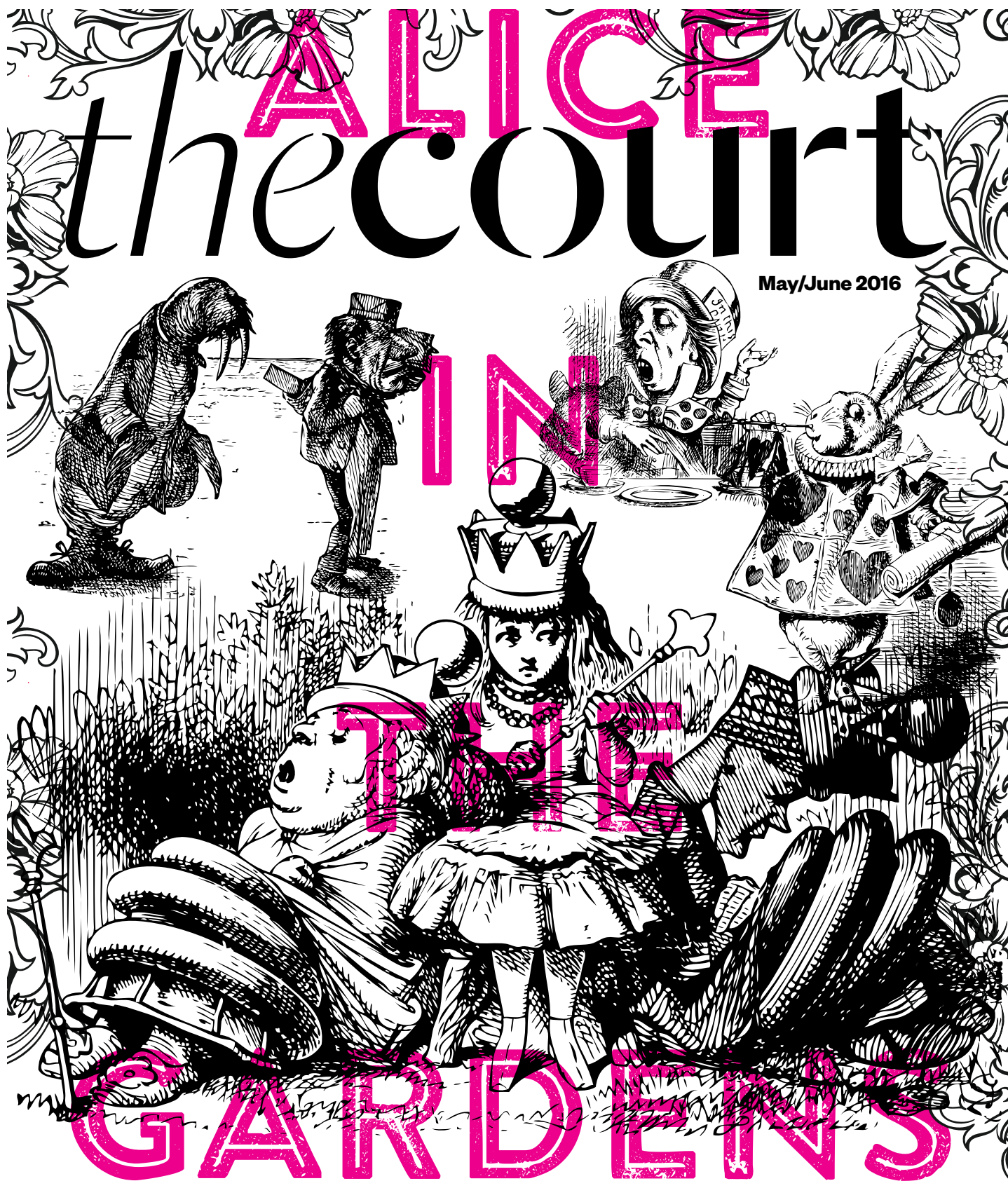




**The Earls Courtiers present *Alice In Wonderland* at
Barkston Gardens between 22-25 June. See page 3 for details**

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A Growing Movement

If you have marvelled at a raised vegetable bed now dominating a previously blighted patch of land almost anywhere in our borough, the chances are you have witnessed the work of two remarkable local organizations: Cultivating Kensington & Chelsea and the Community Gardeners.

