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Top marks for schools

Wandsworth's primary schools are among the country's best at teaching English and Maths, figures show.

The borough has come 14th in national league tables produced by the BBC using Department of Education data. St Anselm's RC in Tooting and Our Lady of Victories and Brandlehow in Putney did particularly well.

The rating is based on the percentage of students achieving level four in English and Maths. In Wandsworth 80 per cent reach this level as they prepare for the important transition to secondary school. The result is the second-best

amongst inner London authorities.

Turn to pages six and seven of this edition of BrightSide for further news about borough schools, including new free schools and academies, a third bilingual school and building works and expansions at other schools.

"We're determined to put high standards and parental choice at the heart of education in Wandsworth," said schools spokesman Cllr Kathy Tracey.

See the league tables at www.bbc.co.uk/news/special/education/school_tables/primary.

Ravi Govindia

Leader of Wandsworth Council

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Looking back at last year, we all know that times have been tough and will continue to be tough in 2012.

Despite the economic there are many positive things happening that we can all be proud of. Many of our train stations have been upgraded, we have a new cycle superhighway, we are planning for Boris bikes to come to Wandsworth and we are working hard to bring the Northern Line to Nine Elms which would be a catalyst for thousands of new jobs and homes.

I am determined to make 2012 the year of choice and opportunity. Take our schools for example. We are lucky to have some of the best schools in the country, but soon parents will have even more choice as to where their children go. There are proposals for three new Free Schools in the borough. These new schools will help ease the demand for school places while creating even more choice for parents. Increased choice will drive up standards even further and that can only be good for everyone.

I firmly believe that freedom and choice should be available to all. Whether it is supporting people to get on the property ladder, helping parents choose a school, or even simply helping people get around the borough and beyond, Wandsworth is a council that will do everything we can to support you.

Yes, keeping council tax bills low and the streets amongst the cleanest in London, will always be important to us. But giving people a leg up in life and helping to create new jobs, housing and educational opportunities are the things that really drive this council.

Green light for transport upgrades

The council's campaign to expand local transport services has made major headway in recent weeks as a series of new initiatives and upgrade projects have been given the green light.

Key breakthroughs include:

- **The Government has announced it is backing the council's plan to extend the Northern Line to Battersea as a key measure to drive up economic growth. The new Tube link will underpin the regeneration of Nine Elms, helping to create 25,000 new jobs and 16,000 new homes.**
- **Two local rail operators have agreed to bring longer, higher capacity trains into service on the borough's most overcrowded rail services into Victoria and Waterloo.**
- **Overcrowding at Balham and Wandsworth Town Rail Stations is set to improve in the next few weeks as upgrade works near completion.**
- **The council has secured a new £4.7million funding pot to upgrade the local road network, tackle traffic congestion and improve pedestrian and cyclist links throughout the borough.**
- **The Putney to Blackfriars riverbus service has been resurrected after the previous operator withdrew its boats in late December. A new provider has now taken over the route on a temporary basis while a permanent operator is secured.**



- **Transport for London (TfL) has agreed to introduce low emission hybrid buses on three routes through Putney High Street.**



local streets from 20 to 150. The roll out means thousands more residents now have a low cost, pay-as-you-go hire car within easy reach of their homes.

The council's Travel Choices campaign sets out its key priorities for improving the range and quality of transport services in Wandsworth. Aims include increasing capacity on rail routes, bringing the Mayor's cycle hire scheme to the borough and extending the Northern Line to Battersea.

▶▶ **To keep track of the campaign's progress and to find out more visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices.**





Jubilee protection for Barn Elms

Barn Elms Playing Fields and Heathbrook Park in Battersea are set to be given protected status which would ensure they remain green open spaces.

Councils all over the country have been asked to nominate outdoor recreation areas which could receive this special status ahead of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympic Games. The council's nominations are expected to receive the official designation in the spring.

The initiative, called the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge, is designed to create a grassroots legacy across the UK to mark these two global events.

Leader of Wandsworth Council Ravi Govindia said: "We want these valuable green open spaces to be protected in perpetuity. It's a terrific way for Wandsworth to celebrate these momentous events and will leave local people with a fitting legacy."

