



Barnes Village News

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What's on in Barnes

February 7

Barnes W.I.

The Coach & Horses



A lecture on the history of cheesemaking. See story bottom right for more info.
7.30 - 9.30pm

February 9

Barnes & Mortlake History Society

Barnes Methodist Church
2.30pm
History of the Barnes
Workhouse Fund

February 12

Wine Tasting Course



Sonny's Kitchen

7.30pm

Tasting course with [The House Wine](#) company. Tickets £20.
Email [Sarah Pilcher](#) to book.

February 13

Barnes Philosophy Club

The Coach & Horses,
7.30 - 9.30pm
Dr Tina Beattie on the
psychoanalytic theory of
Jacques Lacan in theology

February 13

Barnes Literary Society

Happy, healthy and wealthy - what the new census says about Barnes



If you live in Barnes, the chances are that you are likely to live longer than the average Briton, be happier and, if you own property, be much wealthier. Now all of this may be stating the obvious, but if you are interested in statistics you now have all the data you need to support this contention.

Local data from the 2011 census is [now online](#) and just by entering your postcode you can see the average life expectancy for your neighbourhood, or find out the number of households with children - 33% in Barnes, since you ask.

If you're the type to regale friends at dinner parties with talk of property prices there are statistics aplenty to be had - and a look at different postcodes reveals that the Barnes ward (the area of Barnes east of the pond) has the most expensive properties in Richmond upon Thames, and is the tenth most expensive area in which to buy in London.

We're also a pretty happy lot according to the well being index (a measurement that aggregates statistics on health, economic security, safety from crime, educational achievement and community spirit) with residents of Barnes being 7% more likely to experience 'positive wellbeing' than the average Joe.

However, before smugness sets in - it's worth pointing out that if you could nearly double your happiness score by moving to East Sheen, where you are 13% more likely to feel cheery. In fact the only people in London with a better quality of life than East Sheen are the moneyed residents of Knightsbridge and Belgravia!

Classical stars to shine at first Barnes Music Festival





Barnes Methodist Church
8.00pm
David Shukman
An Iceberg as Big as Manhattan

February 16

London Wetland Centre



Birds of Prey Event
10.00am - 4.00pm

February 20

Lent Lecture

St Michael & All Angels 7.30pm
Canon Mark Oakley of St Paul's Cathedral talks about the poems of John Donne.



February 24

Barnes Knitting Club



Mary's Living & Giving Shop
4.00pm -6.00pm

A brilliant idea from the Living & Giving Shop. Inspired by the successful knitting group at their Primrose Hill shop - this afternoon get-together is an

March in Barnes will be a real celebration of music with the advent of the first Barnes Music Festival sponsored by Marsh & Parsons. From March 16 to 24 there will be an event every day - ranging from concerts with world-renowned classical musicians, to a community cabaret night with local choirs and musicians performing pop, gospel, African and folk music. The festival, which will be celebrating the centenary of Gustav Holst's time in Barnes, will be launched with a concert by cellist Julian Lloyd Webber and the Verter trio, who will perform Holst's *Short Trio in E Major* amongst other pieces. Other events include a talk by renowned film director Tony Palmer at a screening of his film on Holst at the Kitson Hall. The Festival will finish with a choral evensong at St Mary's Barnes with music including Holst's *Nunc Dimittis* and *Anthem* a choral piece written by composer Howard Goodall (above) who is patron of the festival. For a full programme of events and information on the festival click [here](#).

Calling all artists



The organisers of the BCA Barnes Fair have made this year's theme Arty Barnes and will be celebrating art and culture throughout the event. To mark the theme they want to feature an image of Barnes by a local artist on the cover of the programme. They are holding a competition to find the winning artwork and have two categories for over and under 18s. The winners in each category will have their pictures framed by [The Barnes Picture Framing Company](#) and displayed at the fair. There will also be champagne for the winning adult entry supplied by sponsors Winkworth and an art set for the winner of the under 18 category.

Many artists have already been inspired by the beauty of Barnes, including [Louise Braithwaite](#) whose image above is available as cards from local shop [Presents](#). So whether your favourite Barnes landmark is the river, the Common, or one of Barnes' beautiful buildings do get painting or drawing and enter the competition. To enter, send or deliver your picture to BCA Art Competition, Rose House, 70 Barnes High Street, London SW13 9LD. Closing date February 14. For full details [click here](#).

