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The Barnes Village Bugle

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All change on the buses

Fewer 209s and 533s plus a change in route for the 378



As if managing to commute with Hammersmith Bridge being closed to traffic wasn't bad enough, Barnes is about to be hit with a reduction in bus services.

Cash-strapped TfL is planning wholesale changes to bus routes across London, and Barnes like many other London areas is about to be affected.

It's not all bad news – the 378 which links Mortlake to Putney Bridge Underground station is being re-routed (see map below) and now residents who live near Church Road will see the bus stopping near them. On the other hand, this service is being reduced in frequency from eight times to four times per hour.

However, if you live in Mortlake or the Mortlake end of Barnes and want to get to the south side of Hammersmith Bridge your journey is about to get less easy. The 209, a bus which in pre bridge closure and pre Covid times used to run every 5 minutes in peak time, is now having its frequency reduced from four times per hour to two times per hour.

As far as we can tell the 33 bus which plies its trade frequently up Castelnau is not going to be affected so users of the 209 travelling to the bridge will now have the option to take the 378 and change at the bottom of Castelnau which will allow them to complete their journey but also slow it down.

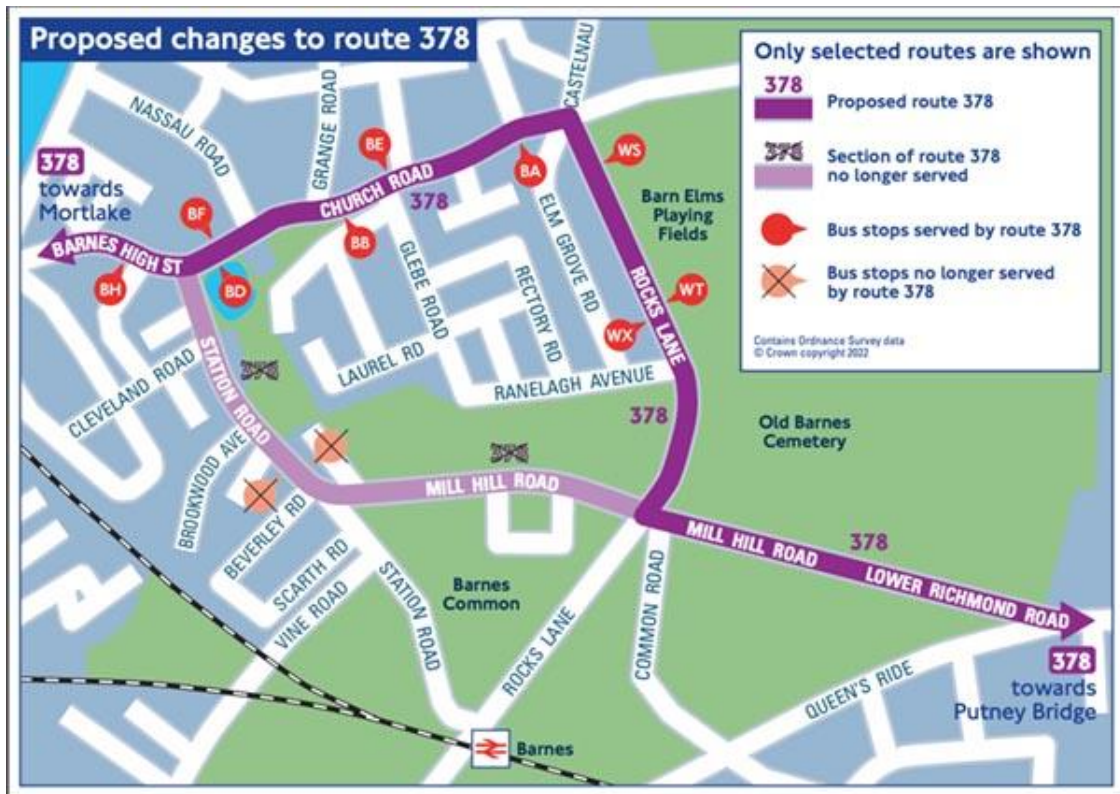
Residents living in North Barnes who want to travel to and from Barnes High Street will also be badly affected.

What about the 533 which takes you from Barnes to Hammersmith via Chiswick Bridge? Well, more stops have been reintroduced to the route making it slower, and in a masterpiece of euphemism TfL has said its frequency has been 'widened' (aka reduced) from one bus every 15 minutes to one every 17 minutes in peak times. As to the off-peak frequency, the Bugle can't find any relevant information.

Once Barnes commuters do cross the river, they'll find their travel options changed both at Hammersmith - where the 72 bus is no more - and at Putney where the 14 bus route has been removed. TfL has rejigged other services to try to make up for these losses but there's no hiding the fact that there are just going to be fewer buses on the road.

TfL have announced the changes will start on Saturday July 16 and although they are running a 'community engagement' exercise it's hard to know whether any of the comments on the forum (see images above this article) they have initiated will be heeded.

