



The 31st Annual Festival 2025



**Come and join the Festival
during September 2025
Box Office: 020 8560 8108**





MAKING A DIFFERENCE

WELCOME TO YOUR FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 2025

Hounslow Older People's Festival 2025 is the 31st annual Festival

September 2025 will be packed with exciting events, activities, trips and socials creating a Festival that offers a varied programme with something for everyone who wants to join in.

For the Festival 2025 we are pleased to have entered into new partnerships with Hounslow Adult Education and Historic Royal Palaces and we are delighted to welcome back the British Museum.

Local Hounslow organisations have been spectacularly supportive this year. We would like to say a big thank you to Hounslow Library Service, Kew Gardens, Hounslow Age UK, Redlees Studios, Hogarth's House, the Salopian Garden, Chiswick House and Gardens, Age Concern Chiswick, Feltham Arts and particularly The Musical Museum for providing the Festival Box Office. These local organisations provide much needed support and exciting activities for you to enjoy. Without their participation there would be no Hounslow Older People's Festival.

Please be sure to book early as many of the Festival activities sell out quickly and I don't want you to be disappointed.

Lali Weerasinghe
Chair Hounslow Seniors Trust

Hounslow Older People's Festival 2025 for further information visit www.hounslowseniorstrust.org.uk

HOW TO BOOK

Unless otherwise stated all events must be booked through
The Musical Museum, 399 High Street, Brentford, TW8 0DU

Telephone: 020 8560 8108

Tickets will be on sale

Monday 21st July 2025, 11am to 4pm

Then from 22nd July the Box Office is open

Tuesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 4pm

Tickets for FREE EVENTS and the Kew Gardens visit are limited to 2 per person

**Tickets cannot be returned through the Box Office. If you want
to return tickets you have purchased or cannot attend a free event
you have booked call 07341 671540**

**Please note that if, on the day, you are unable to attend
an event you have booked call 07341 671540**

*Please check accessibility details when booking and inform
the box office if there are wheelchair users in your group*



Tuesday 2 September

- **Chartwell House & Gardens Trip**
**10am sharp the coach leaves from the corner of Balfour Road
and Montague Road, Hounslow, TW3. £24**

"I bought this house for the view", said Churchill and it was his family home from 1924 until shortly before his death in 1965. The beautiful gardens and ponds that he created reflect his love of landscape and nature. The house is filled with personal belongings from every aspect of his life, giving a glimpse into the private world of one of Britain's greatest leaders.

This is a hilly site, so wear very sensible shoes and bring a stick or walking pole if this would be helpful. Members of the National Trust should bring their cards.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Wednesday 3 September

- **Salopian Garden.....Garden visit & Pizza Event**
1pm-3pm, The Salopian Garden, 689a London Road, Hounslow, TW7 4ES. FREE

Come to Cultivate London's beautiful kitchen garden and make a delicious pizza cooked in the wood fired pizza oven. Take a tour of the garden and pick some seasonal produce, vegetables, herbs and salad leaves, to add to the toppings on your pizza creation. The pizza base, mozzarella cheese and toppings will be provided. You will also be able to make a felt brooch or block print on fabric.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

- **West London Chess ClubSocial Chess**
7.15pm, The George and Devonshire, 8 Burlington Lane, Chiswick, W4 2QE. FREE

If you are a beginner, or a seasoned player looking for fresh challenges, come along and enjoy a game of chess in a relaxing, friendly environment. Just turn up or for more information contact Andy Hayler on 07768 940789 or email andy.hayler@informationdifference.com

Thursday 4 September

- **Charterhouse BrothersTour**
11.15am, meet your escort at the entrance to Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6AN. £12

Hidden behind closed doors for more than 650 years, Charterhouse now welcomes the public to come and discover its unique history. Since 1371 The Charterhouse has been a monastery, grand mansion, boys' school and an almshouse, which it remains to this day. All the residents are known as Brothers (even the women). One of the Brothers will take us on a guided tour of the house and we can also visit the glorious gardens.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Friday 5 September

- **Age UK Hounslow Information & Advice Fair**
11am-3pm, Hounslow Age UK, Southville Community Centre,
Southville Road, Feltham, TW14 8AP. FREE