Both groups have been quietly commandeering derelict land and so-called 'grot-spots' – small areas often home to rubbish and squalor – to turn them into community kitchen gardens and plant nurseries.

The take-over started in 2008 with the North Kensington Environment Project (NKEP), which has now morphed into the Royal Borough Environment Project. The NKEP was a short-term attempt to fix the problems of unloved urban landscapes. So successful was it that The Royal Borough Environment Project now has 60 sites, improving

an area still impoverished by a lack of public space.

"The main issue has always been that there are no allotments in the borough, but there have been plenty of grot-spots," says Will Gould, one of two full-time Community Gardeners offering hands-on help and advice to the local community. "Our mission has been to brighten them up.

"It doesn't matter how small," he continues. "If there is an open public space identified, we will always take a look, and we invite residents to nominate spaces (see below for details). Our largest single project is at Olympia Station with 89 individual growing plots..."

Just stand on Platform 2 of Olympia and wonder.

The project has a deeper purpose than beautification, however. "We do a lot with adult addiction and recovery from substance abuse; a lot with Age UK; a lot with schools, and the

Gardening events across the borough

Community Container Gardening Workshops

Throughout May & June

Across the borough. Containers, soil and plants provided (or bring your own pots or troughs). T 020 7341 5684 E terry.oliver@rbkc.gov.uk and www.thecourt.london

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Chelsea Flower Show 2016

24-28 May

The world's greatest flower show.

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W www.thecourt.london

Chelsea Fringe – For the love of Orchids

23 May

An opulent showcase of rare and exotic Phalaenopsis and Vanda Orchids, cut flowers and plants. Open 11am-4pm; May 24, 12 midday-7pm, Free, A Neill Strain Floral Couture, The Flower Lounge, 11 West Halkin Street, Belgrave Square SW1X 8JL T 020 7235 6469 W www.thecourt.london

Chelsea Fringe – Heywood and Condie's Greenhouse

9 June onwards

An outdoor installation on the forecourt of Royal British Society of Sculptors as part of Altered States new exhibition. Open Outdoor installation open for viewing all day. Gallery 12.30-5.30pm

W www.thecourt.london

Chelsea Fringe – The Painted Garden Private View

24 May

An exhibition of watercolour paintings and works in other mediums funded by the Royal Borough and launched by Evelyn Binns & Mary-Clare Cornwallis. Open 6.30-8.30pm, Free A The Sloane Club, 52 Lower Sloane Street,

Chelsea Fringe – Comedy Show, Kitchen Garden & Nursery

June 11

Eight acts hosted by MC Gary Shaw in the tranquil surroundings of one of the Royal Borough's mini-allotments.

Open June 11, 2.30-5pm, Free, A Opposite Holland Gardens, W14 W www.thecourt.london

different departments of Chelsea and Westminster hospital," says Gould. But with so much going on, and with limited funding, The Royal Borough Environment Project has had to look at novel ways to ensure that expansion and outreach remains possible.

Enter Cultivating K&C: a voluntary project launched by environmental improvement charity Groundwork London in support of the council's greening aims.

"Two years ago we came up with the idea of residents forming their own Community Interest Organization to support the community kitchen gardens – particularly because of the chronic lack of a garden centre in the area," says Isabelle Neville, Lead Grower at Cultivating K&C. "Since then we have built greenhouses at

the Olympia site where we now grow plants to sell to the community and run workshops. These are run by residents on a voluntary basis so that the garden outreach can continue while keeping costs low for the community kitchen gardeners themselves."

If you'd like to volunteer for the scheme, email lisa.communitygardener@gmail.com. To nominate a derelict site, contact will.communitygardener@gmail.com. See rbkc.newsweaver.co.uk/gardenersnewsletter and @CKCgrowers and @rbkc_garden on Twitter. If you live outside the borough, go to the amazing www.capitalgrowth.org/spaces website for a map of community plots that need volunteers right now, near you. ☘





Down on the Farm

From Sunday 15 May – and every Sunday thereafter from 10am-2pm – Warwick Road's St Cuthbert with St Matthias Primary School near West Brompton Station will groan with shoppers lugging fresh produce to their kitchens as the Earl's Court Farmers' Market joins a steady stream of new London markets selling local-only produce.

