



## And the winners are.....

We held a very successful BCA Annual Duck Race at Beverley Brook on Easter Saturday. Lots of people came to join in the fun and, thankfully, the weather was not as bad as had been predicted.

This year we added a second race for larger, more expensive ducks. In all twenty-seven raced, decorated with the name of the company that had bought them. They went off at 11.30am and were followed at noon by the main event. First prize went to Olympic Cinema who were presented with the Hamptons Challenge Cup.

The main race had a first, second and third prize – all made of chocolate of course. On the day we could not find the winning participant but after the holidays the winner came forward – it was Dee with her young neighbour Ruby and both delighted to win. I am sure Ruby enjoyed the big chocolate rabbit!

Hamptons International were our sponsors this year and we are very grateful to them for their involvement. We would also like to thank Natsons for selling lots of ducks and to Wildwood Kitchen who also managed to sell out.



Thanks must also go to the Barnes Explorers, the older section of the St. Mary's Scout Group, and especially to their leader Tim Grebot. A cheque will be sent to them in due course to say thank you – we couldn't do it without their involvement.

White Rabbit came along as usual and afterwards gave a live art performance at Rose House where he demonstrated wonderful art by classic painters in the style of White Rabbit. It was a huge success and admired by all.

Some of the proceeds from the duck race will be directed to the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Tea taking place on Barnes Green on Saturday 11th June – another local event typifying our community spirit.

*Julia Bebington*



## Support for Barnes Fair

As plans develop for this year's Barnes Fair on 9th July, the BCA is delighted to have a new group of sponsors on board. We are extremely grateful to all the local businesses who have given us their support – the Fair couldn't happen without you!

Our particular thanks go to new sponsor **Barnes Property Partnership**. Founder and Director Rufus Williams says "Having been born and brought up in Barnes, Barnes Fair is one of my earliest memories and we are so delighted to be the event's new principal sponsor. As a community-orientated estate agency, BPP invests 5% of all profits back into the local community and the association with Barnes Fair feels very appropriate. We can't wait for this year's Fair!"



*Rufus Williams*

Our other sponsors are:

**Charles Banks:** sponsors of the Bandstand  
**Chestertons Barnes:** sponsors of the Events Stage

**Foxtons:** sponsors of the Bookstall  
**fuse design+build:** sponsors of the Pimm's stand

**Time & Leisure Magazine:** Media sponsors  
Plus **West London Motors, GWR Kia** and **Barclays Bank**

THANK YOU ALL!

If you wish to support Barnes Fair, there is still time to take out an ad in the Fair Programme – see the website [barnesfair.com](http://barnesfair.com) for details.

*Charlotte Sharpe-Neal*



## How does your (front) garden grow?

To tie in with the floral theme of this year's Barnes Fair, we have joined forces with Barnes in Bloom to put together two competitions – one for children and one for adults. And we are delighted to launch our **Best Front Gardens in Barnes** competition this month.

If you are proud of your front garden – whether paved or unpaved – please enter our competition and you could win a wonderful prize. We are looking for gardens with a 'wow' factor – gardens which contain colourful plants and fragrant flowers used creatively and with a view to longevity. We hope to find well-designed and well-executed spaces which have an impact all through the year. But this is a fun community competition so we are not necessarily looking for professional plots – a lot of thought and a lot of love goes a long way too!

We are delighted that Valerie McBride-Munro, a chartered horticulturist otherwise known as Auntie Planty, will be judging the entries for our competition. Nicki Urquhart, the Barnes in Bloom coordinator, will also be on hand for the judging which will take place on Friday 8th July, the day before Barnes Fair.

To enter, please send us your name, address and contact details, together with a sentence or two (but no more) on the ideas or inspiration behind your front garden. Details to BCA Garden competition, Rose House, 70 Barnes High Street, SW13 9LD or enter online at [barnes-ca.org](http://barnes-ca.org) or [barnesfair.co.uk](http://barnesfair.co.uk).

Good luck and good gardening!

PS If you are inspired to join Barnes in Bloom as a 'friend' who will help clear, plant and maintain new areas in Barnes from time to time through the year, please also let us know.



Rose House

**BCA matters...**

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## Trustees' news

Matters discussed and decided at the April meeting included the following:

Final arrangements for the Barnes Societies and Volunteers Open Day were discussed. Caroline Thorogood of Richmond Community Voluntary Services has kindly accepted our invitation to deliver a short presentation about volunteering in the local community.

The trustees received a report about this year's Duck Race, which was a tremendous success. The trustees expressed their thanks to Hamptons for their generous sponsorship and to Julia Bebington for her sterling work in

organising the event as well as to the volunteers who helped make the day such a success. It was decided to make donations totalling £600 to local causes from the proceeds of the event.

The arrangements for Barnes Fair were discussed including final details of the floral competition that is being arranged, along the theme 'Barnes in Bloom' (see page 1 for details).

Richmond Council's public meeting to form a Friends of Suffolk Road Recreation Park group to work on the regeneration of Suffolk Road Recreation Ground will be rescheduled.

The meeting was Anne Johnstone's last as a trustee, for the time being, as she is stepping down at the AGM in accordance with our rules on retirement by rotation. The trustees conveyed their gratitude to her for her significant and longstanding contribution to the BCA over the years including as immediate Past Chairman. A formal presentation is planned for the AGM and we are fortunate that Anne has agreed to remain available to support the BCA in the future.

*Philip Thomas, Trustee*

## Town Centre Manager news

### Retail round-up

Big news this month is that the former Jackle Design kitchen showroom site in the High Street has been let to Pets Corner, a family-run business selling specialist pet foods, accessories and treatments for dogs, cats, small animals, reptiles, birds, wildlife and tropical and cold water fish. Pets Corner market themselves as a socially responsible business with an ethical approach to the selling and promotion of pets. We look forward to welcoming them to Barnes.

Mara's coffee shop on Church Road has sadly closed and many will miss the delicious Greek fare but the good news is that the much-loved &feast is moving in and extending its delicious offerings. Malcolm at Two Peas in a Pod will be expanding into &feast's current site.

Finally, you may have noticed that Kevin, who worked in Seal's for many years, has retired. Kevin was a fount of knowledge about everything local and was highly regarded by Seal's customers for his cheerful service. He will be missed.

