

## WHERE IS THE IMPROVED RELIABILITY ?

Greenwich Line Users Group monitored the service from 24th to 28th January, using data from Real Time Trains. This week was chosen because there was no bad weather and no strikes, so services should have been running smoothly. The reality was very different, particularly on the services into London. Most weekdays there are 45 Southeastern services from Westcombe Park and Maze Hill

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everyone'. It is in line with the council's Borough-wide Transport Strategy and their commitment to achieve a carbon neutral borough by 2030.

The on-line consultation includes an interactive map of the area which enables responses to be made in relation to specific places. So far as at 14.2.23 there have been nearly 500 comments. All residents are encouraged to look at the documents and send their comments via the website <https://greenersafergreenwich.commonplace.org> or through e-mail to [transport-strategy@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:transport-strategy@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

Planning a street party in Royal Greenwich? You'll need to register your event with the Council by Friday 10 March. Residents can apply to throw a street party on Saturday 6 May, Sunday 7 May or Monday 8 May.

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD

## Catalytic Convertor Marking

Catalytic convertors marking kits were delivered to the 3 garages on the Ward (see below) to be fitted on a first come, first served basis for free. Makes and models particularly affected are Toyotas, BMW 3 series, some Fords, Hondas. The Safer Neighbourhood Team have put letters on cars of these makes parked around the Ward notifying them of the availability of these free fittings. Do not try to stop a theft of catalytic converters in progress as that could be dangerous.

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## LOCAL SCHOOL BLACKHEATH PREP CELEBRATES ITS BICENTENARY

In 2023 Blackheath Prep on St. Germans Place in Blackheath, celebrates 200 years since its foundation in 1823 by the Reverend Greenlaw. The school was originally known as Christ's College, a boys boarding school, largely for the sons of servicemen and officials working overseas. In 1998 Christ's College closed its doors and the school became known as Blackheath Preparatory



Photo from Blackheath Prep

School and Nursery. An exciting year-long programme of special events and collaborations will take place across this year to celebrate Blackheath Prep's bicentenary, including special learning projects, events, community engagement and fundraising for local charities including Age Exchange Blackheath, Creekside Discovery Centre, Greenwich and the 999 Club, Deptford. The school will also host a free Community Fun Day on 1 July 2023 which will be open to everyone in the local community. To celebrate this milestone year in the school's history and launch the celebrations, the Mayor of Greenwich visited Blackheath Prep on 31 January 2023 for a special tree planting ceremony and tea party. The Mayor of Greenwich was joined by special guests including Blackheath Prep's founding Head, Jenny Wedgeworth, the Blackheath Society, Greenwich Society, Westcombe Society, parents and local residents.



## Letters

Thank you for publishing Mark Millan's excellent article about the importance of urban gardens in providing habitat for our much depleted wildlife and, in particular, insects. I agree wholeheartedly with him. I would like to share an extract from the introduction to an exhibition of drawings and paintings inspired by a small front garden: I stared blankly out of the window. All social contact had been restricted. Travel was forbidden. I longed for open spaces and green vistas. I picked up a pen and started drawing. An oleander, a rose, clematis, euonymus, pine, juniper, jasmine, ivy, syringa, cypress, cyclamen, bay, yew. Each plant had a story. A cutting from Mireille, a present from my brother, a cutting from the roadside in Spain where I took my father after my mother's death. My mind wandered from place to place. I raised my eyes and could see the sky. For a moment the road and buildings disappeared. I was smiling. Front gardens matter. Domestic gardens account for about 25% of urban space. Urban plants and trees help cool the air in summer and provide shelter and insulation in winter. They reduce the risk of flooding by intercepting rain, slowing the run-off and reducing pressure on drains. They contribute to mental and physical health. Domestic gardens are among Britain's key nature reserves. While one person may have only a small garden, a whole street's worth adds up to a considerable amount of green space.... Let's suppose that every front garden has at least a hedge. I make a plea to all those thinking of hard-surfacing their garden or digging out a hedge: is it really necessary? Is there another way? Maggie Learmouth.

