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The Summer Season in Kensington

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Forget Ascot, Henley and Wimbledon - here in Kensington we have our very own micro summer season: The Kensington & Chelsea Arts Weekend, The Great Exhibition Road Festival, exhibitions at local cultural institutions, the opera at Holland Park, the Luna Cinema at Kensington Palace and more, both formal or informal.

Of course summer is not just for adults, and we have a plethora of activities for children of all ages which you will find in our articles and also our extensive Cultural Quarters pages 23 - 27. So even in it continues to rain throughout July and August, there is plenty to keep everyone entertained! We will return in September and hope you all have a wonderful Summer Season.

Lucy

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A Children's Summer in Kensington

By Sarah Goldsmith

There's tons on this summer for children of all ages, in Kensington & Chelsea. From 28-30 June, the [Kensington & Chelsea Art Weekend](#) hosts tours and exhibits throughout the Borough (and beyond), all of which are suitable for the whole family. Activities include a [Blue Plaques Walk](#) and a [Big Family Weekend](#) hosted by the Serpentine. Most events are free, and to find out more, visit the Art Weekend's website at www.kcaw.co.uk.

During the same weekend (28-30 June), the [Great Exhibition Road Festival](#) will be held. Different activities and experiences are on offer for the whole family, including a [Green Space Exhibition](#) at Imperial College, a [World of Exploration](#) at the Princes Gardens, Pop-up talks and pop-up exhibitions, all focused on the facilities in and around Exhibition Road. For more information see www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/whats-on.

Following on from the success last year of the outdoor movie theatre, from the 30th July until the 2nd August, the front of Kensington Palace will play host to the [Luna Cinema](#). The grounds will open at 19:30 and the movies will begin at 21:00. This year's movies will be *Young Victoria*, *The Favourite*, *A Star is Born*, and *Mary Poppins Returns*. Food and drink is also available. For tickets and more information, see www.thelunacinema.com/kensington-palace.

In addition to the daily drop-in availability of children's activity backpacks, family games, and hands-on discovery areas, throughout the summer the [V&A](#) will also host free pop-up performances on Saturdays. Additionally, the museum hosts open studios with artists on Fridays and Saturdays (check the



Participant at the [Create & Make workshops](#) being held by the [Design Museum](#) this summer (Image: www.designmuseum.org)

website for individual listings). There are also several workshops on offer this summer for children: The Imagination Station, and several "Make-It" workshops involving clay and ceramics. Visit www.vam.ac.uk/whatson/programmes/family for more information. [The Design Museum](#) also hosts "Create and Make" workshops throughout the summer. For more information, see www.designmuseum.org

There are also several camps and activities on offer throughout the summer, such as local [Perform classes](#) (perform.org.uk), which offer creative classes on drama, Lego, arts and crafts, dance, and coding. [Imperial College](#) offers a sports activity camp through [Fit For Sport](#) at their Ethos Sport facility (fitforsport.co.uk), Imperial College and Baden Powell House also play host to [Science Camps](#) from the Little House of Science (www.littlehouseofscience.com), and [Coding camps](#) (www.firetechcamp.com/locations/imperial-college-london/). For those who want to start or brush up on their tennis, [Holland Park](#) offers [holiday tennis camps](#) as well (www.hollandparktennis.com/Camps). The list of different activity camps is endless: science, coding, lego, drama, dance, and other sports.

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Summer in Kensington: Waxing Lyrical

By Nick Campailla

“April in Paris”, “Memphis in June”, “Autumn in New York”, the Great American Songbook abounds with songs celebrating places and seasons, but even Ira Gershwin might have balked at weaving the rhyme-averse, syllabic overload of ‘Summer in Kensington’ into a song. Nevertheless, that’s exactly what your two imaginary friends, a husband and wife song-writing team from Baltimore, propose to do. A, the composer, pipe-smoking, serious; B, the lyricist, sharp-tongued, Dorothy Parkerish. They have a day to take in ‘Summer in Kensington’.

They may not be enchanted by cyclists hurtling down the pavements at full tilt, but there’s much to delight, and what better place to start than Kensington Gardens. To dispel any Henry Ford-like preconceptions that ‘history is bunk,’ you tell them the park’s origins - how the gardens took shape mainly thanks to the efforts of George II’s wife, Queen Caroline - before corralling them into Kensington Palace to see two exhibitions commemorating the bicentenary of Queen Victoria’s birth. We are impressed, although B. ‘has a problem with all the hair snippets.’

Despite their alarm that you won’t be driving there, A and B want to see the ‘This is Manga’ Exhibition at Japan House – a style of Japanese comic books and graphic novels. After all, what is song-writing, if not ‘dynamic storytelling’? Thence to Wholefoods to buy supplies for a picnic by the Round Pond. A and B bicker about which bread, until their joint admiration for the late Duchess of Windsor provides a solution in the form of a ‘Seeded Wallis Rye’.