### Town Team update

#### A great result for the Getting about Barnes team

The team that is campaigning to bring the 22 bus to Barnes has been boosted by local support with over 1000 people completing the survey in a two week period. Local businesses are also supporting the campaign as it will open up routes to London over Putney Bridge and will make it easier for people to get to Barnes. There's still time to complete the survey if you haven't already - you can find it on [barnesponder.org.uk](http://barnesponder.org.uk).

#### Big Barnes Picture Show, Saturday 3rd September, Barnes Green

Please put this date in your diary and support us at this year's Big Barnes Picture Show. Last year the event was almost sold out despite the inclement weather, and everyone had a great time. We have chosen

three of the most popular outdoor films - *Blues Brothers*, *Dirty Dancing* or *Grease* - and are asking residents to vote for their favourite at [barnesponder.org.uk](http://barnesponder.org.uk). The chosen film will be announced in the next issue of *Prospect*.

#### Date for your diary: Barnes Community Forum, Saturday 2nd July

Go along to the next Barnes Community Forum on Saturday 2nd July outside the OSO on Barnes Green between 10.30am and 12.30pm. Meet with volunteers on the Ponder teams, hear about the work they are doing and the progress they have made. This is your opportunity to find out about Ponder projects such as the 20mph initiative, the 22 bus campaign, next steps for the Barnes Garden Bridge, developments with the river wall project and our plans to market Barnes as a destination. This is a brilliant event that only happens once a year so do go along.

*Emma Robinson  
Barnes Town Centre Manager*



**Barnes Societies & Volunteers Open Day**

**OSO Arts Centre**

**Saturday 7th May, 10am-2pm**

This popular event, hosted by the BCA, showcases the wide range of societies and activities available locally. There is something for everyone - from sport, music, drama and history, to volunteering to help with local events or assisting in protecting the local environment. So go along and get involved!



## You were missed last year!

Following their absence from Barnes Fair in 2015, we are again delighted to be looking forward to welcoming visitors from Le Pecq, our twin town near Paris, this year. Whilst at present it is not known how many *alpicois* will cross the Channel, we would like to take this opportunity to request offers of accommodation over that weekend. It is expected that they will arrive on Friday 8th July and leave on either Sunday or Monday. What is required is bed and breakfast, plus an opportunity to share at least one other meal *en famille* - we usually all go out together on Saturday evening.

Whilst accommodating one or two French people offers an ideal opportunity to brush up your conversational skills, there is no necessity to speak French as in the past everyone has had at least some knowledge of English.

Our French friends have extended an invitation to BCA members to visit Le Pecq at the end of June when they hold the Fête O Pecq, an event similar to, though much smaller than, Barnes Fair, on 25th June. Family accommodation will be available.

For further information please contact Mike Spillane, [mike@barnes-ca.org](mailto:mike@barnes-ca.org), or visit the BCA stand at the Societies and Volunteers Open Day at the OSO Arts Centre on 7th May.

*Mike Spillane*

# Friends of Barnes Common news



## Conservation

**Sightings:** In March the Common was visited by migrating 'twitchers' eager to spot equally transient little firecrests that were positively identified among our own goldcrests. More good news is the increased volume of frog spawn this year at various sites.



*Firecrest fledgling*

**Tree planting:** This winter Alder, Wych Elm and Dutch Elm-resistant saplings were planted. The policy is to encourage natural regeneration and succession of native species through careful planting/re-planting in appropriate locations. Unauthorised planting of trees, bulbs or flowers (and their surrounding soil) can introduce pests, disease and invasive species. If you want to plant a 'memorial', please contact us and we will try to help, while also protecting the character of the Common as a designated Local Nature Reserve.

## Education and Community Update

Spring is the time for new things! Alongside the regular Yaffles sessions,

we are offering T'ai Chi for over 50s, an after-school Art and Science club, an early morning Dawn Chorus bird walk with Adrian, our second Tree Identification walk for beginners with Miranda and Sharon, and the start of our Tuesday morning Community Gardening group. Busy times indeed and we look forward to welcoming new and familiar faces. For more details, email Sharon.

## BIG Litter Pick

Over thirty volunteers of all ages worked together across the Common to fill over fifty sacks. We are delighted with this result because it shows what a difference this Spring Clean makes AND the number of bags was way down on last year's eighty! More cans were sorted and recycled than ever before (376), along with hundreds of plastic and glass bottles. The hard work of our regular litter pickers, more bins and, of course, less litter being dropped, are all having an effect - the Common has not looked so clean in years - a great morning and a super community effort.



*Admiring the new raised beds in Vine Road Recreation Ground*

## Holiday Activities

Sixty children, young people and adults joined in our first full week of holiday activities. Welcoming new and familiar faces of all ages, new friends were made as we cleared areas for growing, thinned (and ate) lettuces, planted potatoes in tyres and sunflower seeds in pots for our summer display, weeded, built grow houses, got up-close with worms and slugs, tied up raspberry canes, climbed trees, explored the Common - and finished off our week improving our circus skills!

Website: [barnescommon.org.uk](http://barnescommon.org.uk);  
Sharon: [education@barnescommon.org.uk](mailto:education@barnescommon.org.uk);  
Conservation and General: [enquiries@barnescommon.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@barnescommon.org.uk)

*Sharon Morgan, Education and Community Engagement Officer*

## Help make a difference!

The inaugural Barnes Foreshore Clean, sponsored by Riz Boardshorts and in association with Thames 21, will take place on the morning of Saturday 4th June at low tide.



Riz Boardshorts is a UK brand that makes swim and surf shorts from recycled polyester; their goal is to collect clear PET bottles from water litter and convert them into new Riz swim and boardshorts.

As part of the Bottlestoboardshorts project, they are looking for your help in collecting 50,000 clear plastic bottles from the rivers and beaches of the UK and are looking for volunteers to help clean up our local patch of the Thames.

Through this exciting project, they are hoping to raise awareness of the problems of consumer litter making its way into the water systems around the UK; not only highlighting the specific issues around synthetic materials, in this case

plastics, and their potentially harmful impact on the environment, but also emphasising how damaging 'single-use' convenience plastics are to the environment. They also hope to show consumers that plastic waste can be recycled into high value and long-lasting products through a circular economy, avoiding the commonly used route to landfill.

For this first, and critical, step the help and commitment of our local community is needed. For more information and to sign up for the event please email [ali@rizboardshorts.com](mailto:ali@rizboardshorts.com) with 'Barnes Clean' in the title. Alternatively sign up to their newsletter through [rizboardshorts.com](http://rizboardshorts.com) or go and see them at BCA Societies & Volunteers Open Day on Saturday 7th May at the OSO, Barnes Green from 10am until 2pm.

