesmusicsociety.org.uk or tel 8876 1563.

### Tues 27th Nov

Barnes Literary Society, St Mary's Church 8pm. Professor Anne Applebaum talks about her book, *Red Famine: Stalin's War on Ukraine*. See p5

## December

### Tues 4th Dec

Home Start Carol Service St Mary's Church, 7pm. Tickets from Carter Jonas or online priced at £25 each (students £10 each and free entry for under 15's). Email for details info@homestart-rkh.org.uk. See p11

### Fri 7th Dec

BCA Christmas Festival, between 3 and 8pm along the High Street and Church Road. See article p1 for details.

## Regular Events

### Daily

• Martial Arts Studio: daily training sessions for children and adults, Barnes Sports Club. See barnessportsclub.org or call 8748 6220

### First Sunday of the month

• Silk scarf painting and meditation, Rose House, 2-5pm. Contact Durgamata, 07944 428 756, dcbluelotus@gmail.com. Normally first Sunday but check with organiser

### Sundays

• Charity Car Boot Sales – Friends of Queen Mary's Hospital. Second Sunday of the month, Mar-Dec. Hospital Car Park, SW15 5PN. Vendors from 7.30am-1pm. £5 blankets, £10 cars, £15 large vans. Buyers from 8am. £1 parking for buyers. qmfriendscarboot.co.uk or Facebook or friendsqmh.com/car-boot-sale

### Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

• Barnes Runners meet at Rose House for friendly local runs: barnesrunners.org

### Mondays

• Rubber Bridge, Rose House, 7.30pm, prearranged partnerships. Carole Seaton, 8876 4411  
• Zumba Fitness, Sheen Library, 8pm. £6 pay as you go, 07873 387 298 zumbarne@me.com  
• Desert Penguins Junior Chess Club with International Master, Augustin Madan, 5.45-7.15pm, Barnes Sports Club. barnessportsclub.org, 8748 6220

### Mondays and Wednesdays

• Castelnau Community Centre: Café & Play, 9.15am-12.15pm. £3 per child, £1.40 under 1yr (free with full paying child)

### Tuesdays

• 6pm Pilates for Desk Posture at Rose House. Small groups. For more information or to book please visit balance-fitness.co.uk or call Dorothy on 07384 767 800. Private sessions also available. FREE taster class.  
• 7pm Pole Fitness and Pole Dance classes. Trendy way to get fit fast. To enquire or book your place please call Dorothy on 07384 767 800 or visit balance-fitness.co.uk  
• Castelnau Community Centre: Pilates for all ages and levels of fitness, 9.30-10.30am, £5. Goldies Exercise (gentle chair based exercise for over 50s), 11.30am-12.30pm. 8741 0909  
• Weekly circuit training for men over 50, Barn Elms playing field, 12noon-1pm, £5 a class. Contact Age UK Community Services Team, 8744 1965, communityservices@ageukrichmond.org.uk  
• Yoga Gentle 8.15-9.15am, St. Mary's Church. First class half price. Please call first to check availability. Ali Gilling 07900 957 240, alium@yahoo.co.uk  
• Castelnau Community Centre: Positive Steps – back to work support, 1-3pm. Free. 8741 0909  
• Ashtanga/Vinyasa Flow Yoga. All levels of experience welcome, improve core strength, tone up and lose weight. Kitson Hall, 7pm. Contact kasiayoga@gmail.com, 07814 296 448  
• World Community for Christian Meditation; supportive Barnes group meets 5.15-6.30pm for practice and dialogue. Everyone welcome. 8748 3722

• Do-Re-Mi Babies: Fun performances at St. Mary's Church, Barnes, doremibabies.co.uk, £12 on the door  
• Healthy Necks and Backs. from pain to fitness at any age with NeuroMovement. Kitson Hall 7.15-8.15pm. £8 per class, first class free. Amanda Zeiler 07921 826 387 amandazeiler.com

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

• Pushbabies: Post-natal exercise for new mums and babies, London Wetland Centre, 9.30-10.40am. Members £8, non-members £10. pushbabies.com  
• Barnes Bouncers Playgroup – mother and toddler group, 10am-12noon, Barnes Sports Club. barnessportsclub.org, 8748 6220

### Wednesdays

• OSO Active Yoga Class 9am-10am. Fitness, flexibility and fun. All welcome, all ages, all levels from zero to hero. Drop in £10 (credit/debit card) or book online yogaboutique.com  
• FiSH 'n' Chats, 10.30am-12.30pm, Sheen Lane Centre  
• OSO Arts Centre, 11.30am-1.30pm. Ongoing watercolour painting classes. Six sessions bookable in advance. Suitable for all with a little drawing experience. Visit painting.zone, email admin@painting.zone or phone Stella 07791 400 362  
• Italian, Rose House, 11.15am-1.15pm. Intermediate, small friendly group with focus on speaking and revision. Contact Stefania, 8748 6418  
• Castelnau Chorale with Fergus O'Kelly, St. Osmund's Church Hall, 7.30pm

• Pregnancy Yoga, from week 12 to birth, 6.15-7.15pm; Vinyasa Flow Yoga, all levels and abilities, 7.30-8.30pm. The Stables Room, Coach and Horses. For details and to book a free trial, contact 07818 254 107, yoganandyou.co.uk  
• Richmond Legal Advice Service (RLAS) runs free weekly legal advice sessions at Holy Trinity Church, Sheen Park 8-9.30pm. Further details: rlas.org.uk.

