

UPCOMING EVENTS

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CURRENT EXHIBITION

TUESDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - MARCH 2016

75 Years after the Battle of Britain; Richmond Remembers World War Two

With detail taken from local historian Simon Fowlers latest book, explore the memories of Richmond residents and their experiences of WWII.

Free entry, open to all ages

Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday 11am-4pm

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY 27th JANUARY

5.30pm-6.30pm

Poetry Reading

Sisters in Spitfires

Local poet Alison Hill will read from her new collection *Sisters in Spitfires* (Indigo Dreams, October 2015), which celebrates the women who flew with the Air Transport Auxiliary during World War II. The research project was funded by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Please feel free to bring wartime poems - your own or by favourite poets - as there will be a chance to read and share, set against the Museum of Richmond's current WW2 exhibition.

Booking required, £2 donation recommended

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FEBRUARY

WEDNESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY

5pm

Film Night

WWII Film Night 'Hope & Glory'

World War Two Film Night, 'Hope & Glory' captures the moving experience of a child growing up in the Blitz.

Booking required, £3 donation recommended (this event was originally scheduled in October) museumofrichmond@btconnect.com or 0208 332 1141

MUSEUM OPENING TIMES ARE:

TUESDAY - FRIDAY 11am - 5pm

SATURDAY 11am - 4pm

(Closed Sunday, Monday & Bank Holidays)

TUESDAY 9th FEBRUARY

10am to 12pm

Poetry Morning

The Museum of Richmond and Libraries Poetry Group present a morning of poetry inspired by:

Valentines Poetry

With Fiona Pearson. Feel free to bring along your own poem. Free, no ticket required.

SATURDAY 13th FEBRUARY

12pm to 3pm (Drop in)

Make Do & Mend Valentine Event

Come and see Richmond Adult Community Colleges fashion students costume designs inspired by the theme 'Make Do and Mend' and our World War Two exhibition. Bring children along to enjoy some Valentines themed arts and crafts

Free, no ticket required

TUESDAY 16th to FRIDAY 19th

FEBRUARY inclusive

10am to 12pm

Family Workshop

Arts and Crafts family workshops inspired by our World War Two exhibition. Learn about children during the War and what life was like as an evacuee. Make your own evacuees suitcase, what will you put inside?

Booking required, £4 p/child, adults free. Ages 5 - 11
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Children must be accompanied by an adult

MARCH

MONDAY 7th MARCH

7.30pm - 9pm

Museum Fundraiser

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH

in conversation with ANITA ANAND

Join us in celebrating a fantastic evening with Sir David Attenborough in conversation with BBC journalist and local resident Anita Anand.

This event will take place at Duke Street Church, Duke Street, Richmond, TW9 1TP

Tickets are £25 or £15 (Student 18 and under) can be bought online: www.museumofrichmond.com

Tickets can also be purchased by sending a cheque and SAE to Museum of Richmond, Old Town Hall, Whittaker Ave, Richmond, TW9 1TP.

You can also purchase tickets in person by cash or cheque at the Museum or in person from Open Book, Kings Road, Richmond



MUSEUM of RICHMOND

January -
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Newsletter

INTRODUCING DAVID BOSTOCK, NEW CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

"Returning to Richmond after twelve years in Luxembourg (as the British Member of



the European Court of Auditors) I joined the board of the Museum of Richmond in May and recently had the honour of being asked to chair the board. Museums are guardians of our culture and history, and shape our sense of identity and why our world is as it is. Richmond has a rich and vibrant history. Its museum illustrates and explains the lives of those who have lived and worked here over the centuries: from children who attended local schools to the royal inhabitants of the former Richmond Palace, from medieval monasteries to the hardships of modern war (as illustrated in the current excellent exhibition on Richmond in World War II). I hope that the Museum can continue and develop the role it plays in Richmond's life, and look forward to helping it to do so. Finally I should like to pay tribute to Patricia Astley-Cooper, who acted as chair for most of 2015, and who is a hard act to follow."

Fundraising Event on Monday 7th March David Attenborough in Conversation with Anita Anand



Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to see Sir David Attenborough! The next fundraising talk hosted by the Museum of Richmond will be a conversation between celebrated broadcaster and naturalist Sir David Attenborough and journalist Anita Anand.

A local Richmond resident and longstanding patron of the Museum of Richmond, Sir David Attenborough is known and beloved worldwide for his far-reaching and beautifully captured documentaries on many aspects of animals and nature all around the world. His long career in television has spanned several decades, and he has a prolific body of work as an author.

Radio and television presenter and journalist, Anita Anand published her first historical work *Sophia: Princess, Suffragette, Revolutionary* in 2015. She gave a very popular talk on her book at a previous fundraising event for the Museum of Richmond, and we're delighted to welcome her back.

All proceeds from this event will go to support Phase 2 of the Museum's Renewal Appeal, funding the acquisition of new computers and software, creation of digital resources for visitors, and enhancing the way we communicate with our visitors using our website and social media presence.

This talk will take place at Duke Street Church in Richmond, and we hope you will be able to join us for what will undoubtedly be a fascinating and very entertaining evening.

