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The Barnes Village Bugle

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Crime wave hits our shopping streets



Spare a thought for our beleaguered local shops. Not only are they dealing with rampant inflation but they have also had to contend with a spate of break-ins.

In the space of the last month The Barnes Pantry, Round the Clock Pharmacy, Forward Pharmacy, The Real Cheese Shop, Princess Alice Hospice and Oh Darling are just some of the businesses that have been targeted. Mostly the would-be thieves leave with very little – they seem to have been after ready cash and charity boxes. Some shops like Mary’s Living and Giving have even been targeted twice.

Also affected has been St Mary’s Church, where an important stained-glass window was damaged in a break-in in which all that was taken was some cables and two old amplifiers being used by a drama production performing at the church.

The costs to the shops has been immense in comparison to the value of goods and money stolen. Shops have lost valuable trading time while their windows are reglazed and for those claiming on insurance for replacement windows their premiums are likely to go up.

Local police have stepped up patrols particularly between the hours of 3.00am and 5.00am when the majority of the break-ins have taken place and while this provided some respite for Barnes High Street shops, the break-ins have now started popping up elsewhere - White Hart Lane and Sheen shops have been targeted most recently. It is thought that the break-ins are the work of the same team of two people and police are examining CCTV footage in the hope of identifying the criminals involved.

They have asked anybody living above shops to call 999 immediately if they hear or see anything. One local Barnes resident the Bugle spoke to said she had done so a few years ago when the Church Road post office had been targeted in the middle of the night. ***“I heard breaking glass looked out of the window and saw the crime in progress. I called the police, expecting not much to happen but a squad car turned up incredibly quickly and caught one of the thieves on the premises”*** she said ***“It’s definitely worth calling 999 if you do see something.”***

If you have any evidence to offer the police in relation to these attempted break-ins do contact the local safer neighbourhoods team [here](#).

Strong and stable



It looks like it could be May before the central carriageway of Hammersmith Bridge will re-open to cyclists after the council revealed the final stage of the stabilisation process will be complete in ‘late spring’.

The bridge’s cracked cast iron pedestals have already been encased in concrete but the final phase of the stabilisation process will be the jacking up of the bridge’s saddles* to replace corroded and seized bearings on the bridge’s chains and suspenders.

In order for the saddles to be raised, massive support frames have had to be fabricated from sheet steel. The steel has come from Ukraine and the support frames have been welded together in a factory in Middlesborough.

The war in Ukraine has led to delays in obtaining the steel which in turn has delayed the stabilisation process.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council says that the delay in the stabilisation process hasn’t delayed the overall plan to make the bridge capable of carrying motorised vehicles and that the procurement process for the final stage of the bridge repairs will start in April.

In the meantime, plans for the radical Foster Cowi temporary ‘bridge-within-a-bridge’ traffic crossing design are being finalised before the planning application goes before planning committee in September of this year.

*The structures which connect the cables of a suspension bridge to its towers.

Swan love



Picture: Andrew Wilson

Our bereaved swan has found a mate

Just in time for Valentine's Day love has blossomed at Barnes Pond with the arrival of a new mate for our lone female swan.

It seems she made her way down to the swan colony at Small Profits Dock, checked out the available talent and found herself a new partner. No need for swan Tinder, it seems, the old-fashioned ways are the best. It's likely that she's got herself a toyboy as she is at least 12 years old and the swans in the colony are mostly much younger. Not much is known about the new cob (male swan) as it doesn't have a tag (many swans have gone untagged recently as a result of the pandemic) but we definitely know that it's the same female on the pond.

There's no doubt that love is in the air between the two as they've been displaying typical signs of courtship – sideways glances, mirroring each other's movements and intertwining of necks – as you can see in this [lovely video](#) on the Barnes Pond Instagram account.

If all goes swimmingly, the pair will mate successfully and start nest building on the island some time in February. We can then expect the pitter patter of tiny webbed feet in May.

Bridging the gap



Picture: Andrew Wilson

At last, it's here, the brand-new footbridge by Dukes Meadows, and as the picture above by Andrew Wilson shows, it's looking rather impressive.

The new footbridge now means that when you walk along the Chiswick side of the Thames from Hammersmith to Chiswick Bridge you no longer need to take a quarter mile detour inland.

The footbridge is even now the subject of [a 14 minute YouTube video](#) by travel enthusiast Henry Millum. Henry, a train enthusiast, starts his journey at Barnes Bridge station and takes his viewers on a guided tour of the station, the railway bridge and the new footbridge. Watching it, the Bugle learned quite a few interesting facts about the station, and, of course, it's always lovely to see someone enthuse about Barnes.

To see ourselves as others see us



The data from the 2021 census is now available and without providing any major shocks it gives quite an interesting insight into Barnes.

It is probably no surprise at all to discover that Barnes residents are twice as likely as the typical resident of England to be educated to degree level and beyond, nor that, work-wise, occupations are overwhelmingly skewed to the managerial and professional sectors (59% in Barnes versus 32% nationally).

We're also a pretty cosmopolitan bunch with 18% of those living here having a non-UK passport (the national figure is 10%) and 17.6% not claiming a UK identity. When it comes to coupling up, Barnes has just as many singletons as the national average (30%) but fewer divorcees with 51% of us married or in a civil partnership versus the national average of 45%.

We're also less likely to be atheists (33.6% of us don't believe in God versus 36.7% nationally) and more likely to be Christian than the national average with nearly 50% ticking the Christian box in the religion section of the census form. As far as other religions go, we're also more likely than the national average to be Jewish or Buddhist and much less likely to be Sikh, Muslim or Hindu.

There are two striking variances to national norms (apart from the rather obvious wealthy/middle class skew of the data). Firstly, there's the dearth of people aged between 20 and 34 who live in Barnes. There are 24% fewer younger adults in Barnes than the national average. Property prices probably have a lot to do with this as well as the average age for starting a family. Like swans, people come to Barnes to nest it seems.

Secondly, a whopping 64.6% of those who work do so from home – that's twice the national average. However, many people in Barnes seem to be putting the hours in (perhaps in order to pay off their enormous mortgages) with a quarter of workers (twice as many people as the national average) saying they work 49 hours per week or more.

You can delve into the census data by [clicking here](#).

Winkworth

for every step.