## Listening pleasure at Barnes Music Festival

"Excellent programming, a really good mixture." "We have become hooked just like everyone else." "I enjoyed every evening I attended." "A wonderful two weeks of listening pleasure."

These were just some of the comments about the Barnes Music Festival which took place in March under the theme of *Handel & Composers of Barnes*. The two-week programme featured international stars as well as local musicians, choirs and orchestras and the Barnes Music Festival Chorus. Sponsored by Chestertons, the twenty-five events at venues across Barnes were enjoyed by an audience of well over 3000 with over 750 musicians taking part. The new book *Composers of Barnes - The Flow of Inspiration* by Eleanor Oldroyd was launched during the Festival to much acclaim and is now available at Barnes Bookshop and through the Festival website.

BCA Chairman Steven Mindel commented "The Barnes Music Festival is a great event for our village, enhancing the quality of life and helping to make Barnes such a wonderful place to live."

Festival Chairman Andrew Summers said "One of our aims is to engender a spirit of community through music performance and appreciation and we are pleased to have achieved that. Next year's Festival takes place from 11th to 26th March 2017 and we already have an exciting programme lined up which we expect even more people to enjoy."



Alistair McGowan performing his new show about Erik Satie at the Barnes Music Festival

## A feast of baroque music

The combined Choirs of St Mary's Church in Barnes will perform Handel's *Zadok* and Vivaldi's *Gloria* on Sunday 19th June at 6pm. Accompanied by period instruments, the choirs will join in the national celebrations of HM The Queen's 90th birthday by singing one of Handel's much loved Coronation Anthems. *Zadok's* justly famed rousing introduction and exciting choral entry was first performed for the coronation of King George II and has been heard at every coronation since. Vivaldi's *Gloria* was composed for an orphanage in Venice and was immediately well received thanks to the composer's typically joyous and vigorous rhythms allied to evocative harmonies.



The concert is in aid of the church's Music Fund which supports scholarships for sixth-form musicians who aspire to choral and organ awards at university. Commenting on the preparations for the concert, Daniel Turner, Director of Music at St Mary's, said "Preparing these wonderfully rhetorical works is so good for a choir like St Mary's as they have to live every word and note. The choristers must express the dance-like rhythms and sheer exuberance of this style of music or else the whole thing does not really come alive as it should. It is very exciting for us to work with baroque instrumentalists as their sound and articulation really brings out the dynamism of the musical writing."

Tickets for the concert will go on sale shortly and will cost £12. For further information please email [music@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:music@stmarybarnes.org) or telephone 8741 5422.



## Come and sing along!

Fergus O'Kelly and the Castelnau Chorale will present some popular favourites at St. Osmund's Church Hall, Castelnau on Friday 27th May from 7.30pm. The songs will have a spring flavour and they are delighted to welcome special guests, the fabulous Decibelles! Tickets, £10 on the door, will include a glass of wine and nibbles.



Sonia Purnell

*Clementine Churchill: the trials & triumphs of a political consort*

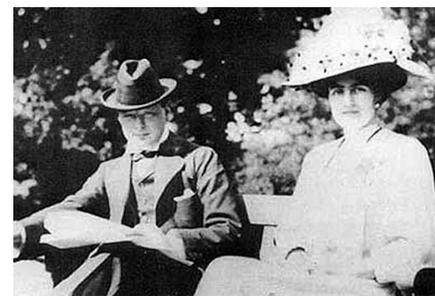
Wednesday 18th May, 8pm,  
OSO Arts Centre, Barnes Green

Sonia Purnell's biography of Clementine Churchill was published to rave reviews in 2015. Sonia has given Clemmie her rightful place at Churchill's side as the person who supported him, understood him and smoothed away the consequences of some of his mistakes and misjudgements. Clemmie is no mere cipher but a skilled political consort.

In Sonia's own words, Clementine enabled Winston to become "the single-minded giant who led Britain against almost impossible odds to victory over tyranny. The way she managed a character described by Atlee as 'fifty percent genius, fifty percent bloody fool' was itself a type of genius".

Writer, broadcaster and journalist, Sonia Purnell started her career at *The Economist* and has worked for a number of papers including *The Daily Telegraph*, *Daily Mail* and *London Evening Standard*. During her journalistic career she got to know London mayor Boris Johnson, who is the subject of her very well received biography, *Just Boris*.

Don't forget the final event of the BLS season is a trip to the Orange Tree theatre to see Bernard Shaw's *The Philanderer*. Details from [barnesliterarysociety.org.uk](http://barnesliterarysociety.org.uk).



Clemmie and Winston shortly before their marriage in 1908

## OSO Charity Ball

Preparations are well underway for this year's **OSO Midsummer Charity Ball** on Saturday 18th June and tickets are officially up for grabs. A Shakespearean bonanza in honour of the 400th anniversary of the legendary playwright's death, the festivities will involve a flurry of food, music, drama and auction prizes to last the entire fun-filled evening! The OSO would like to offer hearty thanks to Apparent Properties and The Sun Inn for sponsoring this event – snap up your ticket before they all sell out.

Funds raised will be used to develop studio theatre space by improving the lighting, seating and acoustics and to support the 2015-16 priority to establish an arts programme for children and young people with special needs and disabilities.

Table of 12, £825 or individual tickets £75. Visit the website at [osoarts.org.uk](http://osoarts.org.uk) or email [lisa@osoarts.org.uk](mailto:lisa@osoarts.org.uk).

### New café creations

An array of sumptuous delights have been brought to the OSO Café.

Caroline, the new café manager and amazing cook, has introduced a new menu which now includes an exciting daily salad buffet and home cooked quiche where you can mix and match a selection and add a cheeky glass of wine to eat in or take away. The children's menu includes further fantastic treats such as a frankfurter wrap with ketchup, toasties with a side of veggies, a cup of heated corn with butter, veggies with houmous, and a favourite choice – mini pancakes with maple syrup and fresh berries, a sure way to satisfy those summer munchies



## It All Ends Well

The second line of the show's title, *Despite 400 years of Shakespeare!* was the indicator that this wouldn't be in praise of the bard, and so it wasn't.