Digital warning

Elderly and vulnerable residents are being urged to be on their guard against bogus doorstep callers who offer to help them with next year's digital TV switchover.

No one will call on homes unexpectedly without an appointment.
Call 0800 408 59 18 for advice.

Christmas thanks

More than 400 senior citizens enjoyed a slap up Christmas Day lunch in Battersea Park courtesy of the local rotary club. The charity welcomed 300 volunteers who helped make it the club's most successful ever festive event. A Rotary Club of Battersea Park spokesman said: "We'd like to thank our volunteers for all their hard work in making the day such a great success."

Jubilee trees

Six new black poplar trees are being planted across the borough to mark next year's Diamond Jubilee.

Trees will be planted throughout the capital to mark this year's celebrations. In Wandsworth they will be planted in six different locations - one each in Wandsworth, Balham, Battersea, Tooting, Roehampton and Putney.

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Future's bright for borough schools

Watchdog Ofsted has named Wandsworth as home to some of the country's best schools and nurseries. More than a third of Wandsworth's schools are currently rated **"outstanding"** and the council has set itself a target of raising that proportion to 50 per cent within two years. The borough is at the forefront of changes in education that will drive up standards and increase choice for parents.



Work has begun on the new **Bolingbroke Academy**, due to open this September on the site of the disused Bolingbroke Hospital. This part of south Battersea has a high proportion of young families but does not currently have a local state secondary school.

The first 120 year seven children will be admitted this year and the school roll will grow by this number each year until it reaches its full capacity in 2018. It will be free to attend, governed independently and managed by education charity ARK Schools.

The construction project and future running cost of the school will be funded directly by the Government but the council will continue to own the site's freehold.

Bolingbroke Academy principal Claire Edis said:

'We've been delighted by local parents' enthusiasm about the school and we're really pleased to be getting on with preparing for the arrival of our first pupils next September.'



For more information on the Bolingbroke Academy visit www.arkbolingbrokeacademy.org

ARK is also involved in plans to turn Putney's **Elliott School** into an academy from September. The new academy would be a six form entry, non-selective and non-denominational secondary school and sixth form, serving all local children.

A rebuilding project would refurbish and transform the existing school buildings, improving the facilities for the local community. The school would be run by ARK.

Find out more from the school by emailing info@arkacademyputney.org or calling 020 3116 0717

The Michaela Community School is proposing to open a new free school in Tooting. The school promises to give its pupils a traditional "public school style education" - with a big focus on academic achievement and high standards of discipline.

The school has already been approved in principle by the Department for Education, subject to finding a suitable location, and is due to open next September and will admit 120 pupils each year. It is currently consulting on its plans. You can complete and return the consultation questionnaire online at www.proposedmcstooting.co.uk

More at michaelacomunityschool.co.uk

A free school or academy is planned for the former **Putney Hospital site**. The new school will be run as either an academy or free school and will provide 420 primary places and up to 50 full time nursery places from 2015 for children living in the west of the borough.

A planning application will be submitted shortly.

Other school news

- **The new Catholic secondary school Saint John Bosco has had a successful first term, and plans remain on course for it to transfer to new school buildings in Battersea in 2013.**

- Building works to the tune of £70m are already underway at Burntwood and Southfields schools.
- **The permanent expansion of six primary schools, and potential expansion of five others is being proposed.**



The Bolingbroke Academy

Shaftesbury Park School in Battersea is to become the borough's third bilingual school.

The Battersea primary school is joining Wix and Putney's Hotham School in introducing a French bilingual stream.

Wandsworth has pioneered the introduction of bilingual schools as a means of maintaining high academic standards and giving younger children the chance to learn a language. Shaftesbury Park will start its first bilingual class in September 2013.

Head teacher of Shaftesbury Park, Bunmi Richards, said 'This is an exciting and unique opportunity, which will enable us to provide development of language and knowledge about another culture for our local community and learners.



This initiative will be beneficial for all learners at the school, not just those children who are in the bilingual classes and we look forward to replicating the successes of other bilingual settings.'

School staff are also happy to chat to parents about the changes. Ring (020) 7228 3652 or email bilingual@shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Floating support service

Home support for over 55s in Wandsworth



What is floating support?