Stretched out on a tartan rug, tamping his Cherrywood pipe, A. points inquiringly at a Regency style edifice with eight iron



A Holland Park Peacock - occasionally contributing as an impromptu vocal to the opera (Image: Lucy Elliott)

columns supporting an ogee roof. “Ah. The old bandstand,” you say wistfully. “No kidding. Did the Count Basie Orchestra ever get to play up there?”

Kensington Gardens: timeless and inviolable, untouchable by predatory developers’ hands; lovers caressing, families promenading, dogs following a scent, model boats gliding across the Round Pond....but B, chewing on a pencil stub, is transfixed by a gaggle of Canada geese. “Hey, A, remember that Tom Lehrer song ‘Poisoning Pigeons in the Park?’ she shouts, with what sounds ominously like inspiration in her voice.

Afternoon tea at the Milestone Hotel charms and beguiles. “Sooooo Algonquin,” says B. You have time to offer them a moment of meditative calm in the Kyoto Garden in Holland Park before taking them to the Opera. You sit quietly watching the tiered waterfalls until B. says: “Ugh. Squirrels. Rat-a-tat-tat.” You hope that their new song isn’t veering thematically towards wiping out the local wildlife. As the overture to Verdi’s Un Ballo in Maschera strikes up, you pray that this won’t be an evening when the peacocks compete loudly with the singers.

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KENSINGTON + CHELSEA ART WEEKEND 28 – 30 JUNE 2019 KCAW.CO.UK

Kensington + Chelsea Art Weekend (KCAW19) is back for its second year, twice the size and with a very cool punk inspired rebrand. They have pulled out all the stops to turn the borough into one fluid, cultural and artistic museum-turned-walk-through-playground, for the public to enjoy a feast of free delights and events. As the festival's Director Vestalia Chilton puts it, this year is all about 'unveiling the unexpected and highlighting the extraordinary local spirit unique to the area'.

+ Date Night?

Journey down Kensington Church Street to spot 18 treasures hidden in shop windows and win a dinner for two at the most deliciously elegant Kensington Wine Rooms. Take your date on a treasure hunt down world famous Antiques Street in the heart of Kensington and spot the very strange and unusual objects linked to the Era of Enlightenment. Selected especially from the hidden collections of participating antiques shops on the street, these fantastical 'treasures' are placed in the windows with a short description and are also thematically linked to the Art Weekend's official partner The Great Exhibition Road Festival. 'Collect' all the 'treasures' on your Instagram account, when posting them don't forget to tag @kcawlondon for a chance to win. Easy.

+ Thirsty for Knowledge?

Enlighten yourself with The Blue Plaque tours by the English Heritage where visitors can get off the beaten track, discover small businesses and learn about fascinating local spots. There's plenty more on offer for architecture lovers including bespoke tours

of Walmer Yard with architect Peter Salter, Albertopolis Tours organised by The Great Exhibition Road Festival giving an insight to the birth of South Kensington cultural quarter, and behind the scenes tours where visitors can learn the curious story behind the new Design Museum building and the Coronet Theatre.

Also, don't miss Silent Howlers by Laura Ford in Holland Park. British sculptor, Laura Ford is a contemporary of the likes of Anthony Gormley and Anish Kapoor, who will exhibit her bittersweet, playful bronze sculptures at Holland Park's Napoleon Gardens.

Other KCAW Public Art Trail locations include Sloane Square, Museum of Brands, Walton Street and the Old Chelsea - specially designed KCAW Public Art Trail bike tour (suitable for families and kids 12+) will visit every one of these including the famous Chelsea Arts Club summer mural. Sign up for free at www.kcaw.co.uk

Still can't decide?

Covering KCAW's eight cultural zones for two days, the **Hop on/ hop off Kensington + Chelsea Art Weekend Art Bus** is organised with The Galleries Association in partnership with Portobello Radio. The art bus will stop at various locations and exhibiting venues and is peppered with fun, informative and sometimes a little gossipy broadcast by Piers Thomson, founder of Portobello Radio. Pre-book tickets here: www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/event/kensington-chelsea-art-weekend-hop-hop-bus

The poster features a bold, abstract design with a yellow background on the left and a red background on the right, separated by a diagonal line that forms a large, downward-pointing 'V' shape. The text is in a clean, sans-serif font.

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A Hidden Kensington Gem for Foodies... with New Tapas Menu

By Catherine McManus

If you're a foodie or a cocktail lover living in Kensington and you haven't yet been to Zuaya in Kensington High Street, I have to tell you that you're seriously missing out, especially now that they have launched a new tapas menu.

It truly is a dining destination with a wow factor, whether you're looking to enjoy a perfectly crafted cocktail at the elegant marble-topped bar or wish to be taken on an exciting culinary journey of Latin America.

Zuaya's beautifully inventive menu, full of fresh, exotic and surprising flavours from Peru, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, offers a tantalising selection of tapas, sharing plates, ceviches, grilled meats and fresh seafood. You can be as adventurous as you like, choosing from recognisable favourites on their new tapas menu or larger plates such as the Rib Eye Steak...or see it as a culinary adventure and fully embrace the excitement of discovering new dishes.

