



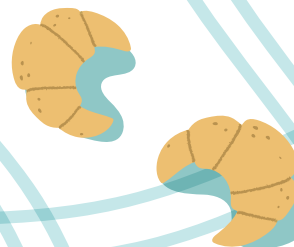
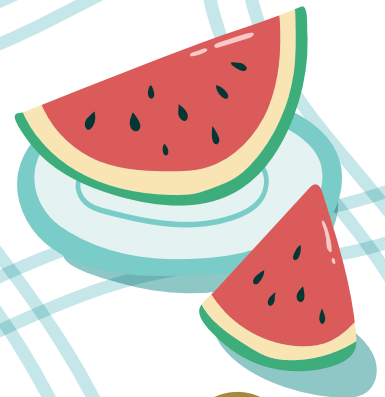
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ARTS, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY NEWS FROM
HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM AND EARL'S COURT

June/July/August 2024



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SUMMER OF FUN
Holiday Fun for Local Kids

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WELCOME TO THE SUMMER ISSUE

Welcome to the Summer 2024 edition of *The Court*

- an arts, culture, and community events publication that supports local residents, charities and businesses in the Hammersmith & Fulham and Earl's Court areas.

In this issue, we celebrate the essence of keeping life local, bringing you stories and events that showcase the unique spirit and general liveliness of our neighbourhoods.

As the summer sun begins to put a spring in our step, we learn more about state-of-the-art Padel courts in Earl's court. Shine a spotlight on local community theatre heroes, The Earls Courtiers, and get a glimpse into the fascinating world of The Lost Estate's *The Great Murder Mystery*.

Upcoming events promise enchanting evenings filled with diverse performances, bringing together community talent and classic storytelling in immersive settings.

Our commitment to community extends beyond entertainment. We take a look at the impactful summer programmes planned at The Brunswick Club for Young People, an initiative that continues to enrich the lives of local children in 2024. With its diverse summer activities, this initiative is being supported by various community partners, ensuring that children have a fun and adventurous time ahead.

The Court is your gateway to staying connected and keeping life local. We hope you enjoy this summer issue, and encourage you to get involved in as many community activities as you can.

Have a wonderful summer!

Warm regards,
The Editorial Team at The Court



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Serving Up Summer Fun At The Padel Social Club

New Earls Court Sports & Social Club for All to Enjoy

The Padel Social Club is the latest smash hit in Earls Court. Located within the Earls Court development site, this new sports and social club looks set to serve up excitement and fun for all this summer.

The Padel Social Club team is inviting residents to head to Empress Space (SW6) to have some fun – on and off the court! With top-notch padel courts designed to international standards, players of all levels can volley their way to victory and make a racquet with new friends along the way.

But the fun does not stop there. Their calendar is packed with events and activities. From grand slam tournaments to laid-back mixers, there's always something happening to keep visitors and players in the swing of things.

And when you're ready to unwind, their stylish lounge and outdoor terrace is the perfect spot to net a refreshing drink, grab a bite to eat, and recharge your batteries.

Five outdoor Padel courts are open and available for booking on Empress Space.

Padel, the world's fastest growing sport, is often described as a mix of tennis and squash and is an all-inclusive sport accessible to everyone.

Padel Social Club pride themselves on building inclusive Padel communities where everyone from die-hard players to first timers are welcome to play and socialise.

The showcase court sits alongside the Padel Social Club bar and social areas where players and spectators are welcome to relax before and after their games.

Admission:

Monthly membership is £33 and court sessions start from £50 per hour.

Address:

Padel Social Club, Empress Space, SW6 1TT
For details, go to www.padelsocial.club

Celebrating a Decade of Great Short Film

The Earl's Court International Festival celebrates a milestone this year with its 10th edition, promising to be the most dynamic and inclusive event yet. Over the past decade, this festival has evolved into a globally-respected event, highlighting the talent of filmmakers from around the world.

Caroline Tod Richardson, the festival director, reflects on the remarkable journey: "When we started, our vision was to create an festival that not only entertained but also brought people together, celebrating the diversity and creativity of our community here in Earl's Court. Since then, it's incredible to see how much we've achieved and how the festival has become an important addition to the London cultural calendar."

This year's festival, running from November 8th to November 15th, will showcase a diverse range of short films, from both local talents and international filmmakers. In addition to nurturing new talent through short film production support and screenings, the festival has also played a role in supporting the longer-form feature film format - one feature has already been released and a second is currently in pre-production. Global short film submissions, from both emerging and established filmmakers, underscore the festival's rising international profile.

