

# HILLINGDON CULTURE AND HERITAGE

OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2023



EXHIBITIONS, THEATRE AND MUSIC

LIBRARY EVENTS, FAMILY ACTIVITIES

AND LOTS MORE...



HILLINGDON  
LONDON

[www.hillingdon.gov.uk](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk)

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY

MANOR FARM HOUSE

### BAT WALK

**Sunday 1 October, 7pm to 9pm**

With the aid of bat detectors, we will scan the skies for bats and learn all about their lives on this leisurely evening stroll.

Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes. It will be quite dark by the time we finish so you may want to bring a torch.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillingdon.gov.uk ☎ 01895 250702



RUISLIP LIDO

### PLANET WALK

**Saturday 7 October, 11am to 12.30pm**

Join us for a guided walk around the 14 Walk the Planets panels which tell the story of our solar system and beyond. Coinciding with World Space Week, the emphasis will be on lessons learned from space probes visiting the planets since Sputnik launched the Space Age, 66 years ago this very week.

The walk will be led by the West of London Astronomical Society's Outreach Officer and co-author of the Walk the Planets trail.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillingdon.gov.uk ☎ 01895 250702



CRANFORD PARK

### APPLE DAY

**Sunday 8 October, 10am to 4pm**

Ever wanted to get hands-on in an orchard? Well, here is your chance! At this annual Apple Day we will be picking fruit, processing them with a scrapper and pressing juice.

**Cost:** Free, no booking required.



COMPASS THEATRE

## THE GINGERBREAD MAN AND THE POT FULL OF MAGIC

Saturday 21 October, 3pm

*"You can't catch me, you're much too slow! I like to run wherever I go!"* Can YOU catch that slippery biscuit? A bowl of porridge will keep your energy up, and Granny Grinpickle's Magic Porridge Pot has made enough for everyone. These two tasty tales are served with unexpected spice and flavour, along with the **Theatre of Widdershins'** trademark ingredients of puppets, pop-up sets and original music.

**Cost:** £10

**Book:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615





WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE

## THE WIZARD OF OZ

Wednesday 25 to Saturday 28 October, 7.30pm  
and Saturday 28 October, 2.30pm

Follow the yellow brick road with **WOS Productions**, in collaboration with **Argosy Players**. This production features music from the iconic MGM film, including *Somewhere Over The Rainbow*, *Merry Old Land Of Oz* and *We're Off To See The Wizard*, as we see young Dorothy Gale travel from Kansas to the magical land of Oz. Perfect for all the family!

**Cost:** From £16. Group discount available.

**Book:**  [www.wos-productions.org.uk](http://www.wos-productions.org.uk)  07391 988077



BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER



## HALF-TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 October

Arts and crafts activities suitable for all ages.

**Cost:** Included in admission fee to the bunker/visitor centre. Free for under-16s.

**Find out more:**

 [battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on](http://battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on)  
 01895 238154





# 'EXPRESS YOUR CREATIVITY THIS OCTOBER HALF TERM!'

dk productions &  
Hillingdon Council  
present

# October HALF TERM Workshops!

10am-4pm

Suitable for children aged 7-14

£35 per day  
£90 for the full 3 days

**BOOK NOW**

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Compass Theatre, Glebe Avenue,  
Ickenham, UB10 8PD

Wednesday 25 October

## Spooky 'Wednesday'

A day sure to be creepy and kooky,  
featuring songs and scenes from  
The Addams Family & Hocus Pocus



Thursday 26 October

## Revoltin' Children

Calling all Matilda lovers! Get ready  
to express your revolting side in this  
jam packed theatrical experience



Friday 27 October

## Under The Sea

Dive under the sea and explore  
music, movement and mermaids  
in a day celebrating  
The Little Mermaid



Discount  
for three  
days



BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER

## PIPSQUEAKS! TODDLER STORY SESSIONS

Friday 27 and Saturday 28 October,  
10.30am to 11.30am

Fly over oceans, find your lost plane and sing along to your favourite nursery rhymes.

Sessions include entry to the visitor centre. This activity is intended for children aged 18 months to three years, but babies are also welcome.

**Cost:** £2.50

**Book:**  [battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on](https://battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on)  01895 238154



COMPASS THEATRE

## ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL FILM SING-A-LONG (PG)

Saturday 28 October, 1pm

A new take on the Tony and Olivier award-winning musical. *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical* tells the story of an extraordinary girl, with a vivid imagination, who dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results. Come along and enjoy singing your heart out with other Matilda fans at this half-term holiday film screening.

