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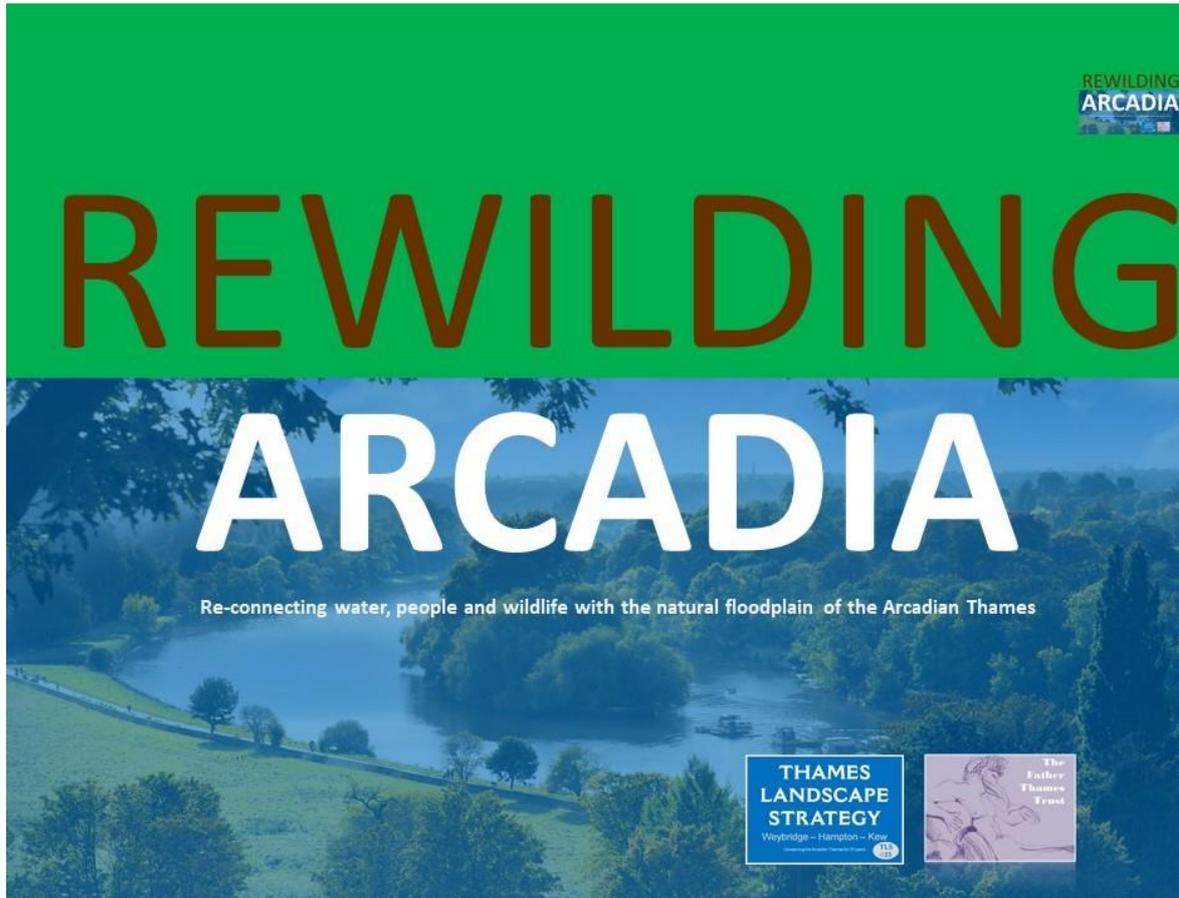
Thank you to those who joined us for Chris Everett's fantastic talk on the Thames during World War II called *They're Bombing the Docks*. We had over a hundred people watching the webinar, and the feedback was terrific. If you missed it, don't worry, we plan to post a recording online and will notify you through this newsletter or social media.

