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advancing the arts in Elmbridge

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ELMBRIDGE YOUTH THEATRE
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KIPPS

THE NEW HALF A SIXPENCE
Fresh, Funny, Wacky!

TICKETS FROM £7 - £15
BOX OFFICE 07776 376802
OR ONLINE AT: www.elmbridgeyouththeatre.com

TUESDAY 18TH - SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2020
AT 7.30PM WITH A SATURDAY MATINEE AT 2.30PM
AT THE CECIL HEPWORTH PLAYHOUSE
HEPWORTH WAY, WALTON-ON-THAMES, KT12 1AU

Based on the B.G. Wells novel "KIPPS: The Story of a Single Day" and the original musical by Dorothy Cross and David Huxford. Original songs by Nicole Healden. Book by Julian Fellowes. New Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Davis. Rehearsal notes by William David Evans. Co-Created by Ensemble Macintosh. This amateur production is presented in association with Music Theatre International (GMTI).

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The 15th Elmbridge Literary Competition 2019/2020

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ELMBRIDGE ARTS FOCUS

the guide to music, drama,
dance, visual arts and crafts
in the Borough of Elmbridge

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www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

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The Theatre at The Vera Fletcher Hall

The Vera Fletcher Hall
4 Embercourt Road
Thames Ditton
KT7 0LQ

Box Office: Book online at www.verafletcherhall.co.uk or call 08456 528529
(postal reservations only) or by post with sae and cheque to:

VFH Box Office, 8 Copsem Lane, Esher KT10 9EU

Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre

Manor Road
Walton on Thames
KT12 2PF

Box Office: 01932 253354 or email boxoffice@riverhousebarn.co.uk

Web: www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

RC SHERRIFF TRUST NEWS

Happy New Year!

Welcome to the second joint Arts Focus/Riverhouse Barn brochure giving you a complete guide to what's happening in the arts in Elmbridge.

2019 was another hugely successful year for The R C Sherriff Trust. Theatre was front and centre with 'Watch This Space' which showcased Elmbridge writers and actors.

October's weekend festival at Riverhouse saw performances by students from Hinchley Wood School in 'The Hipdeep Family Plot', the premiere of Quick Fix Theatre's 'The Scold's Bridle' and Enigma Theatre's 'D.R.A.M'.

New writing by local playwrights Howard Schavien, Peter Shaw and Lottie Armitage were showcased alongside a revival of Patricia Jones' 'An Evening with Cecil Hepworth' and a full staging of R C Sherriff's sequel to Journey's End with additional scenes based on Sherriff's notes written by David Lawson Lean.

'Watch This Space' culminated with an adaptation of Cinderella performed by The Trust's resident theatre company, The Penny Knaves, in venues across the Borough – keep an eye out for them later this year!

Other highlights of 2019 were the hundreds of young people who took part in the hugely successful **Elmbridge School Choir Festival** at ACS Cobham in June, The **Elmbridge Dance Showcase** at The Rose Theatre, Kingston (part of the annual International Youth Arts Festival) in July and the R C Sherriff **Young Musician of the Year** Competition in November.

Local artists were celebrated with the **Elmbridge Moving Art Project** which saw work exhibited at Riverhouse Arts Centre and The Civic Centre, Esher.

The Rosebriars Arts Initiative, an arts project for Over 60s, continued to go from strength to strength with the its weekly singalongs, twice-monthly art workshops and the monthly Silver Screen Film Club.

On top of all that, **over £50,000** was awarded to numerous Elmbridge Schools, organisations and individuals through grants during the year.

... on to 2020

Alongside our regular programme of events and projects, The **Rosebriars Initiative**, The 15th **Elmbridge Literary Competition**, the 4th **Elmbridge School Choir Festival**, The R C Sherriff **Young Musician of the Year** Competition, The **Elmbridge Dance Showcase** and The **Penny Knaves**, there will be other new projects.

May will see a **celebration of The River Thames** with a weekend festival in partnership with Riverhouse Arts Centre and Elmbridge Borough Council.

There will also be a new writing project to commemorate the **75th V.E. Day Celebrations**.

We will also be reviving one of our most successful initiatives for young people, Artsfest.

Full details of all our projects, and how to apply for a grant to support your project or organisation can be found on our website

www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

Pete Allen, Director

Sam Thompson, Administrator /
Project Manager

MOLESEY & DISTRICT ANTIQUES SOCIETY

The society meets monthly between October and June.

07 January : AGM and Party

The annual meeting will be followed by our new year's party and a light-hearted filler.

04 February : Eavesdropping on High-ranking German Prisoners

During WWII senior German military prisoners were housed in Trent Park in North London. They didn't realise that their conversations were bugged and their information was vitally important to the British war effort. **Helen Fry** relates the story.

03 March : Charles Hanson

Charles relates stories of exciting finds and his experiences of working on the BBC's Bargain Hunt and Antiques Road Trip.

07 April : Picasso - Success and Scandal

Artist **Ronnie Ireland** talks about Pablo Picasso, one of the most influential artists of the 20th century. Apart from his art, Picasso was well known for his avant-garde life style and tempestuous relationships with many women.

All meetings start at 8:00pm

at Imber Court, Ember Lane, Molesey KT8 0BT

Admission is free to members, £7 for guests.

Find out more at www.moleseyantiques.org

WEST SURREY FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

The Walton branch of the Society runs a programme of talks by professional speakers on various aspects of family history. Whether you are just starting on your family history or have been exploring it for some time, you will find plenty to learn from our talks - wherever your ancestors came from.

28 January : DNA for Beginners

If you are you thinking of taking a DNA test, or want to know how to interpret the results, DNA expert **Debbie Kennett** will show you how DNA testing can help you.

25 February : Tracing your Irish Ancestors

Learn about the many sources for Irish genealogical research, with tips and techniques on how to use them and overcome potential problems.

24 March : Parish Registers Online

This talk reviews the many sources of Parish Registers online, both free and commercial, and how to make the best use of them.

28 April : Unusual Occupations

In this informal meeting we look at the unusual occupations of some of our ancestors.

We meet at Ashley School Hall

Ashley Road

Walton KT12 1HX

7:45 pm

Admission £2 for non-members

For more information

visit www.wsfhs.org or email walton@wsfhs.org

WALTON ART CLUB



Walton Art Club meet every Wednesday evening during school term times from the beginning of September through to the end of June each year.

The evenings start at 7pm and run until 9.30pm. Whether you are interested in oil, acrylic, water-colour, pen or pencil, come along and give it a try. There is a wide range of skills and mediums used by our members, and there is always someone on hand to give help and advice.

For more information visit

www.waltonartclub.co.uk

ESHER & DISTRICT LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The primary objective of the Society is to promote an interest in the local history of the area.

In doing so, we aim to study, preserve and document its rich heritage and to develop and increase our members' knowledge of the area's history through research, events and memories.



The Society covers the area of the former Esher Urban District Council, including Esher, Claygate, Thames Ditton, Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood, Oxshott, Cobham, East and West Molesey. Membership of the Society is £15 per year which gives free access to our meetings and a minimum of three newsletters a year. Guests are most welcome at our meetings at a fee of £3. Tea and coffee is served during the meeting at no extra charge. All meetings take place at 2:30pm at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Claygate KT10 0JP

For full details of the Society visit:

www.edlhs.co.uk

WALTON & WEYBRIDGE FLOWER CLUB



Walton and Weybridge Flower Club welcome visitors to come along and be entertained by our demonstrators, who will create beautiful flower arrangements in front of their eyes. The finished arrangements are raffled so you might even be lucky enough to take one home with you. Tea and cake are on offer pre demonstration.

At each meeting we have a competition for those members who want to develop their own creative skills and we also hold workshops twice a year.

We meet on the first Thursday of the month (except January and August) at St Andrews Church Hall, Hershams Road, KT12 1LG. Doors open 1:30pm for 2:00pm start. Visitors entry fee is £6, or an annual subscription is available.

