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# The Barnes Village Bugle

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## Tea parties and storms in teacups. How Barnes is celebrating the Jubilee



**E**ven though the planned centrepiece of Barnes's Jubilee celebrations – the closing of Barnes High Street for the afternoon of Saturday June 4 - is no longer

going ahead there is a dizzying array of Jubilee celebrations to look forward to over the long weekend.

The cancellation of the High Street closure came after local objections to re-routing of buses and led first to a twitter storm and then to a media storm in a teacup in which the story of the cancelled party made it to local newspapers and was then picked up by The Daily Mail and The Times as well as the Chris Evans and Jeremy Vine radio shows.

However, as you can see from our guide below, Jubilee jamborees aren't thin on the ground, and, despite the High St party itself being called off, shops and pubs along the High Street and across Barnes are still going to be getting out the bunting or - in the case of Orange Pekoe and The Barnes Pharmacy – sporting fabulous painted windows.

The BCA will also be throwing open the doors of Rose House on Saturday June 4 and are hoping that Saturday shoppers will pop in and join them for a glass of Pimms or Prosecco between 2pm and 4pm.

Street parties abound too and 21 streets across Barnes will be closed for parties with sixteen of them opting to hold their parties on Sunday. You can see the full list of roads closed for parties across [Richmond here](#).

## Our bumper Jubilee guide

### The groovy Jubilee at The Olympic's mini-fest



**A**t the Olympic the Cinema, Café & Dining Room, Club and outside terrace will all open as usual for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Afternoon tea, fit for a Queen, will be served from midday to 6pm daily - with a boozy option available.

DJ Roger and his team from Olympic Records, will be on the decks from 1pm - 5pm on the terrace. There is also a pop-up outdoor bar open from midday serving draft beers, wines and spritzers

There's even a giant outdoor TV screen allowing you to catch all the Jubilee coverage as you groove to Roger's DJ selection whilst necking fizz and scones.

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## Roll out the barrel: How our pubs are celebrating



### **The Coach and Horses**

They're really going to town at the Coach and the centrepiece of their celebrations will be their very own street party in their beautiful big beer garden. The purple bunting is already up and will be joined by long community tables and live music at 1pm. You can choose your own food from the pub's menu and children can order special Jubilee Happy Meals including a golden crown and a fun toy. You can add to the fun by having your photo taken with the pub's life-size Queen cut out or seeking out the Coach's very own Corgi.

There are other Jubilee events on Thursday and Friday too with a burger eating competition on Thursday afternoon – you'll need to sign up to participate before the event starts at 1pm.

The challenge is to see who can eat the pub's supersized Monarch burger the fastest and each participant will be rewarded for their gluttony with a pint of Camden Hells Lager. The winner will get a bottle of Rosé Champagne and, says the pub, 'bragging rights', glossing over the potential issues of a bout of indigestion.

On Friday there are bacon bap specials on the menu as well as Jubilee cocktails and on Sunday the Coach is offering a Royal Supper with a special lamb roast to round off the weekend's celebration.

### **The Red Lion**

In honour of the Jubilee, Fullers have brewed a special Jubilee Ale much of which will be quaffed over the weekend. On Friday the pub is offering afternoon tea with all the trimmings and on Saturday there'll be a Barbecue and the unveiling of a specially baked five tier cake. There will also be an air of ceremony at 2pm on Saturday when Red Lion customers will be summoned by the pub bell to stand and give three cheers for Her Majesty.

### **The Crossing**

There will be no burger eating competitions at the Crossing where the Jubilee celebrations are distinctly upmarket. There will be Champagne cocktails, Coronation chicken brioche rolls, cucumber trifle and Pimm's on offer for the whole weekend. On Sunday they will be offering their special Sunday Roast followed by a live performance by the wonderful Trio Manouche.

### **The White Hart**

The spectacular river views from the White Hart's upstairs dining room are being put to great use over the Jubilee weekend with events ranging from live music gigs to proper sit-down feasts. Their Jubilee weekend starts on Friday night with a Right Royal Knees Up with a performance by the funk band Chronicles of Zee. On the Saturday there's a banquet, no less, with a 'decadent and sumptuous' four course lunch with wine pairings and on Sunday there's a Royal Roast and a Royal Bloody Mary station on hand ready to offer a hair of the dog to those still recovering from Saturday's festivities.

### **The Brown Dog**

The team at the Dog will be laying on the barbecue as part of Westfield Avenue's street party and on Sunday the classic Brown Dog Sunday Roast will have some surprise additions. And if you want to raise a toast to Her Majesty, The Brown Dog is the place to do it as they are offering half price bubbly across the weekend.

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**More tea vicar?: What's on at our cafés  
and churches?**



From left: Orange Pekoe Jubilee Tea, St Mary's Jubilee Party Poster

**W**hat could be more traditional than tea and cakes? Thanks to our cafés and churches you can lift your pinkie finger up with pride this Jubilee weekend.