The Barnes Community Association says it is dismayed by the changes and will campaign against them ***“We will push back on the proposed changes and will continue to campaign for a frequent and reliable bus service for our community. We hope the new 378 route will encourage more passengers to use the service and so will make it easier to argue our case for a reverse in the reduction.”***



Wet wipe mountain changes the course of the Thames by Barnes

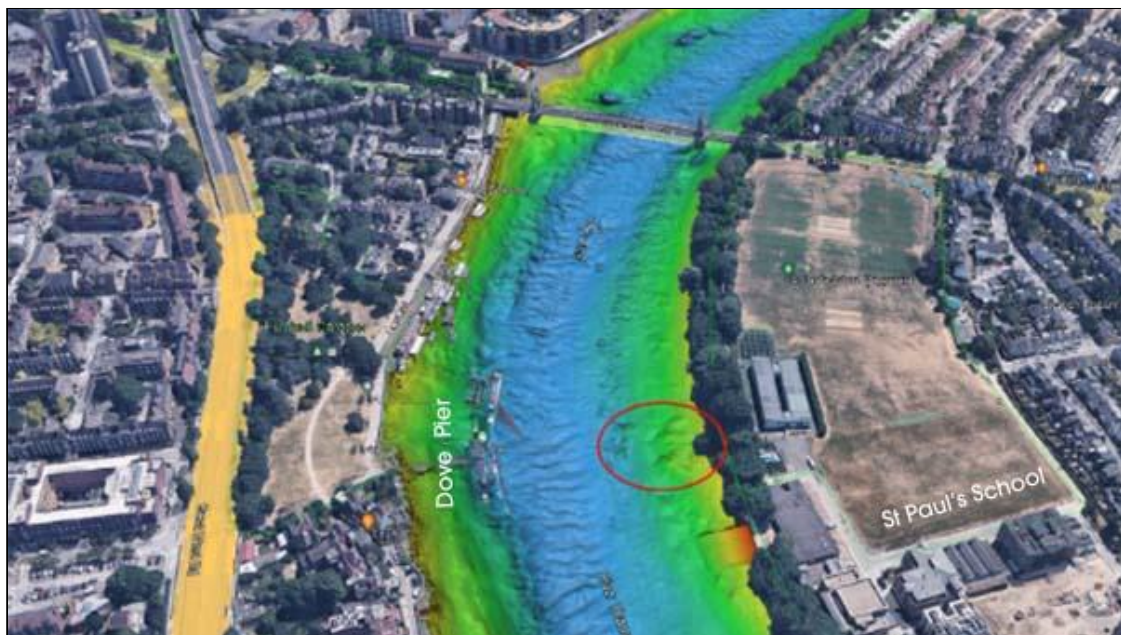


Image: Thames 21

An island made of wet wipes one metre deep, and two tennis courts wide has changed the course of the Thames just by St Paul's school.

All of these wet wipes have been thrown down lavatories and eventually accumulated in this spot as well as many other places along the banks of the Thames.

Wet wipes are also contributing to the scourge of ‘fatbergs’ - monstrous accumulations of fat flushed down drains melded with raw sewage. The wet wipes work as the binding medium. Yuck.

Thames Water, which clears about 75,000 blockages from its network every year, is running a ‘bin it, don’t block it’ campaign to try to make people more aware of the damage flushed wipes cause. Environmental charity Thames 21 is calling for plastic wet wipes to be banned.

Clearing fatbergs costs Thames Water at least £12 million per year and the disruption the blockages cause also has an economic impact. Removing large fatbergs can close roads for days – in 2015 workers spent four days removing a fatberg the size of a jumbo jet from a sewer in Shepherd’s Bush. And even small fatberg removal can have scary consequences for householders. Recently residents of one street in Barnes were told to cover their lavatories with cling film and keep all their sinks plugged as there was a possibility that blow-back from the clearance of a blockage in the street’s sewer pipes would send sewage jetting into their houses.

Hammersmith Bridge closure has led to 4,000 extra vehicles a day clogging Putney streets says local MP



As the saga of Hammersmith Bridge drags on and wears us all down, the Bugle

has lost the will to write a long detailed article about the latest news regarding the bridge. We are also sure Bugle readers have also lost the will to read one.

However, there have been some developments this month and here's a quick summary of what's been going on.

Debate in the House of Commons

Putney MP Fleur Anderson has again brought up the issue of the bridge in the House of Commons saying *"It has resulted in between 500 and 4,000 vehicles a day coming through Putney High Street. Local residents complain constantly of increased travel times for journeys by bus and car, of increased congestion and pollution and of accidents on the roads, especially involving children near the schools on the most affected roads.*

"Recently, for Clean Air Day, I undertook readings using an ultra-fine particle counter—lent to me by Imperial College—along Putney High Street and the Lower and Upper Richmond Roads, the main diversion routes from the bridge. The readings were exceptionally high, even from inside homes along those roads. Residents have shown me the black soot that builds up in their homes, and companies tell me about the impact that the poor air quality is having on their business."

The MP also read out a statement from the Putney Society in which they said pollution in Putney was so bad that it has caused around 60 constituents to die prematurely each year.

You can see details of the debate, including an intervention by our own local MP Sarah Olney, [here](#).

The Foster Cowi Bridge Within a Bridge

One of the interventions that could get traffic moving across Hammersmith Bridge sooner rather than later is the proposal from architects Foster & Partners and engineering consultants COWI for a temporary bridge within a bridge. Local campaign group Hammersmith Bridge SOS has heard that the viability of the scheme is currently being investigated by Professor Steve Denton who will report back to Hammersmith & Fulham Council in the autumn.

28 contracting firms have expressed interest in the bridge repair job

The magazine [New Civil Engineer](#) has revealed that 28 different firms have responded to a request from Hammersmith & Fulham Council for expressions of interest

Toll funding

As we reported in last month's Bugle, Hammersmith & Fulham Council is looking to fund its share of the bridge repairs (potentially up to £50 million) through borrowing money that will be paid back by toll fees raised from drivers using the bridge.