We offer free individually-tailored support and advice to all over 55s living in Wandsworth. We aim to maximise independence and quality of life to those who are able to stay in their own homes.

What support will be provided?

- Advice and help with Benefit entitlement and signposting to other specialist services.
- Support with reporting repairs and maintenance issues.
- Providing emotional support with issues such as loss and coping with ageing and signposting to other agencies for more specific help such as counselling or befriending services.
- Help and advice on maximising your income, dealing with rent arrears, council tax and debt.
- Establishing support networks to help you access other services - e.g. Social Services, Mental Health teams.
- Liaising with local Interpreting services or communicate on official correspondence or letters regarding housing matters.

For more information, please contact Kim Wells, Floating Support Officer
 Telephone: 020 8767 8426 Mobile: 07996 245 174
 Email: kim.wells@hestia.org

Complaints rise as flight trial continues

Wandsworth is suffering a major increase in aircraft noise as airport operator BAA conducts a four month flight pattern trial at Heathrow.

The council is monitoring the impact on local residents and has received hundreds of complaints. The 'operational freedoms' trial started on November 2 and will end on February 29. A second testing period is scheduled to take place from July 1 to September 30.

During the trials BAA is permitted to fly more planes over central London during established half-day 'respite periods' when residents would usually get an eight hour break from aircraft noise.

Official trial data shows as many as 40 planes a day are landing during the 'quiet times' as air traffic controllers make use of the relaxed regulations.

BAA says the aim of the trial is to explore ways of making the airport run more efficiently and to cut down on flight delays. It is being monitored by the Civil Aviation Authority. There is no increase in the overall number of flights at the airport.

Residents can report increased aircraft noise online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/heathrowsurvey.



Honour for local heroes

The heroes of last summer's riots, plus people who have dedicated years of their lives to helping others, have been given awards.

Wandsworth's Mayor, Cllr Jane Cooper, presented six Community Champion awards to locals who stood up to looters and vandals and organised the inspirational broom army in the aftermath of the civil unrest at Clapham Junction. A further two were awarded to men who regularly give up their time to help improve the lives of the borough's young people.

Seven residents were given Civic Awards, handed out at the same ceremony. This annual award is given to people who have volunteered their services over a long period of time for the benefit of the wider community.

The eight Community Champions celebrated at the awards (pictured with the mayor) were: **Heather Taylor and James Walker, Hamid Choudhury, Pamela Price, Peter Ndow, Scott Thwaytes, Vincent Anderson, Patrick Monroe, Civic Award winners were, Philip Coleman, Patrick Lethaby, Abdul Razak Osman and Nasar Bawany, Greg Cruttwell, Kate Allen and Pam Davies.**

►► **Learn more about the recipients, and how to nominate someone for next year's Civic Awards at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards.**

New boats

Six new boats have been launched at Barn Elms Boathouse. British Rowing, the sport's national governing body, has provided £12,500 in matched funding under its Explore Rowing project.

Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/barnelmsboathouse, or call (020) 8788 9472.

Make it snappy

The deadline to enter this year's photoWANDSWORTH competition is February 10. Submitted images must be taken in the borough of Wandsworth.

Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/photocomp.

Speak out

Downton Abbey star Elizabeth McGovern (Cora) helped the Wandsworth Speech and Language Therapy team celebrate the end of National Year of Communication at an event at the Wandsworth Museum.

The team is based at St John's Therapy Centre and is a joint council and NHS service.

Call 020 8812 4000

Pension success

Wandsworth Council has been judged to have the most successfully managed £750m-plus pension fund in England and Wales.

The authority won Fund of the Year - for funds with a value between £750m and £2bn - at the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Investment Awards 2011.

Help families

Wandsworth charity Home-Start trains volunteers to offer friendship and practical support to vulnerable families with young children.

To volunteer, visit www.homestartwandsworth.org.uk or call Sue Winter on 07500 229501.

Honey Shop win

The Hive Honey Shop in Battersea has won the prestigious London Magazine's 'Shop of Shops' Award 2011. The shop sells gourmet honey made on owner James Hamill's Surrey farm.

Book childcare online

You can now book council-run after-school and holiday play schemes online.

Go to www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psbo.

Don't dump old furniture

A new service to collect, repair and reuse household items has launched.

