



Wandsworth town centre news

from your town centre manager

January 2012

Would you like to attend the annual **Wandsworth Council business forum**? this year being held in Wandsworth Town Centre in Cineworld in Southside on Thursday 26th January at 6p.m.

You must register in advance at the website: www.wandsworthbestbuy.org.uk/businessforuminformation. Alternatively, you can register by phone (020) 7280 4935. You can view details about the forum on our website www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wbf.

The agenda includes:-

- New Wandsworth Business Partnership launch
- A consultation on Wandsworth Council's budget 2012- 2013
- Public sector procurement in London
- Update on development in Nine Elms
- A Guest Speaker on small business finance

Wandsworth Trading Standards Service is running the **Do You Pass? training course** on 7th and 15th February. The course covers age restricted products focussing on alcohol and tobacco, designed and accredited by the Trading Standards Institute (TSI). It is especially suitable for small to medium sized businesses.

The course is appropriate for managers and staff alike, and includes the following:

- what products are subject to age restrictions;
- the legal age limits for the sale of goods including tobacco, alcohol, knives;
- who can be held responsible for the illegal sale of age restricted goods;
- what the law requires of business and staff;
- how owners/managers can ensure their staff are properly trained;
- the possible penalties for breaking the law;
- free material that can be used for staff training;

Wandsworth Primary Care Trust has provided funding for local businesses to benefit from this training at a substantially reduced cost. Places are only £20 per delegate and for a limited period we are offering a free place with every paid one. If you are interested contact **Naveen Kanji, Senior Enforcement Officer** on 020 8871 6176.

If you have a story call Nicola Grant (020) 8871 7366
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visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wandsworth

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Gas mains work in Wandsworth High Street

Engineers working for Southern Gas Networks started replacing a large gas main that runs from Garratt Lane across Wandsworth High Street and into Ram Street on Tuesday, January 3. The works, which involve replacing an ageing 30 inch cast iron gas main with a modern plastic equivalent, are scheduled to last in total until April 27. However, the main impact on traffic flows will occur between January 3 and February 16 when excavations will begin at the junction of Wandsworth High Street and Garratt Lane.

During this period, the high street is reduced from four lanes down to two for traffic heading westbound. At the same time, Garratt Lane is reduced from two lanes down to one for traffic heading northbound while Ram Street is closed in both directions to ease traffic flows.

While Ram Street is closed, buses heading northbound are being diverted via Wandsworth Plain and southbound traffic diverted via Fairfield Street and Wandsworth High Street.

If the works proceed as scheduled, Wandsworth High Street and Garratt Lane will both revert to normal after February 16, but Ram Street will remain closed while the gas company's contractors continue laying the new main towards Shoreham Close and Barchard Street.

To ensure the works are completed as quickly as possible and have the least impact on local residents and businesses, the council and TfL have instructed the gas company to carry out their works seven days a week.

The hours of working are Monday to Friday - 8am to 10pm, Saturday - 8am to 4pm and Sunday - 9am to 1pm.

Small business owners whose trade is affected may be able to claim compensation for any loss of earnings they suffer while works are taking place. For more information visit <http://www.sgn.co.uk/>, from the menu on the left hand side click on "major projects" and then "Compensation pack" and then on the bottom of the text there is a link to "England". The claimed loss of gross profit must be at least 2.5% of annual turnover.

Businesses with questions about the progress of the works or who are experiencing problems should contact SGN's contractors Morrison Utility Services or Southern Gas Networks in the first instance. Their numbers are 0844 375 9555 and 0845 070 1431 respectively

Because the works are taking place on a Transport for London road, TfL will be best placed to answer any further questions. They can be contacted on 0845 305 1234.

The council's highways team can be contacted on (020) 8871 6608.



WOMEN'S BEGINNERS FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

This fun, free tournament is aimed at beginners or players who are a little bit rusty and want to get back into football!

Get together some friends and enter a team.

Saturday 11th February 2012
9:45am-12pm
Wandle Recreation Centre, Mapleton Rd, SW18 4DN

- FREE to enter
- Female-only (aged 16+)
- 5 a-side (max 7 per squad)
- FA Affiliated Referees
- High Quality 3G Pitches

For more info or to enter a team please email Katie.sykes@londonfa.com

Photos from the **Christmas celebrations in Wandsworth Town** on Saturday 3rd December.