At Orange Pekoe you can enjoy one of their fabulous cream teas in the café itself or take one home to enjoy at your own celebrations. It features a very special Platinum Jubilee tea blend (created from the finest golden Assam tips blended with large leaf Kenyan black tea) some marvellous cakes and a beautiful Corgi biscuit.

Meanwhile the most quintessentially British celebration of the whole weekend will be held in the bunting-strewn church yard at St Mary's on Friday June 3 (3-5pm). You can pop in for tea, strawberries and scones and listen to the jazz stylings of the Gerard Gregg-Smith Jazz Quartet. Nice.

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## The big picnic at the London Wetland Centre



**T**he London Wetland Centre is setting aside an enormous area for a picnic on Sunday June 5 (12 noon to 3pm). You can bring your own food or buy sandwiches from the Wetland Centre's own Kingfisher Café.

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The party has already started...



Images: FiSH Twitter

**L**ocal charity FiSH got its celebrations underway slightly earlier with a grand

tea party at the Barnes Green Centre on Wednesday June 1st. Attendees were greeted with newly planted pots by the entrance with the soil delivered courtesy of the Friends of Barnes Common (picture above) and there was a special visit by FiSH patron Anneka Rice - seen above with one of FiSH's centenarian members Vi.

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## Toll funding tender moves bridge repair one step closer



**I**n a clear indication that Hammersmith & Fulham Council is looking to fund its share of the repair costs to Hammersmith Bridge via a toll, an invitation has been issued to invite ‘potential contractors, equity investors and debt providers with construction experience’ to express interest in the pending strengthening works on the bridge.

The Prior Information Notice (PIN) is a kind of ‘save the date’ communication in advance of the formal publication of a contract notice on October 1.

The publication of the PIN came out of the blue and we understand neither local MP Sarah Olney nor the bridge Task Force were made aware of the PIN in advance.

H&FC Council leader Stephen Cowan has always made it clear that external funding would have to be sought by the council in order to allow it to pay its 1/3rd share of the repair costs (overall costs for the bridge works have been estimated at between £80 and £130 million). The obvious solution is a toll and Councillor Cowan has been very clear that any such toll will only be charged to non residents of Hammersmith and Fulham. Any clarity on what the actual toll might be is further down the line but the figure of £3 per crossing has been bandied about before.

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## Brazen bikers lead to the introduction of chicanes on bridge walkways



Image: Barnes Community Association Twitter

**W**e’ve all been there, walking along the narrow walkways either side of the bridge only to find ourselves being asked to move out of the way by a cyclist who has decided to ignore the many signs requesting that they dismount. Polite notices don’t seem to cut it for some cyclists who are reluctant to get off their bikes, so chicanes have been introduced at the entrances and exits to the paths to try to impede the



progress of rule breakers. Have they worked? We're not so sure. This week the Bugle saw a bicycle delivery rider in full commercial livery flick a V to the bridge marshal who asked him to dismount, ride quite skilfully through the chicane and then barge his way through the pedestrians crossing the bridge.

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## The BCA gets a new director

**T**he BCA has new director who is going to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the BCA's activities. Gillian de Soyres is a former Barnes resident who now lives in Twickenham and has a background of working for local authorities and local community-based charities. She says she was drawn to the role at the BCA because it unites her passion for "community empowerment and sustainable development".

We hope to publish an interview with Gillian in a future Bugle so watch this space.

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## Belgravia comes to Barnes



No, that headline isn't fair warning that Barnes is about to become even posher, it's actually about a sustainable initiative from Barnes's very own internationally-renowned flower arranger Judith Blacklock.

Every year to coincide with Chelsea Flower Show, businesses in Belgravia put on a floral show and as Judith's flower arranging school is based in Belgravia she is one of Belgravia in Bloom's leading lights.

Her contribution to the floral Jubilee tributes that abounded this year was a dramatic maypole decorated with ribbons and adorned with seasonal flowers. Judith's own granddaughter Penny, together with some of her friends from Lowther Primary School, came to the visit the maypole and dance around it on May 23rd. Now that Belgravia in Bloom is over some of the plants from Judith's installation are coming back to Barnes to be planted in Lowther School's own gardens.

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## G'day mate



**O**ur brand-new bakery [The Lockdown Bakehouse](#) on Church Road has now opened and is giving off distinctly antipodean vibes.

If you're an Aussie (or a Kiwi) and been missing your Lamingtons, Tim Tams and Minties the Bakehouse is the place to satisfy your cravings. They even have Vegemite on offer and a totally authentic Australian mince and cheese pie.

And if you've never been closer to Australia than Bognor there's still lots of the shelves to tempt you, from freshly baked breads to sausage rolls to all manner of buns and brownies.

Mention the Bugle when you visit this weekend and they'll give you a free sustainable carrier bag too. Bonzer.

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**L**he Barnes Film Festival is starting to make quite a name for itself in the film world, attracting seriously eminent figures to its workshops and talks whilst also generating a hugely interesting variety of entries to its film competition. Now in its 7th year, the festival runs from 16th-22nd June 2022 at Olympic Studios and Old Sorting Office in Barnes and Riverside Studios in Hammersmith as well as running content online.