**Cost:** £8.50

**Book:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615





CRANFORD PARK

## SPOOKY CRANFORD PARK

Sunday 29 October, midday to 4pm

Spooky family fun in Cranford Park. Listen to creepy stories, follow the terrifying trail, and try to catch a glimpse of the fabled ghost of the grey lady.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:**  [archives@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hillingdon.gov.uk)  
 01895 250702



RUISLIP LIDO

## STAR GAZING WEEKEND

Friday 17 to Sunday 19 November, 6pm to 8pm

If the sky is clear, the Moon, Jupiter and Uranus will be visible, along with the Andromeda Galaxy and The Seven Sisters plus many other objects. Members of the West of London Astronomical Society will be on hand – with a variety of telescopes – to answer your questions.

Wear warm clothing. This event is weather-dependent and a decision whether it will go ahead will be made by 3pm each day. Check website for updates.

**Cost:** Free, no booking required.

**Find out more:**  [www.wolas.org.uk](http://www.wolas.org.uk)



CRANFORD PARK


## WINTER WALK AND FOREST SKILLS

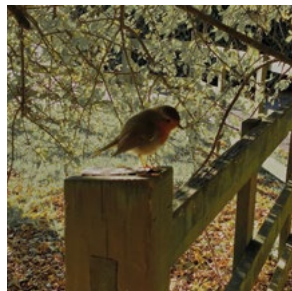
Saturday 18 November, midday to 2pm

Join Paul for a guided winter walk around the park. Learn how to make a poacher's shelter along with other woodland skills.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:**  [archives@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hillington.gov.uk)

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UXBRIDGE LIBRARY


## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

Saturday 16 December, 10am to 11am and 11.15am to 12.15pm

Create your own Christmas card or decoration.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:**  [archives@hillington.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hillington.gov.uk)

 01895 250702



BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER

## CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

**Saturday 16 December, 11am to 3.30pm**

Join us at the Battle of Britain Bunker for a weekend of top-secret Santa crafts.

**Cost:** Included in admission fee to the bunker/ visitor centre. Free for under-16s.

**Find out more:**

@ battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on

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CRANFORD PARK

## MINI WREATH-MAKING

**Saturday 16 December, midday to 2pm**

Get your house ready for Christmas with our mini wreath-making workshop. Gather the material straight from the park whilst enjoying a winter walk in our wonderful woodlands.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillingdon.gov.uk

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WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE

## WINTER CONCERTS

**Saturday 16 December, from midday**

Live music performances from the choirs, bands and orchestras of Hillingdon Music Service.

**Cost:** £10 / Over-60s and under-16s £8

**Book:** www.hillingdontheatres.uk

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7 DECEMBER 2023 – 6 JANUARY 2024

DK PRODUCTIONS & HILLINGDON COUNCIL PRESENT

# Dick Whittington



“YOUR FAVOURITE  
DAME RETURNS!”

NIALL HEMINGWAY  
AS SARAH THE COOK

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NO BOOKING FEES





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## DK PRODUCTIONS & HILLINGDON COUNCIL PRESENT

# Dick Whittington

## TICKET PRICES AND SHOW TIMES

### OFF PEAK SHOWS

Adults £19  
Under 16s £15  
Family of 4\* £60  
Groups of 10+ £15

\* 2 adults and 2 under 16s or  
1 adult and 3 under 16s

### PEAK SHOWS

Adults £19  
Under 16s £15

### SCHOOL TIME SHOWS

Schools £10  
Adults £19  
Under 16s £15  
Groups of 10+ £10

Thurs 7 Dec	10:00am	1:00pm	Fri 22 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	
Fri 8 Dec	10:00am	1:00pm	Sat 23 Dec	11:30am	3:00pm	6:30pm
Sat 9 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	Sun 24 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	
Sun 10 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	Tues 26 Dec	2:30pm	6:00pm	
Tues 12 Dec	10:00am	1:00pm	Wed 27 Dec	11:30am	3:00pm	6:30pm
Wed 13 Dec	10:00am	1:00pm	Thurs 28 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	
Fri 15 Dec		7:30pm	Fri 29 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	
Sat 16 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	Sat 30 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	
Sun 17 Dec	1:30pm	5:00pm	Sun 31 Dec	12:30pm	4:00pm	
Mon 18 Dec	10:00am	1:00pm*	Thurs 4 Jan	1:30pm*	5:00pm	
Tues 19 Dec	10:00am	1:00pm	Fri 5 Jan	1:30pm	5:00pm	
Thurs 21 Dec	4:00pm	7:30pm	Sat 6 Jan	1:30pm	5:00pm	

