



# DULWICH FESTIVAL



## EVENTS GUIDE

9th-18th MAY 2025

# Welcome to Dulwich Festival 2025

This year, we're delighted to present a programme with opportunities for all ages to engage in meaningful arts and cultural experiences across our neighbourhood. Our expanded Family offering, featuring performances, workshops, and activities, is highlighted throughout this Guide.

Booking for 2025 is open! We've partnered with Ticket Tailor for easier ticketing and lower booking fees, based on your feedback. Please see below for booking information.

We are evolving our community programming and outreach, detailed at the back of the Guide. This work relies on community support, so please look out for options to add donations and make a small contribution, where possible.

We're so proud of the 2025 Festival Events and Artists' Open House programmes and can't wait to see you there!

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## Visitor Information

**Booking** Tickets are bookable in advance, via the Festival website, and are not guaranteed on the door. Everyone needs a ticket for paid events, including adults and children, unless otherwise stated. All events are subject to changes beyond our control, please check your email and the website on the day of the event for up to date details.

**Concessions** There are a limited number of Concession tickets available for most events. These are for those on Universal Credit, or Universal Pension Credit only. If you are a carer accompanying a paying audience member, please contact us with your booking details to claim a free ticket.

**Refunds & Cancellations** All tickets are non refundable. If you can no longer attend please pass your ticket to a friend. Tickets will only be refunded if Dulwich Festival cancels the event.

**Venues, Facilities & Access** Please visit the website to check restrictions for each venue and event. Dulwich Festival bears no liability for the content of events or facilities at venues.

**Doors** All venues open approximately 15-30 minutes before event start times. Please check the website for details and arrive promptly.

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# Free Fun For Everyone

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## Drop in Free Events for all the Family



### Kingswood Arts Family Fun Day

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 11AM-5PM

Join us for a fantastical free family fun day at Kingswood Castle! Expect amazing music, craft for kids, a bouncy castle and delicious food.

**Kingswood Arts, Seeley Drive, SE21 8QN**



### Dance in Dulwich Square

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 11AM-4PM

Come and enjoy maypole dancing: for all ages, with live music. Easy to learn and great to watch.

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**Dulwich Square, Dulwich Village, SE21 7DE**



### Dulwich Picture Gallery Open Days

SUNDAY 11 MAY & SUNDAY 18 MAY / 11AM-3PM

Discover an exciting new farmers' market in the stunning sculpture

garden, plus family friendly events including Art Sundays and Under 5s Explore: Creative Tales! Explore the permanent gallery collection with free entry.

**Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**



### Giant Teddy Bears' Picnic

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 12-5PM

Bring your teddies, picnic rugs, families and friends and join us for a funfair, theatre show, local choirs, bands, dance acts and a parade! A variety of food and drink stalls will tempt you, too. Sign up online to join Dulwich Park Runners' Family Fun Run for all ages at 11am. Win medals and prizes!

**By Dulwich Park Playground, Dulwich Park, SE21 7ZQ**



### Love West Dulwich Spring Fair

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 10AM-4PM

Family friendly street fair celebrating West Dulwich.

Takes place in the main

shopping hubs on Rosendale and Croxted Roads. Highlights include the maypole and market stalls.

**Rosendale Road & Croxted Road, West Dulwich, SE21**



### Open Day at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 11-3PM

Come and enjoy free crafts, music and nature at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening.

**The Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE**



### Goose Green Fair

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 12-5PM

A true celebration of local artists and makers, spend a day at the Goose Green Fair. Shop up a storm at our curated market stalls, enjoy international cuisine, and send the kids off to the bouncy castle!

**Goose Green, East Dulwich, SE22 9AU**

# Artists' Open House

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SATURDAY 10 & SUNDAY 11 MAY, SATURDAY 17 & SUNDAY 18 MAY  
11AM-6PM / SE21, SE22, SE15, SE5, SE24, SE27, SE23 & SE26



Immerse yourself in South East London's vibrant art scene as local artists open their homes, studios, and shared spaces to showcase their latest work. There's a world of diverse talent and creative spaces to explore, including modernist mansion blocks, mid-century townhouses, grand Edwardian homes, and even a Gothic castle. Look for the bespoke signboards from Truepenny's to guide you. Whether you're an art enthusiast or a newcomer, come celebrate and enjoy the arts with us in 2025.