At the Commons debate mentioned above, junior transport minister Trudi Harrison re-iterated that the government will release funds for the strengthening and renovation of the bridge once it has received an acceptable business case from Hammersmith & Fulham Council. It seems H&FC is about to start talking to potential lenders and the Bugle can only speculate that a business case acceptable to the government will only be possible once this process is complete. How long will this take? Now, there's a question.

The Bridge Task Force

Yet again there was no meeting of the bridge Task Force this month. In fact it has not met since November 2021.

Campaign group encourages Barnes residents to lobby our new local councillors

Campaign group Hammersmith Bridge SOS has met with our three newly elected local councillors to brief them on the bridge situation. They urged the councillors to ask Richmond Council to commission an independent survey into what Barnes residents wanted for the future of the bridge and to then advocate for solutions that work for residents on both sides of the river with Hammersmith & Fulham Council. The group is urging anyone with concerns about the bridge and public transport to attend our new councillors' regular surgeries (scroll down to see details at the end of the Bugle news section) to ensure that the councillors are aware of the strength of local feeling.

It's Barnes Fair this Saturday



When the world around us is so full of gloom it's good to have days like

Barnes Fair to look forward to.

It's going to be a corker this year. The sun will be out and the fair will be packed with interesting stands with a mix of regular attendees and some new stallholders too. Food will come courtesy of The Crossing, Rick Stein, The Brown Dog, Ela & Dhani and Nuay's Thai Bistro. There will also be a special festival area run in collaboration with & feast, The Ginger Pig and the Barnes Pantry.

Draft beer will come from Jefferson's, cocktails and mocktails from Dima's Vodka and the BCA will be running its traditional Pimm's tent.

Look out for music and performances galore at the BCA's grandstand and, of course, all the traditional vintage rides will be back in the children's area including the Gallopers, the Helter Skelter and Swing Boats.

The Fair is also a chance to meet up with many of our very active local groups from 'Barnes Common' (the rebranded Friends of Barnes Common, see story below) to the team at the BCA.

One of the most exciting projects to catch up with is the Barnes Men's Shed – if you're interested in participating in this great new initiative do make a beeline to talk to the team behind it at the Fair.

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Waterman's Arms closes



Sadly, one of our three riverside pubs The Waterman's Arms has closed its doors. An [Instagram post](#) from its manager on June 30 said ***"I'm sorry to have to bear the sad news that the Waterman's Arms has poured its last pint. I have had the pleasure of managing The Waterman's for the past 3 years surrounded by a fantastic team of staff and customers."***

"In this time the pub has been through a tremendous amount. From a pandemic to offering takeaway to seemingly the whole of South West London, resulting in countless news articles spreading as far as Spain and Belgium! Court cases, Boat races, Floods! To name a few."

"It is very sad to see it go and I can say with a clear conscience that we have given it a good go."

The announcement was met with shock and surprise by the pub's fans who said they would miss ***"the best beer selection in the area"*** and ***"the best Sunday dinner."***

As for what will now happen to the site, Barnes Town Centre manager Emma Robinson says she understands there is lots of interest from potential new tenants but that there is no definite news about what business will replace the pub and when.

The View at Barnes Bridge - team behind exciting new bridge project reveals plans



Images: Moxon Architects

The idea of turning the unused old railway bridge that sits next to Barnes Bridge into a 'green bridge' has been capturing people's imaginations since the Big Barnes Ponder in 2013. Since then a team of local people have been quietly lobbying Richmond and Hounslow Council's as well as Network Rail. All this hard work is beginning to pay off with a feasibility study now completed and architects appointed to draw up plans. As you can see from the images above the intention is to provide step free access from both sides of the river to a beautiful new green walkway with one of the best views in London.

The project has now been branded The View at Barnes Bridge and the team behind it is about to launch a new website on the day of Barnes Fair. If you want to find out more or even get involved in the project yourself come along and meet the team at Barnes Fair this Saturday.

You can also follow the project on Instagram - [@theviewatbarnesbridge](https://www.instagram.com/theviewatbarnesbridge)

The Friends of Barnes Common get a rebrand

Barnes Common

We are Barnes Common

Our vision – Conservation, Biodiversity, Wellbeing and Lifelong Learning, runs through everything we do, for all the community.



Conservation • Biodiversity • Wellbeing • Lifelong Learning – for all

Barnes
Common



www.barnescommon.org.uk

Barnes Common is perhaps our most precious local resource. It's a haven for humans (how it helped during lockdown) but also a haven for animal and plant life. For thirty years the Friends of Barnes Common have helped maintain the delicate ecological balance of the landscape - clearing litter, cutting back damaged trees and invasive non native shrubs, and, most of all, managing the very precious soil. We're lucky enough to have acid grassland which is a rare and special thing and without the Friends' management it would be in danger of being totally eroded.

Over the years the Friends have taken on more and more, and now the charity has over a thousand members, and helps to conserve and manage three sites including the Leg o' Mutton reservoir and Vine Road Park. It supports community growing and the Barnes Community Gardeners and at the moment is gearing up for a major role in local Flood Resilience and providing formal and informal outdoor learning for all.

The charity's achievements are hugely impressive and from a small group of volunteers it has grown to be a hugely professional organisation. As part of recognising its new role it has decided to rebrand, and its new name is simply Barnes Common.

Community Engagement Manager Jackie Marie says ***"In the last year we have taken a fresh look at our vision, and our new brand reflects our plans for our future growth, with even more scope to engage and support the community across all our projects and initiatives. Our new name and look will better underpin our campaigns, and applications for funding to support all aspects of our goals: Conservation. Biodiversity. Wellbeing. Lifelong Learning – for all."***

The charity's website, staff email addresses and social media links remain the same, except Twitter which will now be @barnes_common.