Their service team are first class and make excellent recommendations. When I went with my husband, I was recommended the Ceviche Zuaya and Quinoa Salad, both of which blew me away in terms of freshness and flavour combinations. My husband, who has not been to Latin America, absolutely loved his Chicken Croquetas and Trio Of Tacos. The dessert menu is completely mouth-watering and hubby was a big fan of the Chocolate Surprise. I also loved the wine recommendations by their sommelier.

The interiors are stunning... uniquely chic and exotic, decorated with stylish furniture



and lush foliage, which gives it the sense of being an oasis from the outside world. The downstairs restaurant is perfect for an intimate dinner, with just the right level of interesting background music from their resident DJ.

We enjoyed a cocktail upstairs, at the very elegant ground floor bar area, before being seated at our beautiful table downstairs. The bar menu is well curated and has some really imaginative signature cocktails, as well as an extensive list of classic cocktails, fresh fruit mocktails and other well-loved drinks. After much deliberation, I finally asked the mixologist to make me a "London To Lima", which is Zuaya's take on a Pisco Sour, which I loved and is now firmly on my cocktail radar.

It is the mark of a special dining experience when, on leaving a restaurant, you already know what you'll be having next time you visit. There are lots of dishes I want to go back and try at Zuaya, but I know the hardest decision of all is going to be between the Cheesecake and the very photo-worthy Dulce de Leche - a popular Argentinian pastry with caramel sauce.

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A new website www.kensingtonview.com was borne out of a wish to bring communities together in Kensington and share news and information. Long-term Kensington resident Annie Redmile said “she just had to do it”. The Grenfell fire had a tremendous impact on her and she recognised more than ever, the need for communities to work together for the future. It is an independent site with news, special features and comments. Annie has her own Blog on the site where alongside community comment and news she also talks about ‘ageing’ in Kensington, with humour!

Arrival powers ahead at Kensington Village: Arrival has let 50,000 sq ft of office space at Schroder UK Real Estate Fund’s Kensington Village over a 10-year term to create a UK HQ for its business. The technology company makes commercial electric vehicles which are on trial with DHL, UPS

and Royal Mail. Kensington Village is home to former Victorian warehouses which have been redeveloped into workspaces for innovative businesses. Jessica Berney, SREF Fund Manager, said: “Arrival is an innovative company which is helping to transform the motoring industry. It is testament to Kensington Village that they have decided to use these facilities to support their expansion.”

This Royal Borough has often been a target for crime and unfortunately a focus for thieves and crooks. **The Knights Security of London Limited**, also known as ‘K.N Security’, is a private, local security firm based on Brompton Road. Its key objective is to deter criminal activity by providing security services to commercial premises & residential properties. This mission is close to the heart of the two Directors who both live in the area and have done so for many years. Should you like to hear more please call K.N Security on 0203 620 1991 or via their website www.theknightsecurity.co.uk

One of the UK’s leading Nutritionists’ **Amanda Hamilton** has set up her new London clinic in Kensington. Her approach is highly-personalised, with an emphasis on getting safe, fast and lasting results by treating symptoms at their root cause. She has written books on health and nutrition, the latest of which focused on gut health. She also helps women through the perimenopause and menopause, gut health, weight loss and works with children and young adults. She is an ex-international level sports competitor and Pilates teacher, and programmes can incorporate 1:1 body shaping workouts. www.amandahamilton.com.

Kensington News II

The Royal Parks is embarking on an ambitious journey to develop a [Movement Strategy](#) and is asking Londoners and park visitors for their views. The strategy will aim to set a long-term vision for how park visitors access, experience and move within the parks. With London facing a range of challenges, including increasing congestion, diminishing air quality and lack of access to high quality green space, The Royal Parks' Movement Strategy will aim to both protect the parks and enhance the park visitor experience. A discussion paper, available at www.royalparks.org.uk/movement, sets out the draft vision and principles for the charity's Movement Strategy. To find out more and take the survey, visit www.royalparks.org.uk/movement. The deadline to provide input is 14 July.

General News

In June HRH Duke of Sussex was the Reviewing Officer for the Annual [Chelsea Pensioners' Founder's Day](#). Chelsea Hospital, founded in 1681, looks after 295 In-Pensioners and Founder's Day is one of their highlights in the annual calendar. This day was particularly significant falling in the week of D day commemorations. In his speech he spoke of how special the pensioners were, their legacy and how we as a nation, were in their debt.

[Change and Continuity](#) in Kensington is the title of a PhD research that Ilaria Pulini is currently undertaking with the aim to provide an in-depth picture of the residential patterns in the central area of the RBKC. A Kensington resident herself, Ilaria is meeting people from the widest



HRH Duke of Sussex reviewing the Chelsea Pensioners at their annual Founder's Day (Image: www.lucyelliottphotography.com)

possible variety of cultural backgrounds willing to share stories about their life in the neighbourhood, talking about their everyday life habits, tastes, aspirations and how the choice of living in Kensington relates to the broader narratives of their personal experiences. If you are interested in participating in this valuable piece of research, please contact Ilaria on 07570526778 or email ilapulini@gmail.com. Interviews last about 45 mins and are usually carried out in one of the local coffee shops.