Heritage: Opened in Mayfair in 1835

If music be the food of love, eat &
drink on



Listening to music played live can be many things. It can be sublime, it can be rousing and it can be simply fun. Enjoying music with fellow music lovers adds an extra dimension. Who doesn't want to be part of a wave of thundering applause after a stupendous performance?

Recognising all of these things, the Barnes Music Festival, which kicks off at the beginning of March, has put together its most varied programme yet, where sheer musical artistry (performances by virtuoso pianist Benjamin Grosvenor and the exceptional baritone Roderick Williams) rubs shoulders with full-on fun (Gyles Brandreth and Debbie Wiseman paying tribute to Oscar Wilde, a musical themed wine tasting, pop-up performances across Barnes).

The fun of sharing your love of music with fellow audience members is celebrated too with a concert of Italian music being followed by dinner at Arte Chef. Younger audience members are catered for with two children's concerts and, of course, young musicians are celebrated as well with the Barnes Young Musician competition.

The programme is full of musical treats and quirky performances too. At the Bugle we love the sound of the pianist Gryte Navardauskaitė playing the Moonlight Sonata and Einaudi in a darkened St Mary's Church late at night. You can see the full programme on the [Festival's website](#) or just scroll down the page here to see all the concerts on offer. Bravissimo!

Winkworth

for every step.

This month's featured property

Period detached house

Seven bedrooms

Facing Barnes Common

Designer garden

Vine Road, SW13

£6,950,000

Jam today and jam tomorrow



London's roads are the world's most congested according to a new survey. And guess where the most congested roads are? Yes, right on our doorstep.

The A219 which straddles both Fulham Road and Putney High Street has won the dubious distinction of being the most congested road in the world's most congested city.

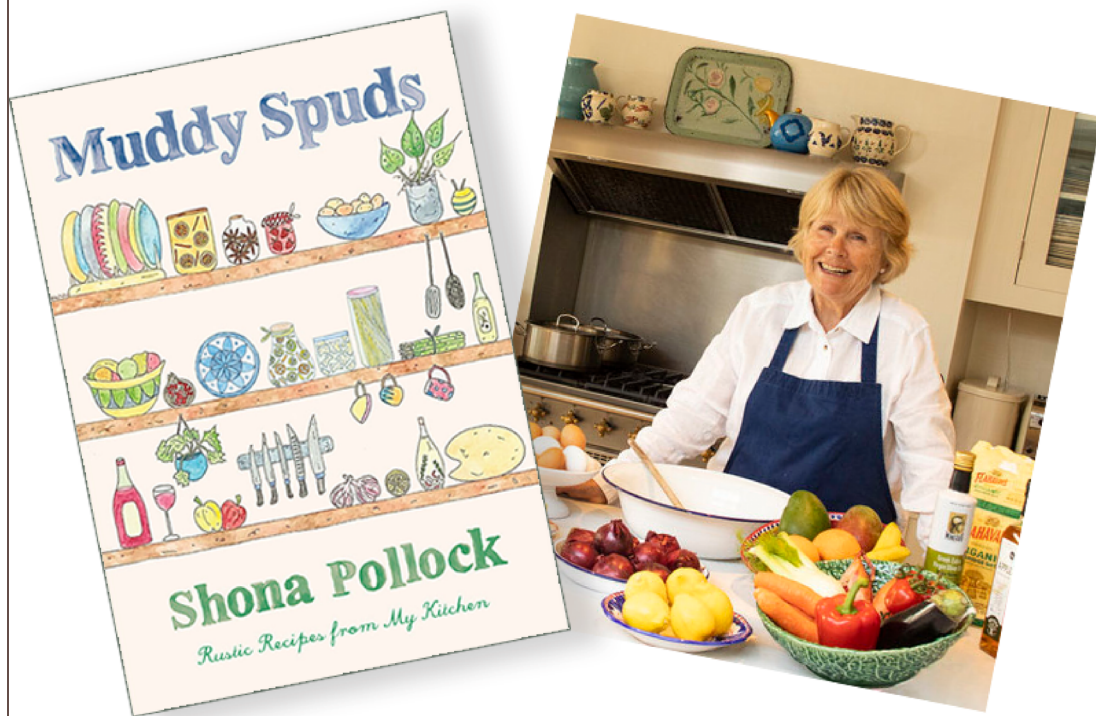
Traffic information supplier INRIX surveyed traffic in 1,000 cities across the world, so it is no mean feat to come out top. Driving down the Fulham Road and Putney High St is officially a real stinker of a journey.

There are no prizes, however, for guessing why – with the closure of Hammersmith Bridge being cited as one of the major reasons for congestion by Putney MP Fleur Anderson.

As we've reported before it's not just journey times that are being affected; Putney High Street has incredibly high levels of air pollution.

There seems to be no near end in sight for the congestion issues facing Fulham and Putney either. With a toll being proposed as the only way to fund the repairs to Hammersmith Bridge, Anderson says drivers will be less likely to use the repaired bridge and that Putney will still be overburdened with drivers who are unwilling to pay the Hammersmith toll.

Cookery secrets from one of Barnes' best caterers



If the mark of a good caterer is the loyalty of their customers then Shona Pollock is a caterer par excellence. She even has one client who calls every year asking her to make dinner for two for him and his wife, recreating the meal Shona served at their wedding reception. How romantic is that?

What brings customers back time and again is the sheer, simple deliciousness of her food. Shona believes in maximum flavour and in cooking with the seasons. This means her menus combine the comfort of home cooking with the expertise of a cooking pro.

It's no surprise that her customers are always asking her for her recipes, so in response she has produced her first ever cookery book - Muddy Spuds. It's one of those books that you can settle down with on a rainy day and spend happy hours planning delicious meals. All the recipes are simple and many of them come with fantastic cookery tips honed from years of experience.

Shona has shared one of her favourite recipes with us below as a taster of the delights of the book, which you can buy on [her website](#) or by clicking the button below.

[Click here to buy](#)



Chicken thighs with oregano and pomegranate molasses

This goes perfectly with a Greek salad or some lovely new potatoes.

Serves Four

- 8 chicken thighs with skin on and bone in
- 2 tbsp light olive oil
- sea salt
- 500g red onions, finely sliced
- 2 tbsp pomegranate molasses
- 3 tbsp light soy sauce
- 1 tbsp runny honey
- 1 tsp freshly grated ginger
- 1 small bunch of fresh oregano or 1 tsp dried oregano
- 50 ml water

Pre heat the oven to 180 degrees centigrade

Heat oil in frying pan and brown the chicken thighs four at a time. Don't overcrowd the pan so they brown nicely and don't stew. Once cooked remove from the pan and set aside.

