



Chiswick Pier Trust newsletter - March 2019

Hello

This month is our final 'Talk by the Thames' for the season, and we are delighted to welcome Sarah Gaventa, Director of The Illuminated River Foundation, speaking about progress on the longest public art installation in the world – which is currently being installed on the Thames.

Our Mothering Sunday cruise is now sold out so the next cruise will be our [Midsummer Jazz Cruise](#) on the 21 June. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Also, don't forget to put the Boat Race party into your diaries for Sunday 7 April. In honour of the RNLI being chosen as the official charity partner for the boat race we will be selling Prosecco, so come and raise a glass with us and celebrate the great job that they do. Munch on a hamburger from Barn Bacon while watching the Blues glide past on what will (hopefully) be a lovely afternoon. The Pier House opens at 12.30, and the Women's Race starts at 2.15 and the men's race at 3.15.

See you soon...

Diary Dates

Tuesday 26 March,
7.30pm
[Illuminated River](#) by Sarah Gaventa, MA (RCA)

Sunday 31 March
Mothering Sunday Cruise –
FULLY BOOKED

Sunday 7 April from 12.30pm
[The Boat Race Party](#)

Sunday 19 May, 2pm
Launching Chiswick Pier Trust's
new
[Nature Walk by the River](#)

Friday 21 June, 7.15pm
[Midsummer Jazz Cruise](#)



Upcoming events

A talk by Sarah Gaventa (RCA), Director, The Illuminated River Foundation

Tuesday 26 March 2018 at Chiswick Pier Trust at 7.30 pm

Work has begun on the Illuminated River, the longest public art commission in the world. The first four bridges; London, Cannon Street, Southwark and Millennium Bridges, will be illuminated in summer 2019. Working upstream, the next group of bridges will be completed next year, with the project due to be finished by 2022. Sarah Gaventa (RCA), Director of the Illuminated River Foundation, will be speaking about the project at Chiswick Pier Trust on Tuesday, 26 March at 7.30 pm.



Designed to transform the capital with a unified light installation across central London's bridges, The Illuminated River will connect, celebrate and capture the spirit of the Thames and its diverse communities.

Incorporating up to 15 bridges, from Albert Bridge to Tower Bridge, once complete 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. It will be viewed over 200 million times each year.

Following an [international competition](#) in 2016, American light artist Leo Villareal (the artist responsible for lighting San Francisco's Bay Bridge) and London architects Lifschutz Davidson Sandilands won the commission. The jury was impressed with their kinetic artwork as well as their respect for the natural environment, local inhabitants and the architectural character and history of the bridges.

Villareal will use the latest LED technology to 'paint with light', taking influence from the natural and social activity of the river and producing sequenced patterns that play across the bridge structures. His lighting design will engage specifically with the site of each bridge, respecting and revealing their distinctive histories and architectural features, while the integrated motion across

fifteen bridges will create a unified artwork that references the river as a continuous living system.

This talk is an opportunity to hear about one of the most exciting art projects in London. Doors open at 7 pm. Chiswick Pier Trust, The Pier House, Corney Reach Way, W4 2UG. £3 for non-members, FREE for members.

Parking is free in nearby Pumping Station Road after 5 pm. Buses E3 or 190.

It's Time for the Boat Race Party!

Diaries out for this really fun event, watching the Boat Race from Chiswick Pier Trust on the 7th April. Chiswick Pier provides one of the best views of the race on the Middlesex bank, as the Blues put on a decisive push before Barnes Bridge, and then onto the finish at Chiswick Bridge. You can watch the start and finish of the race on our big screen. The Pier House opens at 12.30.

Have a glass of prosecco to celebrate the RNLI being the official charity partner of the Boat Race, accompanied by live music from Shenanigans. There is a barbeque supplied by Barn Bacon, along with the best value beer on the river at our Fuller's bar. Also available will be hot drinks, cakes and ice cream. It's a great afternoon to spend with friends and family at the pier.

<https://www.theboatrace.org/places-to-watch>



Past events

The River Lea – London's More Important River

Jeremy Batch gave a fascinating talk on the River Lea, that focused on the Lea from pre-historic times to the present day. It was a talk that had a long list of now-defunct industries, as a member of the audience observed. The Lea has been the site of some of our greatest contributions to industry; from the great railway works, to guns, gunpowder, chemicals, shipbuilding and much more. Now developed as part of the Olympic Park, it is an interesting stretch of the river to walk along, although parts of it are still closed.

And finally

Artists, producers, river enthusiasts! @TotallyThamesUK Call for Entries for September is now open. Help them bring the river to life and submit your event or project by Friday 5 April <http://bit.ly/2IHqeXC>