This was BYT Experimental Theatre Group's latest offering at Castelnau Community Centre. Hosted by director Ed Cottrell, the improvised sketches often alluded to Shakespeare but he was only a stimulator for exploring the imagination and creativity of the cast. Ed did some referencing of Shakespeare, particularly enjoying the death of Titus Andronicus who was force fed his children, and kept the bard around. However this production had a broader range and fascination.

These performers are fearless – not knowing what they're going to do until they do it and yet continuously providing sparkling theatre in line with the quality of the set design. An audience member chose a checked flat cap from a pile of props and handed it to Shireen Mirza, who proceeded to create a humble North Country aspiring actor who could do more than the Hovis advert. Shireen was assured and funny and, when joined by voice coach Sarah Ajibade, realised her accent was due to her cap; thus she became more posh as she handed it to the coach who, in turn, started to become Northern. This was a typically imaginative character-driven piece of BYT.

Sarah showed herself to be an accomplished performer in her last scene, which turned out to be almost straight Shakespearian. She, Ed and the impressive Ben Faulkner displayed flair, understanding and great collectivism. Anand Kumar's haunting Jamsie was one of the good collection of characters, comic and not. Finally there were some brilliant comic contributions from Haris Shah's powerful presence.

*It All Ends Well* certainly did. The show, a tribute to BYT's abilities, was sharp, humorous, dramatic and thoroughly entertaining.

*Caroline Phillips, audience member*



## Passionate about bikes?

The sale of second-hand bikes at St Mary's Church on Barnes Fair Day will take place again this year. Last year they sold 150 bikes – a record!

They can sell your bike in return for a share of the proceeds, or you can donate your bike. All the money raised goes to St Mary's and the charities they support. Take your bike along to the churchyard on Sat 25th June, Sat 2nd July, and on 7th and 8th July. They do reserve the right to refuse bikes that are deemed 'past it'.

If you'd like to buy a bike, or know anyone who would, come along to St Mary's on 9th July. They usually have many children's bikes, often barely used, so there are always bargains to be had.

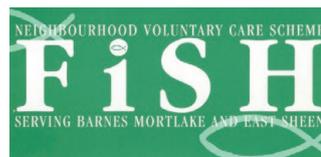
The little team of volunteers would love to have more helpers this year. There are roles for people to get involved in a variety of ways, from admin and publicity in advance, to servicing and processing the bikes in the run up to the Fair.

To get involved and for more information, contact [bikes@stmarybarnes.org](mailto:bikes@stmarybarnes.org), 8741 1413 or check out Barnes Bike Sale on their Facebook page.

## Do you have three hours a week to spare?

The Friends of Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton are looking for volunteers to fill a variety of vacancies including new projects.

If you are interested please contact Jane, Liza or Anne, 8487 6315/6798, or email [friends.qmh@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:friends.qmh@stgeorges.nhs.uk).



## First Friday Lunchtime Concerts

St Michael's Community Centre, Barnes, 12.30pm  
Light lunch with musical entertainment

<b>6th May</b>	Rosalind O'Dowd: <i>Arias &amp; Songs from Puccini, Gershwin, Lerner &amp; Loewe</i>
<b>3rd June</b>	Graham Stone & John Newton: <i>Bass Baritone, voice and piano</i>

## Former Common Keeper returns to Barnes

Some of you may remember Susan Gandar. She was Common Keeper before moving from Barnes, where she'd lived for over 40 years, down to Teignmouth in Devon.

Susan was back in London recently to launch her debut novel *We've Come to Take You Home*, which was published in March. With two interweaving storylines, one set in 1916, the other in 2016, it's collecting five star reviews on Amazon.

"I'll never forget my first day as Common Keeper. The Parks Department of the Council turned up with twenty new, baby trees which they planted in various places all around the Green. It was my job to keep those trees watered, at least two buckets a day with water out of the Pond, for the next six months. No mean feat given it was a very long, hot summer! But it's good to see that every single one of those trees has survived. And the Pond and everything around it is looking really terrific. Russell Greaves (current Common Keeper) is doing a great job.

And you're so lucky in Barnes. You now have the Olympic Cinema right on your doorstep, and all the fantastic shops are still there including Seal's, the butcher, and the wonderful Barnes Fish shop. I really miss Mike and his team. Where I live now, down in Devon, we're just a ten minute walk from the sea but it's really, really difficult to buy fresh fish!

And, of course, the excellent Barnes Bookshop which was one of my favourite haunts when living in the area. Seeing my own book on their shelf, in Waterstones and in other independent bookshops is a dream come true. I do hope you enjoy it!"

For more information about Susan and her book, *We've Come to Take You Home*, including Reading Group questions, check out her website, [susangandar.com](http://susangandar.com).



## Barnes Children's Literature Festival - 14th and 15th May



Judith Kerr & Michael Morpurgo to join Festival line-up

It has been confirmed that Barnes' best loved resident Judith Kerr and the former Children's Laureate Michael Morpurgo will be making special appearances as part of the Barnes Children's Literature Festival this month.

Michael Morpurgo, the award winning author of *War Horse* and over 300 novels for children will launch this year's Festival at Olympic Studios on Saturday 7th May at 10.30am. He will be joined by his great friend, the *Born Free* actor and wildlife campaigner Virginia McKenna OBE, in a specially-created event to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the publication of *The Butterfly Lion*.

Judith Kerr, the bestselling author of the children's classics *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* and *Mog*, will also make a rare public appearance at Olympic Studios as part of the Festival's main programme on Sunday 15th May when she will reminisce about her remarkable life and work with Nicolette Jones, the children's books editor of *The Sunday Times*. Now 92, Judith Kerr has lived in Barnes for more than 50 years, having escaped from Hitler's Germany with her family in 1933 when she was nine years old.

Tickets for both of these events are on sale from Olympic Studios.

The Festival returns to Barnes Pond with more than fifty fun events for book fans, young and old, on Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th May. Tickets for the main programme events at £5 are on sale now via [barneskidslitfest.org](http://barneskidslitfest.org) and in person from the OSO and the Barnes, East Sheen and Kew Bookshops. Children under 11 must be accompanied by an adult (who also needs a ticket).

The Festival includes a new free programme this year featuring storytelling sessions by local authors Karen Inglis, Barbara Laban and Piers Clifton among others, music from the Barnes Concert Band and giveaways from the children's newspaper, *First News*.