Local resident Lucy Clayton's TED talk "[ALL THE RAGE: why dressing up helps us speak out](#)" has just been released and is available to view online www.youtube.com/watch?v=88nOzR-EpWM or search Lucy Clayton TED talk). Can we use something as frivolous as fancy dress as a tool for political protest? In the speech Lucy explores the social significance and psychology of ordinary people in extraordinary outfits,

revealing the surprisingly rebellious power of costume. Lucy is the founder of the DRESS:FANCY podcast, a free weekly show about the history of dressing up available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify or any podcast platform.

Millinery at Kensington & Chelsea College makes moves in the Industry. Kensington and Chelsea College and watch brand Longines are collaborating to give Millinery students an opportunity to make a bespoke hat for model, Rosie Tapner, who will present for Ascot TV and World Horse Racing, giving exposure to the successful student. Rachel Trevor-Morgan, a successful milliner said, "Inviting students to create a hat for a client to wear at Royal Ascot will give them Millinery experience in the real world and clients they'll have when they graduate." Rosie chose student, Rafa Peinador's hat to wear at Royal Ascot.

Healthwatch Central West London is an independent, patient-voice charity. Their remit is to inform people about local health and care services; monitor the quality of health and care services; improve the decisions made about health and care services, by telling those in charge what service users want. If you would like to become a member, you would receive updates on local health and social care; participate in listening events, discussion groups and consultations to improve local care; access high-quality training; Visit and review local services as a 'Dignity Champion' Membership is Free. If you are interested, please call 0208 968 7049.

Offers for Kensington Residents and Businesses

Olympia London is proud to be launching a new 'Friends of Olympia London' initiative that will offer its local community exclusive discounts to shows and events and participating local businesses. The £1bn development of this historic home of inspirational events will see it transform into a world-leading cultural district, with a live music venue, theatre, arthouse cinema, jazz bar, leading hotels and restaurants and state-of-the-art office space. Throughout the planning process, Olympia London has engaged and consulted the local community on the masterplan and its role within the area. The launch of the Friends of Olympia London is a result of this process and feedback from residents and provides an opportunity for Olympia London to promote and celebrate businesses in the area. www.olympia.london/friends

The Copthorne Tara has launched their new platform called **Millennium 4 Business**. The platform comes with a variety of benefits for members such as access to the best available rate with flexible cancellation and amendments. Members can also enjoy free room upgrade on registration, 15% off all food and beverage outlets and access to the club/executive lounge and registration is completely free. To sign up, please go to www.millenniumhotels.com/en/business/image001.png If you have any requests for availability and special rates please contact markella.votsi@millenniumhotels.co.uk



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The Beauty of Water Lilies

By Benedict Bull

What a very fast-growing period this is now! I do not know of anything more delicious than generous rain in June. The plants love it. Yes, it makes the going a little soft but are not almost all the course and pitches watered now and covered too? Fast growth is indiscriminate and while the extension on my rhubarb is good, and the rich green of the grass in the gardens is wonderful, that internodal extension on the knotweed in gardens is pernicious and expensive to homeowners.

Despite the rain in the second week in June, the water in the lakes in London, Kent and Sussex is low this year. But it has been a great year for the aquatic plants, the *Nymphaea* water lilies are especially good with abundant leaf growth and many flowerheads.

They really thrive in purpose made concrete planters at 6 foot in my favourite lake in the downs near Lewes. However, they grow directly in the ground in the deep leaf litter in a clay puddle of the Kentish Wealden clay, and spread more freely there.

The water lilies in turn support many insects and birds and this in turn appears to have a moderating effect on algal bloom. As in Kent, the lakes with more water lilies are inversely proportional to those with algal bloom, however that cannot be said for the rushes where there is a correlation in fact. I am not sure if that is related or not though. The ponds with stone embankments and no plants however are clearly the most vulnerable. It is scientifically established that a rich biodiversity is central to the health of



Nymphaea Waterlily
(image: pixabay.com)

plant communities, and the recent stresses for the stalwarts of the rural English landscape, including the oak, the ash, the box, and the London plane are not isolated events. Our biodiversity is in decline nationally in terms of population health and pollinator health, and internationally at the base index of extinction.

'Scientists at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and Stockholm University found that 571 plant species had disappeared in the last two and a half centuries, a number that is more than twice the number of birds, mammals and amphibians recorded as extinct (a combined total of 217 species).' Educating and documenting and making herbarium collections are as important now as they were for the Victorian plant hunters. The direct appreciation of plants is vital, as a local knowledge of plants in our gardens and woods and fields is the first line of defence against the loss of biodiversity, and extinction.

GET WELL SPOON



Summer

Pineapple & Saffron Curd Pavlova

The bright colours of summer on a plate. The refreshing pineapple is lifted by the lime and saffron and the yoghurt balances the sweetness of the meringue.