The Re-use service means rather than chucking items away, householders will be able to get them picked up from their home by the William Wilberforce Trust, a charity that provides practical support to vulnerable and isolated people across London.

The service will collect items that are in good or repairable condition including furniture, bicycles, children's equipment and toys and gardening equipment. It will also collect electrical items such as computers and washing machines - even if they aren't working. Collected items will then be refurbished at the Rework workshop in Smugglers Way and sold to other local people at affordable prices.

The service will reduce the borough's waste disposal costs and provide employment because the network is working in partnership with Groundwork, which is employing 16-25 year old job seekers to repair items at the workshop.

The cost is guaranteed to be the same as the council's standard bulky waste collection - currently £20.



To book a collection, call (020) 3142 8506 or drop items off for free at the Smugglers Way waste and recycling centre.

The new service is expected to further boost Wandsworth's 2011 recycling rates. Last year the opening of a new recycling plant at Smugglers Way increased the types of plastic accepted in the council's orange recycling sacks and banks. Waste that can't be recycled is now being sent to a new energy-from-waste plant in Kent rather than being placed in landfill.

►► Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling.

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Shared home ownership is not only the smarter way to buy your first home, you also don't have to share your apartment with anyone else (unless, of course, you want to). For example if food going missing unexpectedly or cleaning up after other people makes your blood boil, our chic and stylish studio apartments at Kingsway Square, Battersea might be the answer.

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* Eligibility requirements apply



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Welcome to Silicon Junction

Clapham Junction lies at the heart of Battersea's thriving creative industry. A steady stream of digital and creative businesses have been relocating here in recent years, attracted by the low commercial rents, central location and fast transport links to key client groups in the City and West End.

The area now supports thousands of jobs in these fast expanding sectors and is a favourite place for enthusiastic new start-ups to break into the market.

Brothers Alex and Jack Bremer are the founders of Silicon Junction

Within this creative community a unique partnership has now taken shape which is bringing new business opportunities to Battersea and reinforcing its reputation as a centre for London's creative talent.

The group - named Silicon Junction - includes a range of specialist marketing agencies, designers, independent copywriters, web designers, social media outfits, web optimisation experts, IT professionals and everything in-between.

Based around an online hub - siliconjunction.co.uk - they share knowledge, advertise job vacancies, collaborate on large scale bids and work together to raise the area's profile.

The initiative is the brainchild of brothers Alex and Jack Bremer who co-own 3B Digital Ltd - a digital marketing agency based in the town centre. They came up with the idea following a council run networking event aimed at Battersea's creative enterprises. Alex explains more:

'We're looking to provide the creative and digital community in and around Battersea with a lobbying voice and a platform from which to launch initiatives and large agency-type pitches.

'This part of London accommodates a wealth of boutique agencies and creatives. At siliconjunction.co.uk we know we have a very real opportunity to pull together in a collaborative way and bring substantial contracts and commissions to the companies in the area.

Wandsworth Council's business spokesman **Clr James Cousins** said:

'This is a shining example of the private sector showing collective leadership and a strong vision. Working together this group is able to bid for major commissions which would otherwise be out of reach. They are drawing on each others expertises and have given Battersea an even sharper competitive edge.'

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AD Creative
ADVERTISING AGENCY

Riveting Films
VIDEO EDITING

To find out more visit www.siliconjunction.co.uk.



Ask Seb

In the last edition we asked for your questions to Olympics boss Lord Coe. Here are his edited responses.

Read them in full at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/olympics



Why do the 'Olympic family' have a special road lane just for them?

“ The Games lanes will be used by predominantly by the media, followed by the athletes, officials and only then sponsors and IOC members. The vast majority of the Games Family (about 80-90 per cent) will use buses and coaches. In London, the Games lanes make up only about 0.3 per cent of London roads.”

Why should local people feel involved when only a few people could get tickets?

“ 75 per cent of the 10.8 million tickets were available for the British public to buy and around a third of ticket sales so far have gone to Londoners. And with 47 schools in Wandsworth part of the Get Set Network, our domestic education programme, school children in the borough will get their share of the 125,000 free donated Ticketshare tickets to attend the Games.”