Planning battle in Little Chelsea

Residents of Little Chelsea are involved in a fight with property developers over the proposed re-development of land currently containing lock up garages between Charles St and Elm Bank Gardens. The developers have applied to build six houses and some offices on the parcel of land. Campaigners are asking as many objectors as possible to turn up at the planning meeting on February 7 where the developers will appeal against Richmond Council's decision to disallow their plans. [Click here](#) to see the planning application, which is number 13/0176/FUL.

Not just Jam and Jerusalem

opportunity for knitters to share their problems or expertise with fellow stitchers. February 24 will be the inaugural meeting - do pop along to support it.

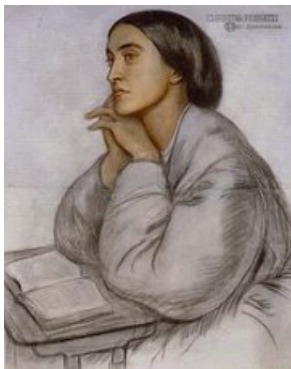
February 26
Barnes Comedy Club

Coach & Horses
7.30pm

February 26 - March 2
Barnes Charity Players
Agatha Christie's
The Hollow

The OSO
7.30pm each evening plus a
2.30pm Saturday matinee

February 28
Lent Lecture



St Mary's Barnes 7.30pm
The Rev'd Anna Machan,
Chaplain of Guy's Hospital talks
about the poems of Christina
Rossetti

February 28
Barnes Music Society



Barnes Methodist Church,
8.00pm
Husband and wife duo John &
Fiona York in a wonderful four
handed recital of piano pieces
by composers including Holst
and Stravinsky



The Barnes W.I. has been established for a year now and it's not too late to become a member in 2013. Their monthly meetings are held at the Coach & Horses and in true WI style there is usually a guest speaker and the range of topics is marvellously eclectic – this month's talk is on the history of cheese for example. Joining the Barnes WI is a chance to learn some new skills, some traditional such as baking or crafts and some not so – poker strategy or cocktail making anyone? The real joy of the WI is getting together with other like-minded women for a glass of wine and a bit of a gossip. Anyone interested in joining can come along to one of the monthly meetings (the first meeting is free) and join up on the spot, or to enroll online [click here](#).

Great Sausage Roll Off Winner



The title of Britain's Best Sausage Roll maker was bestowed upon a pub in Battersea in a competition held at the Red Lion on January 30. Judged by Masterchef food critics Kate Spicer and Charles Campion and chef Johnnie Mountain, proprietor of the appropriately named restaurant The English Pig. The winning sausage roll from Battersea's Mason's Arms, however, benefitted from French culinary flair and as it was chef Thomas Fabre's Wild Boar roll that triumphed.

Churches Together in Barnes

Barnes churches will be working together to mark lent with a series of events from talks (see Lent Lectures) left, to meditation, and even bread making. [Click here](#) for info.

New Theatre School for Barnes

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News for
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If you want to put your daughter (or son for that matter) on the stage there's a brilliant new club for them to join. With teachers boasting West End Musical Theatre experience - the [Barnes Musical Theatre Club](#) promises to launch the careers of talented Barnes youngsters - and even if your offspring are destined for careers as barristers or doctors, they'll have the joyful ability to burst into song and dance like a professional any time they want.

White Hart Lane Open for Business

Even though Thames Water are currently digging up the road, shops in White Hart Lane are still very much open for business and residents parking restrictions end at 11am, so there will be no problems with parking if you decide to pay a visit to the lovely interiors and food shops of on WHL.

Volunteer for Richmond's new befriending service

Loneliness can be a curse of old age as family moves away and friends die. You can, however, volunteer to make a difference in people's lives by taking part in a brilliant new scheme. If you can spare only a couple of hours each week you could help to man a telephone help line for Richmond & Hammersmith's elderly residents. To find out more [click here](#) or email volunteer@creightonhouse.org.

Robbery suspects arrested

Barnes suffered a mini crime wave over Christmas with six burglaries and, alarmingly, eleven incidents of 'robbery with a weapon' where a hooded young man armed with a knife targeted customers leaving Londis in Church Road. Two suspects have been arrested - one in relation to the burglaries and the other in connection with the robberies.

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