For more information please call

Valerie Saint 07908 778223 or

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THE FOUNTAIN GALLERY www.fountaingallery.co.uk

26 Bridge Rd, Hampton Court, East Molesey, KT8 9HA

Tel: 020 8941 5865 email info@fountaingallery.co.uk  @FountainBonanza

Open Tuesday - Sunday 11:30am - 5:30pm



The Fountain Gallery is a cooperative of artists offering an exciting programme all year round. Visitors to the gallery will have an opportunity to meet the artists showing their work.

For full details of forthcoming exhibitions visit

www.fountaingallery.co.uk

Forthcoming exhibitions:



7-19 Jan Tracy Florance

Powerful contemporary photographic images complemented by **Sally Dorrity's** ceramics.



21 Jan-2 Feb Hilary Hoyland

A rare showing of work from an artist living in South West France. Animal prints, mixed media works on paper and oils; interiors, land and seascapes.



4-16 Feb Stephanie Wilkinson

Stephanie creates colourful semi abstract paintings, gorgeous fabric and practical homeware inspired by recent visits to Uzbekistan, Georgia and Armenia.



18 Feb-1 Mar Liz Bernard

Liz's paintings explore the use of texture and colour, resulting in striking mixed media pieces.

3-15 Mar Suzy Abrahams

Contemporary, dynamic abstract acrylics, combining rich colour palettes and geometric form. Paintings and scarves.



17-29 Mar Tessa Pearson

'Come into my Garden' – bold colourful floral abstracts to bring the joy of my garden into your home.



31 Mar- 12 Apr Peter Lamb

An eclectic range of oil and acrylic paintings. Broad landscapes. Deep woodland. Local landmarks. From the mundane to the mysterious.



Thames Valley Art Society is one of the oldest arts organisations in the area, founded in 1906 by Lucy Millett.

Early practising members were Sir Frank Branwyn and Graham Sutherland.

Terence Cuneo was President of the Society for many years.

We encourage aspiring artists to come together to paint, exchange ideas and exhibit their work.

For full details visit
www.thamesvalleyart.co.uk
or call 0208 549 9950

MOLESEY PHOTOGRAPHIC CLUB

We are a small friendly club with an impressive history of fifty years. We welcome members of all abilities; those just starting in photography as well as those who are more experienced. Our mutual aim is the enjoyment and improvement of our photography and our programme supports this.

We meet at 8:00pm in the East Molesey Methodist Church, East Molesey, KT8 9JU on the second and fourth Tuesday in each month from September until June. Prospective new members are warmly invited to join us for one or two meetings before making a commitment to join. Just come along and someone will be on hand to welcome you.

For full details, including our programme of forthcoming events, please visit our website

www.moleseyphotographicclub.co.uk



MOLESEY ART SOCIETY



Molesey Art Society

The Molesey Art Society, founded in 1959, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee year in 2019. Now one of the largest and most prestigious art societies in the region, we have a varied membership, some of whom are professional artists. But the society welcomes people of all abilities – all you have to do is to enjoy making art! New members are most welcome! We host exhibitions and run a programme of talks and painting workshops which start in the Autumn and run through to the following Spring. For more information on our programme of events or about becoming a member please visit our website www.moleseyartsociety.co.uk or email moleseyartsoc@gmail.com

Unless otherwise stated all workshops and demonstrations are held at St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Beauchamp Road, Molesey KT8 2PG

Forthcoming events:

JANUARY 2020

10th Friday 7.45pm – 10.00pm Demonstration with Ronnie Ireland
- Landscape in Acrylic

11th Saturday 2.00pm – 5.00pm Workshop with Ronnie Ireland -
Landscape in Acrylic

25th Saturday 2.00pm – 5.00pm Workshop with Marcia Hughes
- Watercolour and pen

FEBRUARY 2020

7th Friday 7.45pm – 10.00pm Demonstration with Freda Anderson
- Flowers - pastels

8th Saturday 2.00pm – 5.00pm Workshop with Freda Anderson -
Flowers - pastels

22nd Saturday 2.00pm – 5.00pm Workshop with Alan Greenhalgh
with live birds of prey

MARCH 2020

6th Friday 7.45pm – 10.00pm Demonstration with Chris Forsey -
Coastal scene - Acrylic

7th Saturday 2.00pm – 5.00pm Workshop with Hildegard Reid -
Coastal scene – Any medium

APRIL 2020

8th – 12th Spring Exhibition



Spring Exhibition

08-12 April 2020

11am–5.30pm Wednesday–Saturday

11am–5pm Sunday

Venue: St Alban's Catholic Primary School,
Beauchamp Road, Molesey KT8 2PG

Don't miss this display of our latest works
of art and craft!

MOLESEY LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The main aim of the Society is to awaken and foster an informed interest in the history of Molesey. We hold regular meetings and publish newsletters throughout the year. We have also established research groups, which meet to work on various specific topics. The Society holds regular meetings, open to members and non-members, with a wide variety of talks, including topics the Society has researched.



The book "**Molesey Then and Now**" - comparing historical images with photographs of the same views today - is available now from the Society.

For more information visit
www.moleseyhistorysociety.org



On sale now, price £15
ISBN 978 0098
www.moleseyhistorysociety.org

OXSHOTT ART & CRAFTS SOCIETY

Oxshott Art & Crafts Society holds a demonstration / meeting on the second Tuesday evening most months, plus a full day workshop in October, a May Bank Holiday weekend Exhibition and a Christmas Fair.

All events take place at Oxshott Village Centre, Holtwood Road, Oxshott KT22 0QL.
For more information on the Society, our forthcoming events and how to become a member, email merylhayes100@gmail.com

Visit our website at oxshottartandcrafts.org

COBHAM-HEATH BRIDGE CLUB

Cobham is a well established club, affiliated to the English Bridge Union, and run by a supportive committee whose aim is to provide friendly duplicate Bridge to players of a wide range of abilities.

We meet every Friday at the Cobham Centre, Oakdene Road, at 7:20 for a 7:30pm start.

There is free parking on site. Refreshments are provided, and you and your partner would be most welcome to join us for a free "taster evening".

For further information about the club

visit our website at www.cobhambridgeclub.co.uk

or email cobhambridgeclub@gmail.com



EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

CAT'S GRIN THEATRE : THE WIZARD OF OZ



by Frank L Baum in an original adaptation by Don Brown.

In Kansas, Dorothy and her dog Toto live on a farm with her Uncle Henry & Aunt Em.

When a tornado hits, Dorothy's grey world is turned upside down as she is transported to the technicolour world of Oz. Four actors play multiple roles in this unique, immersive adaptation of the original book by Frank L Baum. It is packed with audience participation – including the role of Toto – and finally brings to life characters that were left by the Yellow Brick Road-side for the 1939 musical version. Suitable for ages 4+.

Date: 11 January 2:30pm

Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall

Tickets: £8:00

Box Office: Book online or call 08456 528 529

Web: [www.verafletcherhall.co.uk /](http://www.verafletcherhall.co.uk/)
www.catsgrin.co.uk

NOISY OYSTER presents DANGEROUS DAVE

Dangerous Dave, infinitely more 'daft' than 'dangerous', and his ridiculous sidekick, Herbert Lemon, present some of the most mind-bindingly silly stunts ever performed . . . ever!

Marvel as this miniature superhero fights his way out of a wet paper bag . . .

climbs the slippery pole of peril to plunge into a domestic food processor . . . escapes from the pickled egg jar of DOOM . . . and becomes the fearless inhuman Cannon Ball!! Suitable for ages 4+.

Date: 08 February 2:30pm

Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall

Tickets: £8:00

Box Office: Book online or call 08456 528 529

Web: [www.verafletcherhall.co.uk /](http://www.verafletcherhall.co.uk/)
www.noisyoyster.co.uk





The UK's largest voluntary-sector provider of adult learning

The WEA continues to provide a wide variety of study options at various venues in the area. Established for over one hundred years, the WEA provides an opportunity for you to further your interest in the arts and sciences without the pressure of an examination.

