

AUTUMN 2023 PROGRAMME OF LOCAL EVENTS

All the events below are held at **St Augustine's Church and Community Centre in Richmond Road** and are open to all. Entry is normally free, although a small charge or retiring collection may be held where requested by speakers or performers. A complimentary glass of wine or fruit juice, and nibbles, are served at most events.

The programme is supported by **Richmond, Oxford and Windsor Roads' Residents' Associations**, and **Benson Area Residents' Association**, and compiled by **St Augustine's Church**.

We have 2 principal subjects this term: **our archaeological and artistic heritage** – interspersed with **reflections on and around Remembrance Day in November, and Christmas in December** (including 3 concerts to which all are invited to participate, including children).

FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 6 - 7 PM ALCONBURY'S ROMANO-CELTIC VILLA

Patrick Lambert, an archaeologist with Oxford Archaeology, will explain the findings of a recent dig on the old RAF Alconbury site, which revealed an ancient Romano Celtic Villa – to be featured on the BBC's *Digging for Britain* programme in January 2024.

FRIDAY 20 OCTOBER 6 – 7 PM WHITTLESEA'S BRONZE AGE SITE

Chris Wakefield of Cambridge Archeological Unit will speak on discovering the “Must Farm” Bronze Age site near Whittlesea, one of Cambridgeshire's most exciting projects, a mere 3000 years old and well preserved.

SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER 7PM – 8PM THE COLOURS OF AUTUMN CONCERT

Cambridge Chamber Music will entertain us with a musical tribute to the beauty of Autumn. Highlights include: Vivaldi's *Autumn Concerto*; Sibelius's *Mignione Suite* for flute and strings; Tchaikovsky's *October Song*; and *Autumn Leaves* arranged in jazz style.

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER 6PM- 7PM THE DEAD OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE: COWS AND CRUCIFIXION

Familiar with the phrase “What did the Romans ever do for us”? **David Ingham**, project manager with Albion Archaeology in Bedford, will give his answer based on findings from a remarkable roadside settlement discovered at Fenstanton.

FRIDAY 10 NOVEMBER 6PM- 7PM GOOD GRIEF: COPING WITH BEREAVEMENT AND SADNESS FROM A HEALTHCARE PERSPECTIVE

Dr Harriet Shannon will draw on her experience as a research physiotherapist at UCL with a special interest in paediatric intensive care, and as a doctoral theology student, to offer insights into the grieving process after the death of a loved one. **A prelude to Remembrance Day – see below .**

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 6PM – 7PM REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT

With **St Augustine's Singers**, conducted by **Tim Brown** and accompanied by **Philip Mead** (piano) and **Caroline Mead** (flute). The concert will follow a narrative about war – from the jaunty sentimental WW1 songs such as *Pack up your Troubles*, to a new setting for Wilfred Owen's chilling poem “*Sonnet (on seeing a piece of artillery brought into action)*”. Followed by the *Requiem Mass* of Morten Lauridson and a vision of paradise in Philip Mead's work, *The Nightingale* for flute and choir to the words of Coleridge.

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 6PM – 7PM FROM PLASTER TO BRONZE

Directed, filmed and edited by **Rhea Quien**, *From Plaster to Bronze* will take us through the many stages of the bronze casting process as practised by The Bronze Age Fine Art Foundry in creating a well-known bust of Lord Mountbatten, Admiral of the Fleet in WW2.

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 6PM – 7PM LOOKING FOR LOWRY

Watch this fascinating documentary film, starring Ian McKellen, about the life and work of the much loved artist **L S Lowry** – meeting those who knew him and those who have been inspired in our post-industrial age by his unique observations of Britain and by his powerful artistic legacy. Followed by a short revealing account of an interview with Lowry in 1965.

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER 6.30PM – 7.30PM A GLIMPSE OF NEW HORIZONS

Cambridge Chamber Music return with a selection of classical string pieces for cello, 2 pieces by Dobrinka Tabacova (*Dawn and Longing*), and the *Love Theme* from *The Secret Garden* and *The Love Theme* from *Romeo and Juliet*.

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 6PM – 7PM HIDDEN ART AND ARCHEOLOGICAL TREASURES OF THE CAMBRIDGE COLLEGES

Dr Victoria Avery, Keeper, European Sculpture and Decorative Arts, at the Fitzwilliam Museum, will introduce some of the extraordinary buildings and artwork that belong to the Cambridge Colleges but which are often hidden from view.

SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 3.30PM – 4.30PM JOINT ROADS CAROL SERVICE

All are welcome to join with your neighbours and sing along with a selection of Christmas Carols led by **Anne Taylor** – and to enjoy a glass of mulled wine.

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER 6PM – 7PM SEASONAL SONGS AND POEMS

Come and enjoy a short concert of Christmas music, readings and audience carols, presented by the well-known Cambridge choir *Cantores*, conducted by **Jeremy Wong**.

SATURDAY 16 DECEMBER 6PM – 7.30PM THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS

- WTH PRIZES, CAROLS FOR CHILDREN AND CAROLS FOR ALL

Listen to, and identify if you can, the carols in *The Christmas Carols Suite*, a continuous jazz medley by David Johnstone. A concert for the little ones – and those young at heart – led by **CCM**.

..... and don't forget on **Sunday 1 October, Sunday 5 November and Sunday 3 December** to come and share a **COMMUNITY LUNCH** at St Augustine's starting at 1pm: 2 courses – including a veggie dish for those who wish -with wine or fruit juice for only £8.00ph. All are welcome.

And why not enjoy a coffee and cake at **CAFÉ@99**? Open every **Monday and Friday** from **10.30am to 12pm** at St Augustine's in Richmond Road – a café run by and for the local community. Come and meet your neighbours, share conversations, read a paper, or simply relax. Hosted by RRRA and St Augustine's, with takings going to a range of charities, local and international.