## Dulwich Prep & Senior

35 ALLEYN PARK SE21 8AT  
We're thrilled to again have Dulwich Prep & Senior as our Artists' Open House partner, sharing our commitment to fostering creativity in

our community. They present an extraordinary exhibition by Alison Wing Yin Poon and Woo Jin Joo, alongside pupils from the school.

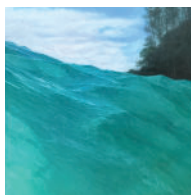


## Melanie Bowles - Stitch-School

WEST NORWOOD  
LIBRARY & PICTUREHOUSE  
SE27 9JU

Join Stitch-School around their large embroidery

table and help create a community cloth.



## Kingswood Arts

SEELEY DRIVE SE21 8QN  
Kingswood Arts exhibits the work of over 50 local artists across four rooms in our largest Open House of the year.



## Dorchester Court Tenants' Union

DORCHESTER COURT  
SE24 9QY

This grade II, Art Deco estate, presents the DC Art Project and multimedia

exhibition celebrating community and campaigning.



## Dulwich Prep & Senior

### Proud Partner of

Dulwich Festival Artists' Open House



Contact Admissions on 020 8766 5525  
admissions@dulwichprepsenior.org.uk  
dulwichprepsenior.org.uk

Dulwich Prep & Senior offers a unique provision whereby families are supported in finding the right senior school at the right time for their sons, whether that be 11+, 13+ or transitioning to sixth form at age 16.





# Visual Art



## The Arts Society Dulwich presents: Off the Record - Album Cover Art 1950-2000

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY / 8-9PM

Some of the most iconic  
images of the 20th century

were created for record sleeves. This inspiring  
talk will explore the art of the album cover.

**Sixth Form Building, JAGS,  
144 East Dulwich Grove, SE22 8TE**

Tickets: £12. Concessions: £8.



## In Conversation with Xavier Leopold

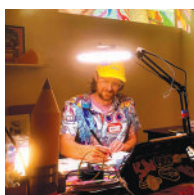
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SUNDAY 18 MAY / 3.30-5PM

Xavier Leopold, an MA  
Sculpture Student at The  
Royal College of Art, in

conversation with Sarah Staton, Interim Head  
of MA Sculpture, exploring his multidisciplinary  
artistic practice, inspiration and more.

**Workshop Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery,  
Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**



## Heavy Pencil

THURSDAY 15 MAY / 7-11PM

An evening of live drawing,  
projections, music and hands-  
on creative fun. Illustrators  
Andrew Rae, Chrissie  
Macdonald and guests

invite the creative community to come together  
and let loose in the historic home of Lord Bovril.

**Kingswood Arts, Seeley Drive, SE21 8QN**

Tickets: £5. Child: Free. Concessions: £3.50.



## Street Art Walks with Amanda Creatorex

Hear about the rich collection of murals  
around Dulwich, and how this project  
came about in 2012. Many artworks are  
inspired by old masters in the nearby  
Dulwich Picture Gallery. These and other  
new murals feature on the walks.

## Saturday Walk

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 12-2PM

Tickets: £12. Concessions: £10.

## Sunday Walk with Dulwich Picture Gallery visit

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 12-3PM & 3-6PM

Tickets: £15. Concessions: £11.

## Lunchtime Walk

FRIDAY 16 MAY / 12-1.30PM

Tickets: £10. Concessions: £7.

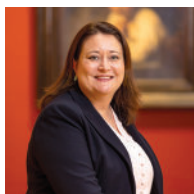
## Family Sketch & Walk

SATURDAY 17 MAY /

1-2.30PM & 3-4.30PM

Tickets: £9. Concessions: £6.50.

**More details on the Festival website.**



## Director Tour with Jennifer Scott

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THURSDAY 15 & FRIDAY 16  
MAY / 9.30-10.30AM

Join Dulwich Picture  
Gallery's Director Jennifer

Scott on an exclusive tour of the Collection,  
highlighting the Gallery's most beloved works.

**Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**

Tickets: Free but booking is required.



## Sculpting with Kids

SUNDAY 18 MAY /  
11AM / 12PM / 1PM

Drop in to explore  
sculpture with Xavier  
Leopold from the Royal

College of Art! See his artwork, hear about the  
creative journey, and create your own unique piece.  
For children aged 5-12. Kindly sponsored by the RCA.