More information is available at: www.wea.org.uk or contact 01932 853056

WALTON WORDSMITHS CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

Walton Wordsmiths a well established creative writing group welcomes new members. We meet once a month to share the process of writing. Meetings include writing exercises, shared manuscripts for constructive critique and, above all, encouragement.

Dates: We meet once a month on Thursday afternoons.
Venue: We currently meet in the Weybridge area
Cost: £3 refreshments available **Contact:** Call Pat on 01932 845617

FREEWHEELERS THEATRE COMPANY

Freewheelers are pioneers of a new and inclusive language for theatre. Working with both disabled and non-disabled artists, we use theatre, dance, film, music and animation to entertain, innovate, collaborate and challenge perceptions. We surprise people. We achieve high production standards alongside a person-centred approach.

MEDIA WORKSHOPS

Over the age of 16, with or without a disability looking for a fun challenge? You may have a flair for writing, acting or production, or be a complete beginner. Participants will get all the support they need, meet like-minded folk, drink tea and end up with a film (or films) - to which they can contribute as little or as much as they want.

Thursdays 10:00am -12noon (term time only)
 Cobham Centre for the Community,
 Oakdene Road, Cobham KT11 2LY

DANCE WORKSHOPS

For anyone over the age of 16, with or without disabilities. Previous performing experience is not necessary, but a willingness to work hard, commit to the company, work well with others, and have fun, is!

Join us, and get involved!

Thursdays, 1:15 - 2:45pm (term time only)
 Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive,
 Cobham, KT11 2LU

For full details
 visit www.freewheelerstheatre.co.uk
 email info@freewheelerstheatre.co.uk or call 07925 298347

SONIA DUGGAN : CREATIVITY COURSE THE ARTISTS WAY - a 12-week course

Do you wish you were more creative? Do you find it hard to give your creativity the time and space it needs? Join this 12-week course, facilitated by accredited writer's coach, **Sonia Duggan**, for support, encouragement, insights and laughter as we explore the ideas in Julia Cameron's best-selling book, *The Artist's Way*. How do we get the creative flow going? How do we make time for our creative energy to flow freely? What gets in the way? **Advance booking is essential.**

Date: Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00pm
Venue: Walton / Weybridge area (confirmed upon booking)
Price: £96 (includes complimentary coaching session)
To book: Call Sonia Duggan on 01932 849309 / 077790 64646
Email: info@inspirationcoaching.biz **Web:** www.inspirationcoaching.biz



ALTER EGO - DRAMA FOR ADULTStutor: **Caroline Dooley****alter ego Drama for Adults****Tutor: Caroline Dooley****Monday 8.30 – 10pm, Tuesday 8.30 – 10pm**

Develop acting and performance skills, tap into your dramatic creativity and unleash your alter ego! Through drama games, improvisation and devising exercises, the fun workshop-style sessions will give you the freedom to explore the process of making drama without the pressure of being in a production. No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and energy! New members can join at any stage of the term following a free taster session. Led by experienced drama facilitator **Caroline Dooley**.

Contact 07956 421804, email enquiries@drama4adults.com or visit www.drama4adults.com**Venue:** Riverhouse Arts Centre, Manor Road, Walton on Thames KT12 2PF**Cost:** £132 (12 weeks)**ELMBRIDGE YOUTH THEATRE**

Elmbridge Youth Theatre caters for the leisure time needs of local young people and encourages and fosters an interest in Drama & Theatre, giving opportunities to take part in stage productions and develop skills within the arts and make friends along the way! All you need is enthusiasm, commitment and team spirit! We rehearse on Sundays 6:30 – 9pm at St James' Parish Centre in Weybridge and on Thursdays 7:30 – 10pm at Molesey Youth Centre.

We usually present two major productions each year, giving everyone a chance to be involved, and to use whatever performance skills they have – acting, singing, dancing or even backstage!

If you are interested in joining Elmbridge Youth Theatre contact Carole Andrew on 07930 524540 or Karen Lacey on 07776 376802 or visit www.elmbridgeyouththeatre.com for more info.

**BARN THEATRE CLUB : ACTING SKILLS WORKSHOP**

The Barn Theatre Club invites you to join our Acting Skills Workshop Course starting 1st July 2020, with facilitator Sue Sampson

This 6 week course is designed for actors who want to improve and those who want to return after a break. Our tutor will help you hone your on-stage presence, building your confidence and giving you some of the tools professional actors use on stage.

Adults from 18 – 90 all welcome!

An intimate, friendly, fun atmosphere in which every participant can learn and grow.

Start Date: 01 July 2020 **Cost:** £10 per session, £60 total, payable in advance.

To register visit www.thebarntheatremolesey.co.uk/courses

**CLAYGATE FOLK DANCE CLUB**

Have you ever been to a Barn Dance and enjoyed it? Folk Dancing is similar but with a greater variety of moves, and even more fun. Whether you are a beginner or an experienced dancer, by yourself or with a partner, you will be given a friendly welcome.

Dates: Thursday 8:00pm - 10:15pm**Venue:** St Nicholas Church Hall, Summer Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0QQ**Cost:** £4 per evening. **Contact:** David on 020 8715 2148 or email pamjonsoph@gmail.com**Web:** sites.google.com/site/englishfolkdanceinthamesditton**CELIA ANDREWS SCHOOL OF SPEECH & DRAMA**

The School offers classes in all aspects of speech and drama for children and adults alike. Tuition is given in small groups, or individually. The School has its own LAMDA Examination Centre.

Call: 01932 226458 **Email:** celiaandrews@yahoo.co.uk **Web:** www.celiaandrews.co.uk

THEATRE 4 KIDS

Theatre4Kids is a theatre school in Walton-on-Thames, managed and run by experienced drama professionals delivering the very best children's theatre training and drama workshops for 4 - 14 year olds.

Call: Julia Walton on 07813 279602**Web:** www.theatre4kids.co.uk**CHADSWORTH STAGE SCHOOL & FIRST STEPS**

The Chadsworth Stage School, First Steps and Starlets is a non-vocational part time stage school based in Esher, specializing in many aspects of the performing arts. The school provides regular classes, usually outside school hours, in various areas of dance - ballet, tap, modern, jazz and also singing and drama. The school also runs 3 Street Dance troupes called Kaos and classes in Bollywood

Contact: 020 8398 8104**Web:** www.chadsworthstageschool.co.uk

COBHAM BAND

Cobham Brass Band embraces brass music of all styles and presents varied and entertaining concerts of enviable quality to the delight of the band's supporters who have helped raise considerable amounts of money for charity. If you would like to come along to rehearsals on Mondays from 8pm to 10pm, or if you are interested in joining the band please contact our Secretary on 07519 660174.

The band always welcomes new brass players, experienced or not, to our rehearsals. Visit our website www.thecobhamband.org for information and forthcoming events. There is a place for you in The Cobham Band. If you play or would like to play a brass instrument speak to Steph on 07519 660174.

Forthcoming Concerts (with our new conductor Mr Steven Williams):-

22 February 7:30pm 'Brass Music From Around The World' at The Vera Fletcher Hall

Details of all Cobham Band's concerts from Band Secretary on 07519 660174 or via our website www.thecobhamband.org

The Band is grateful for the support it receives from the R C Sherriff Trust

MUSIC ON THE GREEN : LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

The Music on the Green lunchtime concerts have enjoyed ever increasing audiences over time and have become well known for their eclectic programme of excellent musical performances by accomplished musicians. Good company and a light lunch add to the enjoyment of the occasion - perfect for a mid-week lunchtime break.

Entry is free and there is a retiring collection.

Light lunch is served from 12:30pm. Concerts run from 1:10 to 1:50pm.