\*Relaxed Performances

## COMPASS THEATRE, ICKENHAM

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[WWW.HILLINGDONTHEATRES.UK](http://WWW.HILLINGDONTHEATRES.UK)

NO BOOKING FEES



# New Show for 2023

dk productions & Hillingdon Council present

# The Santa Show



It's Christmas Eve in the North Pole and the Elves are making final preparations to Santa's sleigh before a crisis strikes! Santa needs your help to resolve the problem before it is too late and Christmas is cancelled. Will the children be able to help Santa save the day?

**COMPASS THEATRE**  
GLEBE AVENUE, ICKENHAM, UB10 8PD  
Tickets £14 adults / £12 under 16s



Sat 16 Dec / Sun 17 Dec / Fri 22 Dec / Sun 24 Dec - 10am

BOX OFFICE: 01895 250615 [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)

No booking fees

COMPASS THEATRE

## COMPASS KIDZ AND NEW: COMPASS TEENZ

**Saturday mornings and Thursdays after school,  
term-time**

A fun and safe creative environment in which children aged four to 12 (Compass Kidz) and young people aged 13 to 16 (Compass Teenz) can increase confidence, improve communication skills, and develop performing arts disciplines in drama, music, and dance with end of term performances. Led by experienced and DBS checked tutors.

**Find out more:**  [www.dk-pro.co.uk/join-in/#compasskidz](http://www.dk-pro.co.uk/join-in/#compasskidz)



COMPASS THEATRE

## STAGE TALENT ACADEMY

**Music lessons in school, after school and at weekends**

Give your child the gift of music and enhance their life skills. Choose piano, guitar, singing, violin, music theory, ukulele and more. Experienced instructors will help develop talent, confidence, social and educational skills, and preparation for ABRSM or Trinity examinations. Free taster session available.

**Find out more:**  [www.stagetalent.co.uk](http://www.stagetalent.co.uk)  07782 503260



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## STARS AT KNIGHT SCHOOL OF DRAMA

**Saturday mornings, term-time**

The home of speech and drama in Hillingdon and the perfect way for young people, aged five to 18, to build confidence and make new friends, in one-hour lessons full of challenging games and improvisations – plus optional preparation for Trinity Drama exams with DBS checked and fully trained tutors.

**Find out more:**  [starsatknight-schoolofdrama.co.uk](http://starsatknight-schoolofdrama.co.uk)  
 07890 061651  020 8866 2067







WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE

## ESPRIT DE CORPS 2023 CONCERTS

THE ROYAL AIR FORCE SQUADRONAIRES

Friday 6 October, 7.30pm

THE BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT

Friday 24 November, 7.30pm

THE CENTRAL BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE

Friday 15 December, 7.30pm

The **RAF Music Association** present live performances by the RAF's military bands.

Cost: £19.50 / Package of all three concerts £48

Book:  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)

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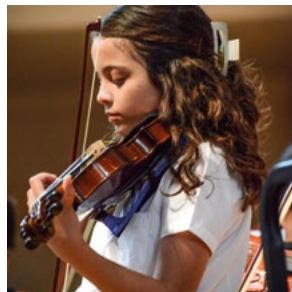
VARIOUS VENUES

## HILLINGDON MUSIC SERVICE

### Various days and times

Hillingdon Music Service provides music lessons for children and young people in schools for whole classes, small groups and individuals. The service also supports schools to deliver their own music activities and offers a range of bands and orchestras at their Saturday Music School.

Find out more and sign up:  [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/music)



## THEATRE

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## THE COMPASS MOSAIC SHOW

Saturday 30 September, 6pm

The **Friends of Ickenham Hall** community group, and **Stage Talent Academy** present a colourful, live stage show packed-full of a variety of entertainment from volunteer performers of all ages. Proceeds support the Grade II listed Ickenham Hall, adjacent to the theatre, used for performing arts education and rehearsal.