ECIFF 2024 highlights include a special opening night, featuring a curated selection of short films from the UK and beyond, and its superb Awards and Gala Night, an event that sees the best of the festival's submissions being judged by leading industry participants. Caroline emphasises the festival's commitment to nurturing talent: "Our goal has always been to make the festival accessible to everyone. We provide financial support to filmmakers, giving them the platform



and resources they need to showcase their work. This year, we expect to receive hundreds of submissions, spanning a range of film categories, many of which will showcase at the ECIFF 2024 festival."

In addition to film screenings, the festival features fringe events, including community screenings and networking opportunities, highlighting the team's dedication to talent development. Caroline notes the audience benefits, stating, "What we do well at the Earl's Court International Film Festival is to create opportunities where people from all walks of life can come together and experience the magic of film."

As the festival marks its 10th edition, it stands as a testament to the vibrant cultural heartbeat of Earl's Court. With an exciting lineup and a steadfast commitment to community and inclusivity, the Earl's Court International Festival continues to inspire and unite, promising a true celebration for all. Visit www.filmearlscourt.com for further details.

A photograph of the Finborough Theatre building, a historic brick structure with a corner entrance, set against a clear blue sky. The building is surrounded by other residential-style buildings on a city street.

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Night at the Musicals 2

– An Earls Courtiers Production

Prepare for an enchanting evening of charming family entertainment as **Night at the Musicals** returns to the **Beatrix Potter Globe** from **June 26th-29th, 2024**.

Join The Earls Courtiers for a delightful array of Broadway and West End favourites, promising joy for all ages.

Indulge in delectable BBQ burgers and hot dogs, alongside refreshing drinks, before settling in for a captivating show. The stage will be aglow with beloved tunes and lovable characters, showcasing the exceptional talent of our local performers.

Your presence lends vital support to the Earl's Court Community Trust, ensuring the continuation of impactful performing arts projects in our local area. From nurturing youth productions to championing initiatives for social inclusion, your contribution truly matters.

"As Chairman of the Earl's Court Community Trust and director of this event, I'm delighted to bring back the ever-popular Night at the Musicals. It's more than just entertainment; it's a celebration of our community's spirit and



talent. Through music and theatre, we unite, inspire, and uplift, making our neighbourhood a brighter, more vibrant place. I invite everyone to join us for one of these enchanted evenings, knowing that your support directly contributes to the development of local arts, music, and theatre initiatives. Let's come together and create magical memories that resonate long after the final curtain falls!" - Toby Brown

Don't miss out on this unforgettable blend of music and community spirit. Full details can be found below.

Other great events coming soon: A Musical Evening with Kristen Gaetz & Friends (7 June), Peter Rabbit Show (21/22 June), Kensington & Chelsea's Got Talent (3 July).

Go to www.tlclondon.com/local-living/events for tickets and details.





A NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS 2

26 - 29 June

Beatrix Potter Globe
South Bolton Gardens

Gates open 18:00
Show starts 19:00

We'll be singing songs from all your favourite shows like
FROZEN | MAMMA MIA | CHICAGO | HAMILTON | NEWSIES & many more!

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Summer Fun at The Brunswick Club for Young People in 2024

With summer holidays just around the corner, families in Hammersmith & Fulham are eagerly anticipating another exciting season at The Brunswick Club for Young People.

Following the resounding success of the Junior Holiday Scheme in 2023, all eyes are on what promises to be a fun-filled series of great activities and excursions for local children and young people to enjoy.

Last summer, The Brunswick Club's Junior Holiday Scheme captured the hearts of children and parents alike, offering a brilliant blend of activities and outings. From thrilling trips to places like Chessington and Legoland, to action-packed football fun days, the programme had something for everyone. But the magic didn't stop there; it extended to the heartwarming connections that the children formed, new friends made, and confidence gained.

Building on this success, the organisers are set to deliver another unforgettable summer schedule of activities and outings, with the Summer 2024 schedule set to be even bigger and better. The Junior and Senior schemes



will run concurrently over four weeks, offering a mix of educational excursions, creative workshops, sports tournaments, and cultural experiences. It's the perfect recipe for adventure and growth.

Crucial to the success of The Brunswick Club's summer programs is the support of community partners. The Co-op Local Community Fund, Dr. Edwards & Bishop King's Fulham Charity, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, The Earls

Court Development Company, and The Mayhew Charitable Foundation - each instrumental in making these initiatives for local children possible. Their generosity ensures that every child has the opportunity to participate, regardless of their background or circumstance.

The Brunswick Junior Club Summer 2024 Holiday Activity Programme offers an exciting lineup of events over four 4-day weeks in August - each week is packed with engaging activities for primary school children, from age 6+.

The Brunswick Senior Club Summer 2024 Holiday Activity Programme also promises an exhilarating summer for secondary school children from age 12 and above. Spread over four 4-day weeks in August, each week offers a dynamic lineup of events.

Football competitions and activity days are all free of charge. Subsidised trips cost just £10 per child.