Venue: Christ Church, Church Street, Esher

January 15 Ensemble Hesperis early music group

February 19 Artists to be confirmed

March 18 Laefer Saxophone Quartet

For full details of our programme visit

www.motg-esher.com

or call the Parish Office 01372 462282

or email office@esherparish.org.uk



JAZZ AT IMBER COURT : JIM MULLEN / HENRY LOWTHER QUINTET

Two giants from the UK jazz world – **Jim Mullen** with his strong blues influenced guitar playing and **Henry Lowther**, one of the very finest trumpet and flugelhorn players in great demand for session and top recording dates. Versatile **Gareth Williams** (keyboard), virtuoso **Paul Morgan** (double bass) and innovative **Sebastiaan de Krom** (drums) provide a first class rhythm section.



Date: 17 January 8:30 pm

Venue: Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey KT8 0BT

Tickets: £14

Box office: 01932 845174

Web: imbercourtsportsclub.co.uk

OXSHOTT & COBHAM MUSIC SOCIETY 2019/2020 SEASON

At Holy Trinity Church, Claygate, KT10 0JP. ocms-music.co.ukMembership £85 or £80 if paid before 1st Sept. Tickets: 0208 398 4377 or at the door. Students free on presentation of a student card where appropriate. Schoolchildren free.

25 January, 5.30 p.m.	ENSEMBLE MIRAGE clarinet & strings	
<i>Mozart, Penderecki, Glazunov, Brahms</i>		£20
22 February, 8.00 p.m.	CELEBRITY CONCERT	
<i>Smetana, Borodin, Dvorak</i>	WIHAN STRING QUARTET (Czech Republic)	£22
23 March, 8.00 p.m.	CASTALIAN STRING QUARTET & HANNAH SHAW (USA) viola	
<i>Haydn, Janáček, Brahms</i>		£20

OCMS : ENSEMBLE MIRAGE



The Ensemble is a flexible group of young players of whom five members will be playing for us this evening. We have already heard them in a very enjoyable concert given in our 2017/2018 season. They will be playing the famous clarinet quartets by Mozart and Brahms plus works by Penderecki & Glazunov.

Date:	25 January 5:30pm (please note earlier time)
Venue:	Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate, KT10 0JP
Tickets:	£20 (Students: 8 - 25 years free with ID). Children free.
Box Office:	0208 398 4377
Web:	www.ocms-music.org.uk www.ensemblemirage.com

JAZZ AT IMBER COURT :
ALAN BARNES / BRUCE ADAMS
QUINTET

Popular, well-known reed player and band leader **Alan Barnes** teams up with **Bruce Adams** on trumpet and flugelhorn to entertain us with sparkling jazz – and wit.

John Pearce (keyboard), **Andrew Cleyndert** (double bass) and **Matt Home** (drums)



provide the sterling rhythm section. Come and enjoy the fun with us!

Date:	21 February 8:30 pm
Venue:	Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey KT8 0BT
Tickets:	£14
Box office:	01932 845174
Web:	imbercourtsportsclub.co.uk/ www.alanbarnesjazz.com

Advertise your events in
Arts Focus
Call 01932 229996 or email
arts@rcsherriftrust.org.uk

COBHAM BAND :
BRASS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

With new Conductor Steven Williams, Cobham Band present "**Brass Music from Around the World**".

Returning to the Vera Fletcher Hall for their annual visit, we invite you to relax and cruise the world of brass music and composers from across the globe. Get your ticket and off we go – no passport needed!

Date:	22 February 7:30pm
Venue:	Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets:	£13
Box Office:	Book online or call 08456 528 529 or 07519 660174
Web:	www.verafletcherhall.co.uk/ www.cobhamband.org.uk

There is a place for **you** in The Cobham Band. If you play or would like to play a brass instrument call Steph on 07519 680174

OCMS : WIHAN STRING QUARTET

The Wihan Quartet has been described as "one of the best quartets in the world today".

They have developed an outstanding reputation for interpretations of their Czech heritage and a large international repertoire. This evening they will play works by Smetana, Borodin & a delightful early quartet by Dvorak.

Date: 22 February 8:00pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church,
Church Road, Claygate,
KT10 0JP
Tickets: £22 (Students: 8 - 25
years free with ID).
Children free.
Box Office: 0208 398 4377
Web: www.ocms-music.org.uk/
www.wihanquartet.co.uk

**JAZZ AT IMBER COURT :
MATT WATES QUARTET**

Leader **Matt Wates**, with his mellow and flowing alto sound, is accompanied by his regular trio **Leon Greening** (keyboard), **Julian Bury** (double bass) and **Matt Fishwick** (drums).



Join us for an enjoyable evening of straight ahead modern jazz with bebop influences played by this tight quartet.

Their varied programme including standards as well as compositions by their leader.

Date: 06 March 8:30 pm
Venue: Imber Court, Ember Lane,
East Molesey KT8 0BT
Tickets: £14
Box office: 01932 845174
Web: imbercourtsportsclub.co.uk/
www.mattwates.com

**Weybridge Male Voice Choir****WEYBRIDGE MALE VOICE CHOIR : SPRING CONCERT**

Our Spring Concert is now much earlier in the year; we'll all be celebrating the start of Spring! And it's on a Friday evening. So please put it in your 2020 diary now!

We'll be back at our traditional and well-loved venue of the Catholic Church, Christ Prince of Peace, in Weybridge, with its beautiful atmosphere and wonderful acoustics.

As always, the choir's varied programme has something for everyone; songs from musical shows, spirituals, Welsh hymns, traditional songs and increasingly some modern classics; there will always be some pieces new to our repertoire.

All this sung in 4-part harmony with that wonderful solid sound from the very quiet to stirring crescendos.

Our retiring collection at this concert will be for **Elmbridge Rentstart**, who support local people who are homeless or vulnerably housed. Every year Elmbridge Rentstart houses and supports around 150 people and helps them move on with their lives.

This is a great and successful local charity that needs and deserves our support.

Date: 06 March 7:30pm
Venue: Church of Christ The Prince Of Peace,
Portmore Way, Weybridge KT13 8JD.
Tickets: See website. Retiring Collection for Elmbridge Rentstart
Box Office: Tickets from 01252 326514 or www.weybridgemvc.org.uk or
tickets@weybridgemvc.org.uk
Web: www.weybridgemvc.org.uk



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CLAYGATE CHORAL SOCIETY



Claygate Choral Society and Orchestra, conducted by **Ed Jones** present a performance as part of the 2020 Claygate Arts Festival featuring Handel, *The Ways of Zion do Mourn* and Haydn, *Stabat Mater*.

Date: 14 March 7:30pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate, KT10 0JP
Tickets: Adults: £12.50
 Children Free
Box Office: Call 01372 463990
Tickets available at the door subject to availability
Web: claygatechoralsociety.co.uk

CLAYGATE Arts Festival 2020
www.claygateartsfestival.co.uk

JAZZ AT IMBER COURT : HASTINGS / HORLER QUARTET

Jimmy Hastings and **John Horler** return for your delight! Reed player **Jimmy Hastings'** long and varied career includes big bands on radio, TV and live; Humphrey Lyttleton; USA artistes; West End musicals; studio sessions and small jazz groups.



Co-leader, with equally impressive pedigree, is Jimmy's long-term accompanist **John Horler**.

Dave Green on double bass and **Denis Smith** on drums complete this highly tuneful modern quartet.

Date: 17 March 8:30 pm
Venue: Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey KT8 0BT
Tickets: £14
Box office: 01932 845174
Web: imbercourtsportsclub.co.uk



OCMS : MANU BRAZO & PRAJNA INDRAWATI

Oxshott & Cobham Music Society present **Mamu Brazo** (saxophone) and **Prajna Indrawati** (piano). They will play arrangements of pieces by Gershwin, Vaughan Williams (songs), De Falla, Verdi and others. Part of the Claygate Arts Festival.



Date: 25 March 8:00pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate, KT10 0JP
Tickets: £12 (Students: 8 - 25 years free with ID). Children free.
Box Office: 0208 398 4377
Web: www.ocms-music.org.uk / manubrazo.wixsite.com

IAN ENGELMANN SINGERS



The Ian Engelmann Singers, with Musical Director John Tudhope present *Music for Passiontide and Springtime*.