[Find out more here.](#)

The food bank needs your help



Every day we are assailed with headlines about inflation and the spiralling costs of essential food. For those living on benefits and small incomes this is a true crisis and many people are having to go without food and household essentials.

Our local Trussel Trust food bank at the Castelnau Community Project which is co-ordinated by Holy Trinity Church with the support of local volunteers is facing unprecedented demand and is asking the community for help.

The summer holidays are a time of particular need, as parents with children who would normally be getting free school meals are having to find the money for extra food.

Every donation however small will make a difference and we've listed the items that would be most useful below.

To make a food donation simply visit the foodbank at The Castelnau Community Centre on 7 Stillingfleet Road, SW13 9HW or donate at Holy Trinity Barnes or St Mary's Barnes (see drop off times below). Why not coordinate donations via your street WhatsApp group? Several streets in Barnes are doing this with one or more residents collecting donations from their neighbours and then making one single run up to the food bank to deliver donated food.

Drop off times

If you would like to donate, the drop off times at the **Castelnau Community Project** are Monday to Thursday between 9.am and 10.30am during term time where the Community Centre Manager will accept donations. You can also drop things off at **Holy Trinity Church** on Castelnau on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 11am or with the **Food Bank team directly at the Castelnau Centre** on Fridays (even during school holidays) between 9am and 11.15am.

There's also a box inside the church at **St Mary's** where you can drop off items when the church is open.

[See here for more information.](#)

WHAT THE FOOD BANK NEEDS

Biscuits/Savoury Crackers

Cereal/

Tea /Coffee

Tinned Meat Pies, Tinned Chicken Curry, Tinned Chilli, Tinned Cold Meats
etc

Instant Mash Potato/Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Peas, Mixed veg & Carrots

Peanut Butter, Marmite, Mayonnaise, Jams, Honey, Nutella

UHT Milk

UHT Fruit Juice

Tinned Fruit

Long life puddings, custard, rice pudding,

Toothpaste/Brushes

Toilet Rolls

Deodorant

Body Wash

No perishables eg fresh fruit and veg

Ever felt overdressed?



Picture: Alan Parry

The Bugle often cycles around Barnes Miss Marple style but we would like to make clear that we are always sensibly dressed. And we certainly weren't taking part in the naked cycle ride that whizzed through Barnes to the amazement of many spectators on June 10.

The ride was one of 10 across London celebrating World Naked Bike Ride Day which has its roots in eco protest movements in Canada and Spain.

A harvest for the world

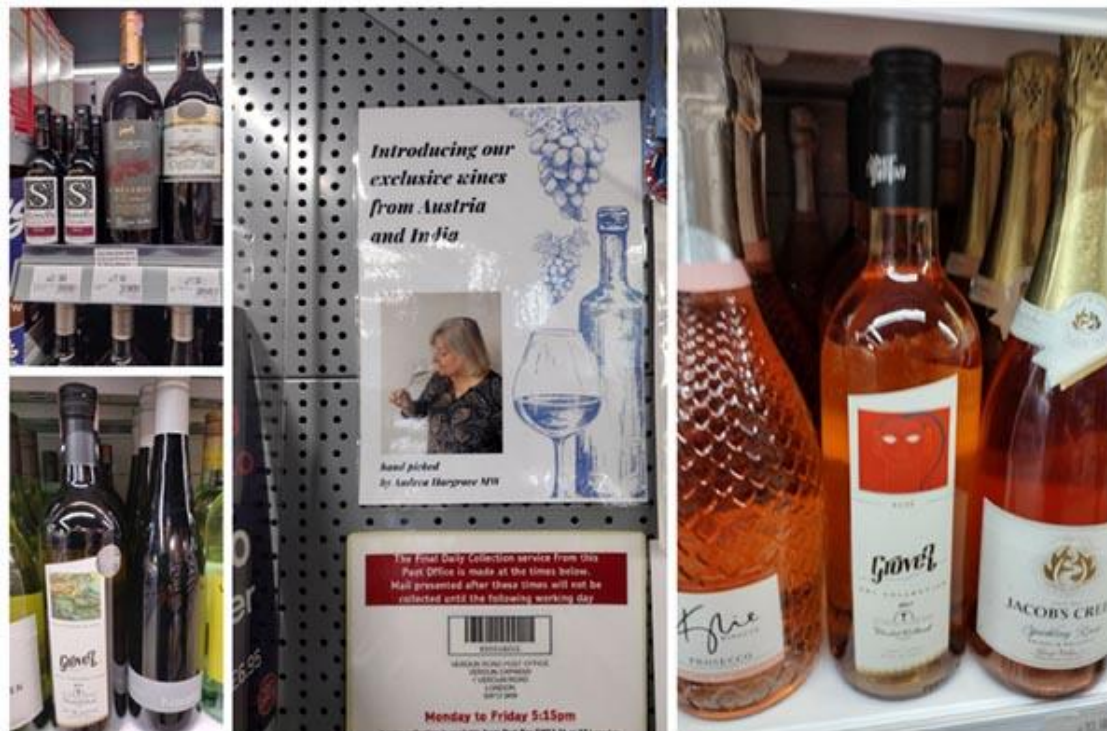


Two volunteers at Barn Elms allotments have got together with City Harvest, the food surplus charity, to make weekly donations of allotment produce, fresh food and groceries.

They are inviting neighbours and local people to donate their surplus food and garden produce for distribution to the charities, food banks, schools and community groups which City Harvest support, reaching some of the most deprived people in London.