The Barnes Children's Literature Festival is presented in partnership with the BCA and the Barnes Bookshop. The organisers are also grateful for the support of the Barnes Property Partnership, a family owned company that is committed to donating 5% of their profits to charities and good causes in Barnes.

## Barnes Open Gardens

in aid of FiSH Neighbourhood Care



**SUNDAY 22nd May**

**2pm - 6pm**

*Teas available*

*All gardens are in Barnes SW13 area*

TICKETS from the FiSH Office –tel 020 8876 3336

or online [www.fishopengardens.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.fishopengardens.eventbrite.co.uk)

**In advance: £7**

**On the day: £9**

On the day from Barnes Methodist Church and 64 Lonsdale Road

Children under 16 free, sorry but no dogs are permitted in the gardens

Winkworth

Barnes - 020 8255 0088

FiSH Office: Barnes Green Centre,  
Church Road, SW13 9HE  
Charity Number 1147516



# Programme of events

## SATURDAY

10AM AND 12 NOON ROSE HOUSE: Winners of the **Screen Your Story** writing competition read their stories. All Ages

10AM BARNES GREEN CENTRE: **Marcia Williams** invites children to help re-enact *The Tempest*, using masks, props and plenty of drama. Ages 8+

10AM BARNES BOOKTOP MARQUEE: Author **Lauren Child** and graphic designer **David Mackintosh** talk about producing *Clarice Bean* and *Ruby Redfort*. Ages 7+

10.30AM, 1.30 & 4.30PM VILLAGE NURSERY: Join **Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers** for this interactive theatrical experience exploring Dahl's extraordinary stories like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The BFG* and *The Twits*. Ages 7+

10.30AM OSO: **Gyles, Saethryd & Rory Brandreth** are on a mission to get the whole family involved in playing games again. Ages 5-105

10.30AM KITSON HALL: Comedian **Danny Wallace** and illustrator **Jamie Littler** introduce their hilarious new Hamish books. Ages 8+

11AM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: **Philip Womack** reads from his latest book, *The Double Axe*, a thrilling tale revolving around the Greek myth of the minotaur. Ages 9+

11.30AM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, UPSTAIRS: Join **David Melling** for the chance to meet his bestselling character, Hugless Douglas – and get a hug! Ages 5+

12NOON OSO: CBeebie's presenter **Carrie Burnell** talks about her new series following the adventures of Harper and her scarlet umbrella. Ages 6+

1PM BARNES GREEN CENTRE: Learn how to be a ghost hunter with author **Jonathan Stroud** in this event based on his thrilling Lockwood & Co series. Ages 9+

1.30PM BARNES BOOKTOP MARQUEE: Don't miss this opportunity to hear **Jacqueline Wilson**, talking about her brand new book, *Rent A Bridesmaid*. Ages 7+

1.30PM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Join picture book author **Sean Taylor** for storytelling from Hoot Owl and other stories. Ages 5+

1.30PM KITSON HALL: Gruffalo illustrator **Axel Scheffler** returns to Barnes with lots of *Pip and Posy* fun. Ages 3+

2PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS: Join the 2015 Children's Poetry Prize winner **Joseph Coelho** for an interactive poetry session. Ages 7+

2PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, UPSTAIRS: The Teen/Young Adult Panel discuss feminist themes in their writing with panel chair **Katherine Woodfine**. Ages 11+

2.30PM ROSE HOUSE: Create an exciting underwater collage picture with **Clare Beaton** based on her best selling book *Secret Seahorse*. Ages 2+

3PM OSO: The author of *Five Children on the Western Front*, **Kate Saunders**, discusses her inspiration, including E Nesbit's original tale, *Five Children and It*. Ages 9+

3PM ST MARY'S CHURCH: The German-born fantasy writer **Cornelia Funke**, author of *The Thief Lord*, *Inkheart* and *The Ghosthunters series*, makes a rare visit to the UK. Ages 8+

3.30PM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: **Lucy Hawking** is the author of a space adventure series starring George the astronaut, written with her father, the acclaimed physicist. Ages 8+

4PM KITSON HALL: Join **Kristina Stephenson** for a musical storytelling journey featuring pirates, a sea monster and a delicious surprise! Ages 5+

4PM BARNES GREEN CENTRE: Award-winning author-illustrator **David Mackintosh** reads from his new book *What's Up MuMu?* Ages 6+

4PM BARNES BOOKTOP MARQUEE: Carnegie medal winning author, **Philip Reeve**, introduces his new sci-fi epic *Railhead*. Ages 9+

4.30PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS: Find out about those fabulous witches with *Witch Wars* author **Sibéal Pounder**. Ages 7+

4.30PM ROSE HOUSE: Join **Smriti Prasadam-Halls** for *T-Veg: The Tale of a Carrot Crunching Dinosaur* followed by fruit and veggie fun and games. Ages 4+

5PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, UPSTAIRS: Teen/YA fantasy fiction authors discuss their influences and inspirations. Panel chaired by **Anna McKerrow**. Ages 11+

6.30PM KITSON HALL: Horrible Science author **Nick Arnold** and illustrator **Tony de Saulles** celebrate 20 years of yuckiness with this hilarious event. Ages 8+

7.30PM ST MARY'S CHURCH: Author and critic **Erica Wagner** and German fantasy writer **Cornelia Funke** discuss their work on *First Light*. Ages 12+

7.30PM OSO: There are no rude bits at the Comedy Club 4 Kids where top comedians deliver family friendly shows. Ages 8+

## SUNDAY

10AM, 12 NOON & 4PM ROSE HOUSE: Winners of the **Screen Your Story** writing competition read their stories. All Ages

10AM, 1PM, & 4PM VILLAGE NURSERY: **Roald Dahl and the Imagination Seekers** – see Saturday 10.30am for details

10AM BARNES GREEN CENTRE: Enjoy a fun-filled event with **Josh Lacey** and **Garry Parsons**, creators of the hilarious *Dragonsitter* series. Age 7+

10AM KITSON HALL: **Barry Loser** is back with his mate, Future Ratboy, and Roald Dahl Funny Prize winner **Jim Smith** for stories, belly laughs and burps. Age 7+

10AM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS: **Holly Webb** talks about *Return to the Secret Garden*. Includes special craft activity. Age 8+

10AM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Hear how author and illustrator **Ed Vere** creates his books like *Mr Big* and *Max the Brave*. Age 3+



10AM OSO: Hear **Robin Stevens** read from her book, *Jolly Foul Play*, and create your very own detective story. Age 8+

