

Chiswick Pier Trust newsletter - September 2018

Hello!

Welcome back after a most glorious summer. Without pausing to draw breath, it seems, we are straight into The Totally Thames Festival and will be open, as usual, with refreshments for the Great River Race on Saturday 8th September (more details below).

Also in celebration of Totally Thames, our first speaker in the Talk by the Thames season, is Steffan Meyric Hughes, author of *Circle Line* and associate editor of *Classic Boat Magazine*. His book is an intriguing and often hilarious account of being the first person to sail and row round London in a small boat. He will be joining us on Tuesday 25 September at 7.30 pm. The new Talks by the Thames programme is in place, and we'll be letting you know each month about our exciting speakers and events. If you want to note down the next few dates, check our diary section to the right, or visit our website www.chiswickpier.co.uk.



Diary Dates

Saturday 8th September from 11am

[Great River Race](#)

Tuesday 25th September 7.30pm

[Talk by the Thames Circle Line- by Steffan Meyric Hughes](#)

Tuesday 30th October, 7.30pm

[Talk by the Thames with RTS - Barges and Bread by Di Murrell](#)

Tuesday 27th November, 7.30pm

[Talk by the Thames - Hidden Depths by Sue Hennessey](#)

Wednesday 5th December, 10am to 3pm



Upcoming events

Great River Race on Saturday 8 September 2018

As part of the Totally Thames Festival, the Great River Race will be run upstream from London Docklands to Ham. The gruelling 21 mile course attracts both the true racer and the leisure rower. Around 330 crews from all over the globe take part – all traditional style with a minimum of 4 oars or paddles and carrying a cox and passenger.

Come down to Chiswick Pier to watch the Great River Race on Saturday 8th September. The race begins at Docklands at 09.50 on a “slowest first, fastest last” handicap basis. The first boats should be passing Chiswick Pier by 11.45 with the winner arriving at Ham by around 13.00.

Chiswick Pier is a wonderful vantage point for spectators. The Pier House will be open from 11.00 and hot and cold refreshments including wine and beer will be on sale. Please do come and join us!

Circle Line – Circumnavigating London in a Small Boat

Steffan Meyric Hughes’ Talk by the Thames on Tuesday 25 September at 7.30 pm

In 2009, sailor and Londoner Steffan Meyric Hughes became the first person to sail and row around London in a small boat. Along the way, he discovered both the loneliness one man in a tiny boat can feel against the vastness of the metropolis, and the unexpected companionship

that springs up between those who live on and around the river. **Circle Line** is a story of a unique journey on the forgotten waterways of one of the world's greatest capitals, whose watery secrets and colourful past are unveiled with wry humour and wonderful detail.

Circle Line is a great read, whether finding out how to shoot Richmond Bridge, to the poetry of camping by the riverside or negotiating Brentford's lovely Victorian Gauging Locks.



Steffan Meyric Hughes, seen above with a rainy cast-off from Thames Sailing club at the start of his voyage, is associate editor of Classic Boat magazine, and has contributed to *the Observer*, *Independent*, *Time Out* and various marine titles.

Doors open at 7pm for 7.30 start and refreshments will be served. Cost £3 to non-members and free for members.

New watercolour workshop with Julia Cassel

Watercolourist Julia Cassel's summer workshop 'loose and lively' was a huge success with the group producing fantastic paintings, as you can see below.



So much so, in fact, that Julia has agreed to do another workshop with us this winter exploring warmer tones. The date is Wednesday 5 December. The theme will again be wildlife, and it's suitable for beginners through to experienced artists. Watch this newsletter and the website for booking information, or call the Trust if you wish to register an early interest.

Past event

The Mencap Cruise - messing around on the river

CPT's charitable remit is to bring people to the river – and we are so happy when we can provide a boat trip for people who don't usually come down to the Thames.

This year we joined with Mencap Richmond and Mencap Hammersmith to take a group of young people on a river cruise on a gloriously sunny day.



Laura Turner, Chief Officer of Richmond Mencap wrote to us: 'I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the boat trip. The young people loved it and really enjoyed seeing the sights and hearing the stories behind Battersea Power Station and the bridges.'

Hammersmith Mencap loved it too and it's so nice for our group to mix with them, so thank you for offering us an opportunity that facilitates this!

It was an absolute pleasure.

And Finally.....

Chiswick Mall's first sculpture trail, "Ebb 'n' Flow", set in five secluded private riverside gardens, will take place at the end of September. The #WhoNew 2018 Art Trail will feature more than 20 art works by new and established artists in ceramic and glass, as well as audio-visual installations, all of them inspired by the Thames. Sponsored by Fuller's Brewery, the trail will be open on the 29th and 30th of September between 10 am and 6pm.

