

# RIPLEY ARTS CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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**September - October 2026**

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**Rosemary Wilman Church on the Hill, Hellissandur**

**Zumba at Ripley.** Tuesday evenings 7pm to 8pm  
Easy steps salsa, merengue, Cumbia, reggaeton and more...  
Text 07545190258 [d.skerrett@icloud.com](mailto:d.skerrett@icloud.com) or Zumba.com

**Art on Parade** – Saturday morning Children's Art Club.  
Term time and half term classes. Popular art days sketching, painting, crafting. T 07736400763 or [info@artonparade.co.uk](mailto:info@artonparade.co.uk)

**Ripley Portrait Class** with Model. Untutored, all levels welcome.  
Wednesdays 10am-12. £15 per class or £40 for 4 classes. Models also wanted £30 fee paid.  
Contact: [rosconey@gmail.com](mailto:rosconey@gmail.com)

**Code Ninjas** Bromley for further info Tel 07803817178  
Visit our website [www.codeninjas.co.uk/bromley-ken-2-uk](http://www.codeninjas.co.uk/bromley-ken-2-uk)  
[Bromleykenuk2@codeninjas.com](mailto:Bromleykenuk2@codeninjas.com) for our weekday, Saturday and holiday courses.

**Yoga, Breathing, Relaxing & Meditation Classes**  
Monday & Wednesday Evenings- all abilities  
Please contact Emma for more info 07765100436  
Or [www.yogabromley.co.uk](http://www.yogabromley.co.uk)

**The Arts Society North Kent**  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November Frida Kahlo: Her Life and Legacy: Lecturer  
Chloe Sayer. [TheArtsSocietyNorthKent](http://TheArtsSocietyNorthKent) or call Angela 02084670316  
Val 02084644536 for information about upcoming lectures/talks.

**Music Appreciation Class** Monday afternoons term time.  
For Course Details contact Andrew on [rothwellandrew@sky.com](mailto:rothwellandrew@sky.com)

**Bromley History & Arts Club** Tutored classes in History and Art  
Appreciation Wednesday & Thursday mornings at Ripley Arts Centre  
Contact Elizabeth e\_bromfield@icloud.com

**Young Filmmakers Club** for 12-17yr olds. Holiday courses and  
Saturdays mornings at Ripley –ongoing 6 sessions price per  
person £130 per half term. Tickets purchased in advance.  
Please contact [evelyn@youngfilmmakers.club](mailto:evelyn@youngfilmmakers.club)

**Tai Chi** Classes with John Doran; Senior lecturer of the TCUGB  
and Fellow of the Society of Education and Training. John is  
also a fully qualified Qi Gong and Shaibashi tutor and Sports  
injury specialist. Thurs 10am-12 midday Advanced.  
Wednesdays 7pm to 8pm. For more info tel John Doran  
07903 130266 or 020 8466 6203 [john@wutaichi.org](mailto:john@wutaichi.org)

## **Qigong: Monday 10am-11am**

Learn Neiyang Gong (Inner Nourishing) Qigong) forms and  
other Qigong forms that can help improve flexibility, strength,  
balance, relaxation and general well-being. New Students  
welcome. **Tai Chi: Monday 11am-12 midday.**  
Learn basic Tai Chi energies and movements. **This class is  
currently closed to new students.** New students may be able  
to join in September, after the summer break.

**Contact:** Peter Falloon-Goodhew at  
[peter.fg15@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.fg15@ntlworld.com) or on 07914767862

**Progress Tutors** provide GCSE and A level Revision courses.  
11+ and creative writing courses. Contact Maria Tel 020 8432  
4639 or visit [www.progresstutors.com](http://www.progresstutors.com)

## **Shortland's Poetry Circle**

Poetry reading group, twice monthly, Tues afternoons  
[www.poetrypf.co.uk/shortlands.html](http://www.poetrypf.co.uk/shortlands.html) Enquiries: Tel no 020  
8464 9810 or e-mail [shortlands@poetrypf.co.uk](mailto:shortlands@poetrypf.co.uk)

**Bromley Speakers Club** A friendly, supportive environment to  
hone your public speaking skills. Thursday eves. Email  
[contact@bromleyspeakers.co.uk](mailto:contact@bromleyspeakers.co.uk)

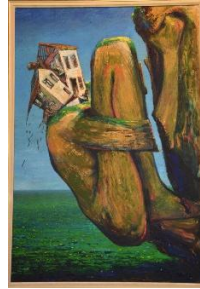
**Life Drawing Classes** Thursday afternoons at Ripley Please  
contact: Tony Anderson 07770676468 or  
[rositonyanderson@aol.com](mailto:rositonyanderson@aol.com)

## Art Exhibitions at Ripley Arts Centre

Viewing Mon-Thurs 9.30am to 4.30pm & Sat & Sun mornings other times by appointment.