Pineapple & Saffron Curd:

Half a pineapple, skin removed
Large pinch of saffron
200g granulated sugar
6 large eggs at room temperature
125g unsalted butter at room temperature

Meringue Base:

6 egg whites
200g granulated sugar
2 tsp vanilla extract
2 tsp cornflour
30g unsweetened shredded coconut

Topping:

High protein yoghurt
Chopped pineapple, marinated in lime juice
1 lime skin grated
Swirl of avocado oil.

To make the Pineapple curd, take half the pineapple, whizz in a blender and dilute with water to make 240ml of pineapple juice. Add a large pinch of saffron and leave overnight.

In a large saucepan, whisk together pineapple juice, sugar and eggs. Stir in the butter and cook over low heat, whisking constantly, until thickened (about 10 minutes). Remove from heat.

Transfer to a bowl and chill, covering the surface with plastic wrap to keep a skin from forming. The curd will thicken as it cools. This delicious curd can be stored in the fridge for up to one week.

Our book, "Knife, Fork, Get Well Spoon" is available at [Wholefoods in Kensington](#) & on [amazon.co.uk](#)



For the meringue base, preheat the oven to 225C. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk egg whites until soft peaks form. Slowly add sugar and continue to whisk for a further 8-10 minutes until stiff. Add the vanilla, cornflour and coconut with a spatula and mix until well combined. Spoon into 10 cm circles. Make a small well with a spoon in the centre of each circle. Bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes. Turn the oven off and leave the meringues in there for an additional 30 minutes.

To serve, top each meringue with some pineapple curd, a dollop of yoghurt, finely chopped pineapple, a pinch of grated lime and a swirl of avocado oil.

Pineapples are rich in Vitamin C, manganese, good dietary fibre and bromelain. They are low in calories, help to boost the immune system, build strong bones and aid digestion. Saffron helps to keep your mood steady and is an antioxidant for the brain and the eyes.

Kensington's Summer Season

By Maria Perry with illustration by Charles Yorke

There are usually two kinds of outdoor activities in Kensington - the ones to which you are invited and the ones for which you book a long time in advance. So far this summer the best outdoor invitation I received was from Victoria Borwick to a Hogroast commemorating D-Day and simultaneously raising money for the RAF Benevolent Fund. As the Borwicks' garden is on two levels, one where food and drink are served and a sunken area with chairs and tables, where it can be consumed, this enabled the speaker, Ian Duncan-Smith to deliver a hilarious oration from an audible vantage point. He described a visit to the European Parliament in Brussels, where he found the Greek Member had fallen asleep before the proceedings had even begun. Later Angela Merkel, puzzled about the pronunciation of Ian's name, welcomed him as "Mr Iron".

The activities for which you must book in advance are often preceded by a series of e-mails, urging you to hurry, as tickets will soon be sold out. Opera Holland Park opened their Priority Booking this year in the first week of February. Three weeks later tickets went on general sale. Priority Booking is for Members of OHP only, but as the auditorium has a seating capacity of 1,000, the Box Office (0300 999 1000 remains open from 1 pm to just before the performance, even when the Season has begun. This year it lasts from 4 June to 13 August. At time of writing it includes Manon Lescaut, Un Ballo in Maschera and L'arlesiana. The London Sinfonia Orchestra and The Opera Holland Park Chorus are performing throughout. A superb roof contends with the weather. It was erected by public subscription in time for the 2007



season. In a summer like the present one, extra percussion is supplied by heavy rain beating on the roof. Some people take picnics, but catering is also supplied by the Admirable Crichton. Their bar supplies "Posh dogs" in the interval.

Other outdoor activities in Holland Park are numerous. The Sports Field (020 7602 2226) includes a cricket pitch, cricket nets, space for football and there are also tennis courts. Most of these can be booked through the office in Stable Yard, which is adjacent to the Adventure Playground and the Toddlers Playground. The Belvedere Restaurant (020 7602 1238) is augmented by many outdoor eateries. Holland Park Café (open air, no booking required) has an indoor servery, which provides an instant retreat against sudden climate change. The Orangery can be hired for weddings and parties. It opens onto a lawn, where on Sunday 16 June at a First Communion Party, I witnessed the ultimate outdoor entertainment: Bubbles, some of normal size and some GIGANTIC, were supplied by Max, the Bubbleologist, an expert in special effects! I never learned his phone number, but I am sure a call to the Orangery may reveal all! Tels: 0207 600 1238 or 0207 361 2220.