Date: 28 March 7:00pm
Venue: St Peter's Church, Burwood Road, Hersham KT12 4AA
Tickets: Admission free; retiring collection

WALTON VOICES : HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Walton Voices, with professional orchestra and soloists come together, under the direction of **Jonathan Kilhams**, to perform Handel's beloved masterpiece. Arguably the most popular oratorio ever written, Walton Voices' vibrant and energetic performance will once more raise the roof of St. Mary's Church in Lower Sunbury. More information will be available on our website www.waltonvoices.co.uk or via email - info@waltonvoices.co.uk



Date: 28 March 7:30pm
Venue: St Mary's Church, Sunbury-on-Thames TW16 6RG
Box Office: See website or email info@waltonvoices.co.uk
Web: www.waltonvoices.co.uk

CLAYGATE
Arts Festival 2020

Saturday
14th MARCH 2020
at 7.30pm



& Orchestra

HANDEL

*The Ways of Zion
do Mourn*

HAYDN

Stabat Mater

Holy Trinity Church
Church Road, Claygate
KT10 0JP

Conductor
ED JONES

Sponsored by:



Adults: £12.50 Children: free

Tickets available at the door or advance booking

Tel: 01372 463990 (Bookings) or email: secretary@claygatechoralsociety.co.uk

www.claygatechoralsociety.co.uk

OCMS : CASTALIAN STRING QUARTET & HANNAH SHAW (viola)

In 2018, the quartet won the MERITO Award & a Borletti – Buitoni Fellowship Award. *“Their understanding of Haydn’s Emperor Quartet was supreme – rarely have I found the variations on the Emperor theme so beautiful & deeply moving”* (Wigmore review). They will play quartets by Haydn & Janáček (“Kreutzer Sonata”) & Brahms String Quintet No 1

with **Hannah Shaw**.

Date: 28 March 8:00pm
Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Church Road, Claygate KT10 0JP
Tickets: £20 (Students: 8 - 25 years free with ID). Children free.
Box Office: 0208 398 4377
Web: www.ocms-music.org.uk www.castalianstringquartet.com

JAZZ AT IMBER COURT : DAVE MARRION BIG BAND

The late Dave Marrion’s band continues to thrive and we will hear the classic big band numbers made famous by Count Basie, Sammy Nestico and many others, played joyfully by 17 fine musicians, including the legendary Ronnie Hughes featured on trumpet.

Date: 17 April 8:30 pm
Venue: Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey KT8 0BT
Tickets: £14
Box office: 01932 845174
Web: imbercourtsportsclub.co.uk

JAZZ AT IMBER COURT : STEVE RUSHTON’S RHYTHMISM

At home with jazz, swing and rock, versatile percussionist **Steve Rushton** leads this new and exciting quintet which includes virtuoso bassist **Paul Morgan** and features big band and jazz vocalist **Louise Cookman**. They play numbers from their latest album ‘Cool Heat, Burnin’ Beat’, which explores the music and styles of Gene Krupa and Anita O’Day. Expect an evening of explosive and entertaining music.



Date: 28 April 8:30 pm
Venue: Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey KT8 0BT
Tickets: £14
Box office: 01932 845174
Web: imbercourtsportsclub.co.uk

TREBLE CLEF CHOIR

Treble Clef Choir is a four part harmony, ladies, community choir. We perform a range of different styles of music including classical pieces, musical theatre, gospel, folk and contemporary music. There are around 60 of us and we all love to sing. We rehearse every Monday evening in the hall of the Christ Prince of Peace Church in Weybridge conducted by our Musical Director, Tim Woodford. We have sung at many prestigious venues, including Hampton Court, Wisley, the Royal Albert Hall and more. We are also very keen to raise money for worthwhile causes and have raised money for many local charities.

If you are interested in singing with us, come and see us. There are no scary auditions; simply join us on a Monday evening and have a free taster session.

Just visit our website www.trebleclefchoir.org, click 'join us' and fill out the form!



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OXSHOTT CHORAL SOCIETY

**WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
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NO AUDITIONS



Oxshott Choral Society is a friendly and enthusiastic amateur SATB choir which rehearses every week in Oxshott village in Surrey. We currently have around 60 singers, from Oxshott, Cobham, Esher, Claygate and further afield. No auditions are held, and although the ability to read music would be an advantage, it is not a requirement.

Apart from our own concerts locally, Oxshott Choral Society is a member choir of the famous Leith Hill Musical Festival which is held annually at Dorking in Surrey and is established as one of England's leading choral events.

We sing a broad range of music - the great classical works but also songs, madrigals, spirituals and, in season, Christmas music. Songs in repertoire range from works by composers such as Mendelssohn, Elgar, Vaughan Williams and Mozart to contemporary composers such as Rutter, Chilcott and Willcocks and also to occasional songs from the shows and much-loved jazz spirituals.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING COME AND GIVE US A TRY!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 8PM

St Andrew's Church Hall, Oakshade Road, Oxshott, KT22 0LE

www.oxshottchoral.org.uk

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If you would like your organisation to be listed please email details to editor@rcsherriffftrust.org.uk

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COBHAM BAND	Web: www.thecobhamband.org Tel: 01372 453864
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NEW WORLD



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Competition 2019/2020

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Whether the first day at school, the start of a new job, the tenuous steps into a new life or a strange landscape of the imagination, to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower, this year's Elmbridge Literary Competition, run in partnership between The R C Sherriff Trust and Elmbridge Borough Council, is looking for short stories and poems that explore new worlds and is open to all ages.

The closing date for entries is Friday 07 February 2020.

Summary of Terms and Conditions of Entry

Entry to the Elmbridge Literary Competition for under 18s is free; for adults the entry fee is £5

Age Categories

- Ages 5 – 7: Little rhymes and stories.
- Ages 8 - 11 (Junior): Poems and short stories.
- Ages 11 (Secondary) - 13: Poems and short stories.
- Ages 14 - 18: Poems and short stories.
- Adult (19+): Poems and short stories.

Little Rhymes and Stories for the 5-7 years group should be no longer than 20 lines (Rhymes) or 500 words (Stories).

Poems must be in English, previously unpublished and a maximum length of 30 lines typed, using a standard, legible font, double-spaced on single sides of A4 paper.

Short stories must be in English, previously unpublished and a maximum length of 1000 words (8-13 years) or 1500 words (14+), typed, using a standard, legible font and double-spaced on single sides of A4 paper.

All entries must be accompanied by a cover sheet stating: age category being entered, the title of the story/poem, word/line count, author's name, age (if under 18), a postal address and daytime telephone number and email address.

A maximum of one story and one poem per person can be entered.

Entries will be judged by a panel of professional authors, the Director of The RC Sherriff Trust and the Arts Development Officer for Elmbridge Borough Council.

Prizes:

Children's categories:

- All prizes for Children's entries are in the form of book tokens.
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| 5-7 Year Olds: | 1st £12 | 2nd £10 | 3rd £8 |
| 8-11 Year Olds: | 1st £15 | 2nd £12 | 3rd £10 |
| 11-13 Year Olds: | 1st £20 | 2nd £15 | 3rd £12 |
| 14-18 Year Olds: | 1st £25 | 2nd £20 | 3rd £15 |

Adult Category:

All successful Adult entries are in the form of cash prizes.

19+ (Short Story): 1st £250 2nd £150 3rd £100

19+ (Poem): 1st £250 2nd £150 3rd £100

The Elmbridge Award of a £50 Book Token will be presented to the best adult short story or poem **from an Elmbridge resident.**

In addition, the winning entries in each age group will have their work printed by Sampson Low as a **Chapbook**. 100 copies will be printed per winning entry. 20 copies will go to Sampson Low, 60 copies will go to the author, 10 to The RC Sherriff Trust and 10 to Elmbridge Borough Council.