### Wednesdays and Thursdays

• Paddock School café, 10am-12noon, term time only. Coffee, homemade cake, soup and granary bread served by the students. Priory Lane, SW15 5RT (near corner of Upper Richmond Road)

### Thursdays

• Yoga flow drop in classes, Barnes Sports Club, 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am. barnessportsclub.org, 8748 6220  
• Parent and Toddler Group, St Osmund's Church Hall, Castelneau, 9.45-11.30am. All welcome. Contact Maria 8392 1803  
• Beading Workshops at Stone by Stone, 23 Barnes High Street, 10.30am-12.30pm. £20, including tea or coffee. Contact Sharon at the shop or sharon@stonebystone.me  
• St. Mary's Minis, Parent and Toddler Group, Kitson Hall, 10am-11.15am (term time only). Cost £2 per family. Contact St. Mary's Church Office 8741 5422  
• Strong Foundations exercise classes – improve strength, balance and posture. Barnes Methodist Church, 12.45-1.45pm. 2-3pm. Contact Claudine to book your free taster: claudine@vidawellness.co.uk, 0333 1234 334 (local rate), vidawellness.co.uk  
• Barnes WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at The Bulls Head Lonsdale Road. For more information contact barneswi@hotmail.co.uk  
• FiSH 'n' Chats, Sheen Lane Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm  
• Drawing from Scratch (RACC). For details see racc.ac.uk  
• Urban Dance & Cheerleading classes, 4-6.30pm at OSO. Contact Natalie, 07866 833 040, natalie@mamaparadance.com  
• Italian classes (all levels) Rose House: 12.30-2.30pm; 2.30-4.30pm; 4.45-6.15pm and 6.30-8pm. Contact angelabuffoni@yahoo.co.uk  
• Barnes Community Choir, for all adult voices, no need to read music. Lowther School, Stillingfleet Road, 7.30-9pm, information 07958 690 749  
• Tai Chi & Qi Gong – Learn and practise at your own pace, increase your energy levels and refine physical and mental skills. Barnes Methodist Church Hall, 7-8.30pm. 07581 533 604 dana@meiquan.co.uk or taichines.com

### Fridays

• Willful Hatha Yoga, all ages and experience, 9-10am. Baby & Me Yoga, postnatal practice with non-crawling babies, 10.30-11.30am. The River Room, The Bulls Head. For details and to book a free trial, contact 07818 254 107, yoganandyou.co.uk  
• Strong Foundations exercise class – feel stronger and more supple, with more energy. Barn Elms Sports Trust, 11am-12noon. See Thursdays for contact details  
• First Friday of each month (except January) Sheen Friday Market, Sheen Lane Centre, 9am-1.30pm. 34 stalls of collectables, jewellery, silver, militaria, ephemera, bric-à-brac. Details Kaye Brown 8392 2042

### Saturdays

• St. Mary's Church Coffee Shop, supporting a different charity each week, 10.30am-12.15pm. Fairtrade fresh coffee, tea and home-made cakes  
• The Methodist Church Coffee Morning will now only be on the first Saturday of the month, 10.30-12.30pm, selling Fairtrade coffee, tea, home-made cakes and bacon rolls. All are welcome.  
• Saturdays @Sutherland, 10.30am-12.30pm, on second Saturday of the month. Chat, share your favourite poems, browse the books. Coffee and biscuits. Sutherland Gardens, East Sheen. Contact emjsherwin@gmail.com

**OSO Arts Centre**, Barnes Green, offers a wide range of workshops and classes for adults and children. Plus café, Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm, Sat, 10am-3pm. Visit osoarts.org.uk or contact info@osoarts.org.uk, 8876 9885

**Age UK Richmond** at Barnes Green Centre runs a varied programme of activities throughout the week. Call 8876 2377 or visit ageukrichmond.org.uk

**FiSH Neighbourhood Care** offers help with shopping, transport etc., to residents of Barnes, Mortlake and Sheen. Ring 8876 3335 for details

**Castelnau Community Centre**, Stillingfleet Road runs a wide programme of activities for children and young people including carer and toddler play sessions, homework and after school clubs; exercise classes for adults; theatre group; career advice and back-to-work support. Community café, Mon-Fri, 9.15-11.15am, term-time. For further details call 8741 0909 or visit castelnaucentreproject.co.uk