10.30AM BARNES BOOKTOP MARQUEE: Australian author **Morris Gleitzman** makes his only UK festival appearance this year. Ages 8+

12 NOON ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Join **Michelle Robinson** for storytelling, arts & crafts and fun facts about space. Ages 3+

12.30PM BARNES GREEN CENTRE: **Abi Elphinstone** shows a variety of unusual objects to get children thinking about characters, settings and plots. Ages 8+

12.30PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS: Hear how **Katherine Rundell's** tightrope-walking and flying aeroplanes help her come up with story ideas. Ages 8+

12.30PM KITSON HALL: Get ready to laugh your socks off with the King of Comedy **Jeremy Strong**, as he shares giggles and fun from his latest story. Ages 7+

1PM OSO: Join **Anthony Browne** and his famous chimp, *Willy the Wimp*, for this special storytelling with live music from the Adriamus Ensemble. Ages 4+

1.30PM BARNES BOOKTOP MARQUEE: **Frances Hardinge** and **Lisa O'Kelly** discuss Costa Book of the Year winner, *The Lie Tree*. Age 8+

1.30PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, UPSTAIRS: **Alex Wiltshire** takes you on a tour of the blocks that make up the world of Minecraft. Ages 8+

2PM ROSE HOUSE: **Caroline Clough** asks if you could survive in a post-apocalyptic world where a deadly virus has devastated the world. Ages 8+

2PM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Imaginative poet and performer **A F Harrold** writes for both children and adults. Ages 8+

2.30PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, DOWNSTAIRS: **SF Said** speaks about his journey from young reader to the award-winning writer of *Varjack Paw*. Ages 9+

3PM BARNES GREEN CENTRE: Set sail with **Gareth P Jones** and **Garry Parsons** in this interactive event based on *Are You the Pirate Captain?* Ages 3-6

3.30PM OSO: **Emily Gravett** introduces Pete the Badger, the star of her new book, *Tidy!* with drawing tips and laughs aplenty. Ages 4+

3.30PM KITSON HALL: Join **Robin** and **Lorenzo Etherington** for the greatest comic-making show on earth. Ages 7+

4PM BARNES METHODIST CHURCH, UPSTAIRS: Author **Simon Singh** explores the mathematical ideas that have been smuggled into *The Simpsons*. Ages 12+

4PM ST OSMUND'S PRIMARY SCHOOL: Travel to 18th century Venice with author-illustrator team **Kevin Crossley-Holland** and **Jane Ray**. Ages 7+

4.15PM BARNES BOOKTOP MARQUEE: Bestselling author **Cathy Cassidy** shares her top tips for friendship and daydreaming and lots of chocolate! Ages 8+

Further details [barneskidslitfest.org](http://barneskidslitfest.org)



## Patient Participation Awareness Week

Patient Participation Awareness Week, 6th-11th June, is organised by the National Association for Patient Participation, a national charity that promotes the importance of patient participation in achieving excellence in care for all patients. A national media campaign will highlight the value of these 'grass roots' groups and the important role they play in driving up the quality of care.

Working in partnership with GPs and practice teams, Patient Participation Groups (PPGs) ensure the patient's perspective is at the heart of local provision so that services are of high quality and continuously improve. Groups provide practical support to their practice team, foster improved communication with the wider patient population building stronger patient/doctor relationships, and help patients to take more responsibility for their health.

PPGs work in a unique partnership with their practice built on mutual trust and respect acting as a 'critical friend' to provide a patient's perspective, ensuring services, plans and activities respond to patients' needs and priorities.

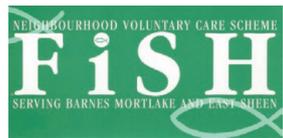
All three Barnes practices, Glebe Road Surgery, Essex House Surgery and Barnes Surgery have PPGs. If you would like to know more about your surgery's PPG please ask at Reception or check the practice website.

Look out for posters at your local surgery and on your practice website for more information about what is happening locally during Patient Participation Awareness Week.

## The Queen's 90th birthday celebration in Barnes by the Pond



Celebrate in style at a Royal Tea Party  
Saturday 11th June, 2-4pm



FiSH Neighbourhood Care is giving away 200 tickets for this right royal celebration. To qualify for free tickets you must be 65 or over and live in Barnes, Mortlake or East Sheen. Phone FiSH, 8876 3336, for tickets.

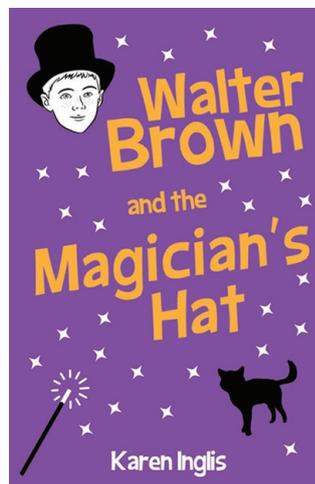
Calling all local families - can you volunteer to make our tea party a royal triumph?

This is a local event for older members of our community provided by members of our younger community. Please get involved and help:

- Register as a volunteer for the day to help in the setting-up and the smooth running of this special event
- Offer an elderly guest a lift to and from the event
- Enrol your children (4-12) in the fancy dress parade (and come along yourselves to see the fun)
- If you know an older person (or persons) who you think would enjoy the party, you can nominate them for a free ticket

If you can help, please do get in touch with FiSH, 8876 3336, or visit the website for further information, [fishhelp.org.uk/queens-birthday-tea](http://fishhelp.org.uk/queens-birthday-tea)

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## Local author serves up magical mayhem

Just in time for the Barnes Children's Literature Festival, local children's author Karen Inglis is back with another illustrated page-turner, this time for ages 7-9.

When Walter Brown is woken by his cat Sixpence on his tenth birthday he has no idea that his life is about to change forever. A large present wrapped in silver paper reveals an old top hat, a tiny pair of white

gloves and a magician's wand - together with a mysterious note from his late great-grandpa Horace. But Walter gets the biggest surprise when he puts the top hat on and discovers that his cat has special powers and they've been chosen for a secret mission. Where better to start practising magic, they decide, than on Walter's super-cool new neighbours, twins Harry and George Braithwaite? Unfortunately things don't quite go to plan...