If you are interested in helping them [email us at the Bugle](#) and we'll put you in touch.

Check out the intriguing wines at the Verdun Express



The post office and convenience store on Verdun Road is a lovely shop but it isn't necessarily the first place you would expect to find wines selected by a Master of Wine. However, think again, as on its shelves you will find some very interesting specially selected wines from Austria and India.

This exclusive selection has been put together by Master of Wine Andrea Hargrave who met the shop's owners by chance on holiday.

She runs a specialist business Character Wines which focuses on sourcing fine wines from interesting locations and the owners at Verdun Express say that they have had amazing feedback on the wines from their customers with the Austrian wines in particular being best sellers.

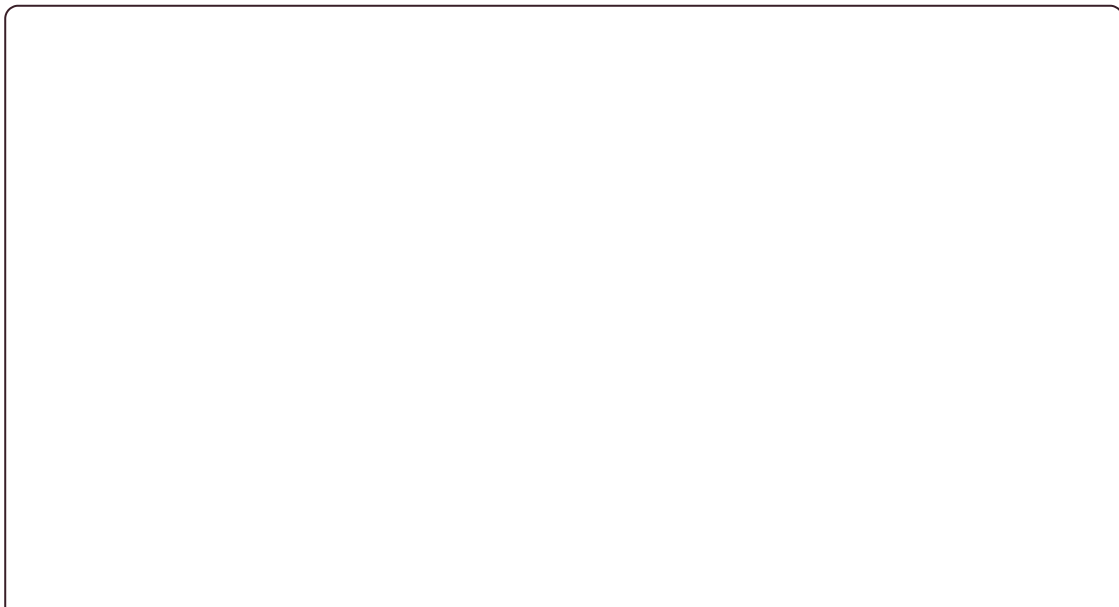
Look who's booked for the Bookfest

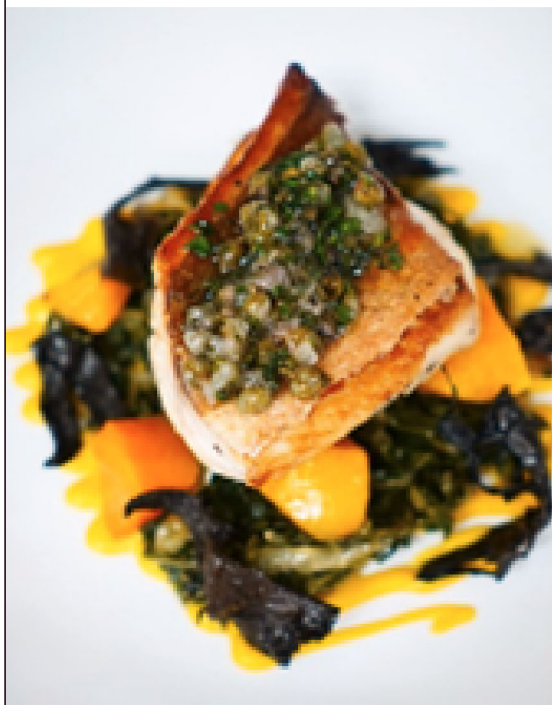
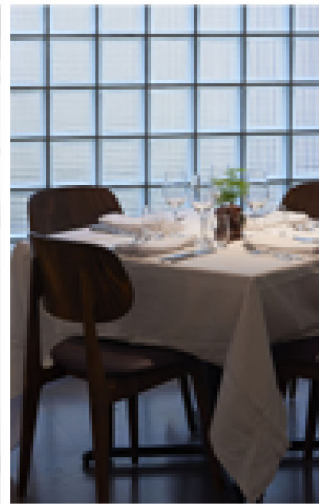


If you thought that the line up for last year's [Barnes Bookfest](#) was stunning then wait until you see who is speaking at this year's Bookfest in September.

Taking place on 23 – 25 September, the weekend book festival starts on the Friday evening with veteran environmental campaigner Jonathon Porritt, followed by bestselling author Ben Macintyre. Other well-known faces include: Theo Fennell in conversation with Richard E. Grant, Dame Eileen Atkins with Gyles Brandreth, Peter Snow and Ann MacMillan, plus Hilary and Michael Whitehall. A special screening event includes Patricia Hodge in conversation with film and theatre critic Michael Billington.

New writers and award nominees Yara Rodrigues Fowler and Natasha Brown, plus Bonnie Garmus, join the line up on Sunday, and the festival concludes with bestselling author Robert Harris discussing his new book, *Act of Oblivion*.