The festival's focus is on nurturing young talent, and the workshop elements give those who are interested in a career in film the chance to pick the brains of some of the best in the business. This year's topics include a masterclass in film poster art, the secrets of VFX with Peter Eszenyi (Blade Runner 2049) and a short course covering all the aspects of pitching projects.

On Sunday June 19, the festival has events focused on climate change including: BAFTA masterclass – Sustainability in film, Eco Panel on water pollution & the 'WaterBear' original documentary People vs Pipeline: The Cost of Crude Oil.

All the films in competition are being shown either at The Olympic, OSO or at Riverside Studios and it's well worth checking out what's being shown as you'll be getting an introduction to the skills and talents of the next generation of filmmakers, screenings are often followed by Q&As with the film makers. Entries range from documentaries to fiction shorts. As well as films from up-and-coming new talents the festival will also be the venue for world premieres of some very interesting films including 'Speed is Expensive' - the rise and the fall of the Vincent motorcycle, narrated by Ewan McGregor.

The festival showcases filmmaking talent from across the UK together with award-winning films from around the world and some of the most important films it will be screening this year are from Ukraine. In collaboration with the Guardian the BFF will be presenting a specially curated selection of documentaries made before the current war and shown by the Kyiv-based Ducudays UA film festival.

Whether you're a filmmaker, or a film fan looking to discover something new, it looks like there's something at Barnes Film Festival for everyone.

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## Local charity wins major award



The brilliant local charity Activity Station has been awarded The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a local voluntary group can receive in the UK which is equivalent to an MBE.

The Award aims to recognise outstanding work by local volunteer groups to benefit their communities. It was created in 2002 to celebrate The Queen's Golden Jubilee. Recipients are announced each year on the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation, June 2nd.

Activity Station provides children & young adults with disabilities access to a range of fun and inclusive activities and social events in Barnes and Richmond. Activities offered include singing, drumming, cookery, drama, music, dance, art, pottery, sports camps, discos and days out. It also holds exclusive events that all the family can enjoy from sensory cinema days to Christmas pantos.

These invaluable sessions would not be possible without the generous financial support of local trusts, charities, local businesses and individuals.

From the first lockdown in April 2020, Activity Station was the first charity in its sector to set up its activities virtually, providing ten different activity sessions each week ensuring that all users had online access to fun and social activities with continual support during and post pandemic.

For many who could not leave their care homes or family homes, these virtual sessions provided a focus to their day, connection with friends as well as stimulating activities.

Activity Station says that it is thrilled and honoured to receive the award and that it

would like to thank all the carers and parents who have supported the charity from 2014 until today.

This quote from a regular attendee's mother says it all: ***"I have to say that Activity Station has been a real lifeline for Nathan. Everything he was used to stopped so abruptly and without him having any understanding of what's going on. Your zoom sessions have been wonderful for him - he loves them and it's been great to watch him becoming more and more confident and joining in everything. I love the fact that although they do slightly different things each week there's a core of familiarity which continues throughout - so important for someone with autism like Nathan - he feels comfortable with the familiar and much happier to join in if he knows what's going on. He loves it all - Music, Drama and Drumming!"***

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## Seven swans a swimming



**O**ur two adult swans and their five cygnets continue to be the star attraction in Barnes Pond as well as on Beverley Brook where the parents take their brood for a daily perambulation. The lovely shot above was sent in by Nicola Salamoney who

caught the swans hitching a ride on their mother's back as she swam along the brook.





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## Paving the way



[Images: Barnes Community Association Twitter](#)

**T**aking a stroll along Barnes Green and then pausing at a bench to admire the view is one of everybody's favourite Barnes pastimes. However, after a stretch of heavy rain, the 'taking a seat' part of the deal is often not possible, as the areas under benches have been quagmires. All that has now changed. Thanks to work from Richmond Council, urged on by the Barnes Community Association, muddy feet will

be a thing of the past as several benches on the green now sit on lovely new paving stones. And as well as newly paved bench bases the Green is now sporting a freshly painted fence – all very spick and span in time for the Jubilee.

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## Great Craft Courses for Adults

If you've read about Wurkshop classes for children in previous Bugles and thought '*never mind the children, I'd like to have a go at that*' you are in for good news. Wurkshop organises a wonderful array of arts and craft courses for adults too.

Scratching your inner creative itch is hugely fulfilling, and spending an hour or two away from the daily grind, concentrating on making something beautiful is a wonderful way to de-stress. Courses range from drawing and painting to sessions where you make 3D objects - anything from ceramic tiles to block printed napkins. There's even a fabulous sounding course that shows you how to customise your own trainers.

There are some course highlights listed below but you can find details of everything on offer at the [Wurkshop website](#).

