



Dear Friends,

After what has been quite a long and frosty winter, we are so looking forward to welcoming Spring. Longer, warmer days. Trees coming to life. Daffodils popping their head above the ground! With the new season also comes a fresh Hands Events Calendar, full of opportunities to meet, learn and enjoy time together.

We've had some special Hands moments over the last few months. We thoroughly enjoyed hosting many of you at our Christmas event at St Mary's Church. The choir sang beautifully and there was certainly plenty of festive spirit in the air. St Margaret's Fair Committee once again put on a fantastic Christmas dinner at The Turks Head and St Stephen's very kindly hosted many of us for lunch on Christmas Day.

Upcoming Events

There is a great deal to look forward to over the coming months. We are kicking off March with a new talk from Eel Pie Museum's music historian, Pete Watt, exploring the hotel and its music scene from 1956 to 1970. On another artistic note, following the success of last year's Poetry Event, we're delighted to be hosting another Afternoon Tea and Poetry in March at the ETNA Centre. Please remember to bring a couple of poems that mean something to you to share or simply join us to listen and enjoy the words of others.

- Closed from 12.30pm on Thurs 2 April 2026
- Re-open at 9.30am on Tues 7th April 2026

Please ensure you get enough shopping to cover this period. Contact the office to make any arrangements you may need whilst we are closed and we will do our best to help.



In mid-April, we will be welcoming Carole from Strawberry Hill House for a fascinating talk on Horace Walpole and the history of the House. Our volunteer Quiz Masters, Tim and Julie, will be back in action for another much enjoyed quiz towards end of April and Holly Lodge will be hosting us in mid-May for a Soap Reminiscence Workshop. We will visit their authentic Victorian pharmacy to make two different types of soap, while reminiscing about the past and exploring how health and hygiene have changed over time.

This season's Events Calendar will end on a high, with one of our ever-popular Thames Boat Project half-day trips in May.

To avoid disappointment, please remember to register your interest for these events by calling us on 0208 891 3346 (Mon-Fri 9.30-12.30pm).

Gift Aid

We've included a Gift Aid form with this newsletter. If you're a UK taxpayer, you can support Hands at no extra cost by signing up for Gift Aid. Gift Aid allows us to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, helping us do even more of our work. It won't cost you anything extra, and you can cancel at any time. Simply complete the form and return it to us in the enclosed Hands envelope.

With warmest wishes,
Tracey & Rosie,
Hands Office Team



Reminder about transport request

To help us secure volunteer drivers for your journey, please remember to give us 5-7 days notice. We share requests with our volunteer drivers at midday on Monday for the following week so advance notice helps us to help you.

New office address: Hands, Suite 310, Regal House, 70 London Road, Twickenham, TW1 3QS

MONTH	DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	VENUE
MARCH	Tues 10th	2.00-4.00pm	Talk on 'Rock Island Lives' (Eel Pie Island Museum) *	Arthur Burrell Room, 1st floor, Twickenham Library
	Mon 30th	2.15-3.45pm	Poetry Afternoon *	Turner Room, ETNA Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, East Twickenham, TW1 2AR
APRIL	Tues 14th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Talk on Strawberry Hill House & Horace Walpole *	Arthur Burrell Room, 1st floor, Twickenham Library
	Thurs 30th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Afternoon Tea & Quiz *	Holy Trinity Church Hall, 1 Vicarage Road, TW2 5TS
MAY	Wed 13th	2.00 - 4.00pm	Holly Lodge - Soap Reminiscence Workshop **	Holly Lodge, Richmond Park, TW10 5HS
	Wed 20th	2.00 - 5.00pm	Half Day Boat Trip ***	Tamesis Club, Trowlock Way, Teddington, TW11 9QY

Requires a *£5, **£10 contribution, ***£15 contribution

Contact us to register
your interest

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