



Hello!

The summer may not be as bright and sunny as we'd like, but we thought that you might like to hear what we have planned and what we have been up to!

September is the month of the Totally Thames Festival, and part of it is the **Great River Race**, which is run from London Docklands to Ham on Saturday 16 September. Chiswick Pier is an ideal place to see and cheer on the competitors. Two weeks later, on 30 September we welcome the **Urban Sketchers** to the Pier, and all are welcome. Read on for more details of both events.

And then in October Julia Cassels will be back giving another of her **Watercolour Workshops** - this time a 2 day session on 12/13 October. Details follow....

Back in July we had a very successful Party on the Pier, and earlier this month we hosted a cruise for the Hounslow based charity Speak Out. See more about both events below.

GREAT RIVER RACE SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 over 330 crews from all over the globe. The race appeals to every level of competitor from dedicated athletes to those who enjoy fun, fancy dress and charity stunts. It's a great day out for both competitors and spectators.



Come down to Chiswick Pier to watch the Great River Race on Saturday 16th September. The race begins at Docklands at approximately 11.15 am on a “slowest first, fastest last” handicap basis. The first boats should be passing Chiswick Pier around 1.00 pm and continue to come through for at least an hour.



Chiswick Pier is a wonderful vantage point for spectators with excellent views of a long stretch of the river. The Pier House will be open from 12.00 noon where hot and cold refreshments, and wine and beer will be on sale. We will also have delicious Moroccan food from Argania.

Please do come and join us to watch this wonderful race.

**JOIN THE URBAN SKETCHERS AT CHISWICK PIER
SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER**

Everyone's invited to grab a pencil and paper and join the Urban Sketchers London group in drawing the riverside between Barnes Rail Bridge and Chiswick Eyot.



Chiswick Pier Trust will be throwing open its doors at The Pier House from 10.30am for anyone who would like to participate providing shelter, seating and access to toilets throughout the event. Refreshments will be available from the fantastic Forge & Orchard coffee bike.



Urban Sketchers (USk) will be using The Pier House as a base during the day – key meeting times are below:

- 11 am Welcome from USk, before sketching begins along the riverside
- 1 pm First 'throwdown' where participants can share/view drawings
- 3.30 pm Final 'throwdown'

An informal post-sketch drink is provisionally planned for the White Hart pub on Barnes riverside.

If you would like to take part or find out more about Urban Sketching, please register here to receive free online support materials, which will be sent out in September:

<https://buytickets.at/chiswickpiertrust/933604>

Absolutely no experience is needed to join this fun, free outdoor sketching

event, marking the second happy collaboration between CPT, USk London and Thames Festival Trust to encourage people get together to celebrate the river as part of the Totally Thames Festival.

WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP - "ON THE RIVER"
12/13 OCTOBER



Having held numerous very popular and successful one day workshops we welcome Julia Cassels back to Chiswick Pier but this time for two days. So keep free 12/13 October 9.30 am - 3.30 pm and book now as there are only limited spaces. Julia will be exploring watercolour techniques, brushwork and colour, starting with small studies using a limited palette on day one then leading to a fully finished painting on day two.

The fee for the 2 days is £90 . Please bring your own materials and a packed lunch.

Call 020 8742 2713 to book a place.

PAST EVENTS AT CHISWICK PIER

Party on the Pier 2023 on 23 July was a huge success. From 11.00 am onwards we had a boat sailing every 45 minutes offering anyone who fancied it a free trip on the river. Each boat was full – 100 people – so a lot of people took advantage of this invitation. This is only possible thanks to Fullers sponsoring the trips.

There were a variety of artisan craft stalls selling interesting goods and a selection of delicious food stalls. There was also a Fullers bar and refreshments.

Amanda's Action Kids were back again to entertain the children - thanks to Sworn & Co's sponsorship and a face painter transformed lots of little faces.

Thames Explorer ran river dipping session and the Sea Cadets helped the smooth running of the boat trips and also a tombola.

This year we moved away from tradition and invited Jack Davies a saxophonist to play for us – what a very talented young man. It gave a really relaxed feel to the day and was very well received.

All in all, a very good atmosphere and happy event. Make sure to put the date in your diary as soon as it is announced for 2024.

SPEAK OUT CRUISE

On Tuesday 8 August we hosted a cruise aboard the Golden Salamander for the Hounslow based charity Speak Out, which supports adults with autism and learning disabilities. Despite the weather doing its best to put a damper on the afternoon it failed! The members of Speak Out were all in high spirits and really enthusiastic about going on a boat and cruising to Westminster and back.



There was even more excitement because the Mayor of Hounslow accepted our invitation to attend and arrived in full regalia.



There were lots of photo opportunities and chances for the mayor to meet and talk to the various members and staff of Speak Out.

A very memorable afternoon was had and we hope to be able to offer more opportunities in the future for other charitable events.

AND FINALLY..... we are putting together our programme of events for the rest of the year, so, as they say "watch this space" or rather, our [website!](#)