### Courses to try in June and July



## **Making Pop Art Mugs**

**Monday June 13th**

In this class you will make a pair of ceramic mugs with a focus on decorative techniques, taking our inspiration from Roy Lichtenstein and vibrant Pop Art colours and shapes

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## **Drawing with Charcoal**

**Wednesday June 15th**

A great introduction to this versatile medium. Artist, Hayley Steedman will start from the very beginning and by the end of the session you will have made a great still life drawing.

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## **Introduction to Watercolour**

**Wednesday June 22nd**

In this session you will be introduced to watercolour and learn techniques including how to stretch paper and build up washes of colour. You should emerge from the class painting with confidence.

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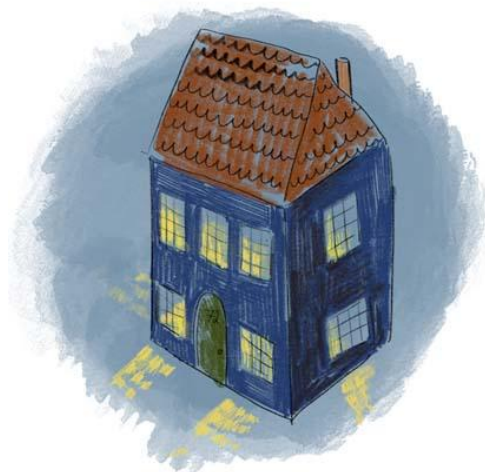


## **Basquiat Style Painting**

**Monday July 11th**

A painting by Jean-Michel Basquiat might set you back several million pounds but if you love his style and follow our tutorial you can produce your very own version of a Basquiat!

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## **Making Clay Houses**

**Thursday July 14th**

Using hand-building techniques with clay slabs you will learn to fashion a clay house that will make a wonderful low level light or night light.

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## Relief Printed Ceramic Tiles

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## High Street works delayed again



**P**erhaps the word of 2022 should be ‘delay’. As the world recovers from the impact of Covid nothing seems to be going smoothly at the moment and that seems to apply just as much to the planned work on Barnes High Street as to delays to flights at all our airports.

We hear that the current planned timing for commencement of the works (originally scheduled for January) is June 20. Don’t hold your breath.

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Barnes florist's floral rabbit  
is the toast of Chelsea



To accompany Chelsea Flower Show it wasn't just Belgravia that was 'in Bloom' (see story above). All across Chelsea itself different premises were festooned with flowers.

One of the very best displays was outside Rabbit (a sustainable field-to-fork restaurant) on the King's Road. A giant Peter Rabbit lolling in a garden was created by Barnes florist ZuZu of Maison Maioli who took six days and nearly 7,000 flower heads to make the extraordinary display.

ZuZu was commissioned to create the super-sized display by the restaurant's owners who are regular customers at her White Hart Lane shop.

The brief was to produce 'something outrageous' and she more than fulfilled the objectives. ***"It was one of the most exhausting things I've ever done"*** says ZuZu. ***"It was super stressful at the time but now I can look back with pride. It was definitely a one-off commission and there were all sorts of unknowns like understanding how dried flowers react to being left out in the rain. It turns out they dry off and look fine but I had a few sleepless nights worrying about how rain might ruin the display."***

Zuzu and the restaurant have been rewarded for their imagination and hard work with a silver medal from the RHS and lots of social media coverage. ***"We popped up in Instagram feeds for Tatler, Time Out and Claridges and it's really lovely that people liked the installation and have even commissioned me to do other work on the back of it."*** says Zuzu.

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## Calling all young skateboarders



**A**s the planning for the new Vine Road Skate Park is underway, the Friends of Barnes Common are looking to involve young members of the community in the brainstorming for the design and programming.

As part of this on June 11 they are organising a tour of other local skate parks that will provide examples, and hopefully spark new ideas. After attending this event, those participating will be encouraged to join in a follow up survey/discussion, and be asked to keep in touch for further consultation.

The event is suitable for young people ages 10+, with parental consent and the Friends will be providing transportation to the parks.

This is a free event, but since space is limited, booking is required to avoid disappointment. You can book on [Eventbrite](#).

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## Did the earth move?





**T**hanks to generous funding by the Chapman Trust the Friends of Barnes Common have been able to carry out soil scraping on the Common to restore some of the acid grassland on Mill Hill.

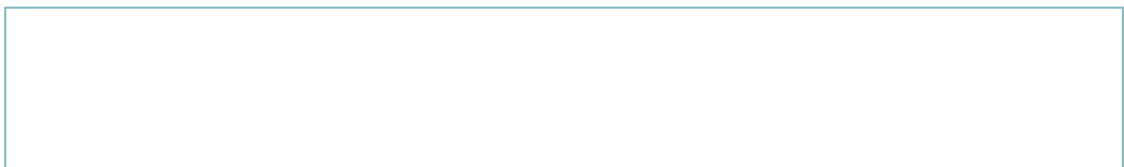
Lowland Acid Grassland (LAG) is a nationally scarce habitat which exists on dry, acidic, sandy soil and can support many species of plants and invertebrates. Nutrient build up caused by dog fouling, pollution and a lack of grazing leads to a change in the pH of the soil which means that the plant assemblages associated with acidic soils can no longer survive and are outcompeted by other more common species.