Cost: £10

Book:  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615



WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE

## THE PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA

Sunday 8 October, 3pm

Hits and humour from the 1920s and 1930s, including tunes from Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and George Gershwin – performed by the Rolls Royce of dance bands – the **Pasadena Roof Orchestra**, presented by Industria Lodge, part of Freemasonry in Buckinghamshire.

Cost: £25

Book:  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615



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## MUSICAL MIXTAPE

Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 October, 7.30pm  
and Saturday 14 October, 2.45pm

Following their production of *Company*, **Pastiche** return with their annual concert – their first since 2019. Featuring the best of the West End and Broadway, *Musical Mixtape* has something for everyone, celebrating the songs and shows that make up the very best of musical theatre.

**Cost:** £12

**Book:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615



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## BAD GIRLS THE MUSICAL

Wednesday 18 to Saturday 21 October, 7.30pm  
and Saturday 21 October, 2.30pm

**KLOS Musical Theatre** invite you to meet an anarchic bunch of women on the edge and up against the odds, telling stories of lives left behind, dreams of better futures, and prison officers out to dash their every hope.

**Cost:** Tickets £20 / Over-65s and under-16s (Wednesday and Saturday 2.30pm only) £18

**Book:**  [www.ticketsource.co.uk/klosmusicaltheatre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/klosmusicaltheatre)  
 020 8207 2340  07938 016580



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## THE 39 STEPS

Wednesday 1 to Saturday 4 November, 7.30pm and  
Saturday 4 November, 3pm

Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have a fast-paced whodunnit, perfect for anyone who loves thrillers, comedies and the magic of theatre! **Encore Theatre's** production is packed with non-stop laughs, old fashioned romance, and plenty of suspense.

**Cost:** Tickets £15 / Over-65s and under-14s (Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday 3pm only) £13

**Book:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615





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## LADIES DAY

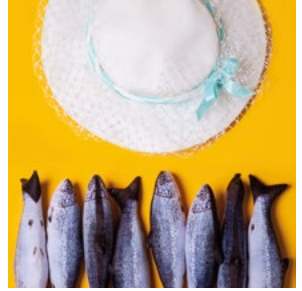
Wednesday 8 to Saturday 11 November, 7.45pm

**Proscenium** presents this exuberant comedy about four women from the Hull fish docks on a day trip to the races. Ditching work, and dressed up to the nines, they head off to the races for some fun. And if they are lucky, they may just hit the jackpot!

Ticket price includes a programme, available on your way in.

**Cost:** Tickets £16 / Over-60s and students £15 / Groups of 10+ £10

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## OPEN MIC NIGHT

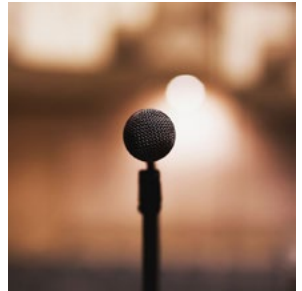
Friday 10 November, 7pm to 8pm

Singers, poets, songwriters, spoken word artists, comedians, and actors – your five-minute performance segment awaits.

Potential performers can email  [library-events@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:library-events@hillingdon.gov.uk) in advance, to participate.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:**  [discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events](http://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/events)  [library-events@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:library-events@hillingdon.gov.uk)



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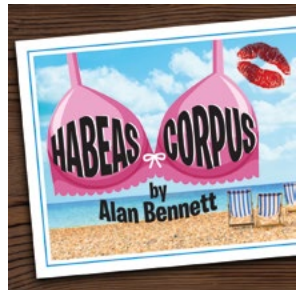
## HABEAS CORPUS BY ALAN BENNETT

Wednesday 15 to Saturday 18 November, 7.45pm

Hop aboard this satirical merry-go-round with the Wicksteed family, filled with mistaken identity, mismanaged lust and Bennett's razor-sharp wit. A wickedly funny saucy seaside postcard of a play set in 1960s Hove and presented by **Ruislip Dramatic Society**. Celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, this farcical comedy of ill-manners is hilarious but also thought-provoking and shows Bennett at his best.

**Cost:** £14 / Over-60s (Wednesday and Thursday only) £13

**Book:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)  01895 250615  01895 632300



WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE

## WHITE CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 29 November to Saturday 2 December, 7.30pm, and Saturday 2 December, 2.30pm.  
BSL signed performance on Thursday 30 November.