## Obituaries

Edward Finnerty, 84, of Ruthin Road died suddenly on 27th January 2023. Eddy was a long standing member of St. George's church, serving as churchwarden for several years. He took part in the many community dramas performed at St. George's, working mainly behind the scenes producing sets and props. Eddy was always willing to help out with plumbing and other building problems both in the church and for his neighbours. He was a lifelong member of the Scouting movement and was passionate about trains. He will be deeply missed by his wife, Cynthia, his family and all the local community.



It is with deep regret to announce the passing of Mrs Savitaben Gudka. She ran the ToyBox newsagents on Bramshot Avenue for 34 years with her husband (Mr Gudka) and son (Roy). She was a doting wife, mother and grandmother. She will be sorely missed by all that knew her. You can contact Roy on 07956868638 or rohitkumar10@hotmail.com



## Blackheath/Westcombe Ward Councillor Surgery times

Leo Fletcher, Mariam Lolavar and Christine St Matthew-Daniel Details are below, please come, and say hello to us. No appointments needed 1st Saturday of the month - 10am - 11am - Mycenae House, 90 Mycenae Road, London SE3 7SE 1st Saturday of the month - 1.00pm - 2.00pm - Age Exchange, 11 Blackheath Village, SE3 9LA



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to Cannon Street. In that week on the “best” day, if that is the right word, only 16 services arrived on time. On the worst day, just 5 services arrived on time. That is a performance which is inexcusable, and as most of these trains are scheduled to run only seven minutes ahead of the following Thameslink service, they frequently delay Thameslink as well. The performance is summarised in the table. The basis of Southeastern’s assertion that reliability would improve was that conflicting train

Trains to Cannon Street	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th
On time	5	13	11	16	11
1 – 5 minutes late	16	27	22	22	28
6 – 10 minutes late	11	4	5	4	5
11 – 20 minutes late	7	2	4	2	-
21 – 30 minutes late	4	-	4	2	-
Over 30 minutes late	2	-	-	-	-
Cancelled	-	-	3	-	1

movements at Lewisham would be largely eliminated by diverting services. As a result Southeastern services through Greenwich now run via Bexleyheath instead of Sidcup but instead of improving reliability it has worsened considerably. It is depressing that train services on the line have deteriorated from the December 2019 timetable, which had a reliable service at 10 minute intervals, to the present shambles. Blaming Covid and reduced passenger demand is not an excuse for poor performance. Southeastern have partly defended the changes by saying they will save the taxpayer £10m a year, but most passengers are taxpayers themselves and deserve a reliable service that takes them where they want to go. Worryingly, the company have also stated that any future increase in services will depend upon finance being available. The Greenwich Line Users Group will continue to press for improvements in rail services and

the return of the “turn up and go” metro service we enjoyed for many years.

*Addendum:*  
The Blackheath Society arranged a survey of local residents, some of whom live in Westcombe Park and have used Blackheath for its direct service to Charing Cross. The results show extreme dissatisfaction with the new timetable, in particular the lack of trains to Charing Cross, difficulties changing trains at London Bridge and Lewisham and severe overcrowding, not just at peak times but off-peak as well. What is shocking is just how long journey times have become and the convoluted variations of journeys that people are making as they struggle to get to their destination. For those with a disability, travelling with prams, children and luggage it’s real struggle especially as lifts at Lewisham and lifts and escalators at London Bridge have frequently been out of order. The results of the survey show the need for a serious rethink to: bring back the Charing Cross trains; limit the need to change en route; ease overcrowding; make it easier for passengers with disabilities or travelling with prams, children, luggage etc.; speed up the trains; provide more frequent, better spaced trains and a much better planned timetable; listen to the passengers and meet their needs

So very similar concerns and wishes..  
*Greenwichline User Group*

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## TEMPORARY CLOSURES IN GREENWICH PARK

An update from the Revealed team.