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Living in Barnes means living with water as we are surrounded by river on three sides, have the wonderful Barnes Pond at the centre and of course the beautiful Beverley Brook also runs through the village.

So vital, yet so difficult to capture, water has always been an inspiration for photographers and artists alike. It's a marvellous subject for a group show so the Bugle is really looking forward to the major group exhibition from the Barnes Artists group which will start at St Mary's Church on Saturday July 9.

Running until July 17 the show will features local artists and, photographers, and two renowned international contemporary artists – Bruce Maclean and Zac Greening who will be showing his recent works inspired by sustainability of water.

Advertorial



Workshop runs great courses throughout the year but it really comes into its own in summer with its programme for kids. There are one-off course days and mini courses too. They're amazing for getting kids away from their computers and really enthusing and engaging them in all sorts of crafts activities. Whatever the course, children leave having realised just how creative they are. And, what's more, they can proudly take away something that they have made with them.

Great summer holiday courses this July



Art Camp

Monday July 11th to Wednesday July 13th

In this incredible three day art camp, students will work across a range of disciplines to create an array of wonderful art. We will focus on teaching the kids new skills and students can expect to use pens, pencils, watercolours, paints, clay, inks and pastels, as well as a host of other tools and mediums.

Book now



Block Print Duvet Covers

Thursday July 16th

Learn how to block print a duvet cover with your own design. You'll carve your own stamp from lino having first learned how to make a repeat pattern. You will leave with your own duvet set complete with matching cushion covers.

Book now



Exploring the Portrait

Monday & Tuesday July 18th & 19th

Spend two days developing fine drawing and painting skills with a focus on portraiture.

Working in charcoal, pastels, oil pastels and acrylic paints you will learn to accurately draw the human figure.

Book now



Decorative Paper Day

Thursday July 21st

A magical day of all things paper with artist, Red Gibbons! Join Red in exploring all the many wonderful ways we can make beautiful art out of paper using traditional techniques.

Book now



Spoon Carving

Friday July 22nd

Using techniques that date back to the stone age through carving, whittling and sanding you will transform a log into a spoon. In the process you will learn about different types of wood and become fascinated by this tactile, satisfying craft.

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Jean's big birthday



Jean Mackay, a resident at local care home, Viera Gray House, celebrated her 100th birthday in style last month, receiving an outpouring of birthday cards and wishes from the local Barnes community.

Jean has lived at the Greensleeves Care home for sixteen years, first moving to the home from the local area in 2006. Throughout her time at the home, Jean has formed close friendships with her fellow residents as well as team members, several of whom have been there since the beginning.

Home Manager, Eleanor Watson-West, reached out to the local community via Facebook ahead of the big day to share the news and to let people know they were welcome to send birthday cards to mark the occasion and the response was huge.

Jean received cards from people all over the local area, including local businesses and schools as well as cards from residents across other Greensleeves Care homes. Of course, Jean also received her card from Her Majesty the Queen, made extra special due to it being the year of the Platinum Jubilee.

She was thoroughly spoiled by the team at Viera Gray House, who gifted her a vintage 1950s dress similar to those Jean remembers wearing to dances as a young woman.

Jean spent the day celebrating with her family, friends, fellow residents and staff, and with a special performance from Graham, a local music therapist and friend to the home. Jean was also presented with a birthday crown and a special personalised

cake made by the home's catering team.

Advertorial

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Join us in Barnes to find out more

Casa de Campo offer lots of different weeks for all ages and requirements. If you would like to find out more the team have a couple of events coming up in July. Please see below to reserve your place.



'The Walking Collective' in partnership with The Cabin Gym. Our next walk is Wednesday 20th July. 5km early evening walk along the river followed by drinks.



Come along and meet the team over Champagne and canapés at The Brown Dog Thursday 28th July

Please contact Victoria for more information:

Instagram

@casadecampo.club

Or call

07787 553 553

FiSH is looking for volunteers



Do you live in Barnes, Mortlake, East Sheen or the immediate area? Do you have an hour or two to spare during the week? If so then FiSH could really do with your help. They are in particular need of car drivers and shoppers but bakers, gardeners, handypersons, bus escorts, bus drivers and friendly people to help meet and greet at various activities are also needed.

During the last two years of the pandemic, in FiSH's greatest time of need, the local community rose magnificently to the challenge with many new volunteers joining their team to do a truly amazing job. However, some have now returned to work, are enjoying well deserved holidays, have retired or moved away from the area hence the urgent need for more volunteers.

They say "If you are interested in helping people and would like to do something really rewarding, please consider volunteering for FiSH. If you are coming to Barnes Fair do drop by the FiSH stall outside the Barnes Green Centre. You can meet the team and pick up an application form. You can also apply online at our website www.fishhelp.org.uk or call Linda on 020 8876 3336 for further details."

**St Mary's Bike sale will be held in
September**



The date of the annual bike sale at St Mary's has moved to September 17th rather than coinciding, as it has previously, with the Barnes Fair in July. The team behind the sale will be taking in donated bikes in August so look out for more information on this in next month's Bugle.

Also it's worth knowing that there is lots going on at St Mary's on the day of Barnes Fair including a chance to climb the bell tower to get the best view in Barnes, as well as a Pimm's tent, cake stall, children's activities and music from a jazz quartet.