Fry the onion until soft - about 10 minutes - add the garlic to the pan and fry for one minute.

Mix the garlic and onion with the chicken and then add the molasses, soy sauce, honey, ginger and oregano.

Add the water and then put the whole lot into a baking dish. Cover with foil, roast for 30 minutes, remove the foil and bake for another 15 minutes.



Find out more about the book and Shona's catering business at her website.

www.shonapollock.co.uk

Winning on penalties



Hounslow Council has found itself with millions of extra pounds in its coffers as a result of implementing traffic restrictions in the Grove Park area – preventing drivers from Barnes and other areas south of the river accessing the A4 after crossing Chiswick Bridge without using the Hogarth roundabout.

A freedom of information request has revealed that over 2022 over a 100,000 penalty charge notices for £130 each were issued. Given that most people will have paid the penalties within the 50% discount period it's likely that the figure the new restrictions will have raised for the council will be around £7 million. Local campaigners say that's the equivalent of the council having put up council tax by 5%.

Closing off routes to non-residents is also paying dividends for Hammersmith & Fulham Council which has made considerable sums in traffic fines (£9.5 million over 18 months according to local campaigners) as a result of fines for out-of-borough drivers. With the introduction of penalties for non-local drivers driving through roads to the west of Wandsworth Bridge Road on February 1st this revenue stream has the potential to grow still further.

Campaigners contend that the South Fulham traffic schemes have diverted traffic

elsewhere. The news that the Fulham Road is the most congested in the country may or may not be linked to these measures. We can't find any solid evidence but we'll update you if we come across any news.

Back with a banger



After a pandemic caused hiatus, the festival of calories that is the Great Sausage Roll Off is back. Chefs from across the country will compete at The Red Lion in Barnes tonight (February 8), each hoping to impress judges Kate Nicholls, Simon Rimmer, Pip Lacey, Daniel Clifford, and radio presenter James O'Brien. We will bring you news of the competition winning sausage roll in the next issue

Advertorial

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We all want to be fit and healthy, but for many of us, life just gets in the way. We look at the sort of people who have personal trainers and think, maybe that's not me. I'm not super motivated, or super sporty, and I'm busy. However, Chris from Zip Fit Club is an expert trainer who understands how we all put up barriers and successfully trains all sorts of people who thought they never had the time.

He created Zip Fit Club after a chat with a working mum who spent most of her day sitting behind a desk, either dealing with work issues or family logistics. She felt pulled and pushed in all directions and had consequently neglected herself and her health. Chris has since been developing smart, effective and convenient strategies to help hardworking people make better lifestyle decisions and more importantly, put them into action.

"My aim was to create services which would allow people to do something for themselves, away from the daily grind."



"After training with Chris, I am in better shape than ever before. the mix of strength and conditioning work has had a huge impact on day-to-day life. Training has become an essential part of my weekly routine."

Manus Costello,
Barnes

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- We can train outdoors
- Chris also has a licence to train clients at The Barn Elms Sports Trust
- Zip Fit also offers private group sessions (for 3 to 15 people) which are ideal for businesses wanting to offer something short, fun and healthy for their employees.



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Making merry

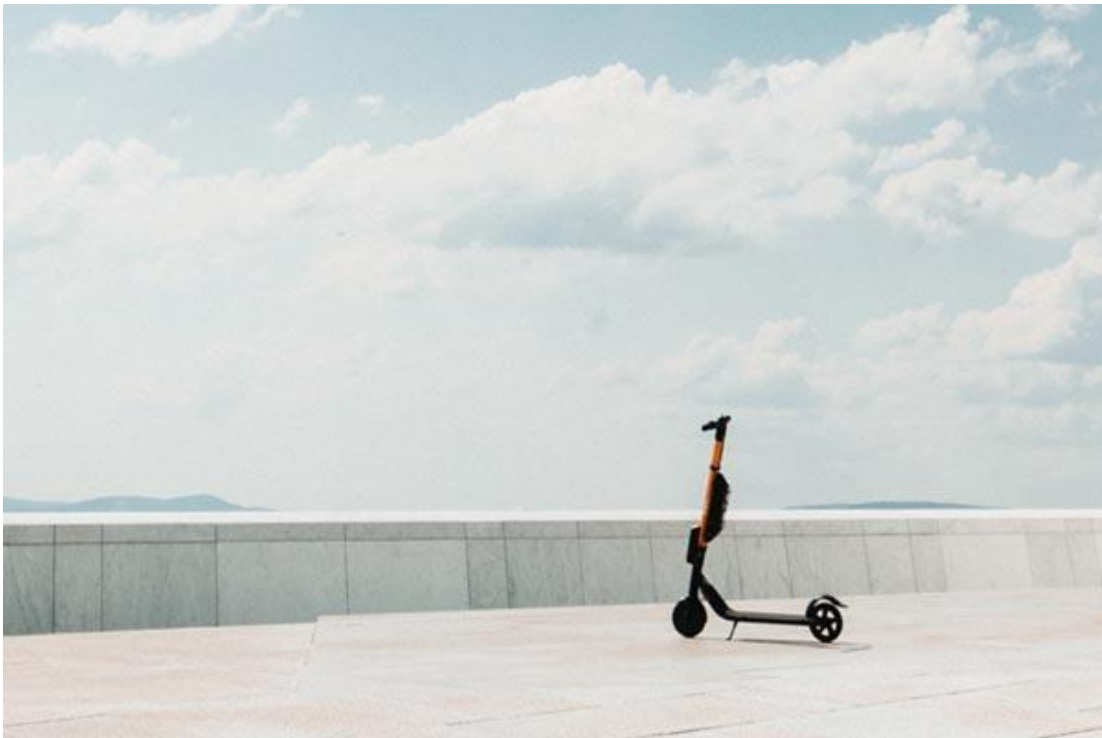


While most winter celebrations are held indoors for obvious reasons, sometimes it's lovely to embrace the cold, and that's what the team at Barnes Common are doing next week (February 18) with their Winter Wassail.

It's 'An ancient rural English celebration giving fruit growers and pickers the opportunity to drink to the good health of their fruit trees and to an abundant crop in the coming year, as well as bring light, noise and cheer to long, dark winter months.'