Temporary closures are needed to facilitate ongoing work for Greenwich Park Revealed. We are creating new public spaces, community facilities, and a haven for wildlife. As part of Greenwich Park Revealed we are creating some exciting new community facilities in the ‘Blackheath’ South side of the park this year. These works are expected to be completed by December 2023. Please keep an eye on our web site for updates on temporary closures during project delivery. Please excuse any disturbance. We'll do our best to keep any disruptions to a minimum. Vanbrugh Yard We're transforming part of the

further details to follow. The Wilderness We're creating a new learning space in The Wilderness to inspire learning and discovery in the park's natural environment. We're modernising the Old Wildlife Centre to provide a new entrance, toilets, and storage space. It will support the new learning space as a community facility, and we're installing an accessible path. The work will be behind public access boundaries. The Flower Garden We're also restoring the Flower Garden Lake, enhancing the habitat with aquatic planting and landscaping, and improving the water quality and overall sustainability of the space.



contractor's yard to create a new public space. We're converting Vanbrugh Lodge into a café with seating inside and outdoors, providing a community orchard, converting buildings into volunteer facilities and accessible toilets, and building a greenhouse for volunteers. Vanbrugh Gate will be closed for a month later this year, with

Several closures will affect the Flower Garden between January and April, including Blackheath Gate, Bower Avenue Gate, and lake access, whilst these works are delivered. The Flower Garden gate from Bower Avenue will be closed for three weeks in spring while an emergency gate is installed near the existing pedestrian entrance to accommodate emergency vehicle access. These projects will be delivered alongside works towards the North of the park to restore the 17th Century landscape. To find out more, please visit: [www.royalparks.org.uk/gpr](http://www.royalparks.org.uk/gpr)

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# FEATURES

## Running the 2023 London Marathon for South London Special League

On Sunday 23 April, Siebert Road resident Helen Marley-Hutchinson will be joining thousands of other runners at the London Marathon start line on Blackheath. This will be the fourth Marathon Helen's run for local sports inclusion charity South London Special League (SLSL).

Disabled people in the Royal



Borough of Greenwich are among some of the most deprived in London. These can be isolated lives, unable to connect with the local community or benefit from the physical and mental boost that comes from being involved with team sports.

"SLSL is a unique award-winning charity providing much-needed opportunities for young disabled people and adults to improve their lives through football and a variety of other sports including tennis, Boccia, New Age Curling and Seated Volleyball," says Steve Johnson, SLSL's Strategic Development Manager.

"By providing these activities, we're breaking down the social, economic, and environmental barriers to inclusion along with the inequalities disabled people confront when accessing sport and leisure activities," says Steve.

This year, the fundraising focus will be Greenwich Powerchair Football Club (GPFC). The Club is one of SLSL's flagship projects. Since its inception in 2007, it has seen some notable successes including a promotion into the top division and a player who will be part of the 2024 Paralympic Squad – Kyle Alexander. "I have Cerebral Palsy, it's a challenge but I enjoy a challenge," says Kyle.

Speaking about his experiences training with the England squad,

Kyle says, "The training has given me a big push to improve my confidence as well as the mental and technical side of my game." Powerchair football is a fast moving, highly skilled game. Training takes place every Thursday evening at Woolwich Waterfront Centre. These



are valuable moments of freedom in highly restricted lives, two hours to experience the joy of a game of football with friends. Charlton Athletic Community Trust are one of GPFC's main sponsors, providing an assistant coach for the Thursday night training sessions and a new Charlton playing kit. This year's fundraising will go towards coaching, equipment (new powerchairs cost upwards of £6,500), on-going maintenance costs and travel to and from games. Here's what has been made possible over the last three years thanks to the generosity of Westcombe News readers:

London Marathon 2020 – We raised enough money to provide weekly tennis sessions in Greenwich Park for a year. London and Virtual Marathons 2021 – We quadrupled our initial fundraising target. Enough money was raised to not only continue weekly tennis sessions in Greenwich Park but also pay towards new powerchairs for Greenwich Powerchair Football Club. Big Half and Virtual Marathon 2022 – We raised money towards much-needed equipment for newly-promoted Greenwich Powerchair Football Club.

SLSL is staffed entirely by volunteers. "Every penny you donate goes towards keeping the great work of this charity going," says Mayor of Greenwich, Leo Fletcher. "I'm over the moon that the great



work being done by the charity to improve the lives of disabled people is being recognised by our council and community," says Sharon Brokenshire MBE, Founder and Director of South London Special League

The Westcombe News will be reporting on the impact this year's fundraising has had in future editions.

If everybody reading this copy of the Westcombe News donated just £1, we'd have over £4,000 for South London Special League and the Powerchair Footballers.

Thank you for whatever you can spare and keep an eye out for Helen in her red SLSL T-shirt as she runs through Greenwich on her way to central London on Sunday April 23.

