



2025 Events Report

Alice Lankester, Events Officer

Ellen Purton has kindly agreed to oversee the 2026 Annual Dinner, but cannot be the official Events Officer. That person needs to be recruited and welcomed. Alice will help as an advisor and supporter, but is unavailable to lead.

2025 Annual Dinner: Richmond Hill Hotel

- 110 attendees
- £23,500 raised from tickets, auction and raffle

2025 Annual Xmas Party: Kew Community Trust

- December 5th 2025
- About 50 tickets have been sold so far. Need to be >100 to make a party!
- Caterer booked
- Need: volunteer baker coordinator
- Organisers, in addition to Alice
 - Duncan Rasor - bartender
 - Jane Wilson - raffle
 - Jim Millard - MC
 - Music - TBD, Maria M and Julia C helping me figure it out

2025, April: Munira Wilson MP & Lisa Smart MP

- In-person Q&A for members only at Patch co-working space in Twickenham

2025 Munira Wilson's events for core donors

- April 2025 Strawberry Hill House with Jim Pickard of the Financial Times

- January 29th 2026, venue TBD, in planning with Nick Clegg as key speaker
- (Twickenham Film Studios with Alistair Carmichael MP was done in September 2024)

Key learnings for 2026

- Get more people proficient on Square mobile payment system — it works very well!
But people have to be trained in person and well in advance of whatever event payments are being taken for.
 - Paul Giles Award for persistence in getting it working on his Android phone
 - Naresh Aggarwal Award for patience
- Book venues for Annual Dinner and Xmas party and VIP attendance by August before event (done for 2026)
- More organised system for posting event invites to sub WhatsApps groups — there will be overlap, but WhatsApp and a personal invitation works better than email

2026 Annual Dinner: Lensbury Hotel

- Booked and deposit paid
- Date: May 15th, 2025 (Friday)
- Organiser: Ellen Purton + others to be welcomed