The Barnes Common wassail will feature storytelling, crafts and basket weaving, a talk about the rich orchard history around Barnes and most importantly, warm spiced apple cider and snacks. Tickets can be bought on the [Barnes Common website](#).

**£100 penalty proposed for riverside
scoot route**

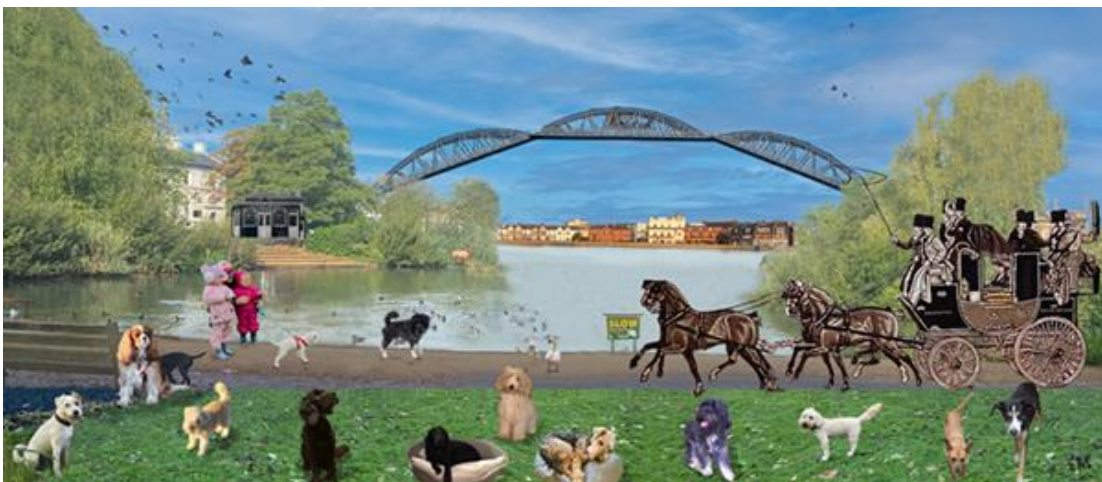


In response to resident's concerns about electric scooters being used on the river walkways, Hammersmith and Fulham Council has carried out a survey of residents asking whether they should introduce a Public Space Protection Order to prohibit the riding of e-scooters, e-bikes and other motorised vehicles along the Thames Path – they are also considering the prohibition of 'the reckless riding of pedal cycles'.

If a person fails to comply with the requirements of the order following a warning from an authorised council or police officer, they will be issued with £100 Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) and taken to court if the fine is not paid within the specified timeframe.

The results of the survey are not yet known but we'll keep you posted.

Putting Barnes in the picture



Like a medieval icon, the artwork for a new Barnes themed mural is making a tour of the area.

Local artist Alasdair Saunders has been commissioned by The Coach & Horses to create a digital photo-collage to grace the right hand wall you see as you walk in to the pub from the High Street. Before the final version is fused to the wall at the Coach a smaller previous version will be put on display at sister Young's pub The Bull's Head.

The mural prototype will be unveiled at the Bull alongside other artworks by Alasdair on February 15 in front of an audience that will include many of the owners whose dogs are featured in the collage.

Handy men (and women) wanted



The BCA is looking for volunteers to help build the brand new Men's Shed in the car park at the London Wetlands Centre. When complete the new shed will be a working place and meeting place for men in the community. The team behind the project say they are looking for "a tiny bit of time and lots of enthusiasm". They are particularly in need of help from volunteers who can provide skills in plumbing, electrics, engineering, building and project management. If you think you can help out you can contact the Men's Shed team at mensshed@barnes-ca.org.

Coffee to go



If you know someone who would appreciate a free hot drink on a cold winter's day now's the time to let them know about two schemes being run by St Mary's Church.

Firstly, in collaboration with &Feast, Arte Chef, Hermanos and The Lockdown Bakehouse the church has set up a scheme whereby anyone purchasing a coffee can donate the price of a second cup to be given away free to someone who needs it. The idea is based on an old Italian tradition called Café Sospeso.

Also, at St Mary's itself, they are hosting a weekly coffee morning, where every Thursday morning between 10am and noon they are offering free warm drinks and a chance to chat.

Advertorial



A week of courses based on the urban art movement and the pop art scene.

From Pollock to Banksy and Basquiat to Keith Haring, there's a real link between fine art and urban art. This half term we have put together three great workshops encompassing art and crafts. Make your own artwork, produce the funkiest ever cushions (inspired by Keith Haring) or sew a brilliant pop-art style tote bag to carry your bags to school.



Keith Haring Cushions

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13, 10AM-3PM

Join artist Imogen Storey in making some incredible Keith Haring style cushions. Imogen will be teaching students the technique of needle punching cushions to recreate the style of visionary pop artist Keith Haring, and exploring his legacy. This class will teach punch needle technique, sewing machine use and fabric painting.

[Book now](#)



Urban arts club

FEBRUARY 14-16, 10AM-3PM

Our three day Urban Arts Club will take students on a rollercoaster ride of urban arts experiences. Alternating between making, painting and spraying throughout.

Learning from legends of Urban art, students will be introduced to work by the masters of the genre. From Pollock to Banksy and Basquiat to Keith Haring and have a go themselves.

[Book now](#)



Make a pop art bag

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17, 10AM-3PM

Join expert seamstress Bee Smith in making some fun and eye-catching Pop-art style tote bags inspired by the wonderful world and works of Roy Lichtenstein.

All materials are included.

Book now

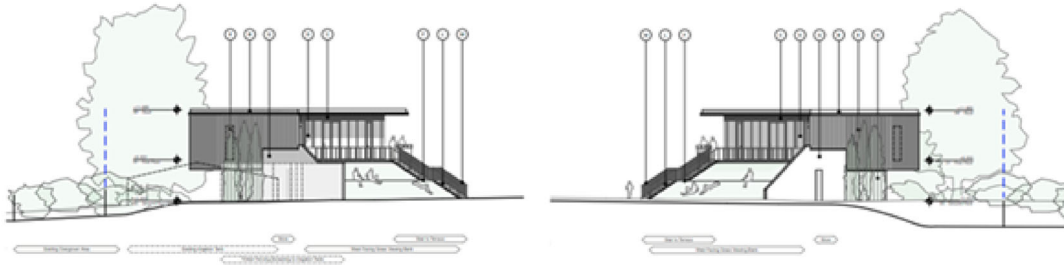
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New pavilion proposal for St Paul's school faces local opposition



Above: Planning design showing the proposed pavilion from two different angles

The planning consultation period for a replacement sports pavilion at St Paul's School has now closed with over 100 people objecting to the size of the proposed new building (the proposed new double story building would replace an existing single story one) and its potential impact on local traffic. You can see the proposal and the full list of local objections by [clicking here](#).

