



Chiswick Pier Trust newsletter - October 2019

Hello!

We had a wonderful talk by Chris Everett on the Thames during WW1 where he outlined how Britain had to fundamentally change its defences in order to deal with Zeppelin warfare from Germany. This meant the introduction of Klieg lights and anti-aircraft guns, London blackouts, and sheltering in the tube stations. His talk was compelling and full of funny anecdotes and technical information. We are delighted that Chris has agreed to return in 2020 to give us the next instalment which will address World War II and the Thames. We will let you know the dates.

For the next Talk on the Thames, Matthew Morgan from the Royal Collection returns to speak about Whistler. You may remember Matthew lectured here before on Monet, and his talk was very popular. Whistler painted the Thames obsessively, and it promises to be a great evening so we look forward to seeing you.

But before then, we have a [First Aid Course](#) next week which will be delivered by first aide trainer Hilary Sutch. A first aider nurse once said to me that the great thing about attending first aid courses is that there is a strange rule that those who attend seldom have to use them. If that isn't an incentive to book, I don't know what is!

Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 26th November,
7.30pm**

[The Living Thames - a film](#)

**Wednesday 4th December -
9.30am to 4pm**

["Three Wise Penguins"](#)
[Watercolour Course](#)

Tuesday 28th January, 7.30pm

[The River's Archaeological Tale -
a talk](#)

The Lord Mayor has cancelled the November fireworks again, so we are replacing our firework cruise with a magical river cruise, with close magician, and supper. Andrew Bennett is a member of the Magic Circle, and very talented. We guarantee a night of fun and wonder...

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First Aid Course with Hilary Sutch, 10-12 noon on Wednesday October 16



Join us at Chiswick Pier to learn some basic first aid skills with Hilary Sutch an experienced first aid trainer. **Tickets £25.00. To book please call 020 8742 2713 between 11.00 and 3.00.**

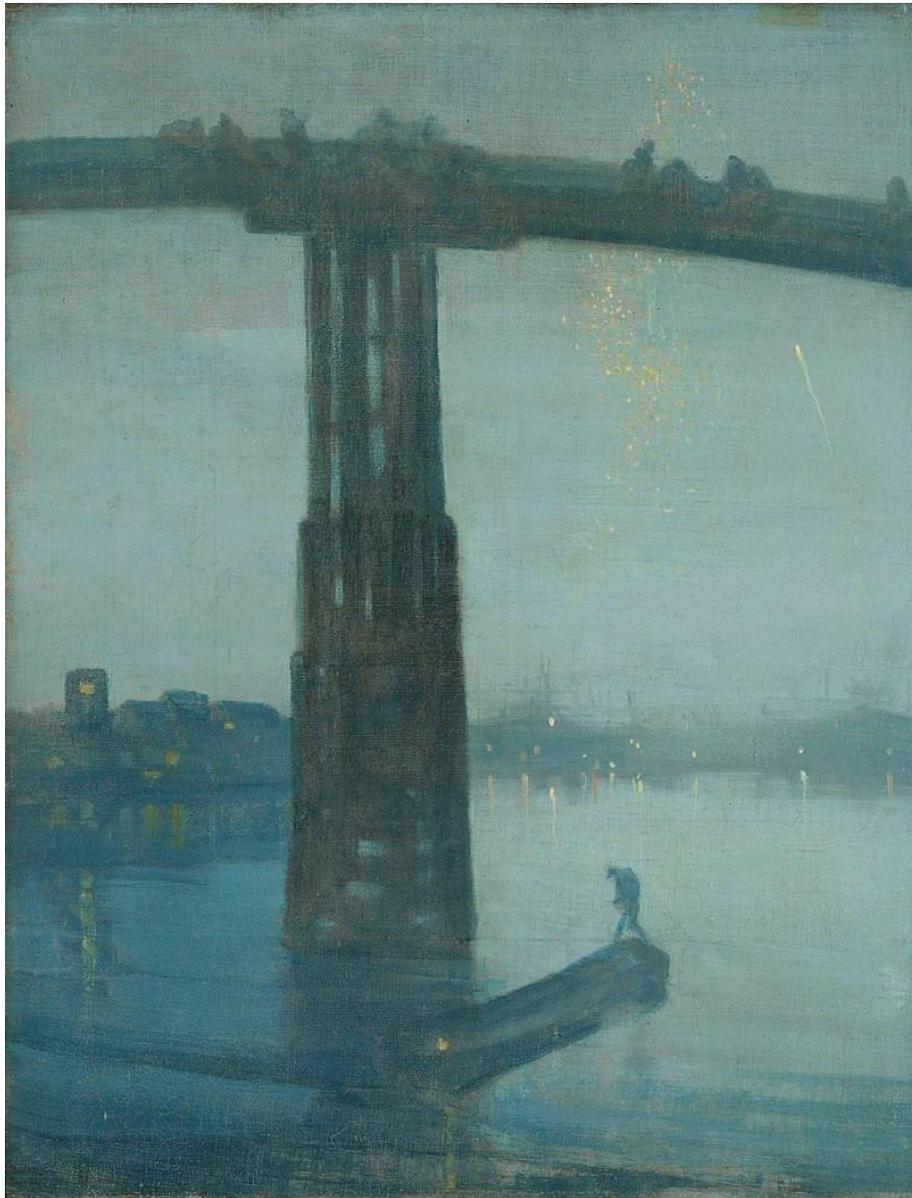
James Abbott McNeil Whistler and the Thames - An American in London.