Soil scraping removes the top layer of nutrient rich soil to expose the sandy soil underneath. With nearby areas of acid grassland providing a seed stock, the scrape should be restored to its former biodiverse beauty.

As part of the project a Hibernaculum - a shelter for reptiles and amphibians made by covering logs and stones with soil - has also been built.

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## Excitement mounts as the Children's Literature Festival comes to town



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**M**ore exciting than any circus or funfair is the imminent arrival of the Barnes Children's Literature Festival whose tents will appear on Barnes Green over the weekend of June 25 & 26.

The festival is now so full of fantastic events for children that it is bursting at the seams and will be popping up in venues all over Barnes including at The London Wetland Centre, Lowther School and St Osmund's as well as the Barnes Methodist Church and the Castelnau Community Centre. There are book readings with famous authors, fabulous hands-on workshops- including model making with Aardman animations -and some great performances for children.

Famous names taking part include Stephen Mangan, Adam Kaye, comedian and Horrible Histories star Simon Farnaby plus writer and comedian David Baddiel. There are stellar children's authors and illustrators too, including Lauren Child, Piers Torday and Axel Scheffler.

The Festival is a huge success story and that success is due both to its indefatigable organiser Amanda Brettargh and a team of 150 brilliant volunteers.

Tickets are selling fast so if you want to secure a place at one of the Festival's many events now is the time to check out the programme on its website.

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Sewing the seeds of love



**T**he gift of flowers has always been an expression of love so what better way for us all to demonstrate our love for our community than to nurture the mini flower beds that have been planted at the base of trees across Barnes?

The planting was carried out with the help of our local Brownie pack (above) and now it is our turn to make sure that the seeds turn into seedlings which thrive and grow by watering the tree bases in our streets.

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Otterly lovely



**I**f you are a feeling in need of a pick-me-up we can't do better than point you towards some charming pictures posted by the Wetland Centre to celebrate May 25 which was World Otter Day. The London Wetland Centre is home to two otters Honey and Tod who can be visited any time when you tour the lovely Wetlands. Apparently, it is very easy to spot which otter is which. Tod is always active, running and swimming whereas Honey likes to relax especially on warm, sunny days.

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If you think June's great in Barnes wait  
for July...



**N**o sooner have two festivals ended than two more grand fêtes arrive. Now's the time to put the dates in your diary for both Barnes Fair and the brilliant Barnes Pond Summer Festival.

Barnes Fair will be held on Saturday July 9 returning after a two-year absence. Over 300 hundred exhibitors will be taking part in this year's fair offering fashion, jewellery, gifts and homeware, and there will be food and drink stalls from local restaurants including The Crossing, Rick Stein and The Brown Dog.

The wonderful Galloper's Carousel will also return along with the Helter Skelter and mini-roundabout.

Following on from the Fair the Barnes Pond Summer festival will offer all sorts of open air treats throughout what the organisers hope will be a balmy Barnes summer. The festival kicks off on Friday 22 July with an outdoor ballet performance of the Secret Garden.

On Saturday 23 July, you will be able to relax with opera on the green from Joe Davies' Cumbria Opera. The musical entertainment continues into the evening with a Bob Dylan tribute band.

On Sunday 24 July, the iconic Basil Brush will be performing live. In the evening, the Comedy Store will be delivering their first live stand up comedy show on Barnes Green with sets from the fabulous Zoe Lyons and Paul Sinha. Not to be missed! Find out more on [the OSO's website](#).

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Oh the glamour!



**S**t Osmund's PTA is throwing quite a shindig at the beginning of July – a Hollywood Glamour Summer Ball which will be held at the Dukes Meadow Golf Club. There'll be dinner, drinks and dancing and a live auction. Tickets cost £85 and are available either from a parent of the school or by emailing [stosmundspta@live.co.uk](mailto:stosmundspta@live.co.uk)

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## Brought to book



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**L**ocal crime writer Victoria Dowd has a new book out - the fourth in her series of Smart Women's Crime Mysteries - and once again her sleuthing heroines, Ursula Smart and her mother Pandora, need to get to work to track down a killer. This time they have to identify who out of 19 guests on an exclusive party on a private island killed crime fiction author Anthony Lovell.

It's a classic 'closed room' mystery in the manner of Agatha Christie and you'll find it at The Barnes Bookshop.

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## Could you teach English to a refugee?

**O**ne of the biggest challenges for Ukrainian and Afghani refugees arriving in the UK is getting to grips with the language and that's where LEAH – Learning English at Home comes in.

It provides Zoom based English conversation lessons for refugees and as demand for their courses is so high they are looking for more volunteer teachers.

Barnes local Alison Baker is a volunteer and she now teaches English to a new arrival via one 30 minute Zoom session per week. She says "It's very fulfilling and they give you training if you've never taught English before."

If you would like to volunteer you can find out more about LEAF on [their website](#).