The winning, highly-commended and commended entries will be showcased online on the RC Sherriff and Elmbridge Borough Council websites.

Winning and highly-commended entries will be given a public reading on Saturday 21 March 2020 at the Prize-giving event, to which all winners and highly-commended writers and their guests will be invited.

Please read the full terms and conditions at www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk/competitions before submitting your entry.

The Rosebriars Arts Initiative

An arts project for the Over 60s

Weekly Thursday Singalongs

11-12:30

Fenner House

Mayfield Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 5PL

Twice Monthly Wednesday Art Workshops

10:30-2:30

City Wharf

Ditton Reach, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0XB

The Monthly Silver Screen Film Club

1:30 Start

Riverhouse Arts Centre

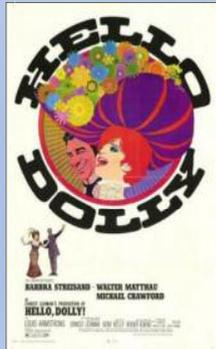
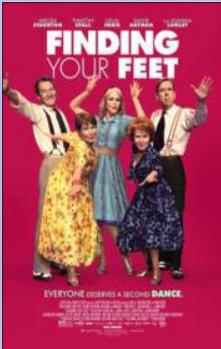
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Tuesday 7 January: **'Finding Your Feet'**

Wednesday 5 February: **'Hello Dolly'**

Wednesday 4 March: **'Tolkien'**

Tuesday 7 April: **'Shane'**



For information about the Rosebriars Arts Initiative visit
www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

Or call us **01932 229996** or email arts@rcsherrifftrust.org.uk

COBHAM PLAYERS : ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Written by Andrew O'Leary and directed by Mike Dawes, this is a delightful pantomime, inspired by Lewis Carroll's children's novels. It features Alice, the White Rabbit, the March Hare and the Mad Hatter, the Cheshire Cat, the Queen of Hearts, Tweedledum and Tweedledee and many more, as well as the strange goings-on at the famous Mad Hatter's tea party and the Queen's own "tarty" (a party with tarts)! Can Alice and Jack, with the help of all their friends and the Wonderland Creatures, save the day? In true pantomime tradition, of course, members of the audience will be asked to join in with their support!



Dates: 9-11 January at 7:30pm & matinee Saturday 2:30pm
Venue: Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, Cobham, KT11 2LU
Tickets: £10 (£9 if 10+ bought at same time for same performance)
Box Office: 01932 862903 **Web:** www.cobhamplayers.org.uk

IRVING UNDEAD written and performed by JAMES SWANTON

Henry Irving is dead now. In life, he was the greatest actor of the Victorian age. But in death, he is remembered only for inspiring Bram Stoker to write Dracula. Irving is not content to be forgotten - so join his restless spirit as he relates a story of obsessive artistic devotion, of Gothic transformation, of doomed love. A story of a man who could never escape his monsters - even in death.

James Swanton is a British actor and writer, increasingly recognised for his attempts to frighten people. He has been described as 'remarkable' by Simon Callow, as 'extraordinary' by

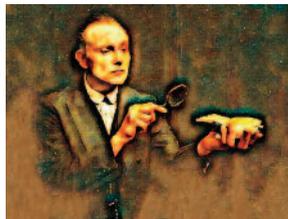
Miriam Margolyes and as 'a horror star of the future' by Kim Newman.

Date: 24 January 7:30pm **Venue:** Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £15:00
Box Office: Book online or call 08456 528 529
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk / www.jameswanton.com

DON'T GO INTO THE CELLAR presents STRICTLY SHERLOCK

Join the king of the detectives as he brings to life three startling cases: *The Sussex Vampire*, *The Creeping Man* and *The Devil's Foot!* **Jonathan Goodwin** plays Sherlock Holmes, in a show scripted by himself and co-directed with **Gary Archer**.

Date: 01 February 7:30 pm.
Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall
Tickets: £15
Box Office: Book online or call 08456 528 529
Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk / www.dontgotothecellar.com



ALICE in Wonderland



Written by
Andrew O'Leary

Directed by
Mike Dawes



Thursday 9th to Sat 11th January 2020 at 7.30 pm
Matinée on Sat 11th Jan at 2.30pm

Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, KT11 2LU
Tickets £10 each. Row seating

(Tickets £9 each if 10 or more booked at same time for same performance)

Tickets from Cobham Bookshop: 12a Anyards Road, Cobham.



Tel no: 01932 862903

Food/drink consumed must be purchased on the premises

Online Booking and more information at www.cobhamplayers.org.uk

KICK IN THE HEAD presents MUCH ADO ABOUT FALSTAFF

Kick In The Head follow up recent successes with *Old Herbaceous*, *Three Men in a Boat* and *Choice Grenfell* with a new comedy by John Downing about Sir John Falstaff... a rogue, a philanderer and a glutton, but also one of Shakespeare's greatest and enduring comic creations. Falstaff, played by **Giles Shenton**, is in his bedroom in the Boar's Head being nursed by Mistress Quickly. Join Falstaff for an evening of jollity, frivolity, a definite lack of coequality and more Shakespearean insults than ever previously heard on a theatrical stage!

Date: 01 March 7:30 pm **Venue:** Vera Fletcher Hall

Tickets: £15

Box Office: Book online or call 08456 528 529

Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk / www.kickinthehead.co.uk

VFH FILM NIGHT presents SEVEN BRIDES FOR SEVEN BROTHERS

After the success of our screening of *Calamity Jane* we are showing the 1954 American musical film *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, starring Jane Powell and Howard Keel and based on the short story *The Sobbin' Women*. The film, set in Oregon in 1850, is particularly known for Michael Kidd's unusual choreography. It won the Academy Award for Best Scoring of a Musical Picture and was nominated for four additional awards, including Best Picture.

Join us for a complimentary drink (Tea or coffee, or a 125ml glass of red or white wine) before the screening – doors open at 7pm.

Date: 13 March 7:30pm

Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall

Tickets: £7

Box Office: Book online or call 08456 528 529

Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

**FISH, CHIPS & A PLAY : THE CORONATION OF ROSIE PINK**
written and performed by James Pellow

James Pellow returns to the Vera Fletcher Hall with another of his charming one-man plays. The story revolves around Rosie Pink, the occupant of 27 Jubilee Close. It's clear that Rosie has lived much of her life in her mother's shadow. An acknowledged beauty, Eleanor Pink had been crowned Carnival Queen in 1946 and expected her daughter to follow in her footsteps. It never happened. So, Rosie looks back over what she thought was 'a lifetime of failure' but eventually, through Thomas Hird, the understanding friend she meets at the local Art Class, she finds success, unexpectedly.

Date: 27 March Doors open 7:00pm; Supper 7:30 pm, Performance 8:15 pm

Venue: Vera Fletcher Hall

Tickets: Ticket £19 (includes fish and chip supper). All supper bookings must be made on line in advance

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Web: www.verafletcherhall.co.uk

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TUESDAY 18TH - SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2020

AT 7.30PM WITH A SATURDAY MATINEE AT 2.30PM

AT THE CECIL HEPWORTH PLAYHOUSE

HEPWORTH WAY, WALTON-ON-THAMES, KT12 1AU

Based on the H.G. Wells novel "KIPPS: The Story of a Simple Soul" and the original musical by Beverley Cross and David Heneker. Original Songs by David Heneker, Book by Julian Fellowes, New Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, Orchestrations by William David Brohn. Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe)

CLAYGATE DRAMATIC SOCIETY : TWO ONE ACT PLAYS

Claygate Dramatic Society present two one-act plays:

"A Little Box of Oblivion" and "The Allotment".

"A Little Box of Oblivion", written by Stephen Bean and directed by Juliet Bagnall, is an absurd comedy. It begins with "Cool Guy" enjoying the sunshine in a public park when a woman dumps a mysterious box beside him with a warning not to touch it. He ignores the box until a series of passers by come up with dire suggestions as to what it might contain. The theories get more and more lurid until "Cool Guy" has had enough and waves the box around his head - but then finds out what it actually contains.