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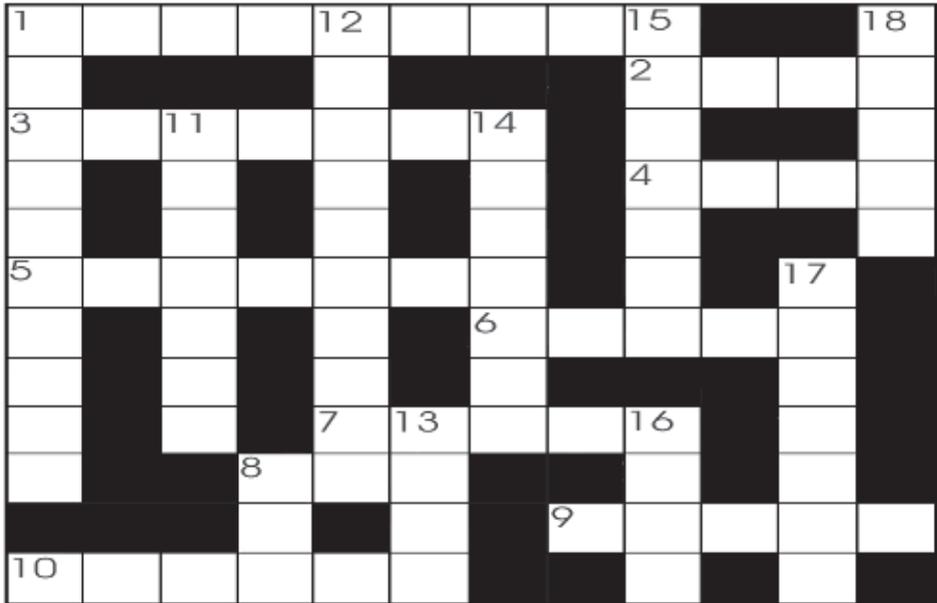
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The Kensington Crossword

By Dave Saunders

Pit your wits against our Kensington-centric crossword. (Answers on page 28)



Across

- 1) And 14) down- Sir _____, Russian-born billionaire who owns a Grade-II listed building in Kensington Palace Gardens (7,9)
- 2) Country which has its consulate located at 50 Kensington Court, W8 (4)
- 3) _____ street, residential road between Thackeray St and St Albans Grove, W8 (7)
- 4) ____ Collective, health club at 45 Phillimore Walk, W8 (4)
- 5) Francis _____, cricketer and WW2 soldier, born in Kensington in 1897 (7)
- 6) Francesca _____, television and film actress born in Kensington in 1945 (5)
- 7) _____ Jane, luxury furniture store at 130 Kensington High St (5)
- 8) Jocelyn ____ Hardy, army officer of WW1, born in Kensington in 1894 (5)
- 9) _____ Place, cul-de-sac to the West of Victoria Road, W8 (5)
- 10) Country which has its embassy at 2 Palace Green, Kensington W8 (6)

Down

- 1) Ian _____, current director of the Science Museum, SW7 (10)
- 8) ____ and Sandeman, wine merchants at 106 Kensington Church St, W8 (3)
- 11) Cycle _____, bike suppliers located at 188 Kensington High St, W8 (7)
- 12) Fine-dining restaurant at 38C Kensington Church Street, W8 (10)
- 13) _____'s Yard Remedies, beauty supply store at 7A Kensington Church St, W8 (4)
- 14) See 1) across (7)
- 15) _____ W8, contemporary restaurant at 11-13 Abingdon Road, W8 (7)
- 16) _____ House, block of commercial and office units; part of Kensington Village, W14 (4)
- 17) _____ House, block of residences at 69 Russell Road, W14 (7)
- 18) Over _____ Coffee, community-focused- cafe at 181A Earls Court Road, SW5 (5)

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28 - 30 June

A weekend of art and culture in West London. For the full programme of events extending from South Kensington to North Kensington, with a stop off in Kensington W8 please see Page 8 for more info. see www.kcaw.co.uk

EYES WIDE SHUT: STANLEY KUBRICK AND THE MAKING OF HIS FINAL FILM

2 July 6:30pm-8pm

Twenty years since its release, Kubrick's final film remains complex and visually arresting. This talk explores the ambitious set design and creative process behind its making. The Design Museum
www.designmuseum.org

ANNA PERLIN: "WINDOWS THROUGH THE SEASONS"

2 – 19 July 2019

Named by art magazine Artist & Illustrators as 'One to Watch' in 2019, we are thrilled to announce Anna Perlin's first solo show here at Thackeray Gallery. Est 1968
020 7937 5883 www.thackeraygallery.com

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STORIES OF THE SUN:

A MAGICAL EVENING WITH VANESSA WOOLF

5 July 6:30pm-9pm £15

Professional story teller, Vanessa Woolf, celebrates the Summer Solstice with a very special evening exploring a selection of Leighton's works on display inspired by the Sun and its myths. Leighton House Museum
www.rbkc.gov.uk

DIE ZAUBERFLOTTE (The Magic Flute)

6 July 19.00 hrs Tickets: £15 and £13 Concs.

Opera Kensington will present a semi-staged production on Mozart's Die Zauberflotte taking you into the inner sanctum of its funny adventures, an ancient curse, weird women, strange rites, dream girlfriends and a deadly serpent... Venue: St George's Church, 28 Aubrey Walk, W8 7JC. Tickets via box office: eventbrite.co.uk
07766 663939 or on the door.

