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Hello

John Delafons Lecture

We are delighted to announce the return of the live annual lecture.

Following its success as the venue for last year's award ceremony, we will be returning to [Open Ealing](#), Unit 14 School Lane, Dickens Yard, Ealing W5 2TD. The lecture will be held on **Tuesday 27 September 2022 at 7.30** with the subject of *Recent developments at Gunnersbury – a briefing*.

Our speaker is James Wisdom, Chair of the [Friends of Gunnersbury](#), an expert on all things Gunnersbury and active local historian.



Image credit: Philippa Dolphin

Do come along to what will be a fascinating update on what's happening at Gunnersbury.

Award Ceremony 2022



This year's award ceremony will also be held at [Open Ealing](#), Unit 14 School Lane, Dickens Yard, Ealing W5 2TD on **Tuesday 25 October 2022 at 7.30**. Our speaker and presenter of the awards will be Jane Mossman, Better Futures+ Project Manager, [West London Business](#), who has a particular interest in sustainable development. We hope to see many of our members at this event celebrating the best of local design.

Open House Festival

Open House Festival is a two week celebration of London's homes, architecture and neighbourhoods.

Londoners open their buildings for you to explore for free. You can get inside some of London's best known buildings as well as some of its best kept secrets. Walking tours are also on offer.



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This year is the 30th birthday of the Open House Festival and places are opening up again for the first time in two years; the

programme is extensive. A number of Ealing's buildings including Pitzhanger Manor, Ealing Abbey and the recently opened Ealing Fields School where the Society has installed a green plaque to Dusty Springfield who attended an earlier school on the site, are all opening.

The Open House Festival runs from 8th-21st of September. Full details and booking information can be found on the [Open House website](#).

Angels in Ealing: An arts and heritage day at St Peter's Church

St Peter's Church in Ealing are currently restoring their beautiful Arts & Crafts Lady Chapel, decorated in the 1920s. This includes conservation of highly accomplished wall paintings by the Acton-based watercolourist Henry Charles Brewer, and preservation of a superlative luminous oil painting by the late Pre-Raphaelite artist, Edward Arthur Fellowes Prynne, who lived on Woodville Road.



Image credit: St Peter's Church

On **Saturday 1st October**, St Peter's is hosting a day of free activities to celebrate the Chapel's reopening, and to enable local people to explore its rich history.

The day starts with a brief Community Opening Ceremony at 10 am followed by an Open Morning with refreshments. Then at 11.30, Alison Saunders, an expert on the Brewer dynasty of artists will give a talk about the life and artwork of Henry Charles Brewer. That evening at 7.00 pm, Sarah Hardy, Director of the De Morgan Foundation and an authority on Romantic art, will give a talk entitled 'Edward Arthur Fellowes Prynne: The Lost Pre-Raphaelite.' St Peter's will also be launching a new study of the building that night, focussing on the artists and designers who beautified the Chapel and Church, including renowned Ealing architect, Leonard Shuffrey.

More information can be found at the church [website](#) or contact St Peter's for further details at admin@stpeterealing.org.uk.

Planning

In our last newsletter, we advised members of the consultation on proposed developments at Ealing Studios. The planning application has now been submitted to the Council and can be viewed on the Council Planning [website](#).

As we said at the time of the consultation, we think these are exciting proposals to help Ealing Studios regain their position in film production and history. We thought the design of the new building that would replace the dilapidated central buildings looks exceptional with its many references to the Studios as we imagine them in their heyday.



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We also previously mentioned the proposed development of the West Ealing Waitrose site, a less attractive prospect. We have now had details of a further proposed tower block development in this part of West Ealing, on the Majestic site on Hastings Road.

The plans, by Tide Construction, are for one building with four towers, of 22, 20, 18 and 12 storeys. These will offer 408 self-contained student units, for students at undisclosed universities. In our view, these towers are completely unacceptable on this site – and Ealing already has a very large number of student residences so we would question the need for yet more.

A public consultation on the proposals will be held at the **Drayton Court Hotel on Monday 12th September from 4-8pm**. Do go along and make your views known.



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