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## The orange and the green

**W**hen we announced the results of the local council elections in last month's Bugle we incorrectly stated that Barnes was now represented solely by LibDem councils. In fact The Green Party's Nicki Crookdale has been elected as a councillor in the Barnes and Mortlake Ward.

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## Bugle Classifieds

### **Beautician seeks room to rent three days per week**

Do you have a garage, annex or garden office with separate access which is going unused? Why not make a bit of extra money by renting it out for three days a

week to a local beautician. Email us at the Bugle ([admin@barnesvillagebugle.com](mailto:admin@barnesvillagebugle.com)) if you would like to find out more.

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## What's on in June?

Check out our guide to What's On in Barnes this month, and remember to double check dates on venues' own websites as although we check information to the best of our ability sometimes dates and other details are subject to change.

### Great films at The Olympic



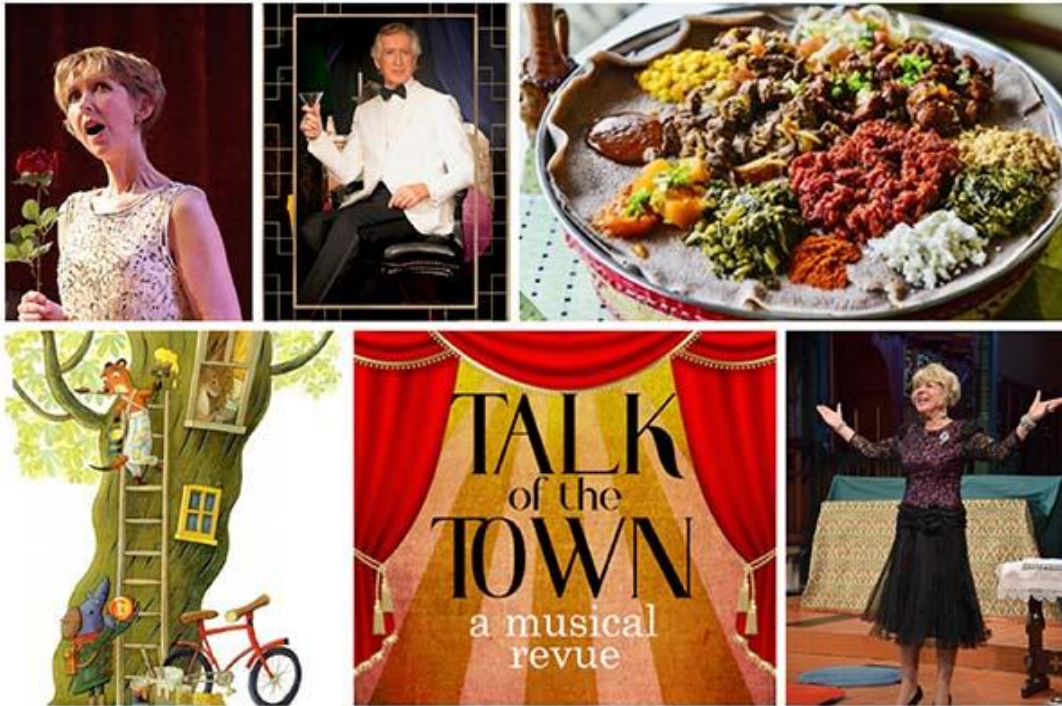
Hotchpotch, smorgasbord or a Forrest Gump style 'box of chocolates' it's hard to describe how varied the offerings at the Olympic are this month. Of course there's the blockbuster du jour, **Top Gun Maverick**, which offers full throttle macho entertainment. For those whose taste in flying films doesn't stretch to spectacular CGI stunts there's **Lancaster** - a documentary about Lancaster bomber crews which lays bare true heroism and the dreadful cost of war.

Elsewhere the Olympic schedule is going back in time with a couple of 60s classics - Hitchcock's **Psycho** and George Lazenby's only Bond outing in **On Her Majesty's Secret Service**.

And then there's **A-ha The Movie** which isn't an Alan Partridge biopic but a profile of the still-performing band who brought us one of the greatest of 80s pop songs - Take on Me. And for anyone who is only familiar with A-ha's oeuvre through videos or karaoke, the film is a revelation. Who knew that the cheery Norwegian trio seemingly can't stand each other and have spent their performing career fighting like rats in a sack?

Other highlights include a gentle and informative tour of the recent **Pissaro** touring exhibition and the final installment of the **Jurassic World** franchise the portentously named Dominion. Well, we told you it was varied...

# What's on at The OSO?



June at the OSO kicks off with the world premiere of **Roger McGough's Money Go Round** (until June 5). It's an adaptation of Roger's book which is in turn inspired by *The Wind in the Willows*. The show features a set made from recycled materials, music by Steve Halliwell and introduces little ones to the 'mysteries of economics' through McGough's witty and mischievous words.

On Thursday June 9 there's the first of a new series of events at The OSO featuring dinners with food from different cultures. The series kicks off with an **Ethiopian night**. The OSO's own talented chef Yanete will be cooking traditional food from her own country. Food will be served buffet style and will include vegetarian options. The evening will finish with desserts and a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony.