Organisers London Farmers' Markets has grown from one market opened in Islington in 1999 to 23 across the city, so the format is pretty well-established. "We are looking for producers from within 100 miles of the M25 for all of our markets," says Alex Winfield, Manager with London Farmers Markets. "When we say these are local growers or local cake makers, they really are.

Veg and fruit should be grown on their property. If they have beef burgers, then they should have cows. We want to give local consumers access to genuine local producers."

Earl's Court joins two highly successful South Kensington markets in the borough, one at Bute Street on Saturdays (SW7 3EX, 9am-2pm) and one at Queens Lawn Imperial College on Tuesdays (SW7 5NH, 9am-2pm). But why Earl's Court?

"It's a very busy intersection and an up-and-coming place," says Alex. "There has been a lot of interest, particularly as there is nothing like it in the area. When we've done them elsewhere, they've brought a lot of footfall to an area, so it should really help local business too."

But what will be on offer?

"Every market has to have the basics," Alex continues. "Veg, fruit, the different kinds of meat and poultry like beef, pork and lamb; fish is always a big one – and various types of cake. We aim for some representation from organic stalls, and with that kind of variety it becomes an attractive place for people to visit. Equally, we want to make it a social event; a place not just to buy food, but to meet the neighbours; to give it a social standing which is unusual in a fast-paced city like London."

To enquire about taking a stall, check www.lfm.org.uk and go to the tab 'sell with us' for ECFM updates see lfm.org.uk/markets/earls-court, [earlscourtfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/earlscourtfarmersmarket) on Facebook and [@Londonfarmers](https://twitter.com/Londonfarmers) on Twitter. ♡



ALICE IN THE GARDENS

A massive cast of sixty children have been chosen from local schools to perform in this theatrical adaptation of Lewis Carroll's classic. Led by the inimitable Director Toby Brown, the ensemble will bring to life the Queen of Hearts, the ever-late White Rabbit, Mad Hatters, March Hares, Cheshire Cats and a pack of playing cards worthy of 151 years of children's literature and a wonderful garden setting. Two Alices – Josephine Surminski, aged 10, from St Barnabas & St Phillips School, and Sophia Woodward, aged 11, from Fox Primary School (inset with Director Toby Brown) – will be stars of the show. Proceeds from the event go to the Brain Tumour Research Campaign.

Open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm. Order tickets from www.welovethecourt.com for £10. Children under 10 £5. For further information, call Toby Brown at TLC on 020 7370 4000.

Local fact: The original illustrator of Alice in Wonderland, John Tenniel, was also Punch magazine's chief cartoonist, and would have regularly visited his colleague and local resident Edward Linley Sambourne. To see what life was like for these great satirists of the late Victorian era, visit the Sambourne home at 18 Stafford Terrace (see listings for detail). ♡

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A New Community Space for You

Earl's Court Masterplan developer Capco has formally opened 16-18 Empress Place for community projects and events. Now known as The Project Rooms, this gorgeous brick and iron late Victorian works just over Lillie Bridge from Old Brompton Station has been refurbished to its original plan and converted into a multi-functional event and exhibition space.

Backing onto Empress State Building and the now-removed Earl's Court Exhibition Centre, five different areas across three floors are an opportunity for people, charities and businesses to develop and expand their programmes and events in space-constrained Earl's Court and the surrounding wards of RBKC and Hammersmith & Fulham.

Capco spokesperson Hannah Staunton said "We'd like to hear from the community as to what the space should be used for. We've had suggestions as diverse as theatre rehearsals, mother and child drop-ins and artists' exhibition spaces, but the internal arrangements are easily re-configured, so please do come and have a look and send us your comments and suggestions."

The Project Rooms has audio-visual equipment installed, a kitchen, huge windows offering ample light, and disabled access facilities across all floors. Its spaces are available free of charge or for a nominal fee to the local community and business, depending on use.

