



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS!

MARYON WILSON PARK CENTENARY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13TH 2026 | 10 AM to 4 PM

Welcome!

Welcome to the Maryon Wilson Park Centenary Festival! On behalf of the Friends of Maryon Wilson Park, we are absolutely thrilled to welcome you to our festival to celebrate a remarkable milestone: our 100th anniversary. A massive thank you to all the visitors attending today; your presence and support are what make this space so special, and we are delighted to share this centenary milestone with you.

A Century of Nature and Community

Maryon Wilson Park has a rich history that dates back to its days as part of the sprawling Charlton House estate, once owned by the Maryon-Wilson family. In 1926, the land was generously dedicated to the public, transforming it into the beloved green haven we know today.

For decades, its beautiful woodlands, sweeping valleys, and famous animal enclosures have provided generations of local families with an accessible escape to nature right here in the city. Today, we celebrate 100 years of conservation, community, and the simple joy of the great outdoors.

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TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

10 am – 12 pm | Meet the animals with Stockman Richard and Team

10 am– 12 pm | **Wood sculpture workshop** with Stephen Stockbridge (Director, Creative Nature) in the Den

10 am – 11 am | **Tai Chi in the park** with Chew-Yeen Lawes

10.30 am - 11.15 am | **Maryon Wilson Park History walk** Christine Anthony (Chair of Friends of Maryon and Maryon Wilson Parks)
Meet by old toilet block

11.30 am - 12.15 pm | **Gilbert's Pit guided walk** with Laurie Baker (Chair London Geodiversity Partnership) and Diana Clements (Senior member, London Geodiversity Partnership)
Meet by old toilet block

12 pm- 12.30 pm | **Story telling** in the Den with Prof Denzel Wibbly-Dibble

12.30 pm– 12.45 pm | **Community Sowing in the Meadow** with the Friends of Maryon and Maryon Wilson Parks
Meet by old toilet block

12.45 pm- 1 pm | **Mayoral address by Mayor of Greenwich, Councillor David Gardner** Main Stage

1–3 pm | **Wood sculpture workshop** with Stephen Stockbridge (Director, Creative Nature) in the Den

1–4 pm | An afternoon of music and poetry by local performers!
Main Stage



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& MARYON WILSON PARKS

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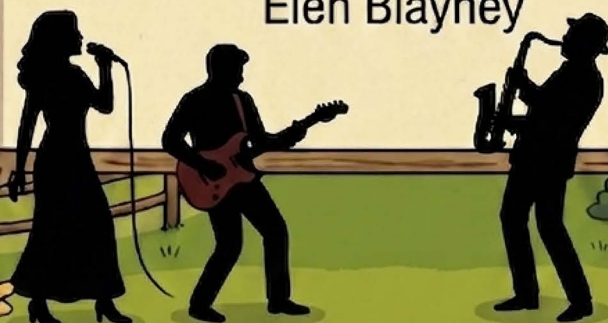
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Performance Running Order

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| 1.00 | Paul Brown |
| 1.14 | Andy Smythe |
| 1.28 | Owen Morgan |
| 1.42 | Jo Girdlestone |
| 1.56 | Jo Honey |
| 2.10 | Geraldine Ann Ford |
| 2.24 | Colin Brunton |
| 2.38 | Mikey Robinson |
| 2.52 | David Fowler |
| 3.06 | Veli Mustafa |
| 3.20 | Jim Kinsella |
| 3.34 | Isobel Jane Kimberley |
| 3.48 | C7 Band |
| 4.02 | Park song led by
Elen Blayney |



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Performer Biographies

Paul Brown



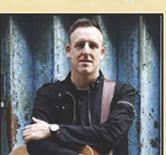
Paul Brown (singer/guitarist) has enjoyed a career in music since training at Avery Hill College, Eltham. His playing has taken him around the country with concerts spanning genres from classical to pop. For all the latest news, please visit 'Paul Brown Live' on social media.

Andy Smythe



A singer/songwriter who sings heartfelt songs about social justice. Andy Smythe has been performing around the UK folk circuit for over 20 years. He's received accolades from the likes of the Waterboys Mike Scott, and his 2026 album 'Quiet Revolution' has just received a 4-star review in Record Collector and Shindig.

Owen Morgan



Owen Morgan is a Charlton-based singer-songwriter whose music blends folk and roots influences with a little punk attitude and Americana grit. A natural storyteller, his songs draw on real life, strong senses of place and the people and stories he encounters. Known for memorable hooks and thoughtful lyrics, Owen is also an ordained priest in the Church of England and the founder and host of Southeast Sessions, a Nashville-style writers' round in Charlton.

Jo Honey



Jo Honey is a local musician and music tutor who has played in many London venues. She enjoys a wide variety of styles and plays multiple instruments.

