



## **Hello!**

Chiswick Pier Trust's spring programme is in full swing.

On Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Yeats experts Cahal Dallat and Anne-Marie Fyfe (author of recently published *No Far Shore*, Seren Books) will be talking to us about William Butler Yeats - who grew up in Bedford Park - and the impact of the Thames on his work.

Our Mothering Sunday brunch cruise is open for bookings, and you'll see below that we have a delicious menu. We recommend booking early, as this cruise is very popular!

Finally, don't forget to put the Boat Race in your diaries on the 29<sup>th</sup> March. There'll be live music, bbq, crepes, a Fullers bar and prosecco at the Pier from 12.30, with the women's race starting at 3.44, and the men's race at 4.44.

**Whole Day's Dreaming: Yeats, the Thames and Poetry - Tuesday 25**  
February. Doors open at 7pm



The Thames has long had a magnetic attraction for writers and artists but for Nobel-Prize-winning poet WB Yeats, growing up in nearby Bedford Park, the riverbanks between Chiswick Pier and Hammersmith were a vital resource: both a place to meet influential and inspirational people, and the source of one of the world's best-loved poems of longing, *The Lake Isle of Innisfree*.

Chiswick poets Cahal Dallat and Anne-Marie Fyfe, both from Ireland's Glens of Antrim, conjure up for us, through talk, excerpts from the young WB Yeats's poems and letters, and a little music, Yeats's late-19th-century Thames-side circle of poets, painters, playwrights, political thinkers and small-press publishers, and the natural riverbank world of willows, osiers, and water lapping with low sounds by the shore.