A talk by Matthew Morgan from the Royal Collection.

Tuesday 29 October at 7.30pm

James Abbot McNeil Whistler was born in America, raised in Russia, trained in Paris and lived much of his adult life in Chelsea, where the Thames became a leitmotif throughout his career as an artist. For forty years, he produced images of the Thames where he explored the industrial

nature of the river and dockside life, while revelling in the natural beauties of Thames, especially the effect of fog on the river as seen in the Nocturnes (Nocturne Blue and Gold – Old Battersea Bridge pictured).



Matthew Morgan is an art historian and lecturer and has delivered talks extensively around the country. He is Adult Learning Curator at the Royal Collection and was previously at the National Gallery. He also teaches at Birkbeck, University of London, where he gained his PhD. Prior to working in the museum sector he was in the commercial art world, notably a decade spent as Director of the Valuations Department at Christie's.

Doors open at 7 pm. Chiswick Pier Trust, The Pier House, Corney Reach Way, W4 2UG. £3 for

non-members, FREE for members. Details at www.chiswickpier.org.uk. Parking is free in nearby Pumping Station Road after 5 pm. Buses E3 or 190.

Magical River Cruise on Friday 8 November



Come and join us for a river cruise to Westminster and be spellbound by magician Andrew Bennett who will perform close-up magic at the tables as you sail. A two-course buffet supper will be served as you sail. £47 per person. Departs at 7.30am. Bookings www.chiswickpier.org.uk or 020 8742 2713 / 07594 59672.

And further forward....

Tuesday November 26 The Living Thames, 7.30 pm

A showing of this multi award-winning film followed by panel discussion with Dorothy Leiper (producer/director/editor), estuarine scientist Amy Pryor of the Thames Estuary Partnership (co-producer) and Thames archaeologist Fiona Haughey. Free to members, £3 to non-members.

Wednesday 4th December "Three Wise Penguins" Watercolour course 9.30am until 4 pm.

Julia Cassels returns with a fabulous watercolour course, this time the subject matter is Three Wise Penguins. From 9.30am until 4pm at Chiswick Pier Trust. Please bring a packed lunch. £30 for non-members, £27 for members **Call 020 8742 2713 or 07594 596729 to book tickets.**

Tuesday 28 January The River's Archaeological Tale by Thames Discovery Programme, 7.30 pm



Senior Community Archaeologist Josh Frost tells the story of the river's archaeological tale through the sites on which the Thames Discovery Programme works and how the remains on the foreshore play a vital role in telling London's story. Free to members, £3 to non-members.