The award-winning **Ruislip Operatic Society** continues its centenary year celebrations with this timeless comedy, in which stage stars and veteran soldiers Bob and Phil follow the singing Haynes Sisters to a lodge in Vermont to help put on a Christmas show, perhaps finding love along the way. This tale of love and friendship includes songs *Sisters*, *Blue Skies* and, of course, *White Christmas*.

**Cost:** Tickets £18 / Over-65s and under-16s £16

**Book:** 📧 [www.rosboxoffice.co.uk](http://www.rosboxoffice.co.uk) ☎️ 07713 257603 @ [boxoffice@ruislipos.org](mailto:boxoffice@ruislipos.org)



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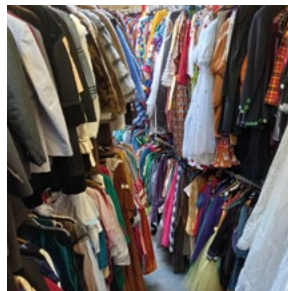
## COSTUME HIRE

Wednesdays, 6pm to 8pm and Saturdays, 10am to 1pm

The Compass Theatre's volunteer-run wardrobe is found up the spiral stairs from the foyer and features five rooms filled with theatrical costumes and accessories. Items can be hired at reasonable rates at pre-booked appointments on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

**Find out more:** 📧 [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)

**Book:** @ [boxoffice@hgfl.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@hgfl.org.uk) ☎️ 01895 250615



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## COMPASS PUPPET CLUB

Saturdays, 2pm to 4pm

Members of the Compass Puppet Club meet weekly to practice puppetry skills and are nearly finished hand-making the full cast of characters from a play for children by Alan Cullen, called *Hans, the Witch and the Gobbin*. A community performing arts and crafts opportunity for anyone aged 14 years and above, or younger with an accompanying adult.

**Cost:** Free.


**Book:** @ [boxoffice@hgfl.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@hgfl.org.uk) ☎️ 01895 250615




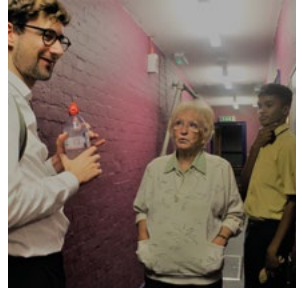
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## BECOME A THEATRE VOLUNTEER

Compass Theatre volunteers offer vital support to the borough's performing arts community in return for experience, broadening skills, a sense of achievement and motivation – as well as the chance to see shows for free. Roles include ushers, café bartenders, box office operators and costume hire assistants.

**Register:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)

**Find out more:**  [boxoffice@hgfl.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@hgfl.org.uk)  01895 250615



## LEISURE

MANOR FARM

### MANOR FARM OVER-55s COFFEE MORNING


Friday 13 October, 10 November and 8 December,  
from 10.30am

Join us in the Manor Farm House on the second Friday of each month for coffee, conversation and occasional speakers.

**Cost:** Free, no booking needed.



## SIGN UP NOW FOR EVENT UPDATES

Keep up to date with events, theatre shows and exhibitions taking place in the borough by signing up to our events e-newsletter at  [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/enews](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/enews) or scan the QR code.





HAREFIELD AND HAREFIELD LIBRARY

## FIRST WORLD WAR: HAREFIELD AND THE ANZACS

**Saturday 11 November, 2pm to 4pm**

Join the Museums and Archives Service and Harefield History Society on a walking tour of First World War Harefield, looking at the lives of Australian and New Zealand soldiers. The walk starts at the war memorial on Harefield Green and ends at the ANZAC cemetery at St Mary's Church.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillingdon.gov.uk ☎ 01895 250702



CIVIC CENTRE

## CAROLS AT THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

**Friday 24 November, 5.45pm to 6.45pm**

Join us on the Civic Centre forecourt as the Mayor of Hillingdon switches on the lights on our Christmas tree. Two primary school choirs and Hillingdon Music Hub's own Young Singers and Brass Band will be performing carols and Christmas music.

**Cost:** Free, no need to book.

**Find out more:** 📧 discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/christmas-lights



BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER

## BAND OF THE ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT

**Thursday 7 December, 7pm**

A concert by the Band of the Royal Air Force Regiment.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** 📧 battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on  
☎ 01895 238154



EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

## TWELVE HERBS OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday 9 December, 2pm to 4pm

Explore the fascinating herbs of Eastcote House's walled garden and discover how they were used in Christmas recipes of olde. Yule be amazed!