Valentine's at Church Road



What could be more lovely on Valentine's Day than to pop down the road to a beautiful restaurant offering the perfect menu. No slog into town, just delicious food, wonderful service and a romantic stroll home.

Valentine's Day Menu

Sourdough bread and cultured butter

Burrata with tardivo, blood orange, chilli and extra virgin olive oil

Rillette of lightly smoked salmon with apple, radish and pickled cucumber

Steak tartare with soused red onion rings and seeded crackers

Double-baked cave aged cheddar soufflé with crisp shallots, leeks and truffle (for two)

Tarte fine of celeriac, melted onions and pear with pickled walnuts and cime di rapa

Fillet of Cornish cod with a warm tartare sauce, wilted cos, brown shrimps, cayenne and

lemon

Fillet of aged beef with galette potato, caramelised onions, chanterelles and red wine

Warm chocolate pudding with orange ice cream

(for two - to share)

£75 per person for 4 courses

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Voted by Bugle readers as Barnes' favourite restaurant

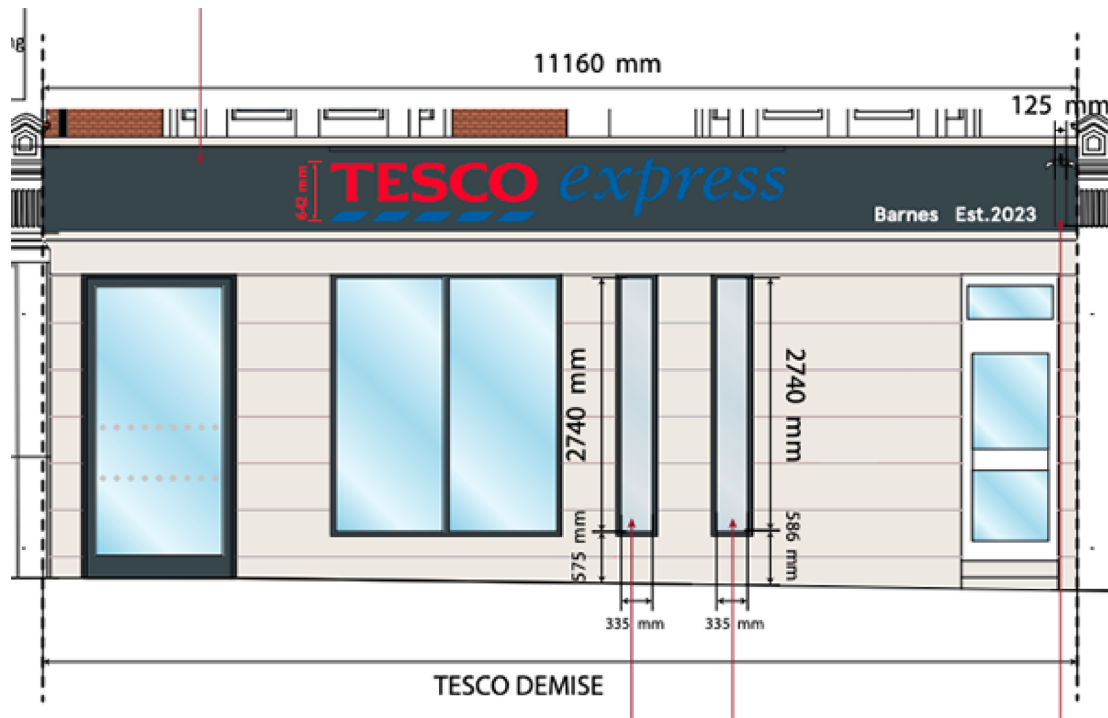
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New Tesco to open in the spring



After many weeks of looking like a disused building site, the old Natwest premises opposite the Red Lion pub now looks like a very lively building site indeed. The sign up outside the old bank suggests building work will be complete in March but all we can glean from the Tesco press office is that the new store will open in the spring. We'll bring you more details in the next Bugle.

Advertising screens face opposition



The recent arrival of ten-metre-high, back-to-back LED screens marketed as 'Richmond Lights' on Upper Richmond Road has been opposed by both the Barnes Community Association and Barnes Common. They say that the signs break the important 'dark corridor' linking the Thames and The London Wetland Centre with Richmond Park and will have a massive impact on local wildlife. The

advertising screens have permission to remain on the site for five years but a petition has now been started to demonstrate the level of local opposition in the hope that renewal of the licences is not granted automatically. You can find out more [here](#).

Thank you, Wendy



If the mark of a good life is how a person's time on earth touched others, then Wendy Allen, who died in January, had a very good life indeed. At the Bugle we knew Wendy through her voluntary work supporting the local businesses of Barnes and we were hugely shocked to hear that she had died this January of cancer at the ridiculously early age of sixty.

Wendy was an exceptionally good advertising copywriter who earlier in her career worked for major London ad agencies and later ran her own copywriting business. She gave very generously of her time and was one of the people responsible for the lovely Barnes logo that's on display opposite Barnes Bridge station.

Barnes Town Centre manager Emma Robinson says ***"Wendy was a warm, lively and engaging member of the Barnes Town Team who volunteered so much of her time to support our marketing projects. She helped to shape our Barnes Day Out campaign, from the concept, to the research with residents and to the final design which now graces our beautiful mural under Barnes Bridge and sits at the heart of our destination campaign. Over the years Wendy has done a podcast interviewing Barnes business owners and telling the stories of their lives and a script for a Barnes film. She will be greatly missed***

by all of us on the Barnes Town Team and our thoughts are with her family and friends'.

Slava Ukraini



As the war in Ukraine drags on and the human toll continues to build newspapers are full of articles about the risk of compassion fatigue. The response to the refugee situation back in March last year was extraordinary but Ukraine needs ongoing humanitarian help.