To view The Project Rooms or offer suggestion as to its use, email info@myearlscourt.com. Submissions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, with a schedule of events available here at The Court, online at www.thecourt.london, and in the local press. ✿

New Online Service



The Court newspaper has launched a new online service. Jam-packed with the latest news, events and features on the local arts, culture and business community, the www.thecourt.london website is a fantastic resource for those wanting to know where to go and what to do in the area. We cover food and drink, art, music, poetry, theatre, learning opportunities, walks and local life. Go to www.thecourt.london today to see what's on, sign up of our weekly newsletter roundup, and follow us on Facebook at [welovethecourt](https://www.facebook.com/welovethecourt). Let's talk! ✿



Not so foxed

It was with great sadness that we saw the passing of a local institution. Literary publisher and second-hand bookseller Slightly Foxed closed its 123 Gloucester Road shop at short notice in late January, citing rent rises and a changing locale.

But all is not lost. While Slightly Foxed is still operating from its Hoxton headquarters, the premises has been filled by The European Bookshop and its sister, The Italian Bookshop, formerly of Warwick Street, W1.

"We carry language-learning materials for most European languages – specifically French, Italian, Spanish, German, Portuguese, Russian – and Romanian and Polish online – as well as literature and non-fiction."

The European Bookshop is open Mon-Friday 9.30am-6.30pm, Sat 10am-6.30pm, Sun 12 midday-5pm. For Italian, call 0207 240 1634 and italian@esb.co.uk. For all other languages, call 0207 734 5259 and bookshop@esb.co.uk and see www.europeanbookshop.com and [facebook.com/pages/The-European-Bookshop](https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-European-Bookshop) ✿



The Court Competition: Free Family Tickets!

Enter our Suggest-A-Film Competition showing at the Earl's Court Film Club and win tickets for a family of up to 7 people to attend the screening. Tell us what film you think we should show by emailing sandra@earlscourtfilmclub.com and win!

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CALENDAR

May & June

For further listings details, please check www.thecourt.london and with the venue or organizer to confirm dates and times. All listings correct at time of going to press. If you'd like to see your event below, please send listings in the same format to listings@thecourt.london.

ART

DOO-PLIS-I-TEE, UNKNOWN KNOWN BY SASHA BOWLES

GALLERY 286

10-29 MAY

"Dealing with a metamorphosis of secondary imaging I am currently working on a series entitled 'Taking Liberties with the Masters'. They are both a homage and intervention, where I playfully interact on book pages and postcards of other artists' paintings, then re-present them".

Private Views Tue 10 May, 6.30-8.30pm; Thu 12 May, 6.30-8.30pm; Closing private view and artist talk, Sun 29 May, 12-3pm **Open** Weds 12-6pm. Viewing by appointment at other times **A** 286 Earls Court Road SW6 9AS **T** 020 7370 2239 **W** gallery286.com

SOPHIA FOTIADOU OLD BROMPTON GALLERY 12 MAY ONWARDS

Sofia Fotiadou is fascinated by the human body. Her work plays with the human form through its interplay with animal, nature and the mythical, creating dreamy atmospheres using oil on canvas.

Private View 12 May, 6.30-9pm **A** 238 Old Brompton Road, London SW5 0DE **T** 0203 298 1318 **W** oldbromptongallery.com

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM

14 MAY

Artist Ann Witheridge, founder of London Fine Art Studios, returns to Leighton House to lead a new series of her popular art workshops in Leighton's grand studio.

Open 10am-1pm, £30 **A** 12 Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ **T** 020 7471 9153 **W** rbkc.gov.uk

MUSEUM LATE & LIVE PIANO WITH COMPOSER & MULTI-INSTRUMENTALIST ZAC GVI LEIGHTON HOUSE MUSEUM 20 MAY

Composer and sound designer Zac Gvirtzman plays piano. He has composed soundtracks and performed live for theatre, film and dance at venues across the UK.

Open 5.30-9pm, £8-£10 (includes complimentary refreshments) **A** 12 Holland Park Road, W14 8LZ **T** 020 7471 9153 **W** rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums.aspx

IN THE FUTURE, THEY ATE FROM THE FINEST PORCELAIN BY LARISSA SANSOUR

THE MOSAIC ROOMS
3 JUNE-20 AUGUST

The first London solo of internationally exhibited artist Larissa Sansour, with new works that examine the contemporary politics of present day Palestine and Israel.

