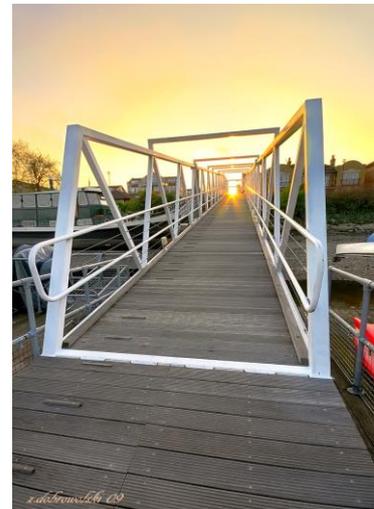


## Chiswick Pier Trust newsletter - October 2017

### Hello

There's a slight chill in the air, but the sun is still out and about, giving us some perfect Autumn days to enjoy by the river. If you are planning to take a stroll along the Thames Path to Chiswick Pier, you will be able to see our new and improved view of the river, following the trimming of the trees and rampant vegetation on our riverbank. We reckon we must now have one of the best views of any office in Chiswick! And if you fancy working somewhere with a close connection to the Thames then you will be pleased to hear that we are on a recruitment drive. We are looking for a part-time PR and Marketing officer, as well as volunteer Trustees to help with the management of the Trust. Read on for more details, and to see what else is coming up this month at the Pier.



#### Upcoming Events

**Monday 30th October, 7.30pm**  
[Monet & the Thames](#)

**Saturday 11th November, 3pm to 7pm**  
[Lord Mayor's Fireworks Cruise](#)

**Tuesday 28th November, 7.30pm**  
[Frost Fairs on the Thames](#)



## Upcoming events

### **Discover Monet's Fascination with the Thames**

French artist Monet is often described as the father of Impressionism. Monet loved painting outdoors 'plein-air' and spent many years documenting the French countryside. He is, of course, most famous for his paintings of waterlilies in the ponds at his home in Giverny. However, after the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian war he moved his family from France and sought refuge in London. Here, his love of light and colour drew him to the Thames, which he painted several times. This month we are joined by Matthew Morgan of The National Gallery who will tell us more about this stage of Monet's life as part of our 'Talks by the Thames' season. Matthew will talk us through Monet's fascination with the river and its architecture, and how he was able to capture the light and fog of London. A major exhibition of Monet's work arrives at the National Gallery early next year so this is a fantastic opportunity to hear about the great artist from an expert, before London goes Monet-mad next Spring! The talk takes place at Pier House on Monday, 30 October at 7:30pm and is £3 per person or free to members of Chiswick Pier Trust.

### **Lighting up the Thames for the Lord Mayor's Show**

Our annual 'Fireworks Cruise' departs from Chiswick Pier next month on Saturday, 11 November. The spectacular display is the finale of the Lord Mayor's Show and the fireworks are launched from a barge on the Thames, between Blackfriars and Waterloo bridges. We will be setting sail on the Golden Salamander at 3:00pm, and then cruising down to just east of

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Waterloo, stemming the tide to watch the fireworks and sail back to Chiswick Pier around 6.45pm. There will be a bar on board where hot drinks, alcohol and hot dogs will be available to purchase. Tickets are £20 each or £16 for under 12s. This cruise always sells out fast so please book your tickets now, either by phoning the office on Tel: 020 8742 2713 Mob: 07594 596729 or online via [www.chiswickpier.org.uk](http://www.chiswickpier.org.uk).



## Past Events

### **Thames Transformed into 'River of Beer' at the Pier**

Our 'Talks by the Thames' opened last month with a packed (and thirsty!) audience welcoming author and Beer Historian Martyn Cornell to Pier House. The Thames in London was once home to over 40 breweries, thanks to its – then – drinkable water and access to malt from East Anglia. Martyn described the important role the Thames played in the history of brewing in Britain, and took us on a virtual tour of the many once-famous breweries that grew up alongside the river. Martyn also talked us through the classic beer styles invented and brewed on its banks. We learnt, for example, that Porter was the first beer to be created by the Thames and gained its name from its popularity with street and river porters, who were described by Martyn as the 'White Van Man' of their day. This dark beer, made from brown malt, eventually fell out of favour and breweries such as Courage started brewing a milder beer. This led the way to the invention, again on the Thames, of IPA or Indian Pale Ale. Breweries located near the East

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India Docks started shipping this paler, well-hopped beer to India and found that it benefited from the conditions of the voyage, and became incredibly popular with expats and their customers.

Back in West London, Chiswick was home to two famous breweries, and whilst the Lamb Brewery closed its doors 100 years ago, Fuller's Brewery is thankfully still here, next to the Thames, and still producing some of the best beer available. On the evening, we were very lucky to have Fuller's Head Brewer Georgina Young join us for the final part of the talk and lead us through a beer tasting session. Audience members were treated to samples of Fuller's London Porter ("hints of coffee and chocolate"), and its IPA 'Bengal Lancer' ("floral and spicy notes") before moving on to its Imperial Stout ("hints of liquorice") and its golden ale 'Olivers Island' ("tropical notes with a crisp, malty finish"). It was an informative and refreshing evening all round, and we recommend checking out Martyn's beer blog at [zythophile.co.uk](http://zythophile.co.uk) for more beer facts and stories.



## Other news & events

Crafty Pumpkin Fun – 26 October – Chiswick House, Chiswick

Taking place in the walled Kitchen Garden, children will learn how to carve a pumpkin. Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years. More info at <http://www.chgt.org.uk/>

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Architecture on the Thames Central - 28 October – Festival Pier SE1

Riverside tour of the Thames, departing from Festival Pier and cruising upriver to Nine Elms. The tour will focus on the landmark architecture of central London's embankments and the skyline beyond. <http://www.open-city.org.uk/activities/yearround/boattour.html>

Fireworks Display – 4 November – Dukes Meadow, Chiswick

Doors will be open from 4.30pm and the fireworks display is set to start at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 adults and £7.50 children. More info at <http://www.dukesmeadows.com>

## And finally.....

We are hiring at Chiswick Pier! We are looking for a part-time Trust Officer to organise our PR and Marketing activities which will include writing our newsletters and managing our website and social media accounts, as well as organising our annual 'Talks by the Thames' season. In addition, applications to join our management committee and volunteer as a Trustee are being sought. We are keen for anyone with an interest in the river and the local community to apply – all ages, backgrounds and levels of experience are welcome. Duties are not too taxing and will involve attendance every other month at our management committee meeting, and helping out, where possible, at our bigger events which run from March to September. In return, you will have a say in the management of a thriving and friendly charity, dedicated to putting Londoners in touch with the Thames. Interested parties for either position should contact the office via email at [trust@chiswickpier.org.uk](mailto:trust@chiswickpier.org.uk) or Tel: 020 8742 2713.

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