**Workshop Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery,  
Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**

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# Theatre, Comedy & Cabaret



## **Figs in Wigs present Astrology Bingo**

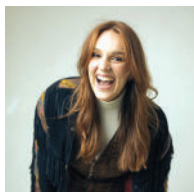
MONDAY 12 MAY / 7-10PM

The universe's first ever cosmic game show for astrology lovers, bingo wingers and their sceptic

friends. It's bingo, played with your own astrological chart!

**Dulwich Hamlet FC, Champion Hill,  
Edgar Kail Way, SE22 8BD**

Tickets: £20. Concessions: £14.



## **Comedy Works in Progress: Shalaka Kurup, Frankie Thompson & Katie Norris**

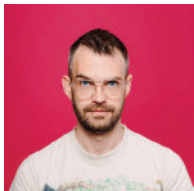
TUESDAY 13 MAY / 7-10PM

Don't miss three fantastic

comedy acts to kick off our Festival Comedy Works series! Shalaka, a comedian in therapy, tries to convince her therapist she needs a diagnosis, whilst Frankie Thompson promises nothing more than a work in regress. If that's not enough, buckle up for new material from Katie Norris, performer of the widely acclaimed Farm Fatale at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe 2024.

**Crown & Greyhound, 73 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BJ**

Tickets: £22.



## **Comedy Works in Progress: Pat Cahill & Lucy Pearman**

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY /  
7-9.30PM

On the second evening of  
the Festival Comedy Works

series, Pat Cahill guarantees a 'wonderfully weird' night of stand-up, songs, characters and dances, while Lucy Pearman wobbles around the Moon, with a song, cow and hopefully... an audience! Lucy is a BAFTA nominee, no less - grab tickets while you can!

**Crown & Greyhound, 73 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BJ**

Tickets: £16.



## **Mr Sleepybum**

SATURDAY 17 MAY /  
2-2.45PM

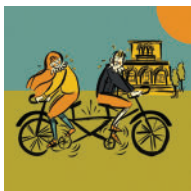
A zany, high-energy kids' comedy about a man who can't sleep or dream! He builds a wacky dream

machine that creates outrageous, hilarious dreams.

**St Barnabas Parish Hall,  
23 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BT**

Tickets: £8. Child / Concessions: £6.

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## **The HandleBards perform Much Ado About Nothing**

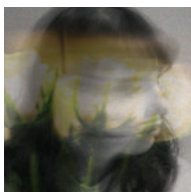
SATURDAY 17 MAY / 4-6PM

Join the HandleBards for a high energy and charmingly chaotic bike-powered production of Shakespeare's 'Much Ado About Nothing'. Great fun for all the family.

**Playing Fields, JAGS Sports Club,  
Red Post Hill, SE24 9JN**

Tickets: £19. Child: £5. Concessions: £13.

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## **Big Blue**

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 7-8PM

A new play produced by the Young Creative Collection, whereby a young writer, Eve, explores creative ownership and identity in 'Big Blue'.

This is an intimate, psychological drama, exploring the confines of victimhood and the struggle to reclaim agency over life and narrative.

**St Barnabas Parish Hall,  
23 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BT**

Tickets: £7. Concessions: £5.



## **Dial Medicine For Murder**

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 5-7PM

A unique performative medical discussion on Dr Harold Shipman and Dr John Bodkin Adams, exploring why these infamous British

doctors turned from medicine to murder.

**St Barnabas Parish Hall,  
23 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BT**

Tickets: £12. Concessions: £8.50

# Sing, Dance & Play



## Feel Good Singing with South East London Queer Choir

FRIDAY 9 MAY / 7-9PM

Join Genevieve Dawson, founder and leader of the South East London Queer

Choir, for a two-hour joyful choir workshop. Expect rousing folk and pop bangers! Open to anyone, regardless of prior experience of singing.

**Crown & Greyhound, 73 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BJ**

Tickets: £15. Concessions: £10.50.



## Family Silent Disco

FRIDAY 9 MAY / 6.30-8.30PM

Kicking off Dulwich Festival in style, a Family Silent Disco in the grounds of

Dulwich Picture Gallery! Dance the evening away in this breathtaking setting, as three DJs battle it out over multiple channels, spinning everything from disco classics to modern anthems.