Open Tue to Sat, 11am-6pm, Free

A 226 Cromwell Road, SW5 0SW

T 0207 370 9990 **W** mosaicrooms.org

ALTERED STATES FORECOURT AND RBS GALLERIES 6 JUNE-26 SEPTEMBER

Altered States, an exhibition exploring perception and sensory interpretation through immersive installation and sculptural form. The exhibition will include work by Tabatha Andrews and Horticultural installation artists Heywood & Condie.

Open Wed-Fri, 12.30-5.30pm (or by appointment). **A** 108 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3RA **T** 020 7373 8615 **W** rbs.org.uk

DANIEL SHADBOLT GALLERY 286 9-30 JUNE

Well known as a teacher at Heatherley's, a bastion of traditional art-school values in Chelsea, Daniel Shadbolt's still life paintings and portraits were last exhibited at Gallery 286 in 2014.

Open Weds 12-6pm. Viewing by appointment at other times **A** 286 Earls Court Road SW6 9AS **T** 020 7370 2239 **W** gallery286.com



SHOW 2016: THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART GRADUATE EXHIBITION

ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART

26 JUNE-3 JULY

The annual graduate shows take place across the College's campuses in Battersea and Kensington. More than 700 postgraduate students exhibit work of exceptional quality and skill. Exhibitions are free, with much of the work for sale or commission - ranging from paintings to prints, glassware to jewellery and furniture to textiles.

Open Daily 12-8pm (closed 1 Jul)

A RCA Kensington Gore SW7 2EU or

T 020 7590 4444 **W** rca.ac.uk

MUSEUM OF BRANDS MUSEUM OF BRANDS, SHOP, CAFÉ AND GARDEN

DAILY

Discover how well-loved brands evolved through their creative use of packaging and advertising. The history of consumer culture is revealed decade-by-decade in the 'time tunnel', from the naive charm of the Victorian era to the sophistication of today.

Open Tue-Sat 10am-6pm; Sun 11am-5pm, Adults £7.50, discounts for families, groups **A** 111-117 Lancaster Road, Notting Hill, W11 1QT **T** 020 7243 9611 **W** museumofbrands.com

THE ROYAL BRITISH SOCIETY OF SCULPTORS BURSARY AWARDS THE ROYAL BRITISH SOCIETY OF SCULPTORS

20 MAY

This vibrant exhibition showcases the work of the 10 winners of the RBS Bursary Awards 2015, representing the best and brightest emerging sculptors. Artists include Kyveli Anastasiadi, Rosana Antoli, Tsuyoshi Anzai, Ting Tong Chang, Alex Duncan, Sebastian Kite, Nu Li, Helen Pailing, Tim Sandys and Liz West.

Open Wed-Fri, 12.30-5.30pm (or by appointment), Free **A** 108 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3RA **T** 020 7373 8615 **W** rbs.org.uk

THE SAMBOURNE FAMILY HOME - OPEN ACCESS

STAFFORD TERRACE

20 JUNE

From 1875, 18 Stafford Terrace, just off High Street Kensington, was the home of Punch cartoonist Edward Linley Sambourne, his wife Marion, their two children and their live-in servants. The house gives an insight into the personal lives of the Sambourne family, and

also provides a rare example of what was known as an 'Aesthetic Interior' or 'House Beautiful' style.

Open Wed, Sat, Sun, 2pm-5.30pm, £5-£7 (closed from 20 June), conventional and costumed tours available 11am-12.15pm, £8-£12 **A** 18 Stafford Terrace, W8 7BH **T** 020 7602 3316 or 020 7938 1295 **W** rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/museums.aspx

FOX TALBOT: DAWN OF THE PHOTOGRAPH SCIENCE MUSEUM TO 11 SEPTEMBER

William Henry Fox Talbot was a pioneer of photography - a new and influential medium that changed the way people saw themselves and the world.

Open Daily, 10am-6pm, £8, discounts available for families, groups **A** Exhibition Road, SW7 2DD **T** 0870 870 4868 **W** sciencemuseum.org.uk

SENSATIONAL BUTTERFLIES NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM TO 11 SEPTEMBER

Hundreds of free-flying moths and butterflies, including species sourced ethically from Africa, South America, North America and Asia. Get a close-up view of butterfly specimens through a magnifier and stunning scanning electron microscope images.