A concert being held on Sunday, February 19 at 5pm at St Margaret's Church, Putney recognises this. It is going to be a free concert but the organisers are encouraging those who attend to make a donation to Medical Life Lines Ukraine which was set up the day after the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Aliya Arilbaeva, a lawyer originally from Khazakstan, married to a Ukrainian, and living in Wimbledon. This small, but very active charity has already sent 16 reconditioned ambulances out to Ukraine, packed with vital provisions.

Apart from highlighting the plight of the Ukrainians, the charity is fund raising for a further six ambulances - a Convoy of Hope - due to leave on 5th March.

Support the rucksack project



Another way we can all support the children of Ukraine is to buy a book that's now on sale at The Barnes Bookshop. The Rucksack Project has been written by Di Redmond (who also writes for animated children's programmes like Postman Pat) to accompany illustrations by Ukrainian Lillia Marynyuk who drew in her basement while shells rained down.

The book which has been created in cooperation with Children and War UK is aimed at displaced Ukrainian children.

Each book comes with a separate exercise book and simple booklet of advice for parents and teachers with the aim of the book becoming a soothing personal possession to support the mental health of young readers. It's also a great way of making our own children understand what refugee children go through.

All proceeds from sales are used to provide life-saving trauma therapy for displaced Ukrainian children.

**The Barnes Children's Literature Festival
is returning on June 24 & 25**



Volunteers working for the brilliant Barnes Children's Literature Festival are currently working flat out now getting ready for the return of the UK's largest dedicated kids' books event on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 June.

Comedy legend Sir Lenny Henry, the mega bestselling creator of the How to Train Your Dragon series Cressida Cowell and superstar space scientist Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock are just a few of the big names on their way to the Festival which features more than 100 of the family friendliest readings, workshops, performances and free activities around the village.

If you can't wait until June for your Festival fun, then don't forget about their monthly kids' book club, London LitSoc, which is held at St Paul's School. The next meeting is Saturday 25 February when they will be joined by the Blue Peter and Waterstones Children's Book Prize winner Hannah Gold with her internationally acclaimed animal adventure, *The Lost Whale*, which was inspired by her own amazing experience with whales in the wild. The opening chapter is on their website. Suitable for ages 8+.

If you're on their mailing list, you'll have first crack at tickets for all their events and you can join [here](#).

Bugle Classifieds



MINDFULNESS COACHING

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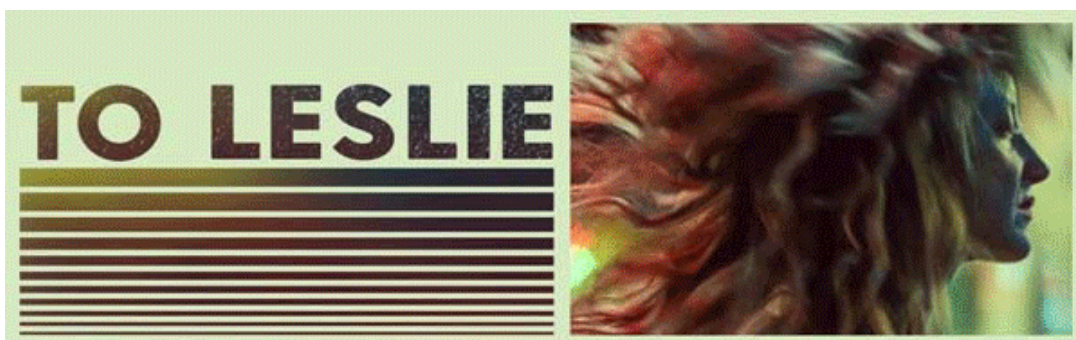
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What's on in February?

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.

Films at The Olympic



If something on this month's Olympic schedule doesn't grab you, you may as well give up on going to the cinema. It's Oscar and Bafta time so the Olympic is showing all the main contenders. If you missed it first time round, it might be time to check out Everything, Everywhere All at Once, a sci-fi/action/adventure/comedy film which leads the Oscar nomination pack with 11 different shortlistings.

You can also take a look at the two most controversial films (according to the Twittersphere), Darron Aronovsky's The Whale (whose protagonist is morbidly obese) and Todd Field's Tár (whose protagonist is an abusive women). Two of Britain's finest actors are shortlisted this year - Bill Nighy in Living, and, also controversially, Andrea Riseborough in To Leslie. Also just coming out in time for Oscar glory is the German film All Quiet on the Western Front which has no fewer than 14 Bafta nominations. Competing against it in the Oscar category for Best International film is The Quiet Girl - a small achingly emotional film from Ireland about a neglected child

Away from the Oscar nominees there's quite a varied selection. The Beauty and The Bloodshed- a documentary about artist Nan Goldin - has had rave reviews and is the cerebral choice of this month's films. There's also Puss in Boots for half term entertainment and there's even a 25th anniversary remastering of Titanic.

Theatre lovers have some treats in store with the National Theatre's timely production of The Crucible and what has been described as a 'sensational' NT production of Othello.

What's on at the OSO?



There's comedy, drama, music and some great half term shows for kids on at the OSO this month. If stand-up is your thing you can't get much better than The Comedy Store, the bill features three comedians from the Comedy Store stable

and if some of the past performers are anything to go by - Zoe Lyons, Paul Sinha for example - you will be in for a treat.

For theatre lovers there are three great productions to enjoy. First up is Orbits a fascinating exploration of the friendship and collaboration between Bertholt Brecht and Charles Laughton. This is followed in late February by the Neil Simon classic California Suite. Then finishing off the month's drama productions is

Let's Pause There a darkly funny play about therapy and self awareness.

Music lovers can look forward to an evening with cellist Stephanie Cummins who will performing and talking about Bach's Cello Suite No3 in a totally fascinating masterclass. There's also a chance to see the extraordinarily talented pianist Viv McLean play Gershwin.

HALF TERM FUN

One of the things the OSO is great at is laying on special events for little ones during half term, and this month there's lots for primary aged children to enjoy. There's a comedy club featuring great stand ups using material specially for kids, and Indigo Moon Theatre company will be performing Seed Heart a great puppet show. And, what's more the team behind Seed Heart will also be running a very special workshop where kids will have the chance to make some wonderful puppet monsters inspired by the show.