**Dulwich Picture Gallery, Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**

Tickets: £15. Child (under 16s): £8.

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## Big Fish Little Fish

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 2-4PM

The original family rave returns! Old skool legend DJ Lol Hammond (Drum

Club) spins an all vinyl set of eclectic club classics. Effects, crafts and bar. Together on the dancefloor. Ages 0-100.

**Dulwich Hamlet FC, Champion Hill, Edgar Kail Way, SE22 8BD**

Tickets: £12. Child (under 16s): £9. Free for pre-walkers.

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## Family Barn Dance

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 5-8PM

The Sassenachs Ceilidh Band are back! Leading fun and easy dances for all

the family. A wonderful way to bring together people of all ages. No experience necessary!

**JAGS Sports Club, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JN**

Tickets: £18. Child (under 16s): £13. Concessions: £12.

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## A Musical Murmuration

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 10AM-4.30PM

Choral workshop with conductor Rupert Bond on the theme of 'Birds in Music',

including Mendelssohn *Hear my Prayer* ('Oh for the wings of a Dove'), Stanford *The Bluebird* and Lennon/McCartney *Blackbird*. Sight singing skills essential, over 16s only. Performance at 4pm.

**Christ's Chapel, 14 Gallery Road, SE21 7AS**

Tickets £25. Concessions: £17.50.

## Explore the Organ

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 3-4.30PM

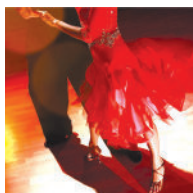
Drop in and try your hand at the beautiful and historic

Church organ, crafted by the famous organ-maker George England in 1759.

**Christ's Chapel, 14 Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**

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## Lunchtime Salsa Workshop

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY / 12-2PM

Immerse yourself in the vibrant world of Salsa at this workshop. No partner or experience necessary.

**Grafton Dance Centre, 7 Village Way, SE21 7AW**

Tickets: £12. Concessions: £8.



## Lunchtime Cha Cha Cha Workshop

FRIDAY 16 MAY / 12-2PM

Learn the fundamentals of the cheeky Cha Cha Cha at this workshop! No partner or experience necessary.

**Grafton Dance Centre, 7 Village Way, SE21 7AW**

Tickets: £12. Concessions: £8.

# Music



## Organ Recital

SUNDAY 11 MAY /  
7.30-8.30PM

Simon Hogan has a strong reputation for very exciting playing. Come and hear music by Mendelssohn, his

second sonata, and well known works by Bach, Boëly and Brahms.

**Christ's Chapel, 14 Gallery Road, SE21 7AD**

Tickets: £8. Concessions: £5.50.



## May Orchestral Concert Southwark Sinfonietta

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 6-7.30PM

A concert where this local chamber orchestra performs Boyce's 4th Symphony,

Mozart's Bassoon Concerto and Symphony No.36, and choral works by Franck and Elgar.

**St John's Church, East Dulwich Road, SE22 9AT**

Tickets: £10. Child (under 16s): Free. Concessions: £8.



## Dulwich Choir Festival

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 4.30-7PM

Join locals Tongue & Groove for an uplifting afternoon of contemporary choral music with Farncombe Jazz Choir and the London Contemporary Voices' Choir Jams Project.

**The Auditorium, Dulwich College,  
Dulwich Common, SE21 7LD**

Tickets: £9. Child (under 16s) / Concessions: £5.



## Symphonic Winds Orchestra

SUNDAY 18 MAY /  
2-3PM

A full size, fancy-dress-laden wind orchestra will perform famous and familiar themes at this wonderful interactive concert for families.

**St Barnabas Parish Hall,  
23 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BT**

Tickets: £6. Child (under 16s): £4.

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## The Lighthouse Trio

MONDAY 12 MAY /  
7.30-9PM

By popular request, The Lighthouse Trio returns to Dulwich with international artists, Masumi Ogura

(clarinet), Janet Coles (cello) and Nadia Lasserson (piano), who will perform the well-known Beethoven Trio and some Romantic Trios.

**Holst Hall, JAGS, 144 East Dulwich Grove,  
SE22 8TE**

Tickets: £10. Concessions: £8.