For further details, go to www.thebrunswickclub.org.uk



LONDON'S SECRET SHERLOCK HOLMES EXPERIENCE

The Great Murder Mystery by The Lost Estate

The Great Murder Mystery is the latest production from The Lost Estate - the UK's leading immersive classical arts and hospitality company. This immersive experience has been created in the converted mannequin factory off North End Road, formerly Fulham Boys School.

THE REVIEW – This time The Lost Estate's team have reimagined a Sherlock Holmes classic – *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. Guests are encouraged to embrace the attire of the era, with many opting to wear a nod to the Victorian setting of the story and from the moment you enter the space you feel like you've stepped back in time to a bygone era.

Not only is this an immersive theatre experience, but it is also a first-class dining experience with aperitifs, a three course dinner and a good wine list on offer.

The Lost Estates production team managed to recreate the ambience of Victorian England with an impressive set, impeccable lighting design and a talented group of actors and musicians.

The main character of Sherlock Holmes was played by Sam Colings, who put in an impressive performance that was reminiscent of Basil Rathbone's iconic film performances as Sherlock in the 1930's and

1940s – he commanded the stage area and perfected the character of the legendary detective.

The audience was gripped by the unfolding drama and tension throughout the evening, and the serving staff were always attentive; enabling the juxtaposition of a dining and immersive theatre experience to run smoothly at all times.

Review by Catherine Brennan

The Lost Estate theatre company is located in the Mannequin Factory, a property owned by master developer of the adjacent Earls Court development, The Earls Court Development Company (ECDC). Bringing world class arts and culture to the neighbourhood for residents to enjoy, these spectacular performances and initiatives are also attracting visitors from the wider London area, and beyond. This is part of ECDC's mission to support creativity, arts and culture, and to bring a sense of wonder back to the former Earls Court exhibition site. More wow-factor events for this Summer 2024 will be announced soon...

Go to www.theearlscourtdevelopmentcompany.com for details.

GREAT MURDER MYSTERY GIVEAWAY

Unveil the secrets of The Lost Estate! ECDC and The Court are offering you two tickets to this amazing immersive murder mystery experience. Whatsapp or text your name, email address and reason you would like to attend the event to 07484679458 before the 1st of July. Most amusing entry wins!

Kensington and Chelsea Arts Week at Empress Place

As part of Kensington and Chelsea Arts Week, artists and creatives at Empress Studios will open their doors on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June from 11am - 5 pm, showcasing their works across painting, sculpture, drawing, stone carvings, printmaking, ceramics, photography, and more. Empress Studios is one of The Earls Court Development Company's arts and culture meanwhile use initiatives. For more information about the artists taking part, please follow on social media @empresssw6 or email hello@thisisprojekt.com.

Admission is free.

Address: Empress Pl, London SW6 1TT

For details go to www.kcaw.co.uk





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COURTFIELD GARDENS | THURSDAY 6 JUNE | 18:30
NEVERN SQUARE | FRIDAY 14 JUNE | 17:30
PHILBEACH GARDENS | SUNDAY 23 JUNE | 15:00
CORNWALL GARDENS | TUESDAY 2 JULY | 18:30
REDCLIFFE SQUARE | THURSDAY 4 JULY | 18:30
BRAMHAM GARDENS | FRIDAY 5 JULY | 18:30
ONSLOW SQUARE | WEDNESDAY 10 JULY | 18:30



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What's happening June - July

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Paint to Create 9.00 – 10.45 Free (Hurdles2Hoops)	Yoga for Adults 10.00 – 11.00 Free (Lumi Foundation)	Alterations Corner 10.00 – 12.00 Free (An-Nisa Community Empowerment)	Stay and Play 10.00 – 12.30 Free (18 months – 5 years)	Pilates 11.00 – 12.00 £1 (Open Age)
Zumba, intermediate intensity 11.00 – 12.00 Free	Chair Yoga with Paola 12.30 – 13.30 £1	Crafts Circle 10.00 – 12.00 Free (Community led)	Gardening Workshop 10.00 – 12.00 Free (Hammersmith Community Gdns Association)	Pilates with Paola 12.00 – 13.00 £1
Zumba, high intensity 12.00 – 13.00 Free	Dance Exercise 13.30 – 14.30 £1 (Open Age)	Chair Exercise 12.15 – 13.15 Free	50+ Tai Chi 13.00 – 14.00 £1 (Open Age)	Boxing 4-7 yrs. 16.30 – 17.30 8-11 yrs. 17.30 – 18.30 12-18 yrs. 18.30 – 19.30 £12 per 12 weeks Registration required
Chair Exercise 13.15 – 14.15 Free	Children's Yoga 4-9 yrs. 16.15 – 17.00 Free (Mini Me Yoga)	Yoga for Adults 13.30 – 14.30 £2 donation (Lumi Foundation)	Steady & Stable Class 14.15 – 15.15 Register via NHS (Open Age & NHS)	Adults only Table Tennis 19.30 – 21.00 Free
Hub closed from 15.00	Artist in Residence Workshop 17.30 – 19.30 Free	Hub closed from 15.00	Kids Hub 16.30 – 18.00 8-11 yrs (Community Led)	Therapies Massage Session 13.00 – 15.00 £3 donation
Therapies Sport Massage Book in advance 13.00 – 15.00 £15 for 3 sessions	Therapies Reiki 12.00 – 15.00 £3		Community Bingo 18.00 – 20.30 £1 per book (Dementia Action Alliance)	
			Therapies Acupuncture Book in advance 10.00 – 13.00 £5 donation (Ki People)	