"The Allotment" is written by Gillian Plowman and directed by Liz Ness. Five women are serving community punishment orders and are growing the vegetables for soup kitchens on an allotment. Marcie is convicted of dangerous driving; Norah, a serial shoplifter; Belle has blackmailed her boss and Lorna, an actress, is convicted of criminal damage. It is the first morning for Daisy, the new probation officer, and the tables are cleverly turned when a traumatic event in her past puts her on a par with the others.

Dates: 16th - 18th April 2020 8:00pm.

Venue: Claygate Village Hall, Claygate, KT10 0JP

Tickets: All £18 each

Box Office: (from March 2020) Call 0208 398 8660 or email belitacharrington@hotmail.com

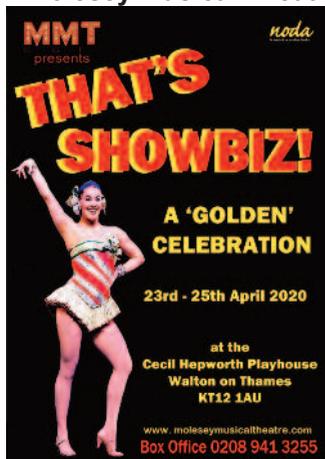
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CLAYGATE DRAMATIC SOCIETY

MOLESEY MUSICAL THEATRE : "THAT'S SHOWBIZ"

Molesey Musical Theatre presents 'That's Showbiz', a golden celebration.



Award winning Molesey Musical Theatre have been entertaining the community for 50 years!

Join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion with much loved songs from favourite musicals & shows over the years. Cabaret & tiered style seating offer unhindered views as you enjoy an evening of uplifting & reflective performances.

As always, a warm MMT welcome awaits!

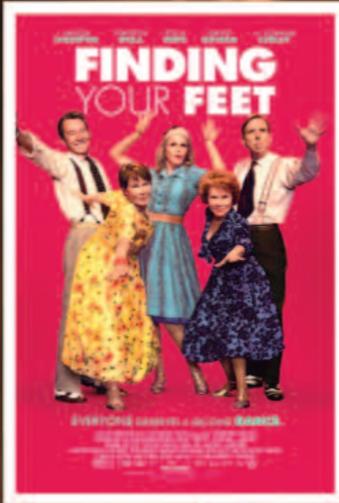
Dates: 23-25 April 7:30pm
plus Saturday matinee 2:30pm

Venue: Cecil Hepworth Playhouse,
Walton on Thames, KT12 1AU

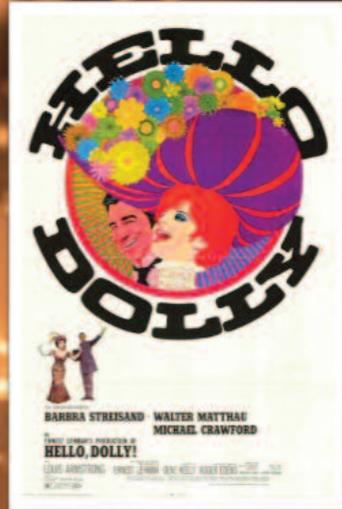
Tickets: £10 & £14

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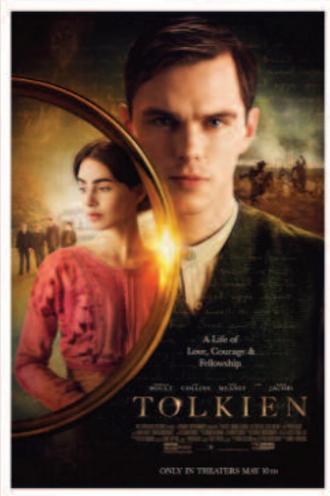
Web: www.moleseymusicaltheatre.com



Tuesday 7 January



Wednesday 5 February



Wednesday 4 March



Tuesday 7 April

The RC Sherriff Trust Over 60's Silver Screen Club
 @ Riverhouse Arts Centre. All films start at 1:30pm. Tickets: £2
 To reserve a seat email: arts@rcsherrifftrust.org.uk
 or call 01932 229996

THE RC SHERRIFF TRUST OVER 60'S SILVER SCREEN CLUB

All screenings are at Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre

Tickets: £2

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7 January 1:30pm FINDING YOUR FEET (2017)

Director: Richard Loncraine

Stars: Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Timothy Spall

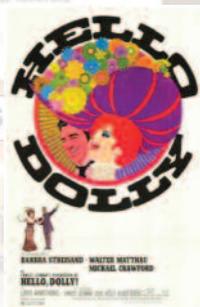
On the eve of retirement a middle class, judgmental snob discovers her husband has been having an affair with her best friend and is forced into exile with her bohemian sister who lives on an impoverished inner-city council estate.

5 February 1:30pm HELLO DOLLY (1969)

Director: Gene Kelly

Stars: Barbra Streisand, Walter Matthau, Michael Crawford

In 1890s New York City, the bold and enchanting widow Dolly Levi is a socialite-turned-matchmaker. Her latest clients are the cantankerous "half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder and a young artist named Ambrose, who is in love with Horace's niece, Ermengarde. Dolly's scheming soon involves Horace's employees as well as a New York hatmaker, as she tries to cover up her own secret romantic designs.



4 March 1:30pm TOLKIEN (2019)

Director: Dome Karukoski

Stars: Nicholas Hoult, Lily Collins, Colm Meaney

The film explores the formative years of the orphaned JRR Tolkien (*author of Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit and more*) as he finds friendship, love and artistic inspiration among a group of fellow outcasts at school. This takes him into the outbreak of World War I, which threatens to tear the "fellowship" apart. All of these experiences would inspire Tolkien to write his Middle-Earth novels.

7 April 1:30pm SHANE (1953)

Director: George Stevens

Stars: Alan Ladd, Jean Arthur, Van Heflin, Jack Palance

Enigmatic gunslinger Shane rides into a small Wyoming town with hopes of quietly settling down as a farmhand. Taking a job on homesteader Joe Starrett's farm, Shane is drawn into a battle between the townsfolk and ruthless cattle baron Rufus Ryker. Shane's growing attraction to Starrett's wife, Marian, and his fondness for their son Joey, who idolizes Shane, force Shane to realize that he must thwart Ryker's plan.



HERSHAM CINEMA CLUB

The Hersham Cinema Club meets every Saturday evening at the Hersham Community Centre in Burhill Road, Hersham KT12 4BJ.

Parking is available in the Piglets Play Centre opposite for which we have keys.

We offer a varied programme of classic and new films, both colour and black and white. Musicals, Drama, Westerns and Crime Thrillers distributed over the last 70 years.

On the first Saturday each month we show brand new films recently released on DVD and at these we normally offer a Fish and Chip (alternatives) supper or members can just come and see the film. Bookings are necessary for the Fish and Chip nights to ensure we can cater for all those attending.

On normal Saturday evenings a Buffet supper is included.

We also try to find films which were filmed locally and show locations of interest to local people, many of these made at the old Walton or Nettlefold Studios.

The hall is warm in the winter and air conditioned in the summer, with soft comfortable seating and carpeted floor. Films are shown on a big screen (not TV) and wherever you sit you get a good view.

Members are kept up to date with a printed programme and on our Facebook site - just search for *Hersham Cinema Club*.

The Hersham Cinema Club opens its doors at 6:30pm and the programme commences at 7:00pm with a short supper break at 7:30pm.

There is a licensed bar and tea/coffee is available.

Membership is just £7 per year by annual subscription.

For more details email hershamVS@outlook.com or call 01932 882194 or 07932 704 360 between 6pm and 7:00pm on Film Nights.

Programmes are also available in Hersham Library.



