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GRANDAD'S ISLAND

DISCOVER EVENTS in your
NEIGHBOURHOOD



from PAGE to PAVEMENT

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY - Sunday 13 October, 12-6pm.

Grandad's Island comes to Langthorne Park, Leytonstone, E11.

Come together with residents from around the borough for our finale event. Expect multi-lingual storytelling, dance, procession, creative workshops, a community feast and much more.

Commissioned by Waltham Forest London Borough of Culture 2019



Welcome to Granddad's Island: from Page to Pavement

Inspired by local author and illustrator Benji Davies' award winning picture book 'Granddad's Island', Artillery have invited artists, makers and residents from across Waltham Forest to co-create a multi art-form story trail for our streets, parks, community spaces and libraries.

Already translated into 35 languages, 'Granddad's Island' reflects the vast diversity of our borough. The book itself speaks of so many things that affect families, communities and individuals including migration, linking generations, love and loss, ecology and travel.

Look at the listings and set off on your own voyage of discovery to see this story brought to life.

All events, workshops and performances are **FREE!**

Thank You

An enormous thank you to all the artists, participants, partners, volunteers, audiences, funders and sponsors who have helped us bring this story to life.

Benji Davies

At the heart of this project is the imagination of Benji Davies, the local author-illustrator who created the award winning book 'Granddad's Island'. We are grateful for his generosity in allowing us to take his story, his characters and his beautiful illustrations and play with them in so many ways so that the story can become our own.

Associate Artists

A huge thank you to the team of associate artists who took flight with the story and helped us develop our project.

Del Taylor, Neesha Badhan, Helen Maurer, Poppy Flint, Clare Farrow, Virginia Firnberg, Kally Laurence and Esther Neslen.

Artillery Team

Co-Directors: Laura Kerry and Morag McGuire.

Project Team: Neesha Badhan, Farah Ishaq and Penny Rutterford.

Design

Design by Paul Lindt.

Map illustration by Louise Weir.

Photography Chloe Beale.

From Page to Pavement supported by



Benji Davies



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LET YOUR IMAGINATION TAKE FLIGHT! Move it, Make it, Sing it, Write it....

We want everyone from across the borough to take inspiration from Benji Davies' award winning picture book 'Grandad's Island'. This is an invitation for residents of all ages to get creative. Help bring the story to life. There are many ways to get involved and you could win a signed limited edition print by Benji Davies.

How to enter?

Download instructions from www.artillery.org.uk to create your own story.

Share it with us on Instagram @artilleryarts #GrandadsIsland #wfculture19 or email it to events@artillery.org.uk

Display: create a tropical wilderness, voyage, flight or family portrait to display in your window, on your porch, in your garden

Airmail: write a letter to a distant relative, friend or lost one

Compose: get musical and write, perform and sing your own sea shanty

Dance: choreograph your own version of a sailor's hornpipe

Let your imagination soar - create your own story inspired by the book.

Benji Davies and the team at Artillery will pick the best entry to win the prize of a limited edition print.

Closing date: 5pm Monday 14 October.





September. Local community hub The Mill commissioned 3D artist Vanessa to construct a ship to be decorated by many apprentice decorators at The Shipyard at this year's Walthamstow Garden Party. Throughout their summer workshops, children made birds, masks, sea creatures and exotic plants. Some of which set sail with The Jolly Miller.

Walthamstow Central Library, High Street, Walthamstow E17 7JN

More information www.themille17.org

EXHIBITIONS

4-13 October Mon-Fri 9am-7pm,
Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-4pm

Souvenir Roadshow: Your Untold Stories

Are you curious about people's objects? Where did they come from and how did they get here? Visit our exhibition in the Lighthouse Room at Leyton Library and discover the untold stories embedded in the people of Waltham Forest's souvenirs and keepsakes.

Leyton Library, 265A High Road, Leyton E10 5QH

More information 07488 228248 @neashaorg
lizgriffiths424@gmail.com @ms_giving

4-22 October Tue, Wed,
Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm

The Hale End Bird Sanctuary

Taking inspiration from Grandad's parrot friends, this show celebrates local bird species. With "Birds in Flight" screenprinting and "New Species" sculpting days (see separate listings). Exhibition opening Sat 5 Oct, 2-4pm. See the works on show and chat to the artists, with nibbles and live musical accompaniment referencing all things flight and freedom.

Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QD

More information 07799 411587
katja@artcatcher.co.uk www.artcatcher.co.uk

4-10 October Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat
9am-6pm, Sun 10am-4pm

The Jolly Miller

Find this magnificent ship anchored in the foyer of Walthamstow Central Library after its maiden voyage through the High Street in

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Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-4pm

The Ancestors

Waltham Forest based artist printmaker Kirsten Schmidt has been exploring our place within the natural world. Her work includes intricate illustrations of the flora and fauna that surrounds us. Kirsten has been meeting with members of the community based around Friday Hill in Chingford and has taken stories of their ancestors and how people from their past have shaped their lives and worked them into the feathers of the birds which feature large in her work. See how her latest work explores connection, transition and protection.

North Chingford Library, The Green, Chingford E4 7EN

More information www.kirstenschmidt.org

4-12 October Mon, Tue,
Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-4pm

A Story Retold

An exhibition of work by Middlesex University BA Hons Illustration and Animation students led by local artist Louise Weir. Students have drawn reimaged spreads from Benji Davies' picture book.

Wood Street Library

Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4AA

More information louise@louiseweir.com

10 October - 6 December Tues-Fri
9.30am-6pm, Sat-Sun 10am-2pm

Embroider Your Island

Using traditional Bulgarian embroidery techniques, regulars and newcomers of Once Upon a Time, a Bulgarian book cafe, have conjured a new island destination in this collaborative work with artist ZANARA and host Elena Stoyanova. Find the work exhibited as part of The Mill's Stitched Up group show.

The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow E17 7HA

More information savanabgster@gmail.com
www.zanaraart.com

4, 7-11 October Mon-Fri at 8.30am
& 3.30pm

Whittingham's Wonderful Adventures

Join Whittingham Primary Academy to view the children's drawings and art forms based on Grandad's Adventures and their own personal experiences taken from this amazing story. *(The artwork will be displayed in the school grounds and is open to view at school drop off and collection times)*

Whittingham Primary Academy,
338-340 Higham Hill Road, Walthamstow E17 5QX

4-13 October Daylight Hours

Walthamstow Archipelago

From Page to Pavement, from a place in your imagination to your Walthamstow window - residents of Downsfield and Lynmouth Road are receiving postcards from Grandad's Island inviting them to display their own parallel paradise 'island' in the front window. The more the merrier!

Downsfield Road, Walthamstow E17

More information poppyflint@gmail.com
www.poppyflint.com/ourisland

4-12 October Mon-Sat
10am-6pm

Island of Fantastic Creatures Exhibition

Come and discover a magical gallery of fantastic creatures in our windows, created by local children. Prepare to be dazzled! Pick up a sheet here to draw your own creature too.

E17 Art House Framers & Gallery, 54-56 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 4PG

More information 020 8509 8211
www.e17arthouse.com

4-13 October 7am-5pm
(Open until 11pm Fridays)

Geometry and The Colourful Life of Leo

Geometry and The Colorful Life Of Leo, is an exhibition of paintings by Agota Szuly and Andras Ridovics. Agota's paintings are black and white and geometric. Andras' paintings represent memorable moments of his son Leo's everyday life mixed with words in swirls of bold, bright colour. Meet the artist on the opening night, Friday 4 October, 7pm-11pm.

HUCKS, 81 Grove Rd, Walthamstow, E17 9BU

More information 07704 262325
andras.ridovics@gmail.com
Instagram @andrasridovic

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday 4 October

2.30pm-5pm

Birds in Flight Screenprint Workshop

Create a screenprint based very loosely on Leonardo Da Vinci's Theory of Flight reimagined by Jairo Zaldua and Nicola Green. From a selection of ready-made designs, learn how to build up colours, layers and have a completed image to take home in this mini-print workshop. For all ages and abilities. Accompanies The Hale End Bird Sanctuary exhibition.

Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QD

More information www.artcatcher.co.uk
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5pm-7pm

Souvenir Roadshow: Your Untold Stories

Meet the curators, view the loved objects and experience the untold stories of residents from across the borough. (*See Exhibitions listings for full details*)

Produced by NBAM working with artists Liz Griffiths and Amanda Röjder.

Leyton Library, Lighthouse Room, Leyton High Road, Leyton E10 5QH

More information @neeshaorg
lizgriffiths424@gmail.com Instagram @ms_giving

Saturday 5 October

10.30-11.30am

Benji Davies

'Grandad's Island' author-illustrator Benji Davies will read and draw from his award-winning picture book at this free library event. Hear the amazing story of 'Grandad's Island' live and see the festival inspiration in person. 'Grandad's Island' won the children's book category of the AOI World Illustration Awards, and was crowned Children's Book of the Year at the Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards and has since been adapted for the stage. His first self-penned picture book 'The Storm Whale' won the inaugural Oscar's Book Prize and was Dutch Picture Book Of The Year 2017.

Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, Walthamstow E17 5HS

11.30am-12.30am

Tales on the Wing Procession Workshop

Join artist Del Taylor in a fun and colourful workshop to help prepare a flock of birds and

props for the public procession starting in Priory Court which takes place on Wed 9 Oct. You will be making bird puppets, costume and storytelling props inspired by 'Grandad's Island' out of an array of materials ready to take to the streets of E17. All materials provided, drop-in, no need to book.

Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, Walthamstow E17 5HS

2pm-4pm

The Hale End Bird Sanctuary opening event

Meet the artists, see the works on show and celebrate the launch of the exhibition with nibbles and live music with two accompanying drop-in workshops.

Birds in Flight Screenprint Workshop

For full details see listing for Fri 4 Oct. 10.30am-3.30pm

New Bird Species Sculpting Workshop

Free, easy to join drop-in activity by local artist Sue McQueen for adults and children, using marzipan, which air-dries and can be painted at a later stage. 2pm- 3.30pm. (Workshop also runs on Tue 8 Oct 2.30pm-5pm and Wed 9 Oct 2-30pm-5pm)

Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QD

More information www.artcatcher.co.uk
katja@artcatcher.co.uk 07799 411587

4pm-5pm

Island Storytime

It's easy to forget we live on an Island! Join us for storytime exploring all our favourite books about islands – hot and tropical, cold and windy, full of friendly creatures, or a little bit scary, we're going to visit them all. Free event suitable for babes in arms to 6 year olds.

Phlox Books, 159 Francis Road, Leyton E10 6NT

More information 020 8257 2347
info@phloxbooks.com

Sunday 6 October

2.30pm-4.30pm

The Babel Project with guest reader Benji Davies

A story telling session with a difference - listen as we share 'Grandad's Island' in some of the various languages spoken at The Mill. This beautiful children's book, written and illustrated by local author Benji Davies is available in translation and we are celebrating the many nationalities that come together at The Mill. Enjoy the story of Syd and his Grandad. Join in and share your language with us - the more voices the better! Let the Isle be full of joyful noise. A family event for all ages.

The Mill, 7-11 Coppermill Rd, Walthamstow E17 7HA

More information www.themille17.org

Monday 7 October

2.30pm-6.30pm, drop-in anytime

Stop frame animate your garden to grow

Come and create your own living breathing garden through the magic of stop frame animation. Facilitated by Natalie Keymist from Lens Obscura workshops, this is a free drop-in workshop. You will create a 2D narrative and props to animate into stop frame life. No previous experience required.

Leytonstone Library, Church Lane, Leytonstone, E11 1HG

More information www.lensobscuraworkshops.com

Tuesday 8 October

2.30pm-5pm

New Bird Species Sculpting Workshop

For details, see full listing for Sat 5 Oct.

Hale End Library, Castle Avenue, Highams Park E4 9QD

Wednesday 9 October

6pm-7.30pm

Tales on the Wing Procession

Join us to help a flock of colourful birds take flight through our streets and deliver an important letter.

A procession of large birds made by members of the local community including The Winns Primary School will journey through Priory Court and along Elphinstone Road. Along the route the flock will encounter a range of playful Story Stops where there will be artwork and mini pop up performances on show. You can get involved by helping with the making in the run up to the procession (Sat 5 Oct, 10.30am, Higham Hill Library), creating something for a Story Stop, or joining us on the day for the procession. Expect making, music, movement and surprises along the way!

Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, Walthamstow E17 5NB

More information www.artillery.org.uk
events@artillery.org.uk 07947 275774

Thursday 10 October

4pm-5pm

Musical Beacons

Free music sessions for whole families. Experienced musicians will guide each session, giving everyone a chance to enjoy being musical and making friends with other families. Make music, feel confident, play instruments!

Langthorne Park Pavilion, Birch Road, Leytonstone E11 4YG

More information www.soundcastle.co.uk
musicalbeacons.soundcastle@gmail.com
instagram @soundcastleteam

Friday 11 October

1pm-5pm

Sailing into Bisterne Avenue Park Workshop

Weave your story into a Story Craft created by willow artist Jane Frost, residents and Leyton Sixth Form College students. The Story Craft echoes ancient coracle making techniques. Its upturned hull and porthole features transform into a workshop space for inventing stories, sharing memories and weaving new sculptures of creatures that might be encountered on Grandad's Island. Drop in workshops suitable for all ages.

Bisterne Avenue Park, Bisterne Avenue, Walthamstow E17 3QS

More information Jane@FrostArt.co.uk

Saturday 12 October

12pm-4pm

Sailing into Bisterne Avenue Park Workshop

For details, see full listing for Fri 11 Oct.

Bisterne Avenue Park, Bisterne Avenue, Walthamstow E17 3QS

11am-4pm drop in

At every turn they saw new wonders...