So we start the slow creep out of lockdown. To keep you entertained until our eventual release on June 21<sup>st</sup>, we have three more webinars planned. This month's is called *Rewilding Arcadia*, when Jason Debney, co-ordinator for the Arcadian section of the Thames Landscape Strategy, will talk about his work reclaiming the lost floodplains. With Sir David Attenborough as their patron, the work of the Arcadian section of the Thames Landscape Strategy is fascinating stuff, and an important part of our response to climate change.

We are also planning cruises, parties and events for the summer – so watch this space. We'll meet again soon, and we at Chiswick Pier Trust can't wait!

## **LIVE WEBINAR**

*Talks by the Thames has moved online with a programme of free webinars. Donations welcome.*



**Tuesday 30 March 2021 at 19.30 *Rewilding Arcadia* live webinar by Jason Debney from the Thames Landscape Strategy**

*Rewilding Arcadia* is a talk about the recovery of the lost flood plains from Hampton to Kew, known as the Arcadian Thames. Jason Debney, co-ordinator of the Arcadian section of the Thames Landscape Strategy, will speak about the series of nature-based flood risk management projects designed to restore the lost floodplain to re-reconnect water, people, heritage and wildlife with the natural cycles of the Thames.

*Rewilding Arcadia* is part of an initiative launched by Sir David Attenborough for the Restoration of the Lost Floodplain. This sets out a long-term series of measures that would see the incremental evolution of the landscape in response to climate change, and *Rewilding Arcadia* is the latest stage of this initiative.

As the climate changes, the Arcadian Thames faces a new challenge. Models predict that over the next 50 years many of the public walks, parks and gardens

that characterise the Arcadian Thames will need to adapt, in response to increasing flood risk, if they are to retain their special landscape character, recreational value, cultural significance and wildlife diversity. The Thames Landscape Strategy has been at the forefront in developing solutions to this challenge.

The Thames Landscape Strategy has been the catalyst for a renaissance in the fortunes of the Arcadian Thames. The 1994 cross-river vision has steered change, influencing policy and planning decisions, with many Thames Landscape Strategy aspirations now firmly embedded in partner core strategies including the London Plan. The partnership has raised £21m for restoration, environmental management and educational projects and has been the mechanism for 395,000 hours of volunteer conservation work. A wealth of local knowledge has been amassed and it is now hard to imagine what the river would be like had it not been for the Thames Landscape Strategy.

This webinar is free, although any donations will be gratefully received to support Chiswick Pier Trust in its work of bringing people to the River.

Get your tickets [here](#). We suggest that you book your tickets in good time prior to the start of the talk. An email from Eventbrite containing the zoom link will be sent to you before the webinar.



Feeling Jazzy?



Imagine this, you are out with friends (yes, friends!) on the river. The summer breeze is ruffling through your hair, a glass of wine in hand, and you are listening to some mellow live jazz. If that sounds lovely, then keep Friday 25 June free in your diary, because we hope to run our fantabulous Midsummer Jazz Cruise then, at 7pm.

More information and prices to follow soon....

### **And Finally.....**



Do you remember Cahal Dallat and Anne-Marie Fyfe's talk about Yeats at CPT last season? They have been fundraising to establish a memorial to Yeats in Bedford Park. *Enwrought Light* will be created by Conrad Shawcross RA to honour the Nobel prize winning Irish Poet just yards from his Bedford Park home.

To contribute click [here](#) asap - and before Mon 15th March please - as every **Pledge** (and every *Like!*) will increase Mayor of London's donation and

dramatically close their £92K gap! And please feel free to spread the word and forward this to any and all friends who might be interested, and/or retweet @YeatsBedfordPk updates!

### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 30 March     **Rewilding Arcadia** live webinar with Jason Debney at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 27 April     **Old Father Thames** live webinar with fine art. Julia Fullerton-Batten speaks about her work photographing the Thames at 7.30 pm.

Tuesday 25 May     **Engineering, Humanity and Rivers** live webinar with Professor Chris Wise, academic, and engineer on the ‘wobbly’ Millennium Bridge.

Friday 25 June     **Midsummer Jazz Cruise** departing from Chiswick Pier Trust at 7 pm. Details to follow.

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