



Chiswick Pier Trust newsletter - January 2019

Hello

In this newsletter we introduce our Spring Programme so you can put it in your diary. Details of our events can also be found on our [website](#)

Our first event is with Mudlark Jason Sandy on Tuesday, 29 January. As well as showing his fantastic cache of treasure (featured in this week's Chiswick Calendar – we attach a link below), Jason is going to be joined by a fellow Mudlark, Tobias Neto, who found a Victoria Cross medal on a West London foreshore. The medal is with the Museum of London where its provenance is being explored. If it is a genuine Victoria Cross, it is an early one, and extremely rare. This event is going to be fantastic, and very interesting so please don't miss it.

Here's a link to the fantastic article on Jason that appeared in this week's [Chiswick Calendar](#):

Chiswick Pier Trust Spring Programme 2019 Diary Dates

Tuesday 29 January Treasures from the Thames.

Mudlark Jason Sandy is at Chiswick Pier Trust looking at London's history by showing a cache of his findings from the Thames, including Roman coins, uncut garnets, and much more!

STOP PRESS: Jason will be joined by fellow mudlark, Tobias Neto, talking about the history behind an extraordinary find – a Victoria Cross medal.

7.30 pm at Chiswick Pier Trust. Free to members, £3 to non-members. Free parking in Pumping Station Road.



Treasures from the Thames

Tuesday 26 February London's More Important River – the River Lea. Jeremy Batch, Cruising Association.

What do navigational buoys, lighthouses, tidal power, Britain's first aeroplane, gunpowder, rockets, the light bulb, the diode, television, electronic warfare, the safety match, the rifle, the bouncing bomb, plate glass, plastic, petrol, gin, dog biscuits and the world's most powerful warship all have in common? Answer: all were invented, developed, manufactured or tested along the River Lea and its accompanying man-made canal, the Lee Navigation. It has been our border with Scandinavia, London's lifeline during the Great Plague, and the venue for the 2012

Olympic Games. Former lock keeper Jeremy Batch from the Cruising Association will speak on the history of London's important but often forgotten river, the River Lea.

7.30 pm at Chiswick Pier Trust. Free to members, £3 to non-members. Free parking in Pumping Station Road.



The River Lea

Tuesday 5 March Julia Cassels Watercolour Painting Day

After two popular and successful workshops last year, Julia Cassels returns to do a session on the image below. Julia will be working with watercolours and the workshop is suitable for beginners right through to the more experienced artist.

9.30 am -4.00 pm at Chiswick Pier Trust. The fee for the day is £30 (£27 for Chiswick Pier Trust members). Please bring your own materials and a packed lunch. Refreshments will be available to purchase.



Julia Cassels – Ostrich Race

Tuesday 26 March Illuminated River – the Longest Public Art Commission in the World by Sarah Gaventa MA (RCA) Director of the Illuminated River Foundation.

Incorporating up to 15 bridges, from Albert Bridge to Tower Bridge, once complete the Illuminated River will be the longest public art commission in the world at 2.5 miles in length, along 4.5 nautical miles of the River Thames. Director of the Illuminated River Foundation and public space and public art expert, Sarah Gaventa, will talk about the competition and commissioning of the project which was won by American light artist Leo Villareal and London architects Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands.

7.30 pm at Chiswick Pier Trust. Free to members, £3 to non-members. Free parking in Pumping Station Road.



The Illuminated River

Sunday 31 March Mothering Sunday Cruise

Celebrate Mothering Sunday by joining Chiswick Pier Trust on a river cruise. Treat the family to a delicious full afternoon tea served at tables whilst cruising towards Tower Bridge. There will also be a commentary pointing out the interesting sights as you sail along the river.

The boat will depart from Chiswick Pier promptly at 15.00 with embarkation from 14.45. Please book your tickets early as this is a very popular event which sells out fast.

Ticket prices: Adults £22/Children under 8: £15. Call 020 8742 2713 or 07594 596729 or book online at chiswickpier.org.uk



Mothering Sunday Cruise

Sunday 7 April The Boat Race Party.

Chiswick Pier Trust has one of the best viewing points of the Boat Race on the Middlesex Bank when the crews often put in a decisive push at this point. Come to the Chiswick Pier Trust party with food, drink and music to celebrate the battle between the Oxford and Cambridge crews! The women's race starts at 2.15 and the men's crews at 3.15.



Oxford Men - The Boat Race Party – photo Jon Perry

Pissarro's Update

You may know that since Pissarro's closed there have been a number of planning applications submitted to the London Borough of Hounslow to build flats on the site. Chiswick Pier Trust have sent in objections to the various schemes, because of the impact they would have on our ability to achieve our aims of bringing people to the Thames; the removal of the buffer between the various activities that go on at the Pier House, including the 24/7 operation of the RNLI, and Thames Crescent; and the loss to the community as a whole of a café/bar. This was an integral part of the original Hounslow Plan for the area, and indeed the current London Plan insists on mixed facilities for new developments for the benefit of all residents.

The current planning application (P/2018/3995) has been referred to the Planning Committee and we believe that it will be discussed at their next meeting on 7th February 2019. We will be sending our thoughts to all councillor members of the committee before the meeting in the hopes

that they will take our concerns seriously, and refuse the application. You might like to voice your thoughts to your councillor, if you are within Hounslow....

And finally.....

Chiswick Pier Trust's 2019 Tide Tables are available now from the office. They are free for members, and £1 for non-members. They will be available at the Jason Sandy talk on Tuesday, 29th January.