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EARTH PHOTO

6 July- 22 Aug

Mon-Fri 10am-5pm Sat 10am-4pm Free
A shortlist of 50 exceptional photographs and four films that document the Earth in all its diversity and enable a better understanding of the world around us, focussing on four themes - people, nature, place and changing forests. Royal Geographical Society www.rgs.org

KEN ADAM: DESIGNING FOR STANLEY KUBRICK

9 July 6:30pm-8pm

Join British writer Sir Christopher Frayling for this keynote lecture on Ken Adam's set designs for Stanley Kubrick's films. This illustrated lecture will explore one of the great film partnerships between designer and director. The Design Museum www.designmuseum.org

FOR THE LOVE OF SHARKS – STEVE BACKSHALL AND SPECIAL GUESTS

10-11 July 7pm Tickets from £25

Steve Backshall and other special guests of the Shark Trust will fill the evening with stories of discovery and connection and share their love for this fascinating family of marine animals. Royal Geographical Society www.rgs.org

DRINK & DRAW IN LEIGHTON'S GARDENS

11 July 6:30pm-9pm £20

Unleash your inner artist and join an informal guided drawing session in Leighton's garden, inspired by the view of his magnificent house and surrounded by the artist's houses from The Holland Park Circle. Leighton House Museum www.rbkc.gov.uk

SWING DANCE

12 July 7pm Tickets £17.63

One of London's biggest Swing Dances returns at this iconic auditorium. Dance the Lindy Hop, Jive and Jitterbug as you spend the evening moving and grooving to the sounds of our very own Albert's Big Band on a specially laid dance floor. Royal Albert Hall www.royalalberthall.com

SOLO ORGAN RECITAL WITH RICHARD ELLIOTT

12 July 7:30 pm – Free

Richard Elliott, principle organist for the Tabernacle Choir on Temple Square will present a solo organ recital at Hyde Park Chapel, 64-68 Exhibition Road, SW7 2PA Contact Martin Cook 07799 265293 mcook@churchofjesuschrist.org

THE SONGS OF COLE PORTER

16-17 July 7:30pm Tickets £16.50

Multi-award winning Michael Griffiths returns with his acclaimed show portraying the wit and spark of the legendary Cole Porter. Expect a concoction of hedonism, grave misfortune, enduring love, and songs including You're The Top, It's De-Lovely and Let's Do It. Royal Albert Hall www.royalalberthall.com

BBC PROMS

From 19 July til 14 September Ticket prices and times vary. The BBC Proms returns to the Royal Albert Hall in 2019 for its 125th season. Royal Albert Hall www.royalalberthall.com

THIS IS MANGA: THE ART OF URASAWA NAOKI at JAPAN HOUSE LONDON

Til 28 July Free

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Japanese illustrated literature - manga
- through the work of internationally
acclaimed manga artist, URASAWA Naoki.
www.japanhouselondon.uk

THE LUNA CINEMA

30 July-2 August 7:30pm
Adults £17.50 Children £13.50
Opening with Young Victoria, following
on with The Favourite; A Star is Born; and
concluding with Mary Poppins returns.
Kensington Palace www.hrp.org.uk

STANLEY KUBRICK: THE EXHIBITION

Til 15 September Adult £14.50 Child £7.25
One of the greatest filmmakers of the 20th
century, the exhibition will show you step
by step how Kubrick created genre defining
worlds for his films and relive iconic scenes
from films including The Shining and A
Clockwork Orange. designmuseum.org

LEARN ABOUT THE ANCIENT TREES OF KENSINGTON GARDENS FREE but booking essential

20 July 10.30 am - Noon
Discover the majestic veteran trees of
Kensington Gardens in a walk with resident
arboriculturalist. Learn what makes a tree
veteran, the important role trees play in
history and ecology, and find out how The
Royal Parks takes special care them.
Venue: Kensington Gardens. For more info
please see: www.royalparks.org.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/walking-tour-ancient-trees-of-kensington-gardens

GARDEN HISTORY TOURS AT KENSINGTON PALACE

Til 29 September - Tuesdays, Thursdays,
Saturdays 12noon – 2pm Free
Follow one Kensington Palace's volunteers

on an award-winning walking tour of the
surrounding gardens and explore the
diverse history and development. Who
created the magnificent statue of Queen
Victoria? And who made the iconic golden
gates? www.hrp.org.uk

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Royal Parks Showcase with flower sale,
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www.bst-hydepark.com/events/open-house

THE MAPPING OF THE MOON: 1669-1969

To 21 August, Free
Exhibition exploring 300 years of lunar
and celestial cartography, featuring signed
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Place, SW3 1NY www.themaphouse.com

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Queen of an expanding empire.
www.hrp.org.uk

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KEVORK MOURAD: SEEING THROUGH BABEL

1 July- 15 August

Solo exhibition by Syrian-Armenian artist Kevork Mourad. The Ismaili Centre, in partnership with the Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, presents Seeing Through Babel, a solo exhibition by the Syrian-Armenian artist Kevork Mourad. Mourad explores the Old Testament story of Babel, using his trademark techniques of monotypes and drawing onto the surface of the work to create a six-metre hanging sculpture. Venue: The Ismaili Centre, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7 2SL