<https://2023virtualtcslondon-marathon.enthuse.com/pf/helen-marley-hutchinson>



## ROYAL MUSEUMS GREENWICH TO HOLD SEASON OF DRAWING

Royal Museums Greenwich (RMG) will host a season of events dedicated to drawing from March to June 2023. 'Drawn together' will explore and celebrate drawing through activities, trails, talks and events for all ages groups and abilities.

The season will run alongside the new exhibition The Van de Velde: Greenwich, Art and the Sea, opening in March 2023 at the Queen's House. In the exhibition, the public will be able to discover how drawing was at the heart of the practice and process of both artists who once had a studio in the Queen's House.

For more information visit: [www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on-national-maritime-museum/drawn-together-season-drawings](http://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on-national-maritime-museum/drawn-together-season-drawings)



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# ENVIRONMENT

## Will(ow) they or won't they survive

### One view

Walking from Greenwich along the Thames path, and nearing Morden Wharf, one comes across some old apple trees on the riverbank. In a

famous civil engineers of the day, Thomas Telford and John Rennie, were asked to come to Greenwich to deal with a threatened breach in the sea wall somewhere near today's Morden Wharf. Some 20



photo by Mike Norton

good summer they produce a bumper crop. Much prettier and more distinctive, however, are the row of 11 weeping willow trees that waft and grace the shoreline over a small golden beach. One comes across this delightful little beach suddenly, just as the path narrows and veers 90 degrees to the Wharf. Upsettingly, these much-loved willows, which have been a feature for more than 40 years, are due to be felled. The developer Landsec that recently bought Morden Wharf says the trees are damaging the retaining wall, and hindering plans to strengthen flood defences which the Environment Agency says must be done. Council Planning Officers recommended the plans be approved but, at the February planning board meeting, Councillors agreed a 2-month stay of execution for the trees to allow further consideration of how best to widen the Thames path by the Wharf and strengthen the riverbank. - Ann Hill

### And ... another

Sentimentality about the willow trees should not override common-sense. This is not a 'riverbank' but a sophisticated, engineered sea wall with an illustrious history. It should not have big trees growing on it! Many years ago I found a packet of papers at the London Metropolitan archives which were about the Greenwich Peninsula in the 1820s. It told how the most

years earlier an obstruction in the river, the Blackwall Rock, had been removed and there were increased ship movements at the new West India Dock entrance opposite. Changes in currents were threatening a terrible disaster. Telford knew, as we ought to, that sea walls need constant and absolute attention. They are vast civil engineering structures built hundreds of years ago, and mostly we don't even notice them. We don't know how old the walls are which keep the Greenwich Peninsula safe. Some say they are Roman and a recent article about the area in the Bronze Age suggested that it was once a series of islands. Commissioners were appointed to oversee their safety in the Middle Ages and extensive remedial work was done under the Tudors. Looking after them properly is for the long term and needs care. Surely it is much greener to maintain assets inherited from before the over-use of carbon and not to neglect them for short term prettiness? Greenness ought to be about long term sustainable care. And wouldn't it be nice if we recognised that in the 1820s it was felt necessary to use the most important civil engineering talent in the country to sort out the flood defences of the Greenwich Peninsula. Perhaps a plaque to Thomas Telford?

- Mary Mills

Do share your views with us.  
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## Two moments of your time for Mycenae Gardens

Mycenae Gardens, our own local park, is calling for assistance. Sited behind Mycenae House, it's a community resource, and there are a couple of ways you can lend it a hand. First, the Friends group is organising a volunteer day on



Photo from Friends of Mycenae Gardens

Saturday 11th March, 10:30-1:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to see how the Friends are working to restore wildlife and make the park welcoming to all. Activities will include litter-picking, pruning shrubs, and restoring the dead-hedge barriers that protect wilder areas. No experience needed! Seasoned gardeners will be on hand to show you what to do, so you could improve your own skills, while having a great time meeting other local volunteers, and -yes-drinking tea and eating biscuits. And second, The Friends committee wants to know how local people would like to see the gardens in future, so we can shape them to the community's needs. Please will you spare five minutes to complete a short questionnaire that will help us improve the gardens? You can find it at <https://bit.ly/fomg-q1> but we'll also have paper copies available at the Mycenae House café, the volunteer day, and elsewhere. Please let us know what you think about your park!