## Under the Tree

FRIDAY 16 MAY / 7-9.30PM

Sit under the magnificent Copper Beech Tree and be captivated by a magical night of spoken-word and music from five talented women, including Maureen Onwunali, Lily Lyons, Frankie Morrow, Georgie Jones and Orla Das.

**Copper Beech Café, JAGS Sports Club,  
Red Post Hill, SE24 9JN**

Tickets: £15.



# Jazz

**Upstairs at the East Dulwich Tavern**  
1 Lordship Lane, SE22 8EW

Tickets: £13. Concessions: £9  
unless stated otherwise.



**Doors open half an hour before listed start times. Seating allocated on a first come first served basis.**



## **Art Themen Trio**

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY / 8-10PM

Art Themen, an incredibly exciting and innovative saxophonist, has been a beloved character of the British Jazz scene for over 60 years.

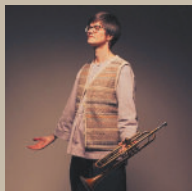


## **David Preston**

THURSDAY 15 MAY / 8-10PM

London based musician and composer, David Preston, is an

exceptionally accomplished modern jazz guitarist, who has performed and recorded with an impressive array of award-winning US jazz vocalists.

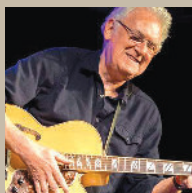


## **Laura Jurd**

FRIDAY 16 MAY / 8-10PM

Laura Jurd's distinctive voice as an improviser and trumpet player

celebrates the rich traditions of jazz and folk music. With Nick Ramm, Steve Watts and Mike Pickering.



## **Jim Mullen**

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 8-10PM

A multi-award winner, Jim Mullen is widely regarded as one of the most soulful jazz

guitarists in Europe, having carved his place in jazz-funk history. With Neil Casey, Steve Watts and Mike Pickering.



## **Chris Cobbson and The Gold Coasters**

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 6.30-8.30PM

The Gold Coasters are a 10-piece Ghanaian Highlife dance band.

Never before in the UK has there been such a band that recreates the vintage sounds of classic 1950s and 60s Highlife to such perfection.

**Tickets: £15. Concessions: £10.**



## **Square Dance for Eight Egyptian Mummies Family Jazz & Cartoonist**

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 11AM-12PM

Ned Bennett's Powerhouse Quintette, plus quick-draw cartoonist Lance Bell, take you on a tour of the imaginative world of legendary composer Raymond Scott at this fun family jazz event.

**St Barnabas Parish Hall, 23 Dulwich Village, SE21 7BT**

Tickets: £10. Child (under 16s): £8.

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# Literature



## An Evening with Emma Barnett

FRIDAY 9 MAY / 7-8PM

Award-winning broadcaster and journalist, Emma Barnett discusses her brand new book *Maternity Service* - a celebration of the work of being on maternity leave with its highs and lows.

**The MCT, Alleen's School, Townley Road, SE22 8SU**  
Tickets: £12.50.



## In for Dinner by Rosie Kellett

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 12-1PM

Join home cook Rosie Kellett to hear about *In For Dinner*, her low-effort, high-reward, veg-forward collection of delicious recipes, possible on a budget of £25 per person, per week.

**The Old Library, Dulwich College, Dulwich Common, SE21 7LD**  
Tickets: £12.50.



## Donut Squad Take Over the World by Neill Cameron

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 2-3PM

Come along to see Neill Cameron, author of *Donut Squad* for a fun, interactive children's event. *Donut Squad* is a huge hit in *The Phoenix Comic* and is now published as its very own comic book!

**The Old Library, Dulwich College, Dulwich Common, SE21 8SD**  
Tickets: £12.50. Child (under 18s): £9. Each child needs an accompanying adult with a paid ticket.



## Hidden Treasure by Jessie Burton

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 10-11AM

At this family event, international best seller Jessie Burton talks about her new children's book *Hidden Treasure*: the story of two children whose lives collide when they find an ancient treasure.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE21 7AD**  
Tickets: £12.50. Child (under 18s): £9. Each child needs an accompanying adult with a paid ticket.



## Lugma by Noor Murad

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 12-1PM

Join chef and former head of Ottolenghi Test Kitchen, Noor Murad, to hear about *Lugma*, a volume of over 100 recipes celebrating Middle Eastern cooking.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE21 7AD**  
Tickets: £12.50.