We look forward to seeing you at Age UK Hounslow's Advice and Information Fair. Come along and explore the wide range of local services and support available to help you live well in later life. This is a fantastic opportunity to:

- Hear from local organisations
- Find out about activities available in your area
- Ask questions and get expert advice
- Take part in informative workshops and fun activities
- Meet new people in a welcoming environment

No need to book – just drop in. For further information email bethan.langrish@ageukhounslow.org.uk

- **British Museum An Afternoon at the Museum**
2-4pm, at 1.50pm meet your escort outside Starbucks directly opposite
the Main Gate of the Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1B 3DG. £5

We will start our visit with a cup of tea and an introduction to the exhibition, Ancient India: living traditions. Then we will visit the exhibition to discover the origins of Hindu, Jain and Buddhist sacred art and how it lives on 2000 years later.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Sunday 7 September

- **Isleworth Riverside Walking Tour**
2.30pm, meet at All Saints Church, Church Street, Isleworth,
TW7 6BE. £3 pay the guide on the day.

A chance to see an unusual sundial, the Thames side home of artist J.M.W. Turner, 350-year-old almshouses bordered by a man-made river and much more.

No need to book just turn up.

Monday 8 September

- **Move into WellbeingWorkshop**

11am-12 noon, Isleworth Public Hall, South Street, Isleworth, TW7 7BG. £3

Join this friendly group of people who enjoy unique and specially crafted weekly dance, movement and exercise classes for people aged 60+. This group meets every Monday during term time. To register call 07341 671540 or visit our website www.hounslowseiorstrust.org.uk and drop us an email.

- **Cooking & Pottery Workshops**

10.30am-4pm, Meadowbank Adult and Community Education Centre, Community Close, Hounslow, TW5 9QX. This is a full day of activities. FREE

10.30am-1.30pm, Plant-based Cooking Workshop.

Good for you, good for the planet. Discover how delicious, nutritious and sustainable plant-based meals can be. Prepare a delicious meal and enjoy it before the afternoon workshop.

2-4pm, Pottery Workshop

Get hands-on with pottery – learn a simple hand building technique with clay. Feel a sense of accomplishment that you have learnt a new skill and created something through the medium of clay.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Tuesday 9 September

- **Chenies Manor House & Gardens Trip**

11am sharp the coach leaves from the corner of Balfour Road and Montague Road, Hounslow, TW3. £24

We start our day at Chenies Garden Centre where there is lots to see and lots of choices for lunch. Then on to Chenies Manor House. Idyllically situated in the natural beauty of the Chilterns, this is one of the UK's finest Tudor Manors, often visited by Henry VIII and his daughter Elizabeth I. Come on a guided tour of the Manor, wander round the award-winning gardens, maybe explore the maze and go to the tea shop for tea and cake. Historic House Members should bring their cards.

Remember the coach leaves at 11am sharp.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Wednesday 10 September

- **Death Comes to Pemberley..... Theatre**
**2pm, meet your escort outside Richmond Theatre,
The Green, TW9 1QJ. £18**

Step into the world of Pride and Prejudice with a riveting new stage adaptation that combines Jane Austen's timeless romance with a gripping murder mystery imagined by master storyteller, the 'Queen of Crime', P.D.James.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Thursday 11 September

- **Kew Gardens..... Tour of Kew Palace**
10.30am, meet your escort at Victoria Gate, Kew Gardens. £5

Join the Historic Royal Palaces team, who will be dressed in regency attire, for a guided tour of Kew Palace home of King George III and Queen Charlotte who enjoyed summers at Kew and used the property during periods of the King's mental ill health. During the guided tour you will have an opportunity to ask any questions.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

- **Singing for Fun..... Choir**
**1.45-2.45pm, The Musical Museum, 399 High Street,
Brentford, TW8 0DU. FREE**

Would you like to..... Learn to sing?..... Improve your voice?..... Increase your confidence? Then come along and join Singing for Fun run by top music professional Helen Astrid. The Choir will perform at the Closing Event of Hounslow Older People's Festival. No previous experience needed. After the Festival the Choir continues every Thursday during term time. Just turn up, or to register call 07341 671540 or visit our website www.hounslowseniorstrust.org.uk and drop us an email.