Cabaret style entertainment is the order of the day for the rest of the month - and first off the marks is **Adorable Dora** (June 16) in which veteran West End musical performer Rosie Ashe pays tribute to 1960s national treasure Dora Bryan, whose showbiz career spanned eight decades. - from pantomime to Shakespeare to Carry On films to a BAFTA winning role in *A Taste of Honey*. Next up, following her two sell-out shows of *Tea with Joyce Grenfell*, actress Nicola Keen returns to the OSO with her husband Michael Winsor to present **Love etc** (June 18) billed as 'a knock-out evening of music and comedy which takes a hilarious look at love'. Expect humour and comedy songs by Victoria Wood, Cole Porter, Noël Coward, Lerner & Loewe, Rogers & Hart, George Gershwin, Irving Berlin, Stephen Sondheim and many more.

If you were looking for a sophisticated night out in the late 1960s or the early 70s you would head for the **Talk of The Town** (June 22) - a legendary nightclub in Leicester Square. Some extraordinary performers passed through its doors from Judy Garland, to Eartha Kitt to Sammy Davies Jnr. Now some of the magic of the club is to be recreated in Barnes with West End performers Lisa Peace, Susan Humphris, Paul Tomkinson and Jason Moore.

Rounding off a month of cabaret is a celebration of a life in musical theatre with a capital M and a capital T. New Zealand born Peter Land was married to star dancer, choreographer and director the late Dame Gillian Lynne (Cats! Phantom, Aspects of Love). He and Gillian launched a foundation to support the next generation of stage entertainers through grants and bursaries, and this show which is an evening of show business reminiscences will raise funds for their foundation. Entitled temptingly '**How to mix the perfect Negroni**' (July 2) the show will also feature guest appearances from West end stars including Janie Dee.

## Bull's Head highlights



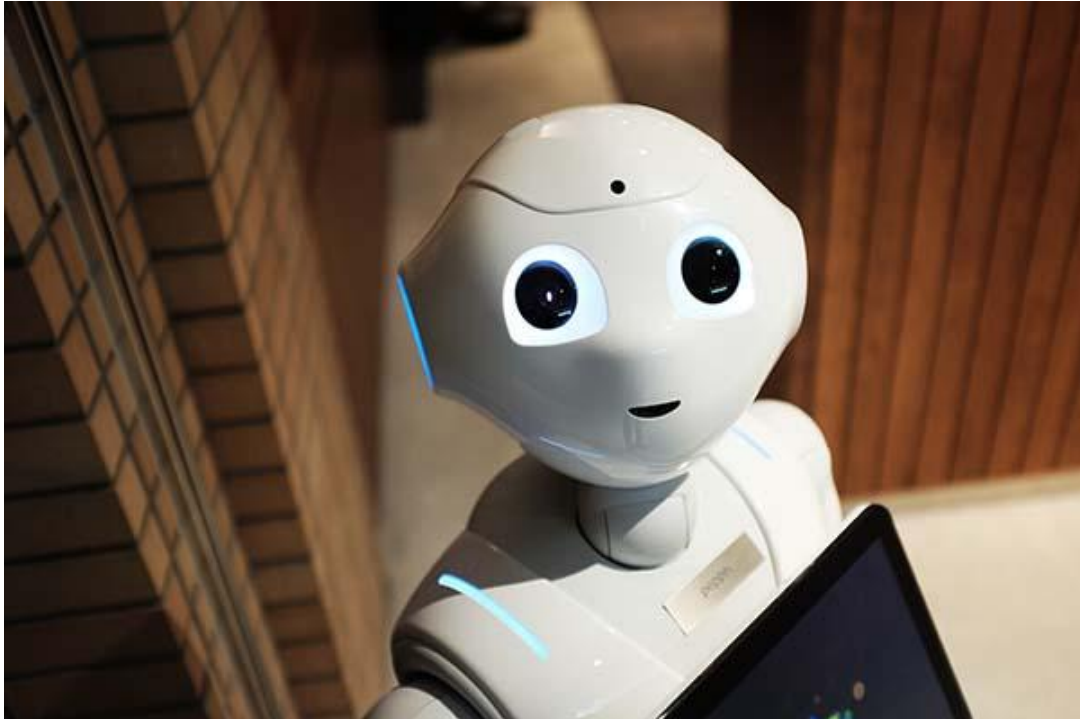
Sometimes talent runs through families like a river, and that seems to be the case with the Whiteheads. Father Tim is one of Britain's best jazz saxophonists and daughter Hattie is an up-and-coming singer songwriter. Son Ffion is the breakout star of Christopher Nolan's Dunkirk and second daughter Maisie is an acclaimed dancer and entertainer.

This month at The Bull's Head **Tim and Hattie** are joining forces to showcase some of Hattie's songs from her forthcoming new album plus Tim's arrangements of Bacharach songs as well as covering material from songwriters such as Paul Simon, Joni Mitchell and even Bruce Springsteen together with some favourite jazz standards.

