

## AUTUMN 2024 PROGRAMME OF LOCAL EVENTS

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

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

### **FRIDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 6 – 7.30 PM DIPPERS IN MONGOLIA PART 2**

While working as a wildlife conservation advisor to the Mongolia Government, **Andrew Laurie** followed up on a childhood fascination with **White-throated Dippers** on the River Neme, near Ludlow, by finding out more about them in the Altai Mountains. They look and behave differently there! We welcome Andrew back to tell us more, and to show a further film which features their extraordinary behaviour, and captures the excitement of team members and local people alike in simple observations of another species.

### **FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 6 – 7 PM HAVE YOU SEEN A HEDGEHOG LATELY?**

Hedgehogs are one of our most loved wild animals, but their habitat is under severe threat from many sources. **Jenny Sutton**, Trustee of Cambridgeshire Hedgehogs, will tell us about their habitat and behaviour, and what we can do to help and support them in their natural habitat, especially in our gardens.

### **FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER 6–7 PM THE WATER RESOURCE CHALLENGE IN CAMBRIDGE**

**Rob Bakewell**, leader of the Integrated Environmental Team at the Environment Agency, will explain the role of his Team in addressing the water resource challenge in the Cambridge area, and the progress so far. Complements our viewing of the film *Pure Clear Water* earlier in the year.

### **FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 6- 7PM CONVOY4UKRAINE**

**Tom Walston**, who chairs the Convoy4Ukraine based in Cambridge, will provide us with a first-hand account of his time volunteering in Ukraine and driving one of the vehicles used in their latest convoy in March - and the response from the local community whom they are helping.

### **FRIDAY 25 OCTOBER 6-7PM I'M NOT A RACIST BUT ....**

**Coinciding with Black History Week 2024**, **Seema Lal** will talk on racial bias from an East African Asian perspective, highlighting racial discrimination and unconscious bias – promising a lively, interactive, challenging and humorous look at languages and attitudes in our time.

### **SATURDAY 26 OCTOBER 6-7PM CARIBBEAN MUSIC CONCERT**

St Augustine's is signing off the weekend with a rousing concert of Caribbean Music played by the Cambridge-based [Steel Invaders Steel Band](#).

### **FRIDAY 8 NOVEMBER 6 - 7PM TREES IN THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT**

This evening we return to our local natural environment, with **Kenny McGregor**, an Arboricultural Officer with the City Council. He will discuss the pros and cons of non-native trees in the urban landscape, especially at a time of climate change.

**SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 6– 7PM REMEMBRANCE DAY CONCERT**

**St Augustine's Singers** are joined by professional soloists in a performance of **Rossini's Messe Solennelle**, composed in 1863, and tonight conducted by Paul Jackson, accompanied by Philip Mead on the piano, as we remember those who gave their lives in the two World Wars and since then.

**FRIDAY 15 NOVEMBER 6-7PM CAESAR AND AUGUSTINE – TWO OF A KIND?**

We are pleased to welcome the **Rev Dr Cally Hammond**, Dean of Gonville and Caius College and author of many books on religion, classics and history, including those on Julius Caesar and on St Augustine. Her intriguing title hints at surprises to come .....

**FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER 6-7PM INDIGENOUS TRIBES OF LATIN AMERICA**

... stray insights from **Sara Hodge's** recent trip to Mexico. What can we learn from indigenous tribes about how to care for the planet? What can we incorporate in our lives here in this neighbourhood? Sara will offer her thoughts and invite us to respond.

**FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER 6-7PM BRITAIN'S BRAINIEST CEMETERY?**

The question mark says it all! **Mark Goldie**, historian and Fellow of Churchill College, introduces us to those buried or commemorated in our local Ascension Burial Ground, and reflects on their lives and contributions to our understanding of the world we live in.

**FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 6-7PM CHRISTMAS SONGS AND READINGS**

**Jeremy Wong & the Cantores Singers** perform another of their intriguing concerts, which invite us to reflect on the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

**SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 6-7PM CAMBRIDGE OPERATIC SOCIETY CONCERT**

Another invitation to share in the spirit of Christmastide. **Cambridge Operatic Society** present a varied concert of music and song, followed by mulled wine and nibbles.

**SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER 4-5PM CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE**

**St Augustine's Singers** invite us all to participate in a richly varied programme of carols and readings.

**WEDNESDAY 1 JANUARY 11am HMS PINAFORE**

And to break in the New Year, we welcome the **Cambridgeshire Light Opera Group** with members of **St Augustine's Singers**, who will together give a concert performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, **HMS Pinafore**.

Conducted by Lucas Klein accompanied by Philip Mead.

..... and don't forget on **Sundays 1 September, 6 October, 3 November and 1 December** to come and share a **COMMUNITY LUNCH** at St Augustine's starting at 1pm with 2 courses – including a veggie dish for those who wish - wine or fruit juice for only £8.00ph. All are welcome.

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

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