Friday 12 September

- **Kensington & visit to Kensington Palace..... Guided Walk & Visit**
11.30am, meet your Blue Badge Guide at High Street Kensington Tube Station on the Circle and District Lines. £14

Kensington developed from a village to the Royal Borough we know today during the seventeenth century when William and Mary moved from the Court at Westminster, preferring the more rural setting. Kensington developed around the Court and many of the houses we see today were built for courtiers. It became a Georgian Palace in the eighteenth century and in the nineteenth century Princess Victoria and her mother lived here before Victoria became queen. Many writers and artists lived in the area at that time. This walk will explore some of the beautiful Squares and streets that they lived in, and their fascinating stories. There will be time after the walk to visit Kensington Palace that was built by Sir Christopher Wren and see the stunning interior designed by William Kent.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Sunday 14 September

- **The Wind Silent Movie**
2.30pm, The Musical Museum, 399 High Street, Brentford, TW8 0DU.
£8 if you show a copy of Hounslow Older People's Festival brochure.

The Wind (1928) is an American romantic drama directed by Victor Sjöström. Starring Lilian Gish, it is one of the last silent movies ever released by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and is considered among the greatest 'silent' films of all time. The performance features musical accompaniment from the Mighty Wurlitzer organ with Donald MacKenzie.

Booking through the Box office essential.

Monday 15 September

- **Move into WellbeingWorkshop**
11am-12 noon, Isleworth Public Hall, South Street, Isleworth, TW7 7BG. £3
See Monday 8 September for details.

- **Contemporary ArtWorkshop**
11.30am-1pm, Redlees Studios, Redlees Park, Worton Road, Isleworth TW7 6DW. FREE

Join Amelia Lucy Wood, an abstract fine artist recently exhibited in Hong Kong, for a dynamic and inspiring workshop. This workshop will be an Introduction to Contemporary mixed media mark making. We will explore the expressive potential of layering, texture, and spontaneous creativity. Amelia is excited to share accessible techniques and playful approaches to mark making and collage. This session is perfect for both beginners and seasoned creatives.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Tuesday 16 September

- **Gadget SurgeriesWorkshops**
10.30am-12.30pm, Feltham Library, The Centre, High St, TW13 4GU. FREE
2.30-4.30pm, Osterley Library, 11, St Mary's Crescent, TW7 4NB. FREE

Our friendly Gadget Doctor, Ni Cuu, is back to guide you through problems with laptops, phones, tablets, emails and lots more. Just bring in the gadget that is causing worries.

No need to book, just drop in and ask staff where the workshop is happening.

- **Fleet Street & visit to Samuel Johnson's House ... Guided Walk & Visit**
1pm, meet your Blue Badge Guide at Temple Tube Station on the Circle and District Lines. £14

Fleet Street is world-famous for its association with the newspaper world and the printing industry. On this walk we see many historical Fleet Street connections. The Oranges and Lemons church where Dr Johnson worshipped, The Royal Courts of Justice, Twining's Tea shop, Temple Bar, Hens and Chickens Court where the legendary Sweeney Todd had his barber shop, Samuel Pepys's birthplace and more..... We visit one of the famous local hostelrys, The Cheshire Cheese. The jewel in the crown is the visit to Dr Johnston's House where for seven years he wrote his famous dictionary. A time warp of the 18th century and not to be missed! Please note there a lot of stairs to negotiate both in the pub and the house.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Wednesday 17 September

- **Chiswick HouseGuided House Tour**
10.45am, meet your escort in front of Chiswick House, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, W4 2RP. FREE

Enjoy a great day out at Chiswick House, a glorious 18th century house with 65 acres of wonderful woodland, lawns and landscaped gardens. Join our friendly and experienced guide for a fascinating tour of the stunning Grade 1-listed House with over 300 years of history, architecture and art to enjoy. There is a narrow spiral staircase to reach the first floor of the House. If you find this difficult to manage the House staff can provide alternative access via the external portico steps. Unfortunately, owing to the historic constraints of the building there is no lift access to the first floor of Chiswick House.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

- **Drypoint Workshop & visit to Hogarth's House Tour & Workshop**
1.30-4pm, Hogarth's House, Hogarth Lane, Great West Rd, W4 2QN. FREE

