

OUR COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

OPENING UP THE RIVER THAMES TO ART, SPORT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Cadogan Pier and Chelsea Yacht & Boat Company (CYBC) are passionate about the River Thames.

As well as our moorings in Chelsea, we are proud to have opened up the Thames to more people – particularly to those who might not normally have the opportunity to visit the river. We run an active community programme and below are some of the highlights from the last two years.

ART ON THE RIVER

ART PROGRAMME – Historically, the Chelsea stretch of the river was painted by some of the world's most famous artists. We want to encourage artists back to the river and have an active Art Programme for both established and budding artists.

SMART – The health benefits of art and being close to the water have been widely acknowledged and we are delighted to support SMART – a local mental health charity, with their art lessons. We give them use of the Pier, our meeting space, refreshments and support from our team. "A very peaceful, little oasis in which to paint," said a *member of SMART* on their last visit.



Painting from Cadogan Pier by a member of SMART

WAPPING GROUP OF ARTISTS – As well as local groups and schools, we also give use of the Pier and help to various other artists to come and paint and draw in this unique environment. One of those has been the highly acclaimed Wapping Group of Artists who, as a Society, have been painting the River Thames since 1946.





Wapping Artists painting on Cadogan Pier

ART ON THE RIVER

SCHOOLS – Over the last two years, we have hosted regular art lessons at Cadogan Pier enabling children to be inspired right next to the river. The schools are given use of the Pier and our meeting room, whilst, our team provide refreshments and help. We have also launched and sponsored two school river themed Art Competitions, placed art displays on the Pier and hosted award presentations.

"This is the second year of our partnership with Cadogan Pier and it provides the students a rare opportunity to experience art in a very different environment to the classroom. The Cadogan Pier Art Competition continues to grow and I am delighted with the quality of entries again this year."

Christian, Art Curriculum Leader at Chelsea Academy





Winners of local school Art Competition





Local school art lessons at Cadogan Pier

LOCAL COMMUNITY ON THE RIVER

TEA ON THE THAMES – We are proud to have created a range of events to provide opportunities for the local community to enjoy the river. One of those is 'Tea on the Thames' – a series of tea parties we host aimed at bringing together the local older community who come to the Pier and enjoy the view, tea, cakes, company and conversation with one another and our team.

AGE UK – We are also delighted to support Age UK.
We have helped them host various events on the Pier including most recently bingo and a performance from Opera Holland Park for their members.



"Our members have started to feel very much at home at Cadogan Pier where they are always looked after so well. The summer has seen a range of events from Bingo to Opera Holland Park performing and we are looking forward to extending our partnership over the winter into 2020."

Team Leader from Age UK

WORLDS END AND LOTS ROAD - BIG LOCAL - We

have supported various activities and groups from the nearby Worlds End Estate. We have provided funding for over 360 hours of young person skills classes on the Estate through Big Local. These innovative skills classes help build confidence and independence. Classes also introduced them to kayaking on the river.

"We are delighted to currently be focussing on helping young local people gain confidence and new experiences with this course. Having mentored many apprentices myself, I have seen first-hand the difference new opportunities can make to young people."

Paul Webster, Boatyard Manager at CYBC



"Although I live next to the river, I have never actually been on the river. 30 minutes beforehand there was no way I was getting in a kayak but I really enjoyed it and can't wait to do it again".

Gahrielle

THAMES21 – We are delighted to have supported
Thames21 who are working to improve our rivers and
canals for people and wildlife. Thames21 engages with
over 7,000 volunteers in waterway improvement
activities across London every year.

At Cadogan Pier we are supporting Thames21 with its training needs and providing meeting space and refreshments to facilitate its accredited courses which establish groups of committed volunteers who champion healthy rivers across the city. The courses train people to plan and run effective waterway improvement events.



"We are grateful to Cadogan Pier for hosting us, it is an ideal location which helps the course members appreciate the challenges and opportunities that exist on the river."

Poppy from Thames 22

SPORT AND HISTORY ON THE RIVER

DOGGETT'S DAY – Cadogan Pier is proud to host, support and help organise the finish line and celebration of the prestigious and historic Doggett's Coat and Badge Race – the world's oldest rowing race. The Race has been running since 1715.



2019 Doggett's winners on the podium at Cadogan Pier

WESTMINSTER BOATING BASE – We are long term supporters of Westminster Boating Base and have donated a new boat to help give opportunities for disadvantaged young people to learn to sail, acquire new skills and enjoy the river.



Our boat, the R.S Venture

TRAVEL ON THE RIVER

THAMES CLIPPERS – We are delighted that each month more local residents and visitors are using the Thames Clipper river bus service to and from Cadogan Pier. We are happy to have supported a new timetable that sees an increase in services to and from the Pier.



Thames Clipper at Cadogan Pier





































FINALLY - COULD YOUR ORGANISATION HELP?

"SMART is a lively, local charity that supports people affected by mental ill-health. We believe that having something meaningful to do, someone to do it with and a place to go when you're feeling lonely is key to mental health and that's why we open our doors every day and most evenings too. We could really do with some help. We are always looking for volunteers so if you have a skill you would like to share with our members or some spare time to help us open our doors – especially on Christmas Day – then please do get in touch. You can email amelia.mustapha@smartlondon.org.uk or call 0207 368 7501. We would also love your unwanted gifts and can give them a good home!"

If you or your organisation would like to be involved with our events or any of our partners and organisations, please do get in touch.

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