Other June Bull's Head highlights include the sultry voiced **Katriona Taylor** performing her tribute to the 'Ladies of Swing' and a local band of blues

enthusiasts Broken Blue who will be putting their own musical stamp on blues numbers by artists including Muddy Waters, Howling Wolf and BB King.

## Barnes Philosophy Club



### **Technology & Psychiatry**

Tuesday June 14, The OSO

The final talk of the Philosophy Club's season focusing on Artificial Intelligence is very appropriately being held on Zoom but attendees can still come along to the OSO for a chat and a drink and to watch the talk which is on the theme of Technology and Psychiatry and concerns "Close encounters of the mechanical kind when clever machines meet problematic theories. The talk is by Dr Yasemin J Erden, Assistant Professor at the University of Twente.

## Classical concerts



Classical performances abound in Barnes this month with performances at both St Mary's and St Michael's and an opera in the garden cabaret at the Red Lion.

**Saturday June 16, St Mary's Barnes, 7.30pm**

**Maiastra led by Akiko Ono, Violin**

Violin virtuoso Akiko Ono and her dynamic ensemble Maiastra are performing a programme of pieces by Mozart, Shostakovich, Dvorak and more.

Akiko is the winner of the first prize of the Yehudi Menuhin competition (2000) and has won multiple other prizes for her bravura playing.

[Find out more here](#)

**Saturday June 25, St Michael's Community Centre, Elm Bank Gardens, 7 for 7.30pm**

**Garwin Linnell, Cello**

A tale of two Cs, Bach & Britten

[Find out more here](#)

**Saturday June 25, The Red Lion, 7.30pm**

**Opera in the Garden**

Rogue Opera's 'Opera Cabaret in the Garden' presents the best (and worst) characters in opera, taking you through the big tunes, the tear-jerkers, the crowd-pleasers and, of course, the drinking songs.

[Find out more here](#)

Wetland Wonders



There's lots on at the Wetland Centre this month. Here's our pick of their events.

**Monday June 20 & Tuesday June 21, Wildflower Walk**

It's the time of year where wild flowers are at their most beautiful and abundant so the Wetland Centre's wildflower walk is perfectly timed. Wander around the beautiful reserve and learn to identify the bright yellow flowers of Southern Marsh Marigold and the tall purple spikes of Marsh Woundwort and Purple Loosestrife amongst other wet and dry grassland plants.

[More info here.](#)

**Saturday June 25, 10am-4pm, Wildlife Photography Workshop**

This is an event that's a must for anyone who is a budding wildlife or nature photographer. It focuses on the essential camera settings to capture a variety of still and moving subjects.

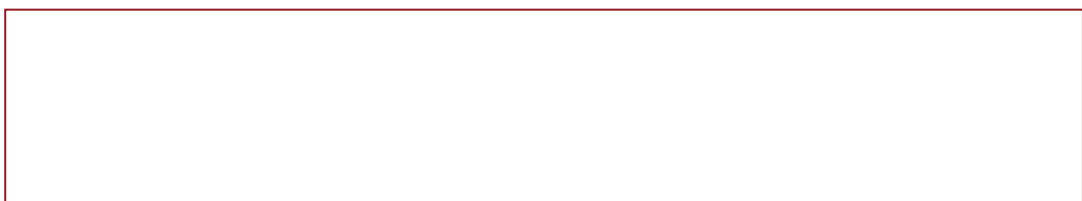
[More info here.](#)

**Sunday June 26, Poisoners' Walk**

This isn't an event we'd recommend if you've recently had a falling out with a partner or work colleague as it explores poisonous plants, albeit in a purely academic way. It looks at plants that can heal too so as well as identifying hemlock you will learn how foxgloves are used to treat heart issues and how Great Burnet or sanguisorba has been used traditionally to stop bleeding.

[More info here.](#)

Fête accompli





**St Michael & All Angels Midsummer Fete**  
**Saturday 25th June 10.30am - 2pm**  
 Traditional parish fete for all the family and all ages

<p><b>Pop-up Café and Market in the Community Centre and cloister (next to the church) cakes, music stalls, plants</b></p>	<p><b>Children's Activities in the Vicarage back garden (end of Elm Bank Gardens) Entertainer tug-of-war toy stall games face-painting and more!</b></p>	<p><b>"Pub Garden" in front of the Vicarage (end of Elm Bank Gardens) BBQ Pimms beer tent</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Some events may vary Card printing thanks to Savills UK, Barnes</p>
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Donations of good quality children's books and toys, accessories, jewellery and raffle prizes needed, please!

**Contact the Parish Office 020 8876 5230 [admin@stmichaelbarnes.org](mailto:admin@stmichaelbarnes.org)**

If all the Jubilee celebrations have given you a taste for tea, cake and bunting you can carry on the Jubilee spirit at the St Michael & All Angels Annual Garden Fête which will be held on Saturday June 25th. There's a pop-up café and market in the Community Centre, children's activities in the vicarage garden and a Pimm's and beer tent in front of the vicarage.

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