## Writing Literary Fiction with Charlotte Mendelson and Elizabeth Macneal

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 2-3PM

Booker Prize nominee Charlotte Mendelson, and Caledonia Novel Prize winner Elizabeth Macneal discuss their inspiration, writing process and their latest novels: *The Wife* and *The Burial Plot*.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE22 7AD**  
Tickets: £12.50.



## Get In: The Inside Story of Labour Under Starmer by Patrick Maguire & Gabriel Pogrud

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 4-5PM

Times political columnist Patrick Maguire and Sunday Times Whitehall editor Gabriel Pogrud, discuss *Get In*: the definitive account of Labour's return to power under Keir Starmer.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE22 7AD**  
Tickets: £12.50.

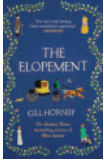


## Kitchen Salon: Diana Evans

THURSDAY 15 MAY / 7.45-9PM

Award-winning novelist Diana Evans will be in conversation discussing her collection of essays: *I Want To Talk To You: And Other Conversations*. Talking literature, art, music, identity, grief and everything in between.

**Private residence, Upland Road (full address will be sent to ticket holders)**  
Tickets: £10.



**The Elopement by Gill Hornby**

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 2-3PM  
Sunday Times best-selling author Gill Hornby will be discussing her long-awaited novel, *The Elopement*, about the Austen family, published around the 250th anniversary of Jane Austen's birth.

**The Great Hall, Alleyn's School, Townley Road SE22 8SU**

Tickets: £12.50.



**Shy Creatures by Clare Chambers**

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 4-5PM  
Hugely acclaimed author of *Small Pleasures*, Clare Chambers, talks about her latest novel. *Shy Creatures*

follows an art therapist in a psychiatric hospital in 1960s Croydon.

**The Great Hall, Alleyn's School, Townley Road SE22 8SU**

Tickets: £12.50.



**Pull Up a Chair by Martha Collison**

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 12-1PM

The youngest ever contestant on *Bake Off*, and *Waitrose* columnist, Martha Collison, joins us to talk about the joys of cooking and her cookbook *Pull Up a Chair*.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE21 7AD**

Tickets: £12.50. Child (under 18s): £9. Aimed at adults but appropriate for children.



**Tree Hunting: 1,000 Trees to Find in Britain and Ireland's Towns and Cities by Paul Wood**

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 2-3PM

Tree expert Paul Wood joins us for an illustrated talk about his latest book. In *Tree Hunting*, Paul shows us the most remarkable 1,000 individual trees that grow in Britain and Ireland's towns and cities.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE21 7AD**

Tickets: £12.50.



**Hitler's People: The Faces of the Third Reich by Richard Evans**

SUNDAY 18 MAY / 4-5PM

Renowned historian, and best-selling author of *The Third Reich Trilogy*, Richard Evans discusses his latest book. *Hitler's People* asks why so many Germans took part in the crimes of Nazi Germany.

**The Linbury Room, Dulwich Picture Gallery, SE21 7AD**

Tickets: £12.50.



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# Wildlife & Wellbeing



## From Seed to Song with LWT

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 12-4PM

Come and plant seeds, listen to folk music, make crafts

FREE EVENT

FAMILY FUN

and do a bit for nature restoration with the London Wildlife Trust and Dulwich Estate in the Village Orchard. Bring a blanket and stay for a while.

**Village Orchard, 20 Gallery Road, Dulwich Village, SE21 7AE**



## Gather & Ground: A Women's Circle

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 2-4PM

A sensory women's circle for deep connection and presence. Engage your senses, root into stillness,

and reconnect with yourself through ritual, touch and movement.

**Oru Space, 20-22 Lordship Lane, SE22 8HN**

Tickets: £18.



## Sangam: A Sober Social at Oru Space

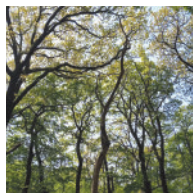
SATURDAY 10 MAY / 7-10PM

A vibrant alternative night out with music, connection, and crafted mocktails.

DJs set the vibe, while our mixologist serves a flight of three exquisite taster mocktails! Adults only.

**Oru Space, 20-22 Lordship Lane, SE22 8HN**

Tickets: £10.