Karen will be reading and signing her latest book in the local author free events area in the bookshop tent at the Festival on Saturday 14th May, 11am-noon. She will also be there across both days signing books. Go along and enter a free draw to win your own magician's set!

*Walter Brown and the Magician's Hat* is out on 10th May. Pre-order at the Barnes Bookshop, Sheen Bookshop or buy at the Festival. Also available to order from other bookshops and online.

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**Saturday, May 7th 2016**

**1.30 - 4 pm**

**Guide Hall, Washington Road, Barnes**

**Admission: Early bird 1.30 - 2.00 pm £2, thereafter £1**

Donations of jumble would be greatly appreciated but no large items of furniture please  
Jumble can be delivered to the Guide Hall on  
Friday 6th May from 6-8 pm or Saturday 7th May from 9.30 - noon  
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# The perfect place to watch spring!

Spring is in full swing and if the weather is behaving the reserve will now be alive with ducklings waddling after their mothers, the gardens will be adorned with swathes of blooms and dragonflies will be darting over the ponds. And the sand martins, robins and warblers will all be busy singing, nesting and feeding their young.

In other words now is the perfect time to get out and about to experience Springwatch for real instead of watching it from your sofa! And if you're a Richmond Borough resident we've got a further treat in store for you. To celebrate the Wildfowl & Wetland Trust's 70th anniversary we're giving our neighbours a third off membership to WWT London Wetland Centre this year. So you can enjoy unlimited free visits throughout all the seasons to see nature at its best, not to mention our otters and water birds from around the world. To take advantage of the offer simply pop in to see us, bringing proof of residency with you, and ask a member of the team about the anniversary membership offer.



Lapwing chick, photo by Mike Caiden

To make the most of your visit, if you're up with the lark, you can now visit earlier on Saturday mornings in May. The Centre will be open from 8.30am so come and see what wildlife is about on the lakes, meadows and gardens. This is your chance to enjoy some birdwatching while most Londoners are still tucked up under their duvets. Or just come and enjoy a peaceful walk among beautiful scenery to start your weekend.

Capture your wildlife watching moment by joining in the Spring Photography Course on Friday 13th May with practical guidance from photographer and

author Iain Green. A practical course, the day will begin with an introductory session inside before heading out onto the reserve. This course is suitable for both beginner and intermediate photographers. £60pp plus paid admission to the Centre – booking is essential, 8409 4400.

During May half-term you can bring your young explorers to London Wetland Centre for a Pirate Treasure Hunt. Captain Blackbird's motley animal crew has stolen his precious treasure and hidden it around the Centre. But wait, Polly his faithful parakeet has spotted which direction they went in.... Help Captain Blackbird find his lost treasure in return for a piece of his gold. £1 per person (includes a small prize) plus paid admission to the Centre, from 28th May to 5th June.

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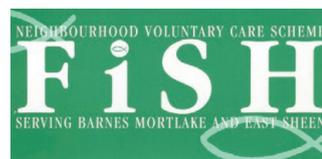


## Sick or injured hedgehogs

If you see a hedgehog and it looks healthy, the best thing to do is leave it alone. Hedgehogs can be stressed by human contact. But if you see one on the road trying to cross or turning into a ball, do give him a helping hand across the road.

However, if you find a hedgehog struggling around during the daytime then it is likely to be in trouble. Sick, injured and orphan hedgehogs are susceptible to hypothermia. Often to attempt to increase their body heat, they will spread out and look like they're sunbathing – if so, you must act quickly. Pop the hedgehog in a box and wrap a warm hot water bottle (not boiling) in a cloth underneath – you should be able to hold your hand on the bottle. Don't let the bottle go cold and change the water frequently. Keep it all very calm and quiet and away from the light.

Once the hedgehog is settled, call the British Hedgehog Preservation Society, 01584 890 801, or your local vet.



## Tuesday Talks

Barnes Green Centre

11am with coffee from 10.30am. Everyone welcome!

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| 3rd May   | Princess Mills: <i>Dial-a-Ride transport service</i>                                       |
| 10th May  | David Jillings: <i>Across the North Sea in an open boat</i>                                |
| 17th May  | John Mowat: <i>Masking the inner character in Theatre. Movement and mime demonstration</i> |
| 24th May  | Sharon Morgan: <i>Flora and fauna and the history of Barnes Common</i>                     |
| 31st May  | Denys Graham and friends: <i>Short Plays</i>   |
| 7th June  | Major Louise Riddell: <i>Behind the scenes of military state ceremonies</i>                |
| 14th June | Justine Parker: <i>The Kew Discovery Tour</i>  |

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# DIARY

## May

### Mon 2nd

Rose House closed for Bank Holiday

### Sat 7th

Barnes Societies and Volunteers Open Day, OSO Arts Centre, 10am-2pm. See p2

Barnes Children's Literature Festival opening session, Olympic Studios, 10.30am. See p6

Guides Jumble Sale, 1.30-4pm in the Guide Hall, Washington Road. See p8

### Tues 10th

*Jeremy Bentham and Sex*: a talk by Prof Paul Kelly, LSE at Barnes Philosophy Club, Bull's Head, 7.30-9pm. For further information contact [barbara.benson.underwood@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.benson.underwood@gmail.com)

### Sat 14th and Sun 15th

Barnes Children's Literary Festival. See p7

### Wed 18th

Barnes Literary Society, OSO Arts Centre, 8pm. Sonia Purnell. *Clementine Churchill: the trials and triumphs of a political consort*. See p4

Barnes Music Society, Methodist Church, Station Road, 7.30pm. Corinne Morris, cello and Viv Mclean, piano. Schubert *Sonata in A, D.921 (Arpeggione)*, Schumann *Phantasiestücke, Op.73*, Strauss *Romanze in F*, Granados *Intermezzo from Goyescas*, Piazzolla *Grand Tango*, David Popper *Hungarian Rhapsody, Op.68*. Tickets (for non-members) available at the door £12, £10 concessions, £5 students, or in advance from [WeGotTickets.com](http://WeGotTickets.com). Details from [barnesmusicsociety.org.uk](http://barnesmusicsociety.org.uk) or 8876 1563

### Sun 22nd

Barnes Open Gardens, 2-6pm. See p6

### Fri 27th

Castelnau Chorale concert, St Osmund's Church Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets £10 on the door. See p3

### Sat 28th

Janina's Sale at Rose House: Continental ladies' clothing, jewellery, accessories and vintage items

