

FROM TOP: POPPIES IN PURPLE VASE, STILL LIFE WITH PEARS, BLUE POPLARS; ALL BY EARDLEY KNOLLYS, COURTESY OF MESSUM'S



A COLOURFUL LIFE

Messum's is celebrating the talents of Eardley Knollys this month: an art dealer-turned-painter who enjoyed a life as colourful as his artwork. Knollys collected paintings by the likes of Lucien Pissarro and Alfred Wallis who inspired his Fauvist style. He had always been in the creative industry but didn't discover his ability to paint until he was in his 50s. Many of his most famous pieces of art will be on display including *Hampshire View*. Eardley Knollys, until 20 May (messums.com)



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EARLY BIRDS

As temperatures begin to creep up and colourful blooms return to the trees, the Royal Parks Foundation's calendar is filling up with an abundance of activities. One highlight is the Dawn Chorus Walking Tour in Hyde Park where a team from the Royal Parks Foundation Education Centre takes early risers on a tour of the woodland to eavesdrop on the uplifting morning chorus from an orchestra of birds, including wrens, chaffinches, robins and thrushes. We can't think of a more wholesome way to start a fresh spring day.

Walking Tour – Dawn Chorus, 8 May (supporttheroyalparks.org/ourevents)

NEW-AGE THERAPY

Denise Pia is a psychosynthesis counsellor who runs a private practice on Harley Street and works in an alternate way to other therapists by using a ground-breaking approach: as well as talking through experiences and issues, she intuitively connects with her clients to gain a deeper understanding both psychologically and spiritually. She uses this method to maximise her clients' wellbeing, encourage them to discover more about themselves and help them have better relationships. (vitacounsellinglondon.co.uk)



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THE FABERGÉ ROOM

Jeweller Bentley & Skinner has opened its Fabergé room,

which will be available for private viewing by appointment during Russian Art Week. The company – which has long been a core London jewellers – was founded by John Sheldon who began collecting Russian Art in the 1930s. The Fabergé room is open until June and will feature some delightful pieces such as an aquamarine and diamond pendant, and we particularly love the vintage, oval-shaped chalcedony, gold and enamel bell push.

Bentley & Skinner, 55 Piccadilly, W1J (020 7629 0651; bentley-skinner.co.uk)



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