



# *Riverside Arts Centre*

59 THAMES STREET  
SUNBURY-ON-THAMES  
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## How to Join

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## **What is the Riverside Arts Centre (RAC)?**

The Company, Riverside Arts Centre, was formed by members of Sunbury and Shepperton Arts Association in 1977. Their purpose was to take on the lease of the Victorian Assembly Rooms in Thames Street, which were being offered by Spelthorne Borough Council, and convert them into an Arts Centre for the local community. This was a challenging task because the building had been a factory for the previous fifty years and after some five years of lying empty was derelict.

Riverside Arts Centre was officially opened in April 1982 and since then it has built up a reputation second to none. The Centre is licensed for public events, is run entirely by volunteers and provides extensive facilities for a wide range of Arts activities.

## **What is the RAC Development Project?**

We had the opportunity to buy the adjoining property, 57 Thames Street, (ex Barclays Bank) for £225,000. Spelthorne Borough Council contributed £100,000, leaving us with £125,000 to raise by August 2003. We achieved this objective and finalised purchase of the building on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2003. An additional £275,000 is needed to carry out the conversion works and to equip the building. Some work is already being carried out by volunteers and this will reduce the total sum required considerably. We now have planning permission to develop the Bank as an extension to our existing Arts Centre.

## **Why do we need it?**

Our main hall is in great demand and over-subscribed. As a result, we cannot provide adequately for our existing groups or new groups who would like to join us and share our facilities. This limits our ability to create opportunities for new arts activities for the local community. In particular, we would like to offer a wider range of arts activities for the disabled in the community. The conversion of the Bank will enable us to do this.

## HOW TO JOIN

You can become a Member of Riverside Arts Centre by becoming an Associate Member (£5 per year or £60 for Life Membership) or by joining one of its Affiliated Organisations. Membership entitles you to enjoy all the facilities of Riverside Arts Centre and to receive copies of our quarterly journal *The Centre*, together with a diary of the events taking place at RAC in the next three months. In addition you will automatically become a member of the Sunbury and Shepperton Arts Association and the Riverside Arts Centre Club, entitling you to use the Club Bar.

Please make applications for Associate Membership on the form below.

For contact details of Affiliated Organisations see the back page for telephone numbers or write to their secretary c/o RAC.

### Affiliated Organisations

Sunbury Art Group	Book Circle
Day School of Music	Manor Players
Sunbury Flower Group	Shepperton Players
Sunbury Poetry Group	Riverside Youth Theatre
Halliford Artists	Sunbury & District Welsh Society
Keep Fit	Zodiac Light Opera
Sunbury Yoga Society	Riverside Pilates Group

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To the Membership Secretary, Riverside Arts Centre      Date .....

I here by apply for membership of RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTRE as an Associate Member and enclose a subscription of

- \* £5, for annual membership renewable on the 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.
- \* £60 for Life Membership

An SAE is enclosed.                      \* Delete as appropriate

Signed .....

Name(BLOCK LETTERS, please) .....

Address in full .....

Postcode .....      Telephone No .....

**Note:** New members who join on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> January each year are not required to pay a further subscription until 1<sup>st</sup> April of the following year.

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## Spelthorne's Community Arts Centre for:-

- Art
- Drama
- Opera
- Literature
- Poetry
- Music
- Pottery
- Meetings
- Cultural events

Affiliated Groups meeting regularly at Riverside Arts Centre

Shepperton Players	Monday & Thursday at 8.00pm	Contact:01923 564891
Manor Players	Tuesday & Thursday at 8.00pm	Contact:01932 782400
Riverside Youth Theatre	Sunday at 2.00pm	Contact:01932 252920
Ladies Keep Fit	Tuesday at 10.00am	Contact:01932 564891
Halliford Artists	Tuesday at 7.30pm	Contact:01932 240278
Riverside Book Circle	Third Thursday at 2.00pm	Contact:01932 245688
Sunbury Art Group	2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday at 7.45pm	Contact:01932 785898
Sunbury Poetry Group	First Thursday at 8.00pm	Contact:01932 783042
Sunbury Flower Club	First Tuesday at 2pm	Contact:020 8979 4659
Riverside Pilates Group	Wednesday at 7 and 8.15pm	Contact:01932 770294



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