Instead of the ORN, why not just have people directing traffic?

“ The Olympic Road Network (ORN) is designed for the rapid transfer of approximately 80,000 people who are critical to making the Games a success and ensure that athletes, officials and the media get to venues on time. It's important to have the ORN and any vehicle, including taxis, can use the vast majority of the ORN. We will also ensure that the ORN comes into operation just a couple of days before the Games and is taken out as soon as it is no longer required.”

My question concerns the deployment of possibly UN/EU foreign troops? Who are these troops? What is their power?

“ The focus for both the Government and LOCOG is to deliver a safe and secure Games that London, the UK and the world can enjoy. Nothing is more important than making sure our visitors are safe. A lot of detailed planning work has already taken place regarding security plans for the Games and we will continue to review our plans together over the coming months.”

Could Lord Coe address the issue of why (apparently) there is no Olympic buzz in the borough of Wandsworth?

“ I don't believe that's true. Only recently I went to visit Wandsworth as part of my regular visits to London boroughs and I was thrilled to see how local people were inspired by, benefiting from and making the most of the London 2012 Games happening this summer. There are also plenty of opportunities for residents in Wandsworth to get involved. The Olympic Torch Relay will visit every London Borough but Wandsworth is also one of the evening celebration sites on Monday 23 July. Residents can also get behind local athletes from the area, support Games Makers who have been selected to volunteer at the Games, and cheer on athletes who are training in one of the six Pre-Games Training Camps located in the borough. The Olympic Road Race will pass through streets of Wandsworth on the Opening weekend of the Games so a fantastic opportunity to see medal hope Mark Cavendish. And Burntwood school has been selected to complete an art project which will be displayed in the Athlete's Village.”



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at St George's Hospital, Atkinson Morley Wing

Fridays 4-6pm
at St John's Therapy Centre, Battersea

Saturdays 10am-1pm
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If you want to stop smoking like John, read on...

Ask your doctor's surgery or local pharmacy today for an appointment or call (020) 8812 7794 or 0800 389 7921 (freephone) You can also try out the drop-in clinics across the borough, no appointment necessary, just turn up. See advert opposite for dates and times.

How I stopped smoking

John Christie, 58, from Roehampton had smoked up to 40 a day for 45 years. He quit thanks to local stop smoking services. Here's how:

Why did you want to stop? I wasn't enjoying it anymore and I knew it was bad for my health.

How and where did you do it? I knew the NHS ran services because I had seen adverts on the telly. In September I asked the receptionist at my doctor's surgery in Roehampton and they said there was a clinic on a Friday. I made an appointment for the following week and went along to see the stop smoking advisor. It was as easy as that!

What did the service offer you? The stop smoking advisor was really friendly and helpful. We decided that patches and inhalators were the best thing for me and she gave me a two week prescription. We talked about how I was going to keep busy and motivated, and she gave me tips to keep me on the straight and narrow. After that I went back to see her once a week. She didn't judge me.

How do you feel now? I feel so much healthier, I walk loads more, I don't have a cough and I can treat myself to things now that I am saving all that money.

What advice would you give to a smoker thinking of quitting? Use the NHS service, it's so simple and it really works. If I can do it anyone can.

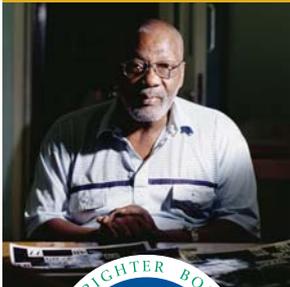


CARE AND SUPPORT OPEN DAY

This free event is aimed at adults who need care and support and their families and carers. Go along to find out more about

- What care is available
- How to get in touch with care providers
- How care can be financed
- How the council's Direct Payments work
- How to employ your own care worker

There's also information for providers of care, including setting up as a micro-enterprise, volunteering options and training as a personal assistant.



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Find out more on 020 8871 8960 or email involved@wandsworth.gov.uk



Who Cares

Supporting Wandsworth carers

A Carer is... Someone who provides unpaid support to a relative, partner, child or friend due to illness, disability, frailty, mental health condition or substance misuse.

Caring for carers

Do you look after another person? Would you like some help?