Wetland wonders



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

The Big Hide Out: Saturday February 11 to Sunday February 19

During the February half term the bird watching hides at the Wetlands Centre will be the place to be. Young nature lovers can borrow binoculars and telescopes

to help them spot some incredible wetlands wildlife. The Centre's own team of experts will be on hand with top tips to help would-be Ranger Hamzas to spot birds, insects and more.

And, as well as the Big Hide Out there are lots of other fun family activities on offer including making nests, building bird hides and getting caked in mud in the mud kitchen.

[More info here.](#)

Winter Bird Watching - Sunday February 12

The early bird catches the worm in the case of this early morning walk which is guided by an expert warden. The tour will focus on birds currently on site, their plumage, calls and behaviour. You'll get tips on how to watch birds including field-craft, what to listen out for and the differences between key species. Who knows, you might get to spot some of the Wetland's own rarities such as bitterns and the Cetti's warbler?

[More info here.](#)

Wildlife Photography - Black & White - Thursday February 23

Black and white photography works particularly well for wildlife, conveying meaning and emotion with impact. In this one day course photographer Jackie Rado focus on visualising in monochrome and learning how to create powerful black and white photographs. She will share key ingredients to success including shaping the light by exposing creatively, understanding how to make the most of contrast and tonal range and creating a strong and clean composition with every image you take.

[More info here.](#)

Classical gold



Arturo Castro Noguerras, Classical Guitar Concert

Sunday February 12, 4pm, St Michael's Community Centre

A fantastic guitarist from Latin America, Arturo Castro Nogueras will play a selection of classical guitar music from Cuba, Mexico and Puerto Rico. With a hot cup of tea in your hand, expect to be transported to somewhere warm and beautiful. What more could you ask for in the middle of February?

[Find out more here.](#)

Jo Lisney, Cello & Victor Lim, Piano

Saturday February 11, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church

Music by Debussy, Fauré, Barber and Poulenc

[Find out more here.](#)

Caterina Grewe, Piano

Thursday February 23, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church

Music by Brahms, Schumann & Liszt

[Find out more here.](#)

Music's back at The Bull



With this month's Bull's Head choices we'll start the volume on low with the mellow easy listening sound of [Lorraine and the Flames](#), pep things up a bit with [The Imperial College Big Band](#) and then move on to a full fat big night out with [Big Mama's Door](#) who play their own distinctive brand of sexy 50s R&B, jazz and soul.

Talking the talk



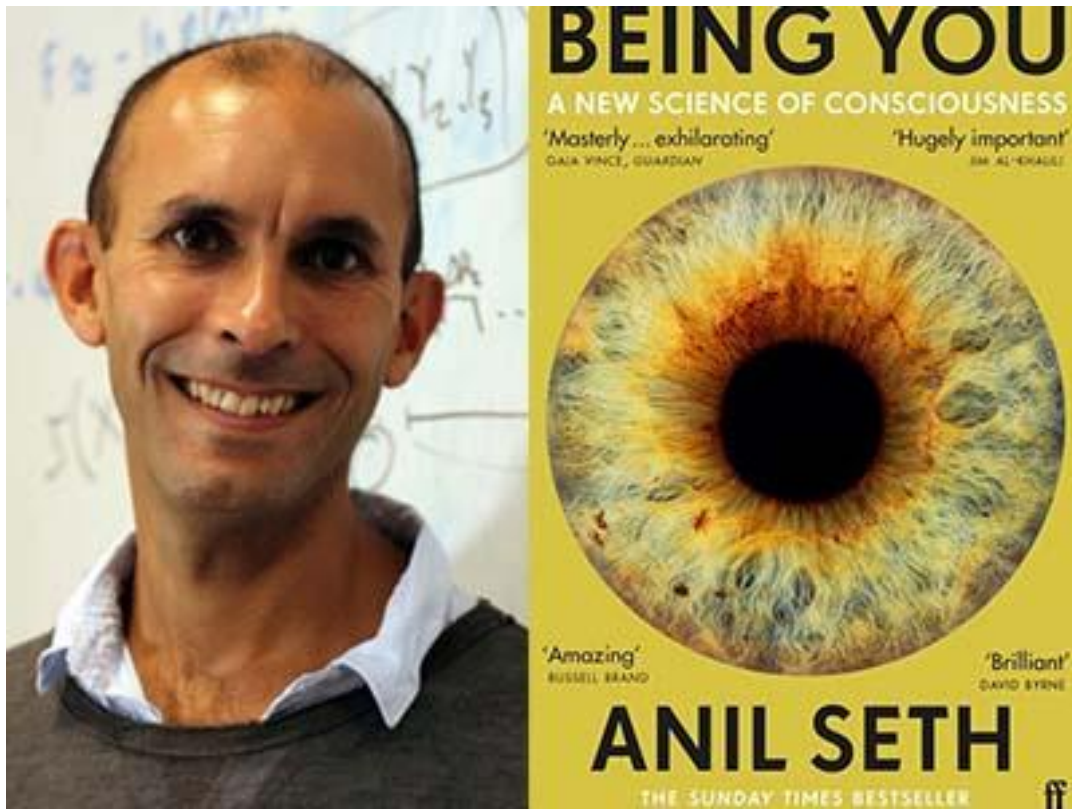
February 14, 7.30pm
Barnes Philosophy Club,
The OSO

Just how romantic is romance these days where partners can be conjured up from a click on a dating app?

This new 21st century way of love is being explored in a Valentine's Special talk at the Philosophy club.

Ulrik Lyngs Ulrik who is a visiting fellow the the University of Oxford's Human Centred Computing group, joining the club in person, will be discussing freedom and digital addiction, with a focus on "dark patterns" in dating apps.

[Find out more here.](#)



February 21, 8pm

Barnes Literary Society

St Mary's Church

Neuroscience Professor Anil Seth, talks about his latest work, chosen as Book of the Year by The Guardian, The Economist, The New Statesman and The Financial Times. It will take you on an exhilarating journey through the brain, turning what you thought you knew about yourself on its head.

Anil will be in conversation with Dr Adam Rutherford, scientist, writer and broadcaster. Adam's latest book is Control: The Dark History and Troubling Present of Eugenics.

[Find out more here.](#)



February 16, 8pm

Barnes & Mortlake History Society, St Mary's Church

Lord Mayors of the City of London

Blue Badge guide, Julie Chandler will take her audience on a whirlwind tour of the many individuals who have held this illustrious office which dates to Sir Thomas Legge in 1354.