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillingdon.gov.uk  
☎ 01895 250702



## EXHIBITIONS AND TALKS

HILLINGDON LIBRARIES

### FLIGHT

Friday 15 September to Thursday 12 October at  
Uxbridge Library

Monday 6 to Friday 24 November at Manor Farm Library

An exhibition exploring aspects of the history of flight in Hillingdon, from Concorde to Fairey Aviation, and birds to butterflies.

**Cost:** Free, no need to book.



COMPASS THEATRE

## LOUISE DOUGHTY, A BIRD IN WINTER

Wednesday 27 September, 7pm

Hillingdon Libraries present an author event with Louise Doughty, discussing her new book, *A Bird in Winter*.

**Cost:** £3

**Book:** 🌐 www.hillingdontheatres.uk  
☎ 01895 250615



Photo: Max Kennedy

## SPEAKER SERIES AND BOOK SIGNINGS

Historians, presenters and authors engage in discussions about the people and technology that made history.

### SPEAKER SERIES: JIM NICOLSON

**Saturday 23 September, 11am**

Jim Nicolson talks about his uncle, James Nicolson VC – the only Fighter Command pilot awarded the Victoria Cross during the Second World War, focusing on first-hand experience, personal objects and documents.

**Cost: £5**



### SPEAKER SERIES: PAUL BEAVER AND DR VICTORIA TAYLOR

**Saturday 7 October, 2pm**

Historians Paul Beaver and Dr Victoria Taylor join us at the bunker for what will surely be a lively debate... which was the better fighter of the Battle of Britain, the Spitfire or the Messerschmitt Bf109?

**Cost: £5**

### SPEAKER SERIES: PETER DEVITT

**Saturday 21 October, 11.30am**

RAF Museum curator, Peter Devitt presents on *The Pilots of the Caribbean: Volunteers of African Heritage in the Royal Air Force*. Learn about the inspirational stories and vital Allied contribution of African-Caribbean personnel.

**Cost: £5**

### SPEAKER SERIES: DILIP AMIN

**Saturday 18 November, 2pm**

Bunker tour guide, Dilip Amin presents his new book *Enemy Sighted* – a history of the bunker during the Battle of Britain.

**Cost: Free.**

### SPEAKER SERIES: CAROLINE PAIGE

**Saturday 25 November, 2pm**

Hear Caroline Paige talk about her 35 year career in the RAF.

**Cost: £5**

### SPEAKER SERIES: PAUL BEAVER

**Monday 16 December, 11.30am**

Paul Beaver presents on his book, *Winkle: The Extraordinary Life of Britain's Greatest Pilot*. Book signing to follow.

**Cost: £5**

**Book:**  [battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on](https://battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on)  01895 238154





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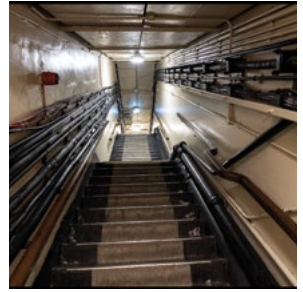
### SECRETS UNCOVERED TOUR

Saturdays 30 September, 28 October, 25 November and 30 December, 10am

Discover the secret spaces of the bunker in this special guided tour. Explore hidden rooms, corridors and objects, and find out more about the people who worked behind the scenes in the Battle of Britain and beyond. More dates to be announced.

**Cost:** £15

**Book:**  [battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on](http://battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on)  
 01895 238154



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## HILLINGDON LIBRARIES

### MEMORY LANE: BYGONE SHOPPING AND MONEY

Tuesday 3 to Wednesday 25 October at  
Manor Farm Library

Tuesday 7 to Wednesday 29 November at  
Harefield Library

Monday 4 December to Thursday 4 January at  
Yeading Library

A touring exhibition for you to take a walk down memory lane, remembering Hillingdon's shopping past and discover the history of the money we spend.