If you look after a parent, disabled child, relative, your partner or a friend or neighbour, then you are one of the borough's hidden army of 32,000 carers. Caring can be very rewarding, but also difficult and isolating. Here are some of the ways you can get support.

The Wandsworth Carers' Centre offers free and confidential information and advice, plus services including complementary therapies, counselling, support groups and targeted support for Asian, mental health and substance misuse carers.

You can also sign up for a regular bulletin to find out what's new for carers in Wandsworth.

181 Wandsworth High Street
(020) 8877 1200
www.wandsworthcarers.org.uk

Wandsworth Young Carers' Project works with young carers under 18 who provide care for a family member. It supports them and gives them an opportunity to have a break and meet other youngsters in a similar situation.

Katherine Low Settlement,
108 Battersea High Street
020 7228 2566
youngcarers@klsettlement.org.uk



MENCAP offers services to adults and children with learning disabilities and their carers.

26 Totterdown Street, Tooting
0808 808 1111
www.mencap.org.uk

Age UK Wandsworth services are open to all older people and their carers through its offices in central Wandsworth, in your own home or through an Age UK Wandsworth outreach session.

(020) 8877 8940
info@ageukwandsworth.org.uk
www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth

The **Sunflower and Poppy Cafés** give people with dementia and their carers the chance to get together in an informal and friendly environment and access specialist advice and information.

Sunflower Café,
The Platt Centre, Putney
First Saturday of the month, noon to 3pm.

Poppy Café,
St Luke's Community Hall,
Ramsden Road, Balham
Once a month – check for dates.

020 8877 0033
swlondon@alzheimers.org.uk
www.alzheimers.org.uk/BranchWebsites/southwestlondon

For information about the carer's grant and on other services for carers contact the Access and Information Team.

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Important information about refuse collection from April 2012

Your refuse and recycling collection day is changing

Rubbish and recycling will be collected **Monday to Friday**.

There will be **no Saturday collections**.

There will be **no nightly collections for town centre properties**.

Rubbish and recycling will be collected at the same time by one truck, which has two separate compartments for rubbish and recyclables.

Once a year, you will receive three rolls of orange recycling sacks.

Starting April 1

you will be able to dispose of your garden waste along with your normal rubbish



This map is indicative only
Find your collection day at
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/refusechanges

what's on?

WELCOME TO WHAT'S ON IN WANDSWORTH
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CHILDREN'S EVENTS AND
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EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH



Patriotism is the Father of War 2011, etching by Derek Boshier

January 26 – February 25 (Saturdays 10-5pm and by appointment)

In Profile: An Exhibition of New Prints by Derek Boshier

New prints from the highly celebrated British Pop Artist Derek Boshier, pictorialising political and social issues and events. The exhibition will include drawings from the artist's 2009 suite Urban Vex. All the images are for sale.

Huguenot Editions, 8 Huguenot Place SW18. Call 8874 9138 (Thurs-Sat only).

Email simon@huguenoteditions.com www.huguenoteditions.com

How to be listed

To be included in the April edition send brief details in writing (including access for people with disabilities) to: What's on editor, Room 114a, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PU or email whatson@wandsworth.gov.uk to arrive by Friday March 2.

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Saturday and Sunday January 28-29

Winter Wanders Walking Weekend

Over 50 free professionally-guided walks taking place across London, including Wandsworth, ranging from historic walks to rural rambles. Call or visit the website for times and venues of walks near you. Call Walk London 0870 240 6094. Visit www.walklondon.org.uk

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Monday January 30 10 -10.40am

Gingerbread movement and music class

For youngsters aged 0-5. Includes singing, actions, musical instruments, parachute games. Class led by primary school teacher. **First class free, then £6 per child, £4 per sibling.** Drop in.

St Ann's Church Hall, St Ann's Hill SW18. Email fleurprime@gmail.com

Thursday February 2- Sunday February 5 (7.30pm Thursday and Friday, 2pm and 7pm Saturday, 2pm Sunday)

Cinderella

Entertaining theatre production. Tickets £9, concessions £7. The Magdalene Players, St. Mary Magdalene's Church

Hall, Trinity Road SW17. Box office 8874 8348. www.magplayers.org.uk

Thursday February 2- Saturday February 25 7.30pm

The Paper Cinema's Odyssey

Live animation for adults. Raging storms and supernatural forces prevail over one man's almighty quest to get home. Homer's cornerstone of literature is vividly told with illustration and puppetry. A silent film is created before your eyes, set to a captivating live score from exceptional musicians. **Tickets £15, £10 concessions (£8 previews).** BAC, Lavender Hill SW11. Book online bac.org.uk or box office 7223 2223.