[Find out more here.](#)



Every Tuesday, 11am

FiSH Talks

The Barnes Green Centre

- **February 21st:** Gemma Lumsdale & Jessica Nagy-Miticzky: Using Mindfulness and other strategies to improve your sleep.
- **February 28th:** Paul Velluet: Victorian Richmond

[Find out more here.](#)

Advertorial

The programme of this year's Barnes Music Festival has been announced and as you can see from the listings below it's the best festival yet with nearly forty wonderful events to choose from. Concerts tend to sell out fast so just click below to reserve your tickets. Or why not buy a special festival pass which will give you entry to all the events* at the Festival?

* except for tasting notes on Friday March 10.

[Buy tickets and find out more](#)

SEE THE FULL EVENT LISTING BELOW

Just click on the images for more details of each event.

MARCH 4

St Mary's, 7.30pm



BENJAMIN GROSVENOR
piano
Bach, Schumann, Ravel, Prokofiev

MARCH 5
St Michael's, 10am



**PARISH
MASS**
with
Ibstock Place
School

MARCH 5
St Mary's, 3pm



**BARNES
CONCERT
BAND**

MARCH 5
St Michael's, 7pm



**HOLST
SINGERS**

Tavener, Barber, Copland & more

MARCH 6

St Mary's, 7.30 pm



BARNES FESTIVAL CONSORT & PEGASUS CHOIR
The Choral Music of Stephen Dodgson

MARCH 7

St Mary's, 1 pm



**EQUINOX
DUO**
harp & flute
Alwyn, Nunn, Takemitsu & more

MARCH 7
St Mary's, 7.30pm



**FERIO SAXOPHONE
QUARTET**
Handel, Gershwin, Elgar, Lago

MARCH 8
St Michael's, 1 pm



**JONATHAN
LILLEY**
organ recital
Vieme, Bonnet, Jongen & more

MARCH 8
Wetlands, 7.30pm



JAMES LARTER

COLIN ALEXANDER
marimba & cello
Carter, Bruckman, Volans & more

MARCH 9
St Mary's, 1pm



**MENUHIN SCHOOL
MUSICIANS**

Tartini, Stravinsky, Arensky

MARCH 9
St Michael's, 3.30pm



TIFFIN SCHOOL CHOIRS

BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong

MARCH 9

St Mary's, 7.30pm



HENRY CHANDLER

JP EKINS

violin & piano

Prokofiev, Fauré Beethoven & more

MARCH 10
St Mary's, 5pm



**RODERICK WILLIAMS &
CHRISTOPHER GLYNN**
Winterreise, Schubert

MARCH 10
OSO, 8pm



TASTING NOTES
music & wine tasting

London Mozart Players & Latimer Vintners

MARCH 10

Olympic, 8 & 10pm



HOWARD GOODALL

Music in the Dark

MARCH 11

Kitson Hall, 4pm



SING ALONG ABBA

with Ben Parry

MARCH 11

St Mary's, 7.30pm



BARNES CHOIR

Rossini
Petite Messe Solennelle

MARCH 11

Olympic, 8 & 10pm



MUSIC IN THE DARK

Roxanna Panufnik

MARCH 12

OSO, noon



**BARNES YOUNG
MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR
finals
Ben Parry,**

adjudicator

MARCH 12

St Mary's, 4pm



WILDE AT HEART

Gyles Brandreth & Debbie Wiseman with the Oscar Wilde Society

MARCH 12

St Michael's, 8pm



SANSARA & FRETWORK

choir & viol consort

Avo Pärt

MARCH 13

St Michael's, 1pm



LAURENCE WILLIAMS

bass baritone

Schubert, *Die schöne Müllerin*

MARCH 13

St Mary's, 7.30pm



TIMOTHY RIDOUT

viola & piano recital

Clarke, Bloch, Schumann

MARCH 14

St Mary's, 1pm



VALLEY HIGH
choir
Music for All, Songs of Hope

MARCH 14
St Mary's, 7.30pm



ENSEMBLE MIRAGE
clarinet, violin, viola, cello
Howells, Bliss, Tchaikovsky, Mozart

MARCH 15

St Mary's, 1pm



RACHEL MAHON

organist, Coventry Cathedral
Bach, Mendelssohn, Brahms & more

MARCH 15

St Mary's, 6pm



BERLIOZ & FRIENDS

Song recital led by Nigel Foster, piano

MARCH 16

St Mary's, 10am



**TODDLERS
CONCERT**

The Carnival of the Animals

MARCH 16

St Mary's, 1pm



VICKERS BOVEY GUITAR DUO

Dodgson, Janáček, Rameau

MARCH 16

St Mary's, 6pm



ENSEMBLE PRO VICTORIA

Monteverdi & more, *followed by dinner at Arte Chef*

MARCH 16

Holy Trinity, 7pm



BARNES COMMUNITY CHOIR & OLYMPIC CHOIR
pop, rock, jazz, musicals and a little bit of classical

MARCH 17

Wathen Hall, 6pm



'ECO-WARRIERS'
FAMILY CONCERT by
CHILDREN'S MUSICAL ADVENTURES

MARCH 17

St Mary's, 7.30pm



BACH CLUB/BRITTEN SINFONIA
flute, oboe, violin, clarinet, cello, harpsichord
Purcell, Hodgson, de Fälla & more

MARCH 17

St Mary's, 10pm



LIVE MUSIC IN THE DARK
Grytė Navardauskaitė, Piano
Beethoven, Einaudi

MARCH 18

Velehrad, 2.30pm



A CELEBRATION OF PAUL READE
flute, piano, bassoon

MARCH 18

St Mary's, 7.30pm

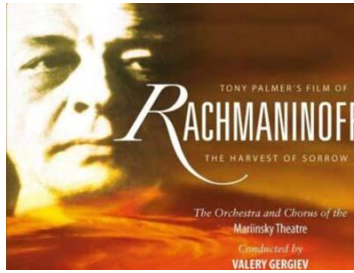


GALA CELEBRATION CONCERT

host: Gyles Brandreth

MARCH 19

Olympic, 10am



FILM: RACHMANINOFF
a film by Tony Palmer

MARCH 19

St Mary's, 6pm



CHORAL EVENSONG
& Barnes Young Musician of the Year performance

**THROUGHOUT
THE FESTIVAL**



EXHIBITION OF ART & PHOTOGRAPHY AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

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