BERNSTEIN AND BERKELEY DOUBLE BILL

1 July 7pm Tickets £10-£50

Peel back the sunny veneer of the American dream in Bernstein's Trouble in Tahiti. Lifting the curtain on 1950s suburbia with a seven-scene sneak-peek into the marriage of brash capitalist Sam and his frustrated housewife, Dinah. Royal College of Music www.rcm.ac.uk

ZINGSTER STRASSE 25

3 July 7pm Free

Addressing the urgent need for living space in the 1950s the GDR government introduced new housing projects based on prefabricated concrete slabs, the so-called Plattenbau. Three decades later, the artist Sonya Schönberger visits some of the original and new tenants living at Zingster Strasse 25. Goethe Institut www.goethe.de

RCM SAXOPHONE ENSEMBLE

3 July 7:30pm Tickets £5

The RCM Saxophone Ensemble presents a packed programme, with music from the 16th century right up to world premieres by

RCM composers. The concert also features music from Elgar's The Wand of Youth in a version by celebrated saxophone arranger Gary Bricault. Royal College of Music www.rcm.ac.uk

THE BIGGEST LITTLE FARM

4 July 6:30pm Tickets £5

Emmy Award-winner, John Chester's film chronicles his eight-year quest with his wife Molly, incited by the love of a rescue dog to trade city life for 200 acres of barren farmland in California. Breathtaking cinematography creates a blueprint for saving our endangered biodiversity. Institut français www.institutfrancais.org.uk

DIOR IN DETAIL DESIGNING DREAMS

5 July 10:30-5:30pm Tickets £15-£45 incl. refreshments

Delve deeper into the world of Dior in the company of fashion historians, curators, conservators and designers. From Dior's dresses for Princess Margaret to accessories and underwear, talks will explore objects on display but also those in the V&A archive. V&A www.Vam.ac.uk

THE SUMMER STUDIO: BELINDA ZHAWI

9 July 10:30am – 12 July – 2:45pm Free but booking required. The Serpentine's Schools Artist-in-Residence 2019, poet and writer Belinda Zhawi, will lead a series of creative writing workshops with school groups. Serpentine Galleries www.serpentinegalleries.org.

PARALLEL LINES: SCULPTURE AND DRAWING

Til 13 July Mon-Fri 11am-5pm Sat 12-5pm Free. An exploration of the relationship between sculpture and drawing,

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considering drawing in its broadest sense. From the Ingram Collection of Modern British Art are paired with drawings by contemporary sculptors, including Elisabeth Frink and Henry Moor. Royal Society of Sculptors. www.sculptors.org.uk

APOLLO 11: FIRST STEPS EDITION 2D (U)

Til 19 July Dates and times vary Adults £11 Family from £23. Experience the lift-off, landing and return of the historic Apollo 11 mission on one of the biggest cinema screens in Europe. Using never-before-seen 70mm footage and audio recordings from NASA's vaults. Science Museum www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

PROMS FREE EVENTS

From 19 July til 14 September Free Every day of the Proms season you will find a free pre-concert event a stone's throw away at Imperial College Union's Beit Venues, offering opportunities to look deeper and learn more about the context, ideas and history behind some of the music at the Proms. www.bbc.co.uk/events

COMPANION: MOON

Til 29 Aug Free Times vary Explores the relationship between our planet and the Moon and the constant push and pull between these two celestial bodies in a free performance. Join interactive theatre-makers Coney in an experience where you can join in or observe as multiple art forms combine. Natural History Museum www.nhm.ac.uk

MEET A MOUSE ON A MISSION: A MISSION TO THE MOON!

Til 1 September 11-11:20am Free Age 6 and under. Find out all about rockets in this

wonderful workshop. Make your very own rocket mouse and see how high you can blast them into space. Science Museum www.sciencemuseum.org.uk

QUEEN VICTORIA & PRINCE ALBERT'S BICENTENARY

Til 1 September Free

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert's births with a season of events and displays, including a new addition to our jewellery collection – Queen Victoria's stunning sapphire and diamond coronet, now on display. V&A www.vam.ac.uk

INVESTIGATE FOR FAMILIES

Til 1 September Free 10:30am Drop-in Get a feel for how scientists work by having a go yourself. Come and explore hundreds of real nature specimens that form the evidence Museum scientists use in their work. Natural History Museum www.nhm.ac.uk

YOGA CLASSES UNDER THE MOON

Til 2 Sept Dates, Times and Prices vary Under Luke Jerram's magnificent artwork, Museum of the Moon, a special series of yoga and wellbeing classes taught by qualified instructors will guide you through a series of movements and poses that connect to the Moon hanging above. Natural History Museum www.nhm.ac.uk

FAITH RINGGOLD

Til 8 September Free

The ground-breaking work of Faith Ringgold is celebrated in this exhibition at the Serpentine Galleries, her first in a European institution. Serpentine Galleries www.serpentinegalleries.org

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