We start our afternoon with a guided tour of Hogarth's House during which you will see many Hogarth prints. The tour will be followed by a drypoint print workshop. Learn about the techniques Hogarth used to create his prints such as engraving and etching as well as the more modern, drypoint. You will have an opportunity to make your own unique plate using specialist tools, run it through the intaglio press and take home your finished print. Suitable for beginners. Wear old clothes.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Thursday 18 September

- **T'ai ChiWorkshop**
11.30am-12.30pm, Chiswick Town Hall, Heathfield Terrace, W4 4JN. FREE

T'ai Chi offers physical exercise that is good for mind, body and spirit. The form we do is a gentle one, if you need to stay seated you can. Join this taster session and if you like it you can enjoy T'ai Chi every Thursday during term time for £3. To register call 07341 671540 or visit our website www.hounslowseniorstrust.org.uk and drop us an email.

- **Singing for Fun.....Choir**
1.45-2.45pm, The Musical Museum, 399 High St, Brentford, TW8 0DU. FREE

See Thursday 11 September, for details.

- **Tea Dance Social**
2-4pm, Age Concern Chiswick, Oxford Road North, W4 4DN. £5

Age Concern Chiswick are excited to announce they are hosting one of their fabulous tea dances as part of Hounslow Older People's Festival. EVERYONE is welcome! It's a great opportunity to have a fun afternoon and meet new people! We look forward to welcoming you to our Friendship Club.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Friday 19 September

- **Chelsea Physic Garden Visit & Tour**
12 noon meet your escort at the entrance to the garden,
66 Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4HS. £8

To start your afternoon enjoy refreshments in the café or eat your packed lunch in these lovely surroundings. There will be a guided tour of the garden at 1pm. Since 1673 Chelsea Physic Garden has occupied four acres of land on the edge of the Thames. It is London's oldest botanic garden and contains a unique living collection of around 5000 different edible, useful and medicinal plants that have changed the world.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Monday 22 September

- **Move into Wellbeing Workshop**
11am-12 noon, Isleworth Public Hall, South Street, Isleworth, TW7 7BG. £3
See Monday 8 September for details.
- **Good Vibes & Creative Fun Live Music & Craft**
2-4pm, The Hub, next to Feltham Library, 2nd Floor,
The Centre, TW13 4GU. FREE

Feltham Arts invites you to join them for a creative afternoon of craft with ArtJar. Create a framed mono-print or a beautiful collage to take home. Enjoy some upbeat live music from a local cover band, there'll even be an invitation to join in and sing-along. Come to Good Vibes and Creative Fun for the perfect afternoon of music and creativity. Light refreshments will be served.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Tuesday 23 September

- **Bluebell Railway Coach & Train Trip**
10am sharp the coach leaves from the corner of Balfour Road and Montague Road, Hounslow, TW3. £24

We arrive at Sheffield Park station that has been restored to its 1880's grandeur. We have a while to relax before we take a guided tour of the station, the museum and the steam shop. Our 11-mile steam train trip takes us through glorious countryside to East Grinstead and back. Full refreshment facilities are available at Sheffield Park station and you can take snacks on the train. Refreshments are also available at East Grinstead where we have a short stop.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Wednesday 24 September

- **Drypoint Print Workshop & visit to Hogarth's HouseTour & Workshop**
1.30-4pm, Hogarth's House, Hogarth Lane, Great West Road, W4 2QN. FREE

We start our afternoon with a guided tour of Hogarth's House during which you will see many Hogarth prints. The tour will be followed by a drypoint print workshop. Learn about the techniques Hogarth used to create his prints, such as engraving and etching as well as the more modern, drypoint. You will have an opportunity to make your own unique plate using specialist tools, run it through the intaglio press and take home your finished print. Suitable for beginners. Wear old clothes.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Thursday 25 September

- **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir TempleVisit & Lunch**
10am sharp the coach leaves from the corner of Balfour Road and Montague Road, Hounslow, TW3. £17 (cost includes an Indian vegetarian buffet)

BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden is a masterpiece of exquisite Indian design and workmanship. Marvel at the intricate marble and wooden carvings and learn about the world's oldest living faith from the 'Understanding Hinduism' exhibition. Complete your visit with a meal at the delightful Shayona Restaurant.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

- **T'ai Chi** **Workshop**
11.30am-12.30pm, Chiswick Town Hall, Heathfield Terrace, W4 4JN. £3
 See Thursday 18 September, for details.
- **Singing for Fun** **Choir**
1.45-2.45pm, The Musical Museum, 399 High St, Brentford, TW8 0DU. FREE
 See Thursday 11 September, for details.