**Cost:** Free, no need to book.





## ICKENHAM LIBRARY

### WOMEN OF HILLINGDON

Thursday 5 October, 11am to midday

A talk from archivist Sarah Harrison about lives of women in Hillingdon, past and present.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:**  [archives@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:archives@hillingdon.gov.uk)  
 01895 250702





MANOR FARM

## COW BYRE GALLERY ART EXHIBITIONS

FREE AND EASEL

Sunday 1 to Saturday 7 October

SOCIETY OF RUISLIP ARTISTS

Sunday 8 to Saturday 21 October

EASTCOTE ART SOCIETY

Sunday 5 to Saturday 11 November

PHOTOS ON THINGS

Sunday 19 November to Saturday 2 December

CERAMIC FUSION

Sunday 3 to Saturday 18 December

Hire the gallery: @ [artsvenues@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:artsvenues@hillingdon.gov.uk)



## HILLINGDON'S SHOPPING HISTORY

Wednesday 18 October, 3pm to 4pm at  
Manor Farm Library

Tuesday 14 November, 2pm to 3pm at Harefield Library

Wednesday 13 December, 2.30pm to 3.30pm at  
Yeading Library

This talk introduces Hillingdon's history of shopping and explores some of the borough's shops – both past and present.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillington.gov.uk ☎ 01895 250702



## HILLINGDON SUNDAY DRIVE

Friday 20 October, 3pm to 4pm

A talk from Paul Davidson of the Museums and Archives Service. Join him on an imaginary 1920s driving tour around Hillingdon, taking in local sites and motor firms. Experience what life was like on the open road a hundred years ago.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** 🚶 At Manor Farm Library  
☎ 01895 558234



## REMEMBRANCE AND THE GREAT WAR

Thursday 9 November, 11am to midday

A talk by Paul Davidson of the Museums and Archives Service. Find out how remembrance came to be observed after the First World War – the story of its symbols and local memorials.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillington.gov.uk  
☎ 01895 250702




# Dances for over-65s

Tea and Desi dances

Hillingdon Council invites you to put on your dancing shoes, dance the session away and socialise with friends at our fun and friendly dances.

Hillingdon residents aged over 65 are welcome to attend with one guest.

Tickets are **FREE** but must be booked in advance via  [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/dances](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/dances).

Please bring your Hillingdon *First* card with you.



**Christ Church, Uxbridge**

**Tea Dances** from 1pm (doors open at 12.50pm)

Mondays 16 October, 13 November and 11 December

**Winston Churchill Theatre**

**Tea Dances** from 1pm (doors open at 12.50pm)

Thursdays 5 October, 2 November and 7 December

**Botwell Green Sports and Leisure Centre**

**Desi Dances** 11.15am

Fridays 27 October, 24 November and 15 December

Dancing to a fusion of Bhangra and Bollywood style music.



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BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 12 November, 11am

Wreath laying ceremony at the No. 11 Group Memorial to commemorate and remember servicemen and women.

**Cost:** Free, no need to book.



MANOR FARM LIBRARY

## HILLINGDON BY STEAM

Friday 17 November, 3pm to 4pm

How did commuters and day trippers experience the age of steam? Where did they travel to and why? How did the early railways affect the area?

Find out more at this talk by Paul from the Archives and Museums Service.

**Cost:** Free, but booking is essential.

**Book:** @ archives@hillingdon.gov.uk  
☎ 01895 250702



## EXERCISE AND HEALTH

BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER

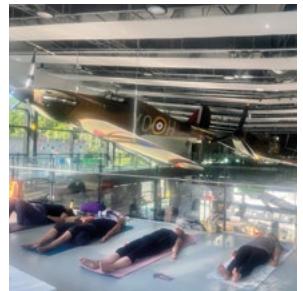
## TWILIGHT YOGA

Mondays 11, 18 and 25 September; 2, 9 and 16 October; 6, 13, 20 and 27 November; and 4, 11 and 18 December, at 7pm

Join in with an hour of engaging, challenging and fun yoga in the visitor centre. Find your inner peace in unique surroundings. Bring your own yoga mat. Suitable for ages 16 years and above.

**Cost:** £5 per session / £60 for all 13 sessions

**Book:** 📧 battleofbritainbunker.co.uk/whats-on 📞 01895 238154



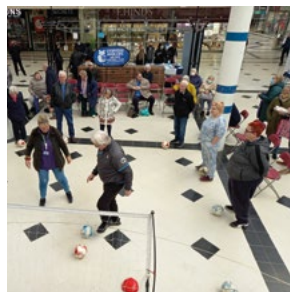
THE PAVILIONS SHOPPING CENTRE

## DAY OF THE OLDER PERSON

**Tuesday 26 September, 10am to 4pm**

Come and enjoy a range of activities and information stalls from a variety of organisations.