## History, Ecology & Management of Dulwich Woods

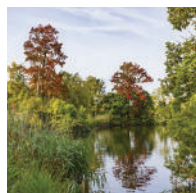
FREE EVENT

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 3-4.30PM

Join the Sydenham Hill Wood Officer to learn

about the history, wildlife and management of the Dulwich Woods.

**Meet at the entrance to the Woods on Crescent Wood Road opposite Countisbury House**



## Family Tree Walk

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 10.30AM-12PM

A lively participative walk for families and children of all ages exploring special trees and hunting out their

secrets, surprises and stories. Family walk for children age 7+. No dogs allowed.

**Meet at Dulwich Park Café**

Tickets: £8. Child / Concessions: £5.50.

FAMILY FUN



## Rhythm & Release: A Movement is Medicine Class

MONDAY 12 MAY / 1-2PM

Regulate your nervous system through dance in a joyful, inclusive

space. Move, release, and reconnect. Everyone welcome!

**Oru Space, 20-22 Lordship Lane, SE22 8HN**

Tickets: £1.



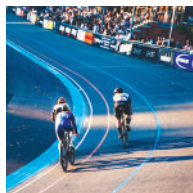
## Tree Walk in Dulwich Park

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 2-3.30PM

Explore some of the park's magnificent trees, their origins, special features, names and keys to identification, including recent experimental planting. No dogs allowed.

**Meet at Dulwich Park Café**

Tickets: £8. Child / Concessions: £5.50.



## History of the Velodrome and Star Cyclists

MONDAY 12 MAY / 7-9PM

Hear from a panel of guests about this historic venue, at the heart of Dulwich since 1891, with exciting future plans.

**Herne Hill Velodrome, 104 Burbage Road, SE24 9HE**

Tickets: £10. Child (under 16s): Free. Concessions: £7.





### Parent and Toddler Little Gardeners' Storytime

TUESDAY 13 MAY / 10.30-11.30AM

Have fun listening to a story, exploring our nature garden and planting seeds to take home.

**The Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE**

Tickets: £10. Child: Free. Concessions: £7. Maximum three children per adult.



### Gardening for Wildlife

THURSDAY 15 MAY / 2-3.30PM

An opportunity to find out how we garden for wildlife at the Centre for Wildlife Gardening with a talk and a tour of the garden.

**The Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE**

Tickets: £10. Concessions: £7.



### The Front Garden Flower Farm: Growing Through Burnout

TUESDAY 13 MAY / 7-8PM

Micro flower farmer Ros Ball shares her experience of career burnout and how it inspired her to transform under-used front gardens in SE22 into a blooming space that all can enjoy.

**The Centre for Wildlife Gardening, 28 Marsden Road, SE15 4EE**

Tickets: £8. Concessions: £5.50.



### Sensory Supper Club: Eating with hands

THURSDAY 15 MAY / 7-9PM

Experience a sensory supper club at Trinco by Night, eating with your hands and exploring rich flavours, textures, and aromas in a unique, immersive dining experience. Drinks not included.

**Oru Space, 20-22 Lordship Lane, SE22 8HN**

Tickets: £30.



### Sydenham Hill Wood Bat Walk

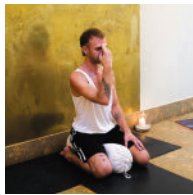
WEDNESDAY 14 MAY / 8.30-10PM

Join London Wildlife Trust for a nocturnal stroll around Sydenham Hill

Wood to see and hear the bats that live there.

**Meet at the entrance to Dulwich Woods on Crescent Wood Road, opposite Countisbury House**

Tickets: £8. Concessions: £5.50.



### Legends & Lore: A Mythical Men's Circle

SATURDAY 17 MAY / 2-4PM

Step into a mythical men's circle where storytelling, ritual, and brotherhood forge deep connection. Gather in a sacred space to explore wisdom, strength, and purpose together.

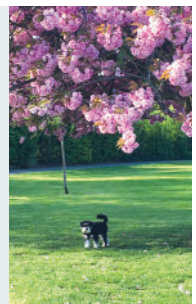
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# History Walks



## Dulwich Time Travellers: A Family History Quest

FAMILY FUN

SATURDAY 10 MAY / 3-4PM

Become detectives, discovering the hidden

stories and fascinating landmarks of Dulwich, as you take a family-friendly wander through Dulwich Village.