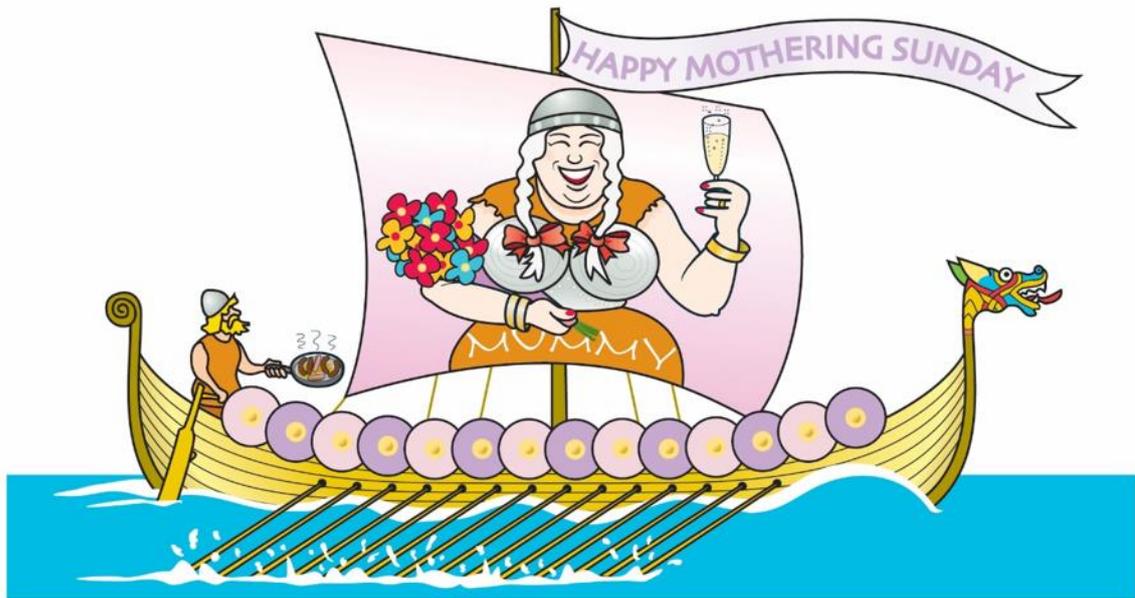
*Cahal Dallat*

Founder/organiser of the WB Yeats Bedford Park Artwork Project, poet and musician Cahal Dallat has lectured widely on Yeats's London years. His latest poetry collection is *The Year of Not Dancing* (Blackstaff Press): next collection due from Salmon Poetry, spring 2021. A regular BBC Radio 4 Saturday Review contributor since 1998, he won the 2017 Keats-Shelley Prize for Poetry, was 2017 centenary poet/musician-in-residence for Cornwall's Charles Causley Trust, 2018 Harry Ransom Center Research Fellow at University of Texas, and jointly, with Anne-Marie Fyfe, 2019 Lenoir Rhyne University writer-in-residence in North Carolina.



*Anne-Marie Fyfe*

Wine and beer will be on sale, doors open at 7pm, and we look forward to seeing you there. Free to members, tickets £5 to non members.



## **Mothering Sunday Brunch Cruise 22 March 2020**

*From Chiswick Pier to Teddington Lock*

Celebrate Mothering Sunday and treat the family by joining us for a river cruise brunch from Chiswick Pier to Teddington Lock.

We have a scrumptious menu that includes:

- Freshly baked cheese scones with sage and onion butter
- Butchers sausage selection with caramelised roasted onions
- Eggy bread and streaky bacon
- Toasted sourdough with smashed avocado/smoked salmon
- Belgian waffles and salted caramel sauce

Hot/cold drinks and full bar available to purchase during the cruise

The boat will depart from Chiswick Pier promptly at 11.30 on Sunday 22 March 2020.

Ticket prices: Adults £25/Children under 10: £18.

Call 020 8742 2713/ 07594 596729 or book online at [chiswickpier.org.uk](http://chiswickpier.org.uk)

**Please book your tickets early as this is a very popular event.**

## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 25 February, 7.30pm "A Whole Day Dreaming; Yeats, the Thames and Poetry"** - Nobel-Prize-winning poet WB Yeats grew up in Bedford Park and the riverbanks between Chiswick Pier & Hammersmith were a vital resource: both a place to meet influential and inspirational people, and as the inspiration for The Lake Isle of Innisfree.

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**Sunday 22 March - Mothering Sunday Cruise brunch cruise. Chiswick Pier – Teddington Lock. Leaves Chiswick Pier at 11.30 sharp.**

Ticket prices: Adults £25/Children under 10: £18.

Call 020 8742 2713/ 07594 596729 or book online at [chiswickpier.org.uk](http://chiswickpier.org.uk)

**Sunday 29 March - The Boat Race.** Chiswick Pier Trust has one of the best viewing points on the Thames (according to the official organisers!), so put it in your diary. Women's race starts 3.44pm & Men's race at 4.44pm.

**Tuesday 31 March, 7.30pm Interview with Ben Aaronovitch, author of the Rivers of London Series** - Ben Aaronovitch, author of the best-selling Rivers of London books -which have been described as 'Harry Potter meets CSI' - will be interviewed at Chiswick Pier Trust.

Free to members, £5 to non-members.

**Friday 17 April - 'Easter Hares' watercolour workshop** with Julia Cassels. Fee for the day is £35 (£32 for Chiswick Pier Trust members). Please bring your own materials and a packed lunch. 9.30 – 4pm

To book please call the office on 020 8742 2713 weekdays between 11.00 and 3.00

**Wednesday 13 May - Emergency First Aid at Work Tutorial (regulated certified course and includes first aid manual and certification).**

Tickets £75, times: 9.30-16.30

To book please call the office on 020 8742 2713 weekdays between 11.00 and 3.00.

**And Finally.....**

**Make your own cards at the William Morris Society on February 22, 2020  
(10.00 am -12.00)**

Expert printmaker Jenny Bell will be at the William Morris Society at Kelmscott House to run a printing workshop using William Morris's own Albion Press. She will be exploring an abstract floral motif. Details: <https://williammorrissociety.org/event/printmaking-abstract-floral-motifs-2/>

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