Tickets can be bought online via our website www.museumofrichmond.com. Tickets can also be purchased by cash or cheque from the Museum (Tuesday-Friday 11am-5pm, Saturday 11am-4pm), or from Open Book, King Street, Richmond.

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Goodbye Natascha



Many of you will know that our popular Curator Natascha Wintersinger left the museum at the beginning of December. She was Curator of the Museum for two and a half years, and oversaw the delivery of several very successful exhibitions. Natascha will be greatly missed by those

of us at the Museum of Richmond, and everyone who got the chance to work with her, and we wish her success in her future career!

Thank You Sarah



In the intervening period between Natascha's departure and the new Curator starting, Sarah Wilkinson, who has been Natascha's Curatorial Intern for the last year and a half, has been stepping in as a part-time Temporary Curatorial Assistant to help keep the Museum operating normally. Sarah has a degree in American Studies and a Masters in Museum Cultures. She works part-time as a Museum Assistant at the Museum of the Order of St John.

Get to know the Board

The Museum of Richmond's Board of Trustees are a vital part of the museum organisation. Each member takes time out of their busy personal schedules to organise and run the museum. Many of the Board members have specific vocational skills and use these to support the museum in various ways.

Lisette Simcock



Lisette Simcock is the newly elected Deputy Chair of the Board. A history graduate and resident of Richmond since 1977, Lisette joined the Board in 2009. Her administrative skills have greatly helped the Museum, particularly in fundraising for our renewal appeal which has raised £39,000. She looks forward to assisting with

the development of the Museum as a resource for the local community.

Allen Dyer

Allen is a practising barrister specialising in construction law, with long experience of employment law issues. As Secretary to the Board of Trustees, he assists the Board with any legal issues that arise and minutes Board meetings. He has a degree in history, and a continuing interest in English middle period history. He has lived in Richmond for 25 years.



Gordon Craig

Gordon Craig is the Director of Fundraising & Marketing at The Royal Star & Garter Homes. He has worked for a number of charities including Macmillan Cancer Support and WWF, and was previously a primary school teacher. Gordon will be assisting and advising the Museum on fundraising & marketing matters.



New Exhibition

In March, our temporary exhibition on Richmond in World War II will be replaced by examples from the collection of the Museum of Richmond's founder, John Cloake. Our summer exhibition will form part of the celebration of the life and work of Capability Brown. We will display a number of works showcasing his famous landscape design. Our autumn exhibition will be of paintings depicting some of the many 'power couples' who have made Richmond their home.



Capability Brown, Nathaniel Dance, c.1773

Call for Volunteers!

The museum has a wonderful group of Front of House Volunteers who provide a warm welcome and insightful information about the museum to our visitors, as well as managing the museum shop and taking on occasional administrative work. We are extremely grateful for all their help. If you are interested in joining our team and think you could spare a couple of mornings or afternoons a month we would be delighted to hear from you. We provide full training as well as a fun and friendly staff to work with. For more information please contact museumofrichmond@btconnect.com.

Simon Singh's Big Bang

For our autumn fundraising event, the Museum of Richmond was delighted to present a talk by noted science author Simon Singh on his book *Big Bang - The History of the Universe in 60 minutes*.



It was a talk to delight young and old, with many of the questions asked coming from budding young scientists who were learning about the Big Bang in school. It is not hard to imagine that everyone who attended the talk came away a bit more enlightened about the universe—and the conductive properties of gherkins! Many thanks to all of you who came, we sold every ticket and had a wonderful evening!

Schools & WWI Discovery Box

The Museum is pleased to report that it has been a busy Autumn term for schools visits, with almost 700 school children attending museum sessions. Schools included Heathfield Junior School, Lowther Primary School, Vineyard School, Collis Primary School and even a group of Beaver Scouts from St Margarets Church. Thank you to World War One Project officer Sorcha Ni Foghluda who has done a splendid job finishing the World War One discovery box. She has provided students with the chance to explore the stories of individual soldiers from Richmond through archival material, primary and secondary objects and enquiry questions, as well as an instructive guide for teachers. We look forward to students from across the borough using these resources to learn more about Richmond during World War One especially in light of this year's Centenary Anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.



Young Curators Group

Our Young Curator's Group has been hard at work recently, helping to design a new permanent display in the Museum that will focus on leisure in the 20th century. A number of the objects from the Museum's collection that will be put on display have never been exhibited before, and a great deal of research has gone into the history of the items and how they relate to the experiences of Richmond residents throughout the 20th century. The case is not quite complete yet, but the new display should be ready by early 2016, and all of our Young Curators are very excited to be able to contribute to the experience of visitors to the Museum of Richmond!



Family Workshops

Local families have enjoyed some very creative workshops during the last two school holidays. In October, as part of our current exhibition about Richmond during World War Two, families learnt about air raid shelters, in particular Anderson shelters, and spent time making their own model shelters to take home. During our December workshops, families were inspired by historical winter tales to design their own Richmond winter scene. During the session they learnt about the Tudor Palace being used as a Royal Richmond retreat, as well as London's magical Frost Fairs and Richmond's very own ice rink.