Geraldine Ann Ford



AKA The Playful Poet. I write humorous poems and monologues. I'm also an author and my books are on Amazon.

Jo Girdlestone



Jo Girdlestone is a Greenwich-based singer-songwriter with a background in theatre-making as a performer, youth theatre leader, writer and director. Her lifelong love of stories has a habit of finding its way into her songs! She's been featured on BBC Radio Kent and regularly performs across South London's music scene.

Colin Brunton



I'm Colin. I've been involved with live music in the local area for 30 years or so. I've played and sung with pub bands and duos playing covers and original material. I've always enjoyed acoustic music as well.

Michael Robinson



Mikey, the versatile singer. My singing ranges from pop, Reggae, Soul, Jazz etc. I perform regularly every week at local open mic nights in and around South London, sometimes beyond.

David Fowler



I'm a singer/guitarist who has been appearing at open mic and other events around Greenwich and South London for the last few years. More recently, I've been grateful to have the opportunity to work with Roger Blayney accompanying me on piano, as today, which has allowed me to try songs which are more varied or adventurous, or don't lend themselves to playing on guitar.

Veli Mustafa



Veli is a musician, who recently graduated in BA Creative Musicianship at ICMP (London). He has played in Weddings, Open - Mic Nights, Choirs and for people with disabilities weekly for an hour for free in the past. He has a vision to make music no matter the situation. Veli prefers to write Classic Rock. An album is on the way soon which he has collaborated in writing songs around well - being with an artist. Veli likes to create originals that are memorable so that the audience can sing along.

James (Jim) Kinsella



James Kinsella, Irish tenor, sings a wide range of songs from opera to show songs and Irish ballads.

Isobel Jane Kimberley



Songwriter and folk musician. Half of award-winning folk duo; The Kimberleys, Isobel is a compelling guitarist with a stand-alone voice.

C7



We are C7, a Charlton youth band, that has been making music together for the past 5 years. From guitar solos to creative songwriting, we've been dedicated to experimenting new styles, performing together in front of new crowds and always managing to have a good time.

Ellen and Roger Blayney



Elen and Roger are both involved in various musical activities in the borough. Roger accompanies a local operatic society and various choirs. Elen sings mainly traditional folk in local clubs and hosts music and poetry gatherings.



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An event of this scale—and the daily upkeep of our beautiful park—requires a dedicated community. We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the incredible individuals and organisations who make it all possible:

- **Richard (Head Stockman) and his team:** Our profound thanks for your tireless, round-the-clock dedication to caring for the park's animals throughout the year, and for all your extra hard work on this special festival day.
- **TCV (The Conservation Volunteers):** A huge thank you to the TCV and their corporate volunteers for their invaluable conservation work, which has truly transformed the park and ensured its natural beauty for years to come.
- **Carol Kendall and the RDA (Riding for the Disabled Association):** Thank you for your continued support and for introducing visitors to the wonderful RDA horses at the festival.
- **Mimi and Michael at the Old Cottage Cafe:** Thank you for providing wonderful refreshments and keeping us all fed and happy.
- **The Green Goddess mobile bar:** Thank you for keeping the celebratory spirits high!
- **Mayor David Gardener and Councillor Jo Van den Broek:** Thank you for helping us to mark this historic occasion.
- **Our Performers:** Thank you for filling the park with vibrant music and poetry.
- **Chew-Yeen Lawes:** A special thanks for leading the wonderful Tai Chi session. A very experienced teacher and former European Tai Chi Chuan Champion (1994–1998). She loves teaching outdoors in the park — gentle practices that build strength and balance for all ages and abilities.
- **Stephen Stockbridge and his team at Creative Nature:** We deeply appreciate your inspiring contributions and nature-based workshops.
- **Laurie and Diana from the London Geophysical Society:** Thank you for sharing your fascinating insights of Gilbert's Pit with us.
- **Prof Denzel Wibbly-Dibble:** An acknowledgement for your unique presence and entertainment. A local academic, historian and McDonalds expert!
- **Global Fusion Music and Arts:** Thank you for your advice, support and energy.
- **Other Friends groups:** Our sincere thanks for your collaboration, advice, support and solidarity in supporting local parks.
- **Royal Borough of Greenwich:** Appreciation of being given ParksFest funding, without which, we could not have delivered this festival.
- **OK To Colour:** Special thanks to John at OK To Colour for providing all our advertising materials. Greatly appreciated.

Please enjoy the guided walks, meet the animals, etc and soak in the vibrant atmosphere.

Here is to the next 100 years of Maryon Wilson Park and Maryon Wilson Animal Park!

Lots of Love: The Friends of Maryon and Maryon Wilson Parks.