Friday 26 September

- **Hounslow Older People's Festival** **Closing Event**
2-4.30pm, Chiswick Town Hall, Heathfield Terrace, Turnham Green, Chiswick, London, W4 4JN. £10

A great afternoon out to end Hounslow Older People's Festival in style. This event will feature demonstrations of T'ai Chi, Move into Wellbeing, performances by Hounslow Seniors Trust's Dance Group and the Choir and an exhibition of the Rag Rugs created by our members. There will be an opportunity to see the wall hanging celebrating 30 years of Hounslow Seniors Trust. To round off the afternoon professional dancers from Swing Dance UK will teach us all the moves and DJ a session for us to let our hair down and dance the afternoon away. Afternoon tea will be served.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

Monday 29 September

- **Music 4 You** **Tea Dance**
2-5pm, The Musical Museum, 399 High Street, Brentford, TW8 0DU. £5 if you show a copy of Hounslow Older People's Festival brochure.

The Music 4 You Tea Dance features the incredibly talented Matthew Bason on the Mighty Wurlitzer playing a mixture of ballroom and popular sequence dance music. Our hall provides the ideal venue for a twirl around the dance floor and a chance to practice your 'Strictly' moves.

Booking through the Box Office essential.

LIST OF VENUES

- **Age Concern Chiswick**, The Friendship Club,
Oxford Road North, W4 4DN
Train: Gunnersbury
Bus: H91, 237, 267 440
- **The British Museum**, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG
Tube: Russell Square
- **Chelsea Physic Garden**, 66 Royal Hospital Rd, London SW3 4HS
Tube: Sloane Square
Bus: 170
- **Chiswick House**, Burlington Lane, Chiswick, W4 2RP
Train: Chiswick
Tube: Turnham Green
Bus: 190, 533, E3
- **Chiswick Town Hall**, Heathfield Terrace, Turnham Green,
Chiswick, London W4 4JN
Tube: Chiswick Park
Bus: 110, 237, 267, 272, H91, 440, E3
- **Feltham Library**, 2nd Floor, The Centre, High Street, TW13 4GU
Train: Feltham
Bus: 90, 117, 235 and H25
- **Hogarth House**, Hogarth Lane, Great West Rd, London W4 2QN
Bus: 190
- **Hounslow Age UK**, Southville Community Centre,
Southville Road, Feltham, TW14 8AP
Bus: 116 and H25
Train: Feltham Railway station - 20 minute walk to Southville Centre
- **Isleworth Public Hall**, South St, Isleworth TW7 7BG
Bus: H37

- **Kew Gardens**, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 3AB
Bus: 65, 391
Train: Kew or Kew Bridge
- **Meadowbank Adult and Community Education Centre**,
Community Close, Hounslow TW5 9QX
Bus: 81, 222, H98
- **The Musical Museum**, 399 High Street, Brentford, TW8 0DU
Train: Kew Bridge
Bus: 65, 267, 237
- **Osterley Library**, St Mary's Crescent, TW7 4NB
Bus: H28 and H91
- **Redlees Studio**, Redlees Park, Isleworth, TW7 6DW
Bus: 267, H20 and H37
- **Richmond Theatre**, 1 Little Green, Richmond TW9 1QJ
Train: Richmond
Tube: Richmond
Overground: Richmond
Bus: 27, 33, 37, 65, and 71
- **The Salopian Garden**, 689a London Road, Hounslow. TW7 4ES
Bus: 117, 235, 237, E8, H37 (get off at Star Centre stop)



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29 AUGUST 6-9PM
30 & 31 AUGUST 11AM-5PM

Creative Mile and Hounslow Seniors Trust are delighted to be working together to celebrate the artistic theme of Neighbourhood. The trail features over 100 artists and makers exhibiting in the unique studios and venues of Brentford.

EVERYONE'S WELCOME – for more information visit the website www.creativemile.org. Join the mailing list for updates and a chance to win £100 to spend on art during the festival.

Hounslow Seniors Trust will be exhibiting work created by older people this year. All venues on this self-guided tour offer free admission.

Invite your neighbour to come along, too.

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