Open Daily, 10am-5.30pm, £5.85 Adult £19.80, family, child and concessions available **A** Cromwell Road London SW7 5BD **T** 020 7942 5555 **W** nhm.ac.uk

HELAIENE BLUMENFELD SCULPTURE NAPOLEON GARDEN, HOLLAND PARK TO 2 NOVEMBER 2017

Celebrating the work of female sculptors for the fifth year of the collaboration between RBKC and the Royal British Society of Sculptors, Meridiana (sundial in Italian), is a work by the American Sculptor Helaine Blumenfeld, which was unveiled in the Napoleon Garden, Holland Park, in April.

Open Daily, 7.30am-30 minutes before dusk **A** Napoleon Garden, Holland Park, W8 6LU **W** rbs.org.uk/exhibitions

BAUER BROTHERS ART EXHIBITION NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

TO 26 FEBRUARY 2017

Franz Bauer (1758-1840) and his brother Ferdinand (1760-1826) both spent their entire lives studying and drawing nature. They played a vital role in documenting newly discovered wildlife, particularly plants, and

they have only occasionally been on public view. A new selection every four months.

Open Daily, 10am-5.30pm, Free

A Cromwell Road London SW7 5BD

T 020 7942 5555 **W** nhmac.uk

FILM

SPACE AND MEMORY IN THE WARTORN CITY

MOSAIC ROOMS

18 MAY

This is the first event in the The Mosaic Rooms' series Crisis and Creativity: A Season of Contemporary Films from and about the Arab World curated by Shohini Chaudhuri. Films include Promenade, Sabine El Chamaa (Lebanon, 2009) and Suleima, Jalal Maghout (Syria/Lebanon, 2014).

Open 6.30pm, £6.50 **A** 226 Cromwell Road, SW5 OSW **T** 0207 370 9990

W mosaicrooms.org

MUSIC

YAZZ AHMED QUARTET PERFORMS ALHAAN AL SIDURI

MOSAIC ROOMS

5 MAY

A special performance by the Yazz Ahmed Quartet inspired by traditional Bahraini pearl divers songs. Written by British-Bahraini composer and trumpeter Yazz Ahmed, who describes the piece as "a combination of fragments of traditional Bahraini songs, translated into English and my own daydreams".

Open 8pm, £10 **A** 226 Cromwell Road, SW5 OSW **T** 0207 370 9990 **W** mosaicrooms.org

THE LONDON SANGERSTEVNE FESTIVAL KENSINGTON SINGERS

13 MAY

As part of the Sangerstevne Festival

happening 13-15 May across London (pnms.couk/sangerstevne), Kensington Singers will be performing at one of its venues, singing a repertoire of their own and taking the opportunity to perform a longer programme than at the Saturday Festival. **A** St Phillips Church, Earls Court Road, W8 6QH

T 0781 493 5049 **W** kensingtonsingers.co.uk



THE TROUBADOUR CLUB

3 MAY – Songwriters Showcase

17 MAY – Teresa Storch

19 MAY – Spirit of '75

Open Sun-Wed 7pm-midnight; Thu-Sat 7pm-2am. **A** 263 Old Brompton Road, SW5 **T** 020 7370 1434

W troubadourlondon.com

MUSIC FOR A MAY EVENING: MUSIC, MYTH AND LANDSCAPE IN SCANDINAVIA

ST OUTHBERTS CHURCH

15 MAY

Lene Sahlholdt (soprano), Mayda Narvey (cello) and Horacio Lopez Redondo (piano) pay tribute to the composers of Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland – all of whom were inspired by the beautiful and dramatic vistas that surrounded them, and by the legend and myth of their cultures. Expect the familiar and not so familiar music of Grieg, Sibelius, Nielsen and others, interspersed with readings from Norse myth and folklore and passages from Tom Blass' compelling guide: 'The Naked Shore', read by the author. Supported by the Earl's Court Community Trust.

E.T. THE EXTRA TERRESTIAL

EARL'S COURT FILM CLUB

20 MAY

E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial is an extremely popular science fiction family film by Steven Spielberg. It tells the story of Elliott, a little boy who befriends an extra-terrestrial, who is stranded on Earth. Elliott and his brother and sister help E.T. return home while attempting to keep it hidden from their mother and the US Government.