### Mon 30th

Rose House closed for Bank Holiday

## June

### Sat 4th

Barnes Foreshore Clean-up. See p4

### Sat 11th

Royal Tea Party for HM The Queen's 90th birthday, 2-4pm. See p8

## Regular Events

### Sundays

- First Sunday in the month. See new modern art in Barnes – contact Mary Algar 8876 7786 for an appointment
- Second Sunday in the month. Car Boot Sales, Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton. Vendors from 7.30am, £10 cars, £15 large vans; buyers from 8am. £1 parking for buyers (proceeds to charity). Details from Sarah, 8487 6798, [qmhfriendedscarboot.co.uk](http://qmhfriendedscarboot.co.uk)

### Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Barnes Runners meet at Rose House for friendly local runs: [barnesrunners.org](http://barnesrunners.org)

### Mondays

- Barnes Methodist Church Hall: 9-9.45am. Body conditioning for all abilities and levels, focusing on core and full body strengthening and toning; 9.45-10.35am, Insanity Live – high intensity interval training, £10 cash per class, drop in, or £80 for ten, £5 first class. Visit [bemorewithcarlie.co.uk](http://bemorewithcarlie.co.uk) for more information and to book, or contact Carlie, 07894 209 543, [enquiries@bemorehealth.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@bemorehealth.co.uk)

- Yoga Classes, Barnes Methodist Church Hall, 11am-noon. Beginners welcome. Alice 07957 444 204 or [yogini.fattorini@gmail.com](mailto:yogini.fattorini@gmail.com)

- Rubber Bridge, Rose House, 7.30pm, prearranged partnerships. Carole Seaton, 8876 4411

- Zumba Fitness, Sheen Library, 8pm. £6 pay as you go, 07873 387 298 [zumbarne@me.com](mailto:zumbarne@me.com)

### Mondays and Wednesdays

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

### Mondays and Thursdays

- Table tennis for the over 50s (experienced players only) Mortlake area, 1-3pm. 8395 0232

### Tuesdays

- Castelnau Community Centre: Pilates for all ages and levels of fitness, 9.30-10.30am, £5. Goldies Exercise (gentle chair based exercise for over 50s), 11.30am-12.30pm. 8741 0909

- Yoga Gentle 8.15-9.15am, St. Mary's Church. First class half price. Please call first to check availability. Ali Gilling 07900 957 240, [alium@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alium@yahoo.co.uk)

- Castelnau Community Centre: Positive Steps – back to work support, 1-3pm. Free. 8741 0909

- Discover mindfulness! Christian meditation group, 4.30pm. Beginners welcome. 8748 3722

- Learn to meditate – mindfulness-based Stress Reduction course, 6.30-8.30pm, St. Mary's Church. Contact Ali Gilling, 07900 957 240, [alium@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:alium@yahoo.co.uk)

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Push babies: Post-natal exercise for new mums and babies, London Wetland Centre, 9.30-10.40am. Members £5, non-members £7. [pushbabies.com](http://pushbabies.com)

### Wednesdays

- FiSH 'n' Chats, 10.30am-12.30pm, Sheen Lane Centre

- Watercolour painting classes, OSO Arts Centre, 11.30am-1.30pm, and The Bull's Head, 7.30-9.30pm. Contact Stella 07791 400 362, [admin@painting.zone](mailto:admin@painting.zone), [www.painting.zone](http://www.painting.zone)

- Italian, Rose House, 11.15am-1.15pm. Intermediate, small friendly group with focus on speaking and revision. Contact Stefania, 8748 6418, [italianlearning.co.uk](http://italianlearning.co.uk)

- Richmond Legal Advice Service (RLAS) runs free weekly legal advice sessions at Duke Street Church, Duke Street, Richmond, TW9 1DH, 8-9pm. Further details: [rlas.org.uk](http://rlas.org.uk)

- Scottish Dancing, Scout Hall, Queen Elizabeth Walk, 8.30-10.30pm. Details from Mary, 8878 5729 or Fiona, 07780 671 021

### Wednesdays and Thursdays

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

### Thursdays

- Hatha Yoga, Castelnau Community Centre, 10-11.30am, £5 per class

- Beading Workshops at Stone by Stone, 23 Barnes High Street, 10.30am-12.30pm. £20, including tea or coffee. Contact Sharon at the shop or [sharon@stonebystone.me](mailto:sharon@stonebystone.me)

- Play Mornings for 0-4 year-olds, Kitson Hall, 10am-12noon (including half-term). Contact Yvonne, 8785 3105, 07973 408 396

- Barnes WI meets on the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm at the Bull's Head, Lonsdale Road. For more information contact [barneswi@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:barneswi@hotmail.co.uk)

- FiSH 'n' Chats, Sheen Lane Centre, 10.30am-12.30pm

- Drawing from Scratch (RACC). For details see [racc.ac.uk](http://racc.ac.uk)

- Urban Dance & Cheerleading classes, 4-6.30pm at the OSO. Contact Natalie, 07866 833 040, [natalie@mamparadance.com](mailto:natalie@mamparadance.com)

- Italian classes (all levels) Rose House: 12.30-2.30pm; 2.30-4.30pm; 4.45-6.15pm and 6.30-8pm. Contact [angelabuffoni@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:angelabuffoni@yahoo.co.uk)

- Barnes Community Choir, for all adult voices, no need to read music. Lowther School, Stillingfleet Road, 7.30-9pm, information 07958 690 749

- Tai Chi & Qi Gong – Learn and practise at your own pace, increase your energy levels and refine physical and mental skills. Barnes Methodist Church Hall, 7-8.30pm. 07581 533 604 [dana@meiquan.co.uk](mailto:dana@meiquan.co.uk) or [taichines.com](http://taichines.com)

### Fridays

- Gentle Yoga and Exercise, Kitson Hall, 9-10am. Contact 07875 149 526, [beneyoga@googlemail.com](mailto:beneyoga@googlemail.com)

### Saturdays

- St. Mary's Church Coffee Shop, supporting a different charity each week, 10.30am-12.15pm. Fairtrade fresh coffee, tea and homemade cakes

- Coffee shop, Barnes Methodist Church, 10.30am-12.30pm. Fresh coffee, homemade cakes, Fairtrade products

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

**Age UK Richmond** at Barnes Green Centre runs a varied programme of activities throughout the week. Call 8876 2377 or visit [ageukrichmond.org.uk](http://ageukrichmond.org.uk)

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

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