## CHANGES TO BLACK BIN COLLECTIONS

From Monday 27 February, your general waste in your black top bin will be collected every two weeks. Your food and garden waste bin and recycling bin will still be collected every week. If you live in a property that uses wheelie bins, your general waste will be collected every two weeks. You will not be affected if your property cannot have bins or if you live in a flat with communal bins. These changes are being made to move Towards Zero Waste, this is a vital step in action against the climate emergency. Fewer waste collections will save 60 tonnes of CO2 each year. By recycling more less waste will be incinerated which is kinder to the planet.

Watch the RBG video to find out how they are moving Towards Zero Waste or read the video transcript. This change comes after a six week consultation in 2020 which confirmed that most residents understood the need for the changes proposed. Generating less general waste in the borough will also support the Mayor of London's Environment Strategy to reach a London-wide recycling rate of 50% by 2025. Many London boroughs who have switched to collecting general waste every other week have seen increased recycling rates. Read the Carbon Neutral Plan to see what else the council is doing to respond to the climate emergency.



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Mon 6 Mar, 1.10pm  
Tickets: £10  
Programme: Germain Tailleferre Piano Trio; Mendelssohn Piano Trio No.2 in C minor, Op.66  
**The Princess and The Frog**  
Sat 11 Mar, 11.00am (1pm & 3pm performances Sold Out)  
Tickets: £9  
**Danny Baker | At last...The Sausage Sandwich Tour**  
Sat 11 Mar, 7.30pm  
Tickets: £27.50  
**Holi The Festival of Colours**  
Sat 18 Mar, 6.30pm-9.30pm  
Tickets: £25 / £15 u18s  
**Cara Dillon**  
Sat 18 Mar, 8.00pm  
Tickets: £25 / £23  
**Justin Moorhouse | Stretch & Think**  
Sun 19 Mar, 8.00pm  
Tickets: £15  
**Rain or Shine, Let's Musical: Showcase Finale**  
Wed 22 Mar, 7.30pm  
Tickets: £12 / £6 u12s  
**George Hinchliffe's Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain**  
Thu 23 Mar, 8.00pm  
Tickets: £32 / £25 u21s  
**Lunchtime Recital: Jessica Burroughs & David Cowan**  
Mon 27 Mar, 1.10pm  
Tickets: £10  
Visit: [blackheathhalls.com](http://blackheathhalls.com)

## The Tramshed Theatre, Woolwich

**All Roads 9th- 11th March:**  
The world premiere of a new play by Roy Williams (Death of England, Sing Yer Heart Out for the Lads) which explores what it means to love, grieve and build your own future, being young Black British today.  
[tramshed.org/whats-on/all-roads](http://tramshed.org/whats-on/all-roads)

**Boudica: 20th-24th March:**  
Wild Geese Theatre Company present an immersive theatre show about a Queen who takes formidable might of Rome. Booking exclusively for primary schools.  
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## Greenwich Theatre Studio

23rd-26th March  
**Four Freaks from Iowa**  
The true story of the Cherry sisters by Woolwich playwright Stuart Mitchell-Smith.  
With local actor Richard Rickson.

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**EVENTS AND EXHIBITIONS**  
**Ramadan Moon Sighting Live**  
A livestream to mark the start of Ramadan as we aim to observe the new crescent Moon.  
Dates: 22 March 2023  
Time: 18.15 – 19.00  
Location: Online via YouTube  
**Exploring Mars**  
Journey to the Red Planet in this exhibition exploring the incredible discoveries that have been made about Mars so far and consider the exciting possibilities of what the future may hold for humans on the planet.  
Dates: Daily  
Time: 10.00 – 17.00  
Location: Peter Harrison Planetarium  
**Evening of Astrophotography**  
An after-hours panel discussion with judges and astrophotographers from the Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition, held in the NMM Lecture Theatre.  
Date: 11 March 2023  
Time: 18.00 – 20.00  
Location: National Maritime Museum, Lecture Theatre  
**PLANETARIUM SHOWS**  
There are lots of shows and courses at the planetarium this March.