Advertise your events in Arts Focus

Call 01932 229996 or email arts@rcsherriffftrust.org.uk

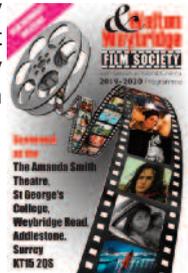
WALTON & WEYBRIDGE FILM SOCIETY



We meet roughly every 3 weeks on Wednesday evenings at 8pm at Hepworth Playhouse, Hurst Grove, Walton to watch well regarded, mostly recent films that have probably not been shown in local cinemas.

If you live in the Walton/Weybridge area, and have an interest in film, come and join us!

Contact 01932 226386 for information on membership or visit our website at www.wawfs.com



ROYSTON PIKE LECTURE SERIES 2019/2020

Edgar Royston Pike, formerly Chairman of the Esher Council, introduced the 'Esher Library Lectures' in the late sixties. In 1974, Elmbridge Borough Council changed the title of these lectures to the 'Royston Pike Lectures' in appreciation of his 20 years' work on the Library Committee.

This season, the lectures will be held at the following venues:

Civic Centre, Off high Street, Esher KT10 9SD

The Cecil Hepworth Playhouse, Hurst Grove, Walton-on-Thames KT12 1AU

Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre, Manor Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 2PF

Tickets are £3 per person and will be available on the door. Lectures start at 7.30pm.

For further information, please call Leisure
& Cultural Services on 01372 474 568
or email arts@elmbridge.gov.uk

15 January 2020 7:30pm : Cecil Hepworth Playhouse

Oh No It Isn't - A History of Pantomime - Pete Allen

What is it about Pantomime that attracts thousands of people every year to this strange concoction of fairy tales, music, dance and cross-dressing? Why do normally reserved, respectable, theatregoers find themselves chomping at the bit to gleefully shout out comebacks? All this will be answered in this festive talk about what has become one of the great British seasonal traditions.

Pete Allen is the Director of **The RC Sherriff Trust**, a charity supporting and advancing the Arts in Elmbridge through the bequest of the playwright and author RC Sherriff.



27 February 2020 7:30pm : Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre

Bowing to Tradition: Unexpected Sides to Japanese Society - Jim Holmes



From the country that gave us all that is high tech and automated, it comes as a surprise to find that many aspects of Japanese society defy modernity and that there's much more than Mega cities, Buddhist temples and volcanos in Japan. Travel with Jim Holmes through the less expected sides of Japanese life and see how simple and contradictory it really can be.

Jim Holmes is a professional documentary photographer that lived and worked in Japan for many years, producing images for travel and educational books for UK readers.

25 March 2020 7:30pm : Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre

Relationships: Everyone Seems Normal, Until You Get to Know Them - Maggs Latter

Maggs take a humorous and quirky look at relationships. Exploring whichever we choose, whether it is human, an inanimate object, a strange hobby or a furry friend, relationships come in all forms. Investigating in a light-hearted way, Maggs looks at how we behave towards and feel about the connection with our relationships and how it affects us and other people.

Maggs Latter is an arts consultant and speaker who has lived locally for over 30 years.



23 April 2020 7:30pm : Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre

Everest: The Longest Climb - Dominic Faulkner

In 2006, Dominic Faulkner led the British Everestmax expedition - the ultimate ascent of Mount Everest in a journey that lasted six months and has never been repeated. Starting at the earth's lowest point on the shores of the Dead Sea the team cycled and negotiated their way through eight countries and 8000km to reach the north side of Mount Everest. Dominic's account of their journey is richly illustrated with images and video footage.



Dom Faulkner is an educator, writer and explorer and is the author of the Longest Climb, short listed for the Boardman Tasker Award for mountain literature.

LE CERCLE FRANÇAIS D'ESHER

Are you interested in French language, life and culture?

If you are, then come to West End Village Hall in Esher to listen to selected speakers talking in French on a variety of topics.

Talks take place on the third Wednesday of every month from October to June; they start at 8:15pm, last for an hour and are usually attended by 60/70 members of the Cercle and visitors whose ability in the French language varies from the fairly basic to the completely fluent.



*Relaxed and friendly atmosphere *Free coffee and biscuits from 7:15pm

*Only £5 per talk or £30 for the whole season.

For further information and our programme, please contact:

*Brigitte Tiller on 01932 860842 or brigitte@ptiller.com

*Cavan Taylor on 01932 864258 or cavan.taylor@btopenworld.com

ELMBRIDGE U3A - UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE



More than 1200 members welcome you to Elmbridge U3A. We are affiliated to the Third Age Trust and are an independent charity, part of a network of U3As across Britain and the world. We are entirely run by volunteers. Apart from regular events, we have more than 100 groups involved in a variety of activities, creating opportunities to socialise, as well as learning from other members. Monthly meetings are in Claygate Village Hall, Church Road, Claygate, KT10 0JP on the first Wednesday of the month. Talks start at 2.00pm, doors open at 1.30p.m. Admission £1 for all, including refreshments after the talk.

January 1st: No meeting (New Year's Day)

February 5th: The History of Squires Garden Centres - Colin Squire

More than 80 years ago, David Squire, head groundsman at an orphanage in Twickenham was made redundant. With a young family to feed, he set up his own business, which has grown into 15 garden centres and plant nurseries across Surrey, Sussex and north and west London. David Squire's son, Colin will relate the history of the business and how it has become part of our local culture.

March 4th: Mount Felix Tapestry - Nikki Lindsay

Walton on Thames nursed thousands of wounded New Zealand soldiers and sailors during World War 1. They were treated in Mount Felix Hospital. Five years ago a community arts project was launched to reflect that period. More than 600 worked on the tapestry, which after being unveiled in 2017 went on tour in New Zealand. Nikki Lindsay, who was closely involved with the project will tell a fascinating story.

April 1st: A very Long Walk - Paul Almond

Paul Almond, a former defence correspondent with the Daily Telegraph, wanted to support injured service men and women. So he set out to raise money for Hounds for Heroes, with a walk from Lands End to John O'Groats. Accompanied by his dog, Henry, it turned into a longer walk than he expected. Paul will recall his experiences along the way.

For more information about the activities of Elmbridge U3A

visit www.u3asites.org.uk/elmbridge

or call 020 8979 2737

GRANTS AWARDED - OCTOBER 2019

At the R C Sherriff Trust Board Meeting in October 2019, grants were awarded as follows:

Project Grants (Organisations):

St Alban's Catholic Primary School
St Philip's School, Chessington
Elmbridge Community Link
Claygate Village Association

Project Grants (Individuals):

Charles Goodhew
June Turnham
Imogen Andrews

Underwriting Grants:

Alex Grainger
Angel Theatre Company

Could your organisation benefit from a grant from the RC Sherriff Trust?

We can offer grants towards Capital projects, individual or organisation Arts-related projects and we can also offer Underwriting grants to help with your events.

The Trust also operates a separate Schools Fund. If you are a Teacher we may be able to help with your arts-related school projects.

To find out about our ongoing Grants programme

visit www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk or call 01932 229996

Trust Information

Grant Scheme

The RC Sherriff Trust's grant scheme continues, with grants in the following categories:
Capital Grants (Venue Enhancements and Equipment for Arts Organisations)
Project Grants (Organisations and Individuals)
Schools Fund (Grants for Artist-In-Residence Projects)
Underwriting Grants (Organisations only)
To be considered, your completed Grant Application must be received at the Trust before one of the following deadline dates:

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 1st April 2020

Monday 3rd July 2020

Tuesday 1st October 2020

(Board meetings to decide on grant awards take place within 2 weeks of the deadline dates)

If you belong to an Elmbridge-based organisation and would like to advertise your Arts-related events, or promote your organisation in Arts Focus, contact the RC Sherriff Trust (producers and distributors of this publication). This magazine is published three times per year..

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Copy Deadlines for Arts Focus:

To help with your advertising and marketing plans and to make sure your event is listed in Arts Focus we need your copy by these deadline dates. A late submission will mean omission...

Issue:

Summer 2020 (May - August)
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01 February 2020
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