Open 6.30pm, film starts 7pm, Adult £7, £15 per family (2 adults and up to 5 children)

A St Outhbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens, SW5 9EB, **T** 020 7692 0588 **W** earlscourtfilmclub.com



THEATRE

LUCKY STIFF

DRAYTON ARMS THEATRE

TO 14 MAY

Something funny's going on... With a mysterious murder, mistaken identities, and a corpse in a wheelchair, this is a hilarious offbeat musical farce. Lucky Stiff combines hysterical lyrics and a tuneful score from Tony Award-winners Flaherty and Ahrens.

Opens 8pm, matinees

3pm £14/£16 **A** 153 Old Brompton Road SW5 0LJ **T** 020 7835 2301

W thedraytonarmstheatre.co.uk

SCHISM BY ATHENA STEVENS FINBOROUGH THEATRE

TO 14 MAY

Failed architect Harrison has plans to make tonight the last night of his life.

What he doesn't need is Katherine, a young student with cerebral palsy, breaking into his house in her wheelchair. Written and co-performed by acclaimed playwright with Athena Stevens, Schism is the world premiere of a stunning new play about two people finding each other.

Open Tue-Sat 7.30pm, Sat-Sun Matinees 3pm, £16/£18 **A** 118 Finborough Road SW10 9DE **T** 020 7244 7439

W finboroughtheatre.co.uk

BECKETT IN LONDON – A FESTIVAL OF BECKETT'S PROSE ON STAGE PRINT ROOM AT THE CORONET

17 MAY-5 JUNE

Featuring theatre, music and visual art and following their hugely successful run of Title and Deed by Will Eno last year, Gare St Lazare Ireland return with a festival of their acclaimed Beckett productions. Among the foremost Beckett interpreters, this features five prose pieces and their collaboration with London composer Paul Clark (Clod Ensemble). Other events include an installation by Brian O'Doherty.

A 103 Notting Hill Gate W11 3LB,

T 020 36426606 **W** the-print-room.org

Open 7.30pm, followed by a reception, Adults £10, over 60 and concessions £7, under 26 Free **A** St Outhbert's Church, 50 Philbeach Gardens, Earls Court, SW5 9EB

OPERA HOLLAND PARK

HOLLAND PARK

JUNE & JULY

The 2016 Season includes Iris, La Boheme, La Cenerentola, Die Fledermaus, The Queen of Spades, Alice's Adventure in Wonderland, The Royal Ballet School.

A Holland Park, Kensington, W8 6LUW

W operahollandpark.com

POETRY

COFFEE HOUSE POETRY AT THE TROUBADOUR

THE TROUBADOR

9 MAY

The season starts with a splendid showcase including US poets. The tenth Troubadour International Poetry Prize 2016, with judges Jane Yeh & Glyn Maxwell, and with £7,000 in prizes, is also now open to submissions. Check coffeehousepoetry.org for details.

Opens 8-10pm, £7 **A** The Troubadour, 263-267 Old Brompton Road, SW5 9JA

T Anne-Marie Fyfe on 020 8354 0660

W coffeehousepoetry.org

SARAH HOWE

POETRY @ THE PRINT ROOM

7 JUNE

Sarah Howe was born in Hong Kong in 1983 to an English father and Chinese mother, and moved to England as a child. Loop of Jade is her first poetry collection – shortlisted for the Forward Prize for Best First Collection and awarded The Sunday Times / PFD Young Writer of the Year Award 2015 and TS Eliot Prize 2016. The event will last about an hour, followed by drinks and relaxed discussion with Sarah.