### Norah Kam Holford (1916-1990)

**A Retrospective: Returning to Ripley Arts Centre 50 years on  
15<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> October 2026 Open evening 15<sup>th</sup> October 7.30-9.30pm**

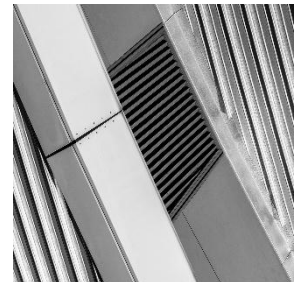


Norah Kam Holford (1916-1990) was an artist and educator of remarkable talent and insight. She studied at the Slade School of Fine Art in the 1930s, obtaining prizes for Life Drawing and Life Painting. She went on to train as an Art Teacher at the University of London Institute of Education, before teaching art at Bromley High School for Girls in the 1940s, and later, lecturing at Froebel Educational Institute before having children in the 1950s. Norah lived in Beckenham until the 1970s, and continued to paint and draw throughout her life, leaving a remarkable body of work: reviews from her previous exhibitions describe her as 'an artist of immense depth.'

This is a rare opportunity to see beautiful mid-century expressions of colours in nature, as well as some of Norah's more surrealist and thought-provoking work, created during periods of acute mental ill health and psychoanalytic treatment in the 1960s. She was a woman of unique artistic skill and vision.

Norah's art collection remains in the care of her surviving family. This exhibition has been curated by her granddaughter, Zillah.

### Spectrum Photo Art 17<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026



**SPECTRUM PHOTO ART** is a small group of photographers of diverse backgrounds, influences and interests, who share a passion for the process of creating images - from pressing the shutter to producing photographic prints.

The variety of prints on show demonstrates the differences of thought and versatility of approach to the topics of our choice, with each photographer's personal work reflecting their preferred subjects and styles.

The exhibition also includes our signature feature of a themed 'colour wall'. On this occasion, our chosen colour is Yellow and we also have a selection of panels in Black & White. In addition to work by the five current members, this exhibition features a retrospective display of prints by founder member, Nenne van Dijk.

Members of Spectrum Photo Art have exhibited together for fifteen years in venues around the London area, including Hall Place in Bexley and Denbies Vineyard in Dorking. This is our first visit to the New Gallery Space at Ripley Arts Centre.

# RIPLEY ARTS CENTRE

## A Unique Wedding & Functions Venue

Our delightful Georgian Music room in a fine period Victorian House overlooks attractive gardens with illuminated fountain and Sensory Garden



Art & Educational classes, Art Exhibitions, Tai Chi, Yoga, Meditation, Poetry, Concerts & more.... See our 'Events Calendar' at [www.bromleyarts.com](http://www.bromleyarts.com)



Hold your meeting/awayday at Ripley Arts Centre. Various meeting rooms to accommodate from 1-80 delegates. Take your break in our extensive gardens featuring our Sensory Garden and Water Fountain.

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**Are you taking an ABRSM digital performance grade or diploma music exam**, but are worried that your home may be too cluttered, your piano is not of a sufficient quality, or your surroundings are too noisy? Why not record your performance pieces in the peaceful surroundings of one of our two music rooms at the Ripley Arts Centre? For more information about making your exam entry contact [abrs.org](http://abrs.org) or tel 020 7636 5400. Call 020 8464 5816 or email [enquiries@bromleyarts.com](mailto:enquiries@bromleyarts.com) for more details about room hire rates and availability.

### Bromley Arts Trust CIO

#### Opportunity to join the Board of Trustees

Ready for a challenge?

Good team player?

Good at seeing the bigger picture?

Consider joining our small Board of Trustees. The Board of Bromley Arts Trust is eager to expand the number of trustees and is looking for enthusiastic individuals with special skills and wide-ranging experience to enjoy finding solutions. Whether you are an experienced Trustee or are considering becoming one, we would like to hear from you.

If you have the time (estimated to average 2 to 3 days per month) to undertake this exciting role, please email the Business Manager at [thelma@bromleyarts.com](mailto:thelma@bromleyarts.com), or by telephone at 0208 464 5816. For more details of the role, person specification, the application process and documentation.