**Cost:** Free, no need to book.



PARKS AND GREEN SPACES


## LED WALKS

**Various dates and times**

Explore Hillingdon's award-winning parks and green spaces while keeping fit and meeting new people on a free guided walk.

**Cost:** Free.

**Find out more:**

 [discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/led-walks](https://discover.hillingdon.gov.uk/led-walks)



## DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

COMPASS THEATRE


## DAYTIME DISCOS

**Tuesdays 26 September and 24 October, 1pm to 3pm**

Friendly and fun sessions for those living with dementia, and their carer. Music provided by Brian Rowan, singing and playing records from the 60s, 70s and 80s.

**Cost:** £5. One free carer ticket can be booked per paid ticket.

**Book:**  [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk)

 01895 250615





The Cow Byre Gallery

## VENUE HIRE

The council has several arts venue spaces which are available to hire:

### **BARRA HALL PARK OPEN AIR THEATRE, HAYES**

An outdoor amphitheatre with indoor dressing rooms.  
Maximum audience capacity: 120

### **COMPASS THEATRE, ICKENHAM**

An auditorium, stage, dressing rooms and bar.  
Maximum audience capacity: 158

Also available is a studio with mirrored wall and space for up to 40 people, and smaller rehearsal rooms, with space for 10 to 30 people.

### **WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE, RUISLIP**

An auditorium, stage, dressing rooms and empty bar space on the Manor Farm site.  
Maximum audience capacity: 346

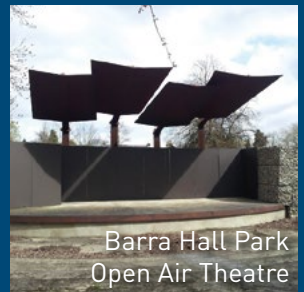
### **COW BYRE GALLERY, RUISLIP**

A self-contained art exhibition space on the Manor Farm site.

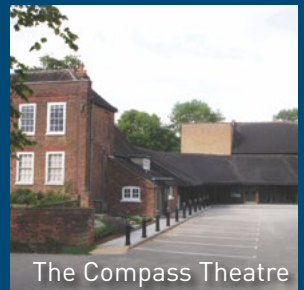
Maximum audience capacity: 40

To check availability of all these venues, email [@artsvenues@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:artsvenues@hillingdon.gov.uk).

Visit [www.hillingdontheatres.uk](http://www.hillingdontheatres.uk) for more information about theatre hire.



Barra Hall Park  
Open Air Theatre



The Compass Theatre



The Winston  
Churchill Theatre

# VENUES

## BATTLE OF BRITAIN BUNKER EXHIBITION AND VISITOR CENTRE

Wren Avenue, Uxbridge, UB10 0BE

## BOTWELL GREEN SPORTS AND LEISURE CENTRE

East Avenue, Hayes, UB3 2HW

## CHRIST CHURCH, UXBRIDGE

Redford Way, Belmont Road, Uxbridge, UB8 1SZ

## CIVIC CENTRE

High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1UW

## COMPASS THEATRE

Glebe Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8PD

## CRANFORD PARK

The Parkway, Hounslow, TW5 9RZ  
Work to restore Cranford Park's historic features and improve its facilities is nearing completion. The car park is now open and visitors will soon be able to go on exciting journey of discovery into Cranford Park's past through interactive audio trails and exhibits. For latest updates visit [www.hillingdon.gov.uk/cranfordpark](http://www.hillingdon.gov.uk/cranfordpark).

## EASTCOTE HOUSE GARDENS

High Road, Eastcote, HA5 2QS

## HAREFIELD LIBRARY

Park Lane, Harefield, UB9 6BJ

## ICKENHAM LIBRARY

Community Close/Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RE

## MANOR FARM (INCLUDING MANOR FARM LIBRARY AND THE COW BYRE GALLERY)

Bury Street, Ruislip, HA4 7SU

## THE PAVILIONS SHOPPING CENTRE

18 Chequers Square, Uxbridge, UB8 1LN

## RUISLIP LIDO

Reservoir Road, Ruislip, HA4 7TY

## UXBRIDGE LIBRARY

High Street, Uxbridge, UB8 1HD

## WINSTON CHURCHILL THEATRE

Pinn Way, Manor Farm, Ruislip, HA4 7QL

## YEADING LIBRARY

Yeading Lane, Hayes, UB4 0EW