Closing date for entries Friday February 3

Active Wandsworth Award nominations

There are just a few days left to nominate a coach, volunteer, sports person, club or team for their service to sport and physical activity in 2011. Full details and the nomination form at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active or call 8871 8154 for a form to be posted to you.

Monday 6 February 10.30am – 12.30pm

Conversation group

For people who have communication difficulties following a stroke. Group meets every Monday in Clapham Junction. Contact Nathalie on 020 7367 0874 for further details. www.ukconnect.org

what's on?

FEBRUARY - MARCH

Monday February 6 8pm

Talk: Highlights and low notes

A conversation between Julian Lloyd Webber and the society's Vice-President Piers Lane. **Annual subscription £30 (subscriptions for January to April half price), visitors temporary membership per meeting £5.** Young people under 18 years free. Putney Music Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. Call 8788 0827. www.putneymusic.org.uk **wheelchair**

Tuesday February 7 2-4pm

Volunteering pop-up session

Help make a real difference in the community by volunteering. Volunteering Wandsworth

at Southfields Library 300 Wimbledon Park Road SW19. Email enquiry@volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk www.volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk

Wednesday - Friday February 8-10 12-11pm

Battersea Beer Festival

The 22nd beer festival organised by the Campaign for Real Ale. BAC, Lavender Hill SW11. batterseabeerfestival.org.uk



Saturday February 11 for 8 weeks

Yoga for the Mind

Eight-week course which helps improve well-being, aid sleep and treat stress

and anxiety. **Cost £200** ReCentre, 260 Balham High Road SW17. Call Veena 07780 995870. www.veenaugargolyoga.com **wheelchair**

Saturday February 11 7.30pm

Adam Walker - Flute

Walker is the youngest principal flute of the London Symphony Orchestra. His programme includes music by Barber, Schubert and Martinu and features the rarely performed Suite for Flute and Piano by the great organ virtuoso, Widor. **Tickets £16, concessions £12.**

St. Luke's Music Society, St. Luke's Church, Thurleigh Road SW12. Box office 07951 791619. Book online www.slms.org.uk

Monday February 13 8pm

Lecture: Trompe L'Oeil - the Art of Illusion

With speaker Tom Errington. Visitor £5. South West London Decorative and Fine Arts Society, Dryburgh Hall Putney Leisure Centre SW15. Call 8789 0047.

Tuesday February 14 for 6 weeks 7.15-8.15pm

Rowing course

Land-based rowing course for adults of all levels including beginners. **Cost £36.**

Barn Elms Boathouse, Queen Elizabeth Walk, SW13. Call 8788 9472. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/barnelmsboathouse

Wednesday February 15 - Saturday February 18 7.45pm (5pm Saturday)

Julius Caesar

Modern version set not in Rome but London, along with an interactive element in the form of Twitter. Tickets £10, concessions (Wednesday and Saturday) £7.50. Chestnut Grove School Theatre, Boundaries Road SW12. Box office 07914 657524. Book online www.southsideplayers.org.uk

Sunday February 19 11am-3pm

Performance workshop with Soni Kum

Your chance to drop in, see the Art, Performance & Activism exhibition and get hands on with some art making. Artist Soni Kum will set the scene with activities to get you creative. **Free.**

Friday February 3- Saturday August 25

Voyages of Discovery: The De Morgans and the Sea

Explore maritime influences in the work of the De Morgans - the sea was a major source of inspiration for both William De Morgan's arts and crafts ceramics and his wife Evelyn's paintings. Entry £4, children free.