Councillor surgery dates

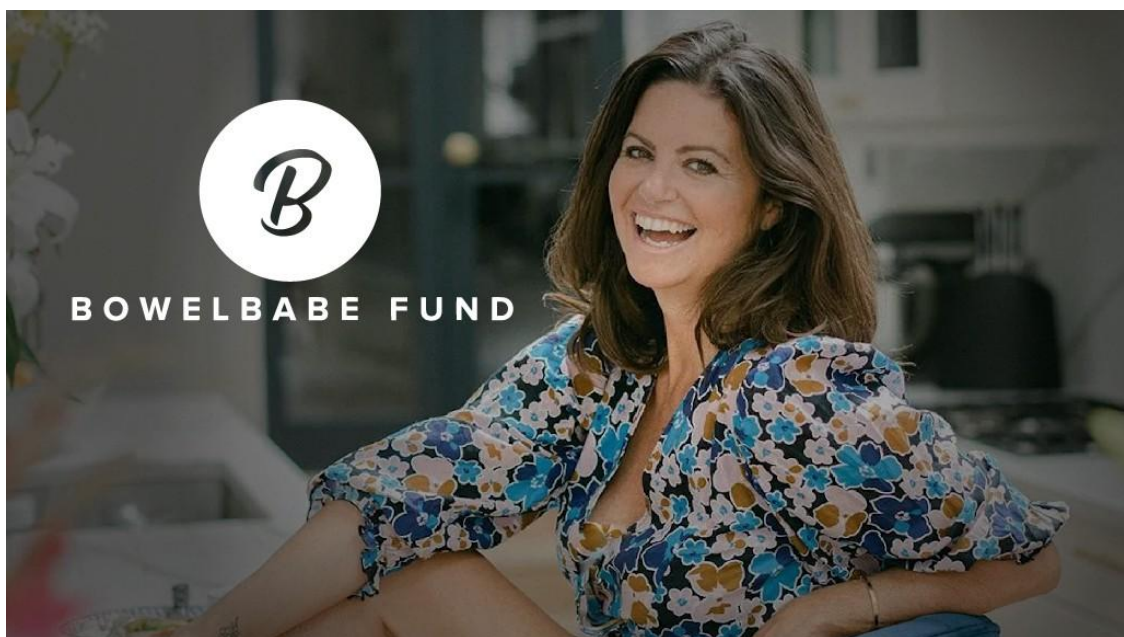
Our new local Liberal Democrat councillors, Marjorie Millum, Andy Hale and Fiona Sacks are now holding regular joint monthly surgeries in Barnes. The next two surgeries to be held are:

25th July at the Castelnau Centre 6-7pm
14th September at BCA Rose House 6-7pm

They are inviting anyone to come along and share their concerns about local issues at these surgery events.



Make a donation to celebrate the life of
Dame Deborah James



Very sadly, as we all know, the brilliant Dame Deborah James died last month, leaving Barnes bereft of her effervescence and rebellious hope. Before she died she

had already raised over £6 million for her Bowelbabe fund which is supporting research into new treatments for bowel cancer and her death prompted a new wave of donations. Even if you have donated already you can still make a small donation in her memory and potentially make a big difference to people who receive the same diagnosis as Deborah. As she said in one of her last instagram posts ***"All I ask is that next time you pop for a coffee or grab a drink with a friend, please consider donating the cost of one extra for me."***

[Click here to donate](#)

Try a holiday beauty makeover



Holiday season is here and although holidays themselves are lovely opportunities to unwind, getting ready for them always seems stressful. We know there are some people who serenely plan their holiday wardrobes weeks in advance, then pack a capsule edit immaculately. On the other hand, there are the rest of us who throw things together at the last minute and realise only by the time they get to the airport that their holiday toiletry set is missing something essential.

However, holidays are a fantastic time to reset your beauty routine and a bit of forward planning can pay dividends, not least in saving you from the panicky dither in duty free or the Heathrow branch of Boots.

White Hart Lane natural beauty specialist shop [Onolla](#) has been doing some thinking ahead (so you don't have to) and has launched a collection of holiday minis. Just pop along talk to them about what you need on holiday and they'll recommend a mini product selection just for you.

New Indian restaurant Postbox arrives in Castelnau



Next week sees the soft opening of a brand new Indian restaurant in the parade of shops at the top of Castelnau. Postbox is a first venture for Leo Noronha who has had over 20 years experience in the hospitality business most recently working as Support Operations Manager for the hugely acclaimed Indian restaurant chain [Hoppers](#).

Originally from Mumbai, Leo is passionate about authentic Indian food and he'll be joined in his new venture by his cousin Lorenzo who will be in charge of the kitchen.

The name is inspired by the practice across India of sending recipes to family members by postcard. This was particularly common post independence when many family members emigrated abroad and were requesting recipes from their relatives.

The food at Postbox will encompass the styles of many different regions of India from Goa and Kerala in the south to Delhi and the Himalayas in the north. There'll be no fusion twists says Leo, just total authenticity.

To celebrate the opening week from July 12 to July 17 all the dishes on the menu will be half price. However to avail yourself of this offer you will need to follow the [restaurant's instagram page](#) and DM Postbox on Instagram to make your booking.

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@barnesvillage.com) if you would like to find out more.

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What's on in July?

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.