Opens 7.30pm, £10 **A** Print Room at the Coronet, 103 Notting Hill Gate, W11 3LB,

T 02036426606 **W** the-print-room.org

BARONS COURT THEATRE

Open Tue-Sat 7.30pm, Sun 6.30pm, Sat Matinee 2.30pm, £9-£16

A Curtains Up Pub, 28a Comeragh Road, W14 9HR

T 020 8932 4747 **W** offwestend.com

TO 3 JULY

17-29 MAY

31 MAY-12 JUNE

10 JUNE

14 JUNE-3 JULY

19 JUNE-3 JULY

THE MAGIC CAVERN by Richard Leigh

REAL LIFE TV by Ian Buckley

HITCHCOCK HOMAGE by Stage Theatre Company

BURLESQUE NIGHT by Stage Theatre Company

MOTHER ADAM by Charles Dyer

THE SUPERSTITIOUS MAGIC SHOW by Richard Leigh

HOLLAND PARK ECOLOGY CENTRE

Open 8.30-10pm **A** Ecology Centre, Holland Park, Ilchester Place, W8 6LU
T 020 7938 8186 **W** rbko.gov.uk/subsites/wildlife/volunteering

SPRING BAT WALK 12 MAY

Discover the park's flying nocturnal residents with an expert from the London Bat Group. After an introductory talk, head on a walk around Holland Park to search for these mammals equipped with bat detectors. Please bring a torch with you. Free. Donations to the London Bat Group are encouraged. Booking essential.

**TASKFORCE 4 NATURE
EVERY THIRD SAT OF THE MONTH**
 Conservation Volunteering. Tasks may include pond clearance, dead hedging and planting. 10.30am-3pm.
 Meet at Holland Park Café.

**HALF-TERM CHILDREN'S
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES
31 MAY-3 JUNE**
 Loads of fun for the little ones.



STONE FACE BY EVE LEIGH FINBOROUGH THEATRE 17 MAY-11 JUNE

"Catherine was fifteen when she was found. She and her mother shared a secret world in an anonymous one-bedroom flat in London. No one is even sure if she'd ever left the room she was found in. She can't walk and can't speak. Her recovery seems impossible. Catherine's doctors and half-sister begin to discover what it is, exactly, they've uncovered..."

Open Tue-Sat 7.30pm, Sun Matinees 3pm,
 Sat Matinees from 28 May 3pm, £14-£18
A 118 Finborough Road SW10 9DE
T 020 7244 7439 **W** finboroughtheatre.co.uk

A SUBJECT OF SCANDAL AND CONCERN BY JOHN OSBORNE FINBOROUGH THEATRE 22 MAY-7 JUNE

Based on the true story of the last man to stand trial for blasphemy in England, A Subject Of Scandal And Concern starred Richard Burton and Rachel Roberts, and was first seen onstage in Nottingham in the early 1960s. This production marks the first theatrical staging of the play in over 40 years and its long overdue London premiere.

Open Sun, Mon, Tue 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31 May
 & 5, 6, 7 June, 7.30pm, Tue Matinees 2pm,
 £16-£18 **A** 118 Finborough Road SW10 9DE
T 020 7244 7439 **W** finboroughtheatre.co.uk

LOVE LEARNING

FRIENDS OF CHELSEA & WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL LECTURE CLUB GLEESON LECTURE THEATRE 4 MAY

Diabetes – Why and What to Treat: Dr Daniel Morgenstein Dr Morgenstein will go through some of the key trials that have shaped their approach to treating diabetes, explaining their findings in lay terms.

Open 6pm, £10 (wine and nibbles included)
A 369 Fulham Road London SW10 9NH
T Lisa on 020 3315 8825

SMART SPACES: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF NEUROSCIENCE IN DESIGN? ROYAL COLLEGE OF ART 5 MAY

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 30 **A** Lecture Theatre 1, Kensington Gore,
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Community Trust, 1a Nevem Place SW5
 9NR **Contact** Rosie Ernst Trustram, West
 London Project Coordinator, The Reader,
rosietrstram@thereader.org.uk

OUT AND ABOUT

BIRD AND NATURE WALKS FRIENDS OF HOLLAND PARK 7 MAY & 4 JUNE

Meet outside the Holland Park Café at 9am
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A Holland Park, W8 6LU
T 0207 243 0804/0207 602 030
W thefriendsofhollandpark.org

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Open 2pm **A** St Mary's Church, The Boltons,
 SW10 9TB
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A Brompton Cemetery, Fulham Road,
 SW10 9UG **T** 020 7351 1689
W brompton-cemetery.org.uk

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 7970 **W** www.earlscourtyouthclub.co.uk

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A 66 Royal Hospital Road SW3 4HS **T** 020
 7352 5646 **W** chelseaphysicgarden.co.uk

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