**Start: Outside the Burial Ground, Dulwich Village.**

**End: Christ's Chapel, Dulwich Village**

Tickets: £8 per family. Concessions: £5.50.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

50% to St Christopher's Hospice.



## Dulwich's Lost River: The Effra

SATURDAY 10 MAY

& SUNDAY 11 MAY /

11AM-12.30PM

Eric Large will follow the historic River Effra through

the neighbourhood, uncovering general Dulwich history along the way.

**Start: West Dulwich Station. End: Herne Hill Station**

Tickets: £8. Child: Free but booking is required.

50% to St Christopher's Hospice.



## Step Into the Past: Exploring High St Dulwich

SUNDAY 11 MAY / 2PM & 4PM

This short walk between North Dulwich station

and the Burial Ground is

a chance to learn about the large houses that used to be there and their noted occupants.

**Start: North Dulwich Station. End: the Burial Ground**

Tickets: £8. Child (under 16s): £5. Concessions: £5.50.

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**Please note:** There are limited spaces on all walks. Walks take place on public highways and parks. Parts may be unsuitable for wheelchair users due to uneven surfaces or obstacles. Please contact us with any access queries.

## Social Radicals Walks with Duncan Bowie

Join us on one of these fascinating walks discovering some of the unlikely social radicals who lived in the Village, West Dulwich and East Dulwich.

Tickets: £8. Child (under 16s): £5. Concessions: £5.50. 50% to St Christopher's Hospice.



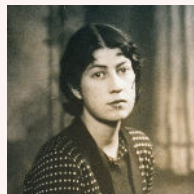
### Dulwich Village

SATURDAY 10 MAY /

11AM-1PM

**Start: North Dulwich Station**

**End: West Dulwich Station**



### West Dulwich

SATURDAY 17 MAY /

11AM-1PM

**Start: West Dulwich Station**

**End: Dulwich Books, Croxted Road**



### East Dulwich

SUNDAY 18 MAY /

11AM-1PM

**Start: Grove Vale Library**

**End: Dulwich Library**



## Stories of West Norwood Cemetery's Dulwich Residents

SATURDAY 17 MAY /

11AM-1PM & 2-4PM

A West Norwood Cemetery walk guided by Dr Jane

Jordan, covering some of its fascinating Dulwich residents.

**West Norwood Cemetery, Norwood Road, SE27 9JU**

Tickets: £8. Child (under 16s): £5. Concession £5.50.

50% to the Friends of West Norwood Cemetery.

# Creative Communities

Each year, Dulwich Festival facilitates a range of projects to celebrate creative practice across the community. Please support us with a donation when purchasing event tickets to build on these initiatives for local schools, community groups and young people.

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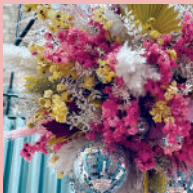


## Children's Art Competition

In partnership with Dulwich Picture Gallery

Aged 4-14 years? Draw, paint, collage, embroider, print or craft a 2D entry on the theme of 'Play'. Win an artist led workshop for your whole class and a chance to have your work displayed at Dulwich Picture Gallery!

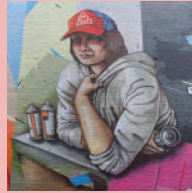
**Details and conditions on our website.**  
**Deadline Wednesday 30 April.**



## Bloom Room

A creative floristry course by Wildside London and friends. 18 to 25-year-old aspiring florists undertake an intensive 4 days of learning to kickstart their careers in the industry, with unique access to mentors and experts.

**See their display as part of Artists' Open House both Festival weekends at West 16th, 137 Half Moon Lane, SE24 9JY**



## Schools Street Art Workshops

Primary school groups explore the incredible street art of East Dulwich with Amanda Greatorex and create their own artworks back at school. See their work at Woodfalls East Dulwich during the Festival.

**Please contact [schools@dulwichfestival.co.uk](mailto:schools@dulwichfestival.co.uk) to join in future schools projects.**



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## JAGS & Link Age Southwark Botany Garden Tea

WEDNESDAY 14 MAY / 2-4PM

JAGS is delighted to welcome guests from Link Age Southwark for a wonderful afternoon of tea and cake along with a tour of their unique Botany Gardens.

**Find out more and sign up to participate online.**

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