## Greenwich Theatre

**The Good Women 3rd - 4th March**

It's the 1960s, the world is changing. Protesters take to the streets for equality and against the Vietnam war, hippies celebrate free love and a young band called "The Beatles" is rising to fame. But not in conservative Switzerland, where women did not get the vote until the 1970s and were legally confined to kitchen and household. Bette, the star of a popular TV cooking show, and Trudy, a housewife, are about to change that.  
The Good Women is a brand-new funny, bold and romantic piece of queer theatre inspired by a true story of two extraordinary women.

**(In) Good Spirits 5th March**

No later than 1990, though somewhere outside of time, four unknowing spirits occupy a derelict stately home somewhere in England...

**For A Brief Moment and Never Again Since 9th - 10th March**

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## Arts Society Greenwich

[www.theartsocietygreenwich.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietygreenwich.org.uk)



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**Iain Keable**  
**Monday 13 March 2023**

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**EXHIBITIONS AND DISPLAYS**  
**The Van de Velde: Greenwich, Art and the Sea**  
Willem van de Velde the Elder and Willem van de Velde the Younger were the most important and influential marine painters of the seventeenth century. In the home of their original studio granted 350 years ago by Charles II, this exhibition will reveal how the family's legacy as renowned émigré artists transformed British visual culture and inspired future generations of artists including J.M.W. Turner.  
Date: 2 March 2023 – 14 January 2024  
Time: 10.00 – 17.00  
Location: Queen's House, Greenwich  
**Astronomy Photographer of the Year 14**  
Now in its fourteenth year, the awe-inspiring winning and shortlisted images from this year's Astronomy Photographer of the Year competition are on display at the National Maritime Museum.  
Date: 17 Sept 2022 – 13 August 2023  
Time: 10.00 – 17.00  
Location: National Maritime Museum, Photography Gallery  
**All the Queen's Men**  
Uncover the lives of Elizabeth I's male courtiers and their personal and political relationships with the monarch in this display at the Queen's House.  
Date: Daily Time: 10.00 – 17.00  
Location: Queen's House, Greenwich  
**The Tempest and the Thames**  
We will be displaying a copy of William Shakespeare's First Folio, on loan from Dulwich College, in our Maritime London gallery, marking the 400th anniversary of its publication and drawing out the links between the nautical in Shakespeare's works and the city in which he wrote them.  
Date: 31 March – 24 September 2023  
Time: 10.00 – 17.00  
Location: The National Maritime Museum, Maritime London Gallery

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
**Lunchtime Concerts**  
Take an hour out of your day to relax in the sumptuous surroundings of the Queen's House and listen to talented musicians from Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance.  
Date: 15, 29 March 2023  
Time: 13.00 – 14.00  
Location: Queen's House, Greenwich  
**Women's History Month**  
**'Love unbounded': Lovers, Wives, and Families of the 19th Century Navy**  
This talk explores the histories of the families and loved ones who remained behind on shore.  
Date: 14 March 2023  
Time: Talk: 13.30 – 14.00 | Tour: 14.15 – 14.45  
Location: Queen's House, Greenwich  
**No Direction Home: All Female Comedy Night**  
Celebrate Women's History Month with some of the freshest female voices in UK comedy. Hosted by rising star Ola Labib.  
Date: 24 March 2023 Time: 19.00 – 20.30  
Location: National Maritime Museum, Lecture Theatre  
**Pioneering Women on the World Stage**  
We explore the impacts made by 4 phenomenal Black women, whose voices are still felt today. Discover how their journeys interlink and their actions have impact so many years later.  
Date: 25 March 2023 Time: 14.00 – 15.00  
Location: National Maritime Museum  
**'More Than a Uniform': The Material Culture of Women's Naval Uniform 1917-1956**  
Join us as we celebrate Women's History Month for a talk on the material culture of women's uniform led by Dr Jo Horton FRSA. She examines the WRNS (Wrens) uniform collection in the context of changing society and experiences, during and after wartime.  
Date: 31 March 2023 Time: 14.00 – 14.40  
Location: National Maritime Museum, Lecture Theatre  
**'Crossed Dressed to Kill'**  
There were hundreds of known women cross-dressers in Britain, Europe and the Americas, yet they have been erased from both social and military history.  
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