



BARNES COMMON REVEALED
27th July – 5th August 2021
St Mary's Church, Barnes SW13 9HL



Across the Brook by Sarah Dickinson

Barnes Common Artshow 2021 is an exhibition showcasing the work of over forty local artists. The work is intended to be an affordable celebration of the flora, fauna and wildlife carefully and expertly managed by the Friends of Barnes Common team.

Throughout the spring and early summer months, local artists and photographers found endless inspiration on the Common: in the discovery of rare butterflies, wild species of plant life and in taking time to see familiar places with fresh eyes. Early morning and late afternoon visits provided exquisite light for photographers and plein-air landscape painters alike.

Trees and rare dragonflies formed a focus for printers, abstract painters, sculptors, ceramicists, potters, and local jewellery designer Gerry Summers, is designing a ring inspired by a favourite tree near Barnes Pond worth £10,000.

Co-founder of Barnes Artists, David Pearce said:

'We are so incredibly lucky to have so much natural beauty on our doorstep and it seemed obvious for Barnes Artists to focus on it for their summer show. It has been a fascinating journey discovering and uncovering the wildlife of Barnes Common with the expert guidance of Friends of Barnes Common'.



The Barnes Pond Heron by David Pearce

Mike Hildesley, Chairman of Friends of Barnes Common says 'We are thrilled that so many local artists are inspired by the local green spaces in Barnes and are celebrating our work in this new exhibition. We wish them every success and are very much looking forward to seeing the show'.

Barnes has a long history of visiting and resident artists starting with J. F. Turner and more recently Judith Kerr and Bruce Maclean. In the space of two years the number of Art Galleries in Barnes has trebled, confirming the interest in art in the community.



Maisie's Meadow by Andrew Wilson

Award winning local photographer and publisher, Andrew Wilson is no stranger to local wildlife in Barnes and has been delighting the local community with his stunning images for over a decade. Andrew heads up a local branch of London Independent Photographers who will be exhibiting their work at Common Art Show exhibition. 'As a photographer and a huge fan of Barnes Common, I was so pleased when Barnes Artists approached me with this idea. The past 15 months has taken its toll, but the Common has been a lifeline for so many'.

A percentage of the profits from sales at the show will go to the Friends of Barnes Common and the Friends of St Mary's Barnes.

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