

THE  
**WATERMILL**  
THEATRE  
*Friends'*

Spring/Summer 2018

# events



**Booking opens  
Monday 5 February, 10am**

# SUPPER CLUBS

The bar opens at 6.30pm, supper is served at 7.30pm and talks will commence at 8.30pm. For the Boules event, the bar will open at 6pm, play will begin at 6.30pm and supper will be served between games. Please note Supper Clubs are unreserved seating.

If you have any special dietary requirements please call the Box Office on 01635 46044. Supper is included in the price of the ticket.

**Monday 26 February**

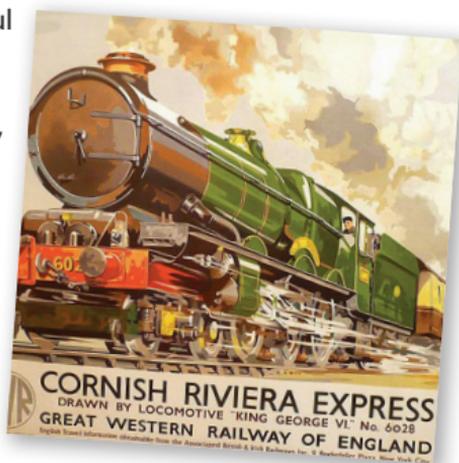
## Supper Club

### Professor Tony Atkins - The Real Great Western Railway 1835-1947

Known by some as 'God's Wonderful Railway', Professor Tony Atkins will give an illustrated talk about the famous railway that served London, the West Country, Wales, the Midlands and the North West. Hear about GWR's fastest trains. From the Cheltenham Flyer to the Cornish Riviera Express, locomotives, carriages and wagons were superbly engineered at Swindon and City of Truro was the first locomotive in the world to attain 100mph.

As well as passenger trains, the lines also transported goods. Fruit and veg was brought to Weymouth from the Channel Islands by GWR ships while meat was transported from Birkenhead, all for distribution around the country by overnight fast goods trains (many of which were remarshalled at Newbury Racecourse). Professor Atkins will offer an insight into one of the most remarkable companies in British railway and show historic pictures of the GWR in West Berkshire.

**Price:** £21



**Monday 5 March**

## Supper Club

### Brough Scott – Churchill at the Gallop

The important role horses played in Winston Churchill's life is often forgotten. They were his escape in childhood, his challenge in youth, his transport in war, his triumph in sport and his diversion in old age. Renowned author, broadcaster and former jockey Brough Scott



follows in Churchill's hoof prints and will take us on a sparkling gallop cleverly intertwining the wit of Winston's own voice and letters throughout. Signed copies of *Churchill at the Gallop* will be on sale in the bar during the event.

**"A new and really valuable historical perspective on what it must have felt like to ride with Churchill, how difficult it was, and how it shaped him both physically and mentally"** *Allen Packwood, Director, Churchill Archives Centre*

**Price:** £21

**Tuesday 13 March**

**Supper Club**

**Lord Hindlip**

The former chairman of Christie's will talk about his early working life in London and New York and his move to Hungerford with a growing family.

Depicted in his two books *An Auctioneer's Lot* and *On the Move*, he will illustrate, with anecdotes throughout, houses and auctions in London, Monte Carlo and New York, almost all with connections to Newbury or Hungerford. Lord Hindlip will also talk about some of his favourite

works of art, travel and property successes and failures.

Copies of both books will be available to buy during the evening in the bar and will be signed by Lord Hindlip.

He has kindly donated one of his watercolour paintings to be auctioned with proceeds raised going to The Watermill Theatre, an arts charity.

**Price:** £25



**Tuesday 8 May**

**Supper Club**

**Janet Fuller - Roman  
Boxford: Bath Houses,  
Beer and Bellerophon**

Janet Fuller is the Boxford History Project's treasurer. At this special event, she will provide context and describe the results of five years of archaeology at three Roman sites around the West Berkshire village. The discoveries include a mosaic depicting Bellerophon that has been described as the most significant find for 50 years.

**Price:** £21



**Tuesday 19 June**

## **Supper Club**

### **Boules at The Watermill**

**6.30pm**

The Friends of The Watermill Theatre invite you to play Boules on a summer evening in the grounds. Learn a new skill or reacquaint yourself with memories of past holidays in France playing this much-loved national pastime. For one night only, the relaxed and fun atmosphere of a French village square will be recreated in The Watermill car park. Boules and friendly help will be provided by the Petanque Wallingford Club.

The evening will run as a three game competition – although you do not have to enter this; if you would prefer to play for fun you are more than welcome to join in the games.

**Price** £21



## **LUNCHTIME TALK**

**The bar opens at 11.30am and the talk commences at 12 noon. A one course lunch and coffee is served at approximately 1pm and is included in the ticket price.**

**Monday 19 March**

## **Lunchtime Talk**

### **The Rivals**

Director Jonathan Humphreys will talk about the rehearsal process and explain what's involved behind the scenes of this production in the latest of our popular series of Lunchtime Talks.