The Barnes Pond Summer Festival



What makes Barnes so special? The people, obviously; our lovely shops, of course; community groups, definitely. However, together with all of that you have

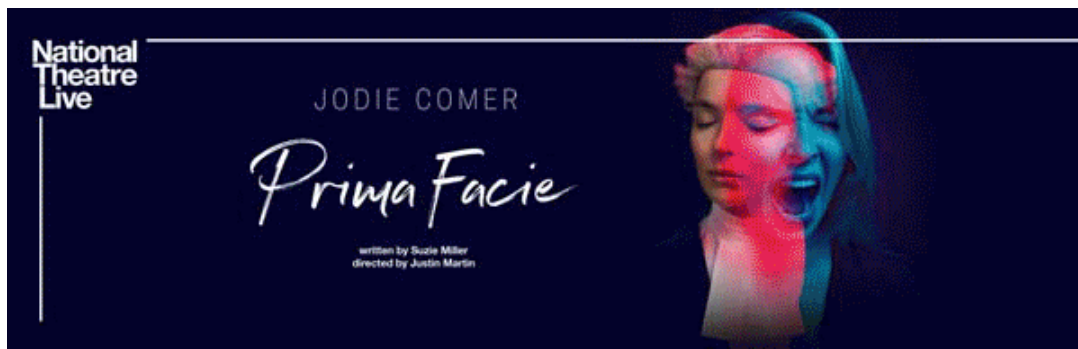
to throw geography into the mix. We're surrounded by the river on three sides and green space on the other, and, at the heart of Barnes, we have our focal point - the green and the pond - a place where everyone comes together. While the green is beautiful at any time of year, it is summer when it really comes into its own.

It has already played host to the brilliant Barnes Children's Literature Festival in June, this weekend it's the epic Barnes Fair and in September we have the Food Fair to look forward. In between however it's going to become a performance space and you can look forward to some fantastic open air evening events in the July warmth all organised by the OSO. There's something for everyone from comedy to opera plus some wonderful family events too. Here are the dates for your diary. Just click the button below for more details and to book tickets.

Friday, July 22nd, 6pm	Ballet: The Secret Garden A family-friendly dance adaptation of the classic novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett.
Saturday, July 23rd, 2pm	Opera by the Pond Bringing a touch of Glyndebourne to Barnes Green as a chorus of opera soloists perform some of opera's greatest hits.
Saturday, July 23rd, 7pm	Bob Dylan Tribute Show Featuring all the hits including Like a Rolling Stone, Mr Tambourine Man, Blowin' in the Wind and many more.
Sunday, July 24th, 2pm	Basil Brush: Boom Boom. Basil Brush is enjoying a comedy renaissance and he'll be making a special appearance on the Green in a show written for all the family.
Sunday, July 24th, 7pm	The Comedy Store: With star names Zoe Lyons and The Chase's Paul Sinha

[Find out more and book tickets](#)

Great films at The Olympic



It's July, which is blockbuster season for the movie industry, and the three big box office draws at the Olympic this month are the phenomenally successful **Top Gun Maverick**, the latest installment of the **Thor** franchise and Baz Lurhmann's high intensity **Elvis** biopic.

Elsewhere on the schedule are some retro gems. From the seventies you will find two very contrasting movies **Diamonds are Forever** and the children's classic **The Railway Children** (released to coincide with the arrival of a newly minted sequel/retake on the classic story).

From the sixties there's a real treat for lovers of **Dr Who**. Two full length feature films featuring Peter Cushing have been digitally restored and are being shown in a double bill.

Finally for lovers of arthouse and theatre there's Wim Wender's masterpiece **Wings of Desire**, the joyful **Buena Vista Social Club**, a magnificent documentary on the life of war artist **Eric Ravilious** and Jodie Comer's tour de force performance in the NT Live recording of **Prima Facie**.

What's on at The OSO?



As well as organising the Barnes Pond Summer Festival the OSO is also busy with three very special productions this month. Director Ian McFarlane is bringing a

new musical to the OSO, **Infants** set across one calamitous day in an infants school. Also focusing on the younger generation there's a theatrical reading of **Snowflake: The Musical** which will be raising funds for Ukraine. Finally, the month ends with a real treat, the Barnes Community Players' production of the Mike Leigh 70s Classic **Abigail's Party**.

Bull's Head highlights



Our pick of the gigs at the Bull's Head this month is as eclectic as usual. For fun combined with jazz and blues virtuosity you can't do worse than a **Zoot Money** gig. Zoot is a maestro of the Hammond organ and has played in an extraordinary number of famous blues bands of the 60s and 70s, from the Animals to Humble Pie, to Georgie Fame, Alan Price and Van Morrison.

Another treat for blues lovers is an all star line up of some of **London's best blues and soul artists** featuring guitarist Robin Bibi, singer Sister Ese of the Alabama 3, guitarist and vocalist Tim Hain and Fijian soul blues specialist Atama Bentley.

Changing the tempo there's a glorious show celebrating the career of the extraordinary Nina Simone. Singer **Jo Harrop** will be accompanied by pianist Alex Hutton and bassist Jihad Darwish in an evening in which you will take a journey through Simone's 40 year career and hear Jo's versions of songs including 'Please Don't Let me be Misunderstood' and 'My Baby Just Cares for me'.

Classical concerts



**Saturday July 16, St Michael's Community Centre, Elm Bank Gardens,
7 for 7.30pm**
Roelof Temmingh & Mas Blass-Kaker Piano
Summer Music
Debussy, Dvorak, Mendelssohn
[Find out more here](#)

Wetland Wonders



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

Friday July 22, Wildlife Photography Workshop - Summer in the Wetlands

This fantastic activity is a great way for children to get a real understanding of how the team at the Wetland Centre keeps all the animals safe and healthy. Kids can become junior rangers for the day and accompany the staff as they maintain healthy habitats for the Wetlands birds and other wildlife.

[More info here.](#)

Daily from July 23 to September 1: Become a Junior Wetland Ranger

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.](#)

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