The De Morgan Centre 38 West Hill SW18. For opening times, call 8871 1144. www.demorgan.org.uk **wheelchair**



Pump House Gallery
Battersea Park SW11. Call
8871 7572. Visit
www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

Monday February 20 2-4pm

Talk on Kathleen Ferrier

Join us for a talk by Christopher Fifield. For retired and semi-retired people.
U3A Wandsworth, Earlsfield Library
Magdalen Road SW18.
Email wandsworthu3a@hotmail.com
www.wandsworthu3a.org.uk

Tuesday February 21 4-6pm

Volunteering pop-up session

Help make a real difference in the community by volunteering. Other dates and venues also available. Volunteering Wandsworth at Battersea Park Library, 309 Battersea Park Road SW11. Email enquiry@volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk
www.volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk

Wednesday February 22 11am - 1pm

Digital Switchover 2012

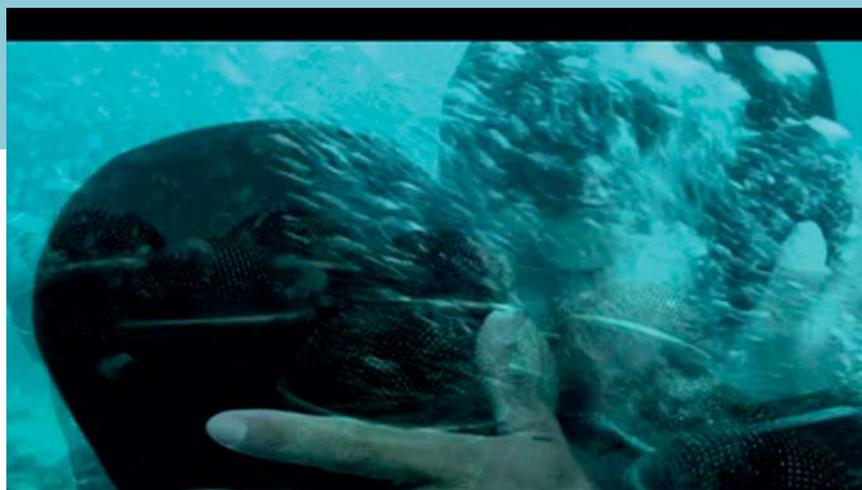
SHARE Community will be providing information and advice on the digital switchover, which takes place from 4 April for all London residents. The event is aimed at supporting people from the borough who have a disability, long-term health condition or mental health issue. If you can't make this one, there's another event planned on Friday 23 March, 11am-1pm. SHARE Community, 64 Altenburg Gardens SW11. For more information or to book a place, call SHARE Community 7924 2949.



Wednesday February 22 7.30pm

Protest!

Four contemporary plays around the concept of protest. **Tickets £7.50, concessions £6.50.**
Tara Arts Studio 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Box office 8333 4457. Visit www.tara-arts.com



Chikako Yamshiro, Sinking Voices, Red Breath, 2010, film still

Until Sunday February 26 (Wednesday-Sunday 11am-4pm)

Art, Performance & Activism

Exhibition of work of artists/activists based in Japan who push the boundaries of where art, performance and activism meet.

These are visually powerful and pioneering works from the mid-1990s to the present. Free admission.

Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572. Visit www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

Thursday February 23 7.45 for 8pm

Talk: What is going on at St George's?

Miles Scott, the newly-appointed chief executive of St George's Healthcare NHS Trust will explain what's going on and what is meant by transforming St George's healthcare. Wandsworth Society, West Side Church Melody Road SW18. Call 8870 4567. www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk
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Tuesday February 28 – Saturday March 3 7.45pm

The Speculator

A financial bubble inflated by reckless greed bursts with devastating consequences for the economy and society – three hundred years ago. Dark comic drama showing how a forgotten episode of history can illuminate the forces that continue to create wealth and poverty in the present day. **Tickets £7 and £10; concessions £5 and £7.**
Putney Arts Theatre
Ravenna Road SW15.
Box office 8788 6943. Visit www.putneyartstheatre.org.uk

Wednesday February 29 12-2pm

Real Nappies Demonstration

Find out about reusable nappies from a Real Nappies for London representative. Chance to see, touch and even buy. Town Hall Extension concourse, Wandsworth High Street SW18. www.realnappiesforlondon.org.uk
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Wednesday February 29 12 -2.30pm

RSPCA drop-in pet clinic

Bring your pet along for general pet care advice by a qualified