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The Earls Court Development Company

DEVELOPER NEWS



PRIP PANEL

The Public Realm Inclusivity Panel, The PRIP* was formed out of the workshop engagement undertaken with young people, older people, those with disabilities and carers.

The Earls Court Development Company project team recognised the role that such groups, often excluded from the planning process, can have in designing the public realm.

The PRIP is comprised of 15 local people of varying ages, abilities and access needs and provides guidance and advice to the masterplanning and design team. The PRIP, has been working with ECDC for nearly two years now, and so they were ready to tackle the 'Design Codes'

which form part of the very large planning submission that The Earls Court Development Company will make this summer.

For the last few months, the panel has been reviewing the Design Codes, before they are finalised, to make sure they cover everything that they might need. The PRIP don't just think about their own needs, they think about all sorts of needs and scenarios, with a focus on making a safe, welcoming, and comfortable place for all.

The Design Codes they have been looking at set out rules for footpaths, streets, parks, seating, lighting, and signage, amongst other things. The PRIP have asked

the team to include more frequent seating, surfaces that are easy to navigate for wheelchairs and footpaths that are wide enough for different users to pass each other easily. All of their thoughts and recommendations, often based on their lived experience, have been taken on by the design team, who have incorporated them into the planning documents.

The PRIP's work won't stop at planning, as there will be plenty to review as the proposals start to become more detailed in the next year.

*The PRIP are a group of local people aged from 15 to 80 who have a range of needs and characteristics.

Summer Fete

The Earls Court Community Hub Summer Fete takes place on Saturday 17 August this year, running from midday to 4pm at the Community Hub on Aisgill Avenue. There will be food and drinks, community stalls, music, face-painting, and a range of fun activities – many are completely free! The ECDC/ Community Hub team will be on hand to show the exciting plans for the future of Earls Court.





MASTERPLAN NEWS

The future of the 40-acre site, formerly home to the Earls Court Exhibition Centre, has been the subject of much debate in recent years. The Earls Court Development Company, who bought the site in 2019 from the previous owners, have spent the past five years running an extensive listening and engagement programme locally to inform and shape the masterplan – , due to be submitted this summer.

The company, based on Empress Place in West Brompton, set out to understand what local people wanted to see happen on the long-closed site. Through a series of workshops, public meetings, exhibitions, discussion with young people, older people and those with differing access needs, a vision was created – to bring the wonder back to Earls Court. Since that vision was set out in 2021, the team have been developing and refining the proposals, consulting and reflecting feedback throughout the process. Everything shown to date is available to look at on the ECDC website.

Through this process, thousands of people have engaged directly with the proposals and submitted their views. As a result of this ongoing consultation, the views of the community have been taken onboard every step of the way and the plans have changed directly in response to feedback from the community.

This summer, planning applications, which will include an outline application for the full masterplan for Earls Court, and detailed applications for some of the new buildings within the first phase will be submitted to

both the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and Hammersmith & Fulham.

ECDC will open an exhibition showing the future of Earls Court, both councils will launch the formal planning consultation process which will last for some time, allowing residents to give their views, comments and feedback about what is being proposed.

The overall masterplan for Earls Court promises to deliver up to 4,000 homes, three anchor cultural venues, a series of ‘Exhibition Gardens’ including a 4.5 acre urban park, a series of play spaces, interactive water features, a new Community Hub, a nursery, and amenities including leisure options, and wellbeing facilities, shops and cafes, bars and restaurants and much more. It will create a home for the fast growing clean and climate tech sector with a campus style development accommodating start-ups, scale-ups and grow-ups for organisations focused on finding solutions to climate change.

Phase One is a major development in its own right, with around 1.5million sq. ft. of development, circa 1000 homes, the first cultural venue and the creation of the Table Park, a new destination for local people and for Londoners to enjoy.

Full details of the proposals, the planning process, and how you can submit your views and get involved, are available at www.earlscourtdevco.com. If you have any questions or suggestions you can email their team at info@earlscourtdevco.com or call on 0330 333 1510.

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