Step into the illustrations of 'Grandad's Island' and choose your new adventure. A mini film making activity with Alexandra McKenzie and Worth Unlimited.

Look out for announcements of other workshops in the park.

Leyton Manor Park

More information www.artillery.org.uk
events@artillery.org.uk 07947 275774
Instagram @louiseweir47

2pm-5pm

All Hands on Deck – Creative Workshops

Join the crew to help us prepare for our finale event. Help us transform Langthorne Park into a tropical island with decorations made in these artist-led creative workshops inspired by the lavishly illustrated picture book 'Grandad's Island'. You might be creating vines, flowers, birds or bees - all ages welcome, just drop in!

Langthorne Park, Leytonstone E11 4JT

Sunday 13 October

12pm-6pm

LAND AHOY!

Project Finale - See next page for details

Come together for a FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Langthorne Park, Leytonstone E11 4JT



DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

Here are details of other commissioned and partner projects as part of Grandad's Island.

GRANDAD'S ISLAND SOUND SYMPHONY

Artist Helen Maurer – together with Year 2 pupils from Willow Brook and Riverley Primary Schools, musicians Ted Barnes and Dominique Golden – has created a Sound Symphony inspired by 'Grandad's Island'. Helen Maurer uses light, glass and sound to create site-specific installations.

This original composition has been created by assembling the recordings of sound experiments by the pupils including inventing Foley sound effects, capturing the sound of drawing, underwater sounds and perhaps some singing too! The musical sound work will be transmitted at the Langthorne Park finale on Sun 13 Oct, see details overleaf.

FANTASY FLOW

A mirage of dance styles capturing the essence of movement from all nations, taking you on a journey that you can only dream of. X7eaven Performing Arts Academy presents this original dance piece inspired by illustrations in the picture book with guest dancers from Downsell Primary School. Fantasy Flow fuses Contemporary, African, Bollywood and Streetdance styles - see it for yourself at Langthorne Park on Sun 13 October.

FOOTSTEPS FROM MY MOTHERLAND

Textile artist, Talula Noor and residents including Waltham Forest Asian seniors are using textile embellishment techniques from around the world to share intimate stories of their motherlands, of journeys to the UK and of sharing memories with children and grandchildren. Additionally participants have collaborated in translating the picture book to share in their mother tongue with their grandchildren.

RAW ACADEMY

This autumn RAW are using 'Grandad's Island' as a stimulus in their performing arts workshop. Young RAW-ians will be exploring all the different themes and ideas of the book through drama, movement and vocal coaching classes. The aim is to bring this beautiful story to life: using their imaginations and creative energies to lift the story off the page, and onto the 'stage' of our neighbourhood parks. Performances will be created in RAW's workshops by young people.



LAND AHOY!

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Sunday 13 October, 12 – 6pm
Langthorne Park, Leytonstone E11 4JT

Multilingual storytelling, dance, procession, creative workshops and a community feast.

Step ashore on to Grandad's Island in Langthorne Park for an afternoon of activities for the whole family. Listen to the **Sound Symphony** created by pupils at **Willow Brook** and **Riverley Primary Schools** led by artist **Helen Maurer**. Settle down in the **Story Den** crafted by **Jane Frost** and residents of **Wood Street**. Step inside **Grandad's Shed** to find a micro-cinema screening films created among the island sets artist **Alexandra McKenzie** made with young people in **Leyton Manor Park**. Share in Grandad's fascination with creatures and their habitats, and meet **Suntrap** and some of their non-native animals including hissing cockroaches!

Creative Workshops and Activities

Get creative throughout the afternoon with activities around the park. Join in the **Tree Treasure Hunt** with **Poppy Flint**, go **pond dipping** with **The Conservation Volunteers** or write letters to loved ones with **Scribble and Smudge**. Craft your own nautical hats or join **Louise Weir** who will lead **drawing workshops** to capture the day's festivities, flora and fauna of the park.

Performances

Author Benji Davies will be reading from his book 'Grandad's Island' and residents from Waltham Forest will be reading the book in some of the many languages from our neighbourhoods based on **The Babel Project** created by **The Mill**. Pupils from **Downsell Primary School** will treat us to a **dance performance, Fantasy Flow** choreographed with **X7eaven Performing Arts Academy**. We'll have our own choir of Grandads thanks to the **Three Valleys Male Voice Choir**. See the bird population of the park grow as artist **Del Taylor** leads us on a procession in the park made up of giant bird puppets created by **William Morris Ward residents**.

There'll be something for everyone on Grandad's Island in Langthorne Park and we look forward to seeing you there.



The Quiet Gardens

Ornamental Pool

The Amphitheatre

The Pavillion

Pond Dipping Platform

Childrens Play Area

Langthorne Park

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