*The Rivals* takes place over one hilarious day and is a classic comedy of desire, intrigue and romantic delusion. An energetic ensemble perform a fresh, funny and fast-moving new version. Jonathan Humphreys' previous credits include *The Mighty Walzer* (Manchester Royal Exchange) and *Romeo and Juliet* (Sheffield Crucible). He trained at Drama Centre London before working as an assistant director at the National Theatre and RSC. He is also a board member of Stage Directors UK and in 2017 was Associate Connections Director for the National Theatre.

**Price:** £17.50



# DAYTIME EVENTS

**Sunday 15 April**

**Daytime Event**

## **An Afternoon with Libby Purves OBE**

**3pm**

Broadcaster, author and critic, Libby Purves presented BBC Radio 4's *Midweek* programme for an incredible 33 years. Described as 'a Wednesday morning gathering of the great, the good and the downright eccentric', the show produced some of the most extraordinary on-air moments in Radio 4's history.

Libby joined the BBC in 1971 as a studio manager and by the mid-1970s she was a regular presenter on BBC Radio Oxford. She went on to become the youngest and first female presenter of the *Today* programme 1976. Chief theatre critic for *The Times* until September 2013, her continued passion for theatre led to the formation of independent website, theatreCat, which reviews productions around the UK. She is the author of many books and continues to write as a columnist for publications including *The Times* and the *Daily Mail*.



**Price:** £25

This talk will take place in the theatre. Lunch is not included but the restaurant will be open from 12.30pm. Please make a reservation when you book your tickets. A complimentary cup of tea will be served after the event.

**Tuesday 17 April**

**Daytime Event**

## **Lunch and Social Bridge**

**12noon - 4.30pm**

The Friends of The Watermill welcome all bridge players playing Chicago Bridge Format.

The bar will open at 11.30am, a simple one course lunch will be served at 12 noon and bridge will commence at 1pm. Tables will be provided but please bring your own bridge cloth and playing cards. Tea and homemade cakes will be served during the afternoon. There will be prizes and a raffle.



**Price:** £65 for a table of four (ie. £16.25 each). Tables of four must be booked and paid for in advance.

**Friday 11 May**

**Daytime Event**

## **Spring Floral Workshop with Hannah Antmann**

**10am – 12.30pm**

Join local creative florist Hannah Antmann of Saint Floral in The Watermill's Lily Pond Conservatory for an inspirational morning, designing and styling your own seasonally-inspired, floral bouquet. Hannah will share her passion for all things naturally wild when it comes to styling seasonal flowers. In an informative demonstration, she will take you through the process of arranging a painterly bouquet. Adopting her relaxed and achievable technique, you will have the opportunity to create your own bouquet, choosing from a selection of spring flowers and foliage. You will gain useful and practical floristry skills; from preparing and caring for cut flowers, to working with colour and texture. All abilities and flower lovers welcome! Arrive at 10am for coffee before the start of the workshop at 10.30am.

**Price:** £60 to include all Spring flowers for your own hand-crafted bouquet.



**Tuesday 15 May**

**Daytime Event**

## **A Morning Ramble Along Disused Railway Tracks To Old Burghclere Station**

**10am – 12 noon**

Meet at 10am at The Carpenters Arms, Burghclere (RG20 9JY). Enjoy a morning ramble led by The Railway Ramblers Association. Walk along the disused railway track travelling along the former Didcot, Newbury and Southampton line to Old Burghclere Station and then returning to the starting point. Distance approximately 4 miles (about two hours walking time). After the walk there will be complimentary refreshments at The Carpenters Arms where there is free parking. Lunch will also be available (please book directly). If you would like to extend the day, the gardens of nearby Sandham Memorial Chapel will be open.

**Price:** £17.50 to include complimentary refreshments on return.



# MORE AT THE WATERMILL

**Friday 25 May**

## Antiques Fair

**10am to 3pm**

The Friends of The Watermill welcome a selection of antique and vintage stalls. Browse and buy a variety of beautiful items including antiques, jewellery, collectables, clothing, glassware, china and textiles. Light lunches, cakes, coffee and tea will be served in the bar.

**Entry:** £3



**Sunday 3 June**

## Summer Fair

**12 noon to 4pm**

Enjoy live entertainment, stalls, activities, games, produce, great food and a duck derby on the crystal clear waters of the River Lambourn.

**Entry:** Adults £1, 12 years and under FREE



**Friday 9 November**

## Christmas Fair

**9.30am to 2.30pm**

The Watermill Christmas Fair will offer an exciting array of beautiful gift stalls. Enjoy browsing and buying presents to delight your loved ones along with festive decorations to bring that magical sparkle to your home. Light lunches, mulled wine and coffee will be on sale.

**Entry:** £3.50



## Contact us

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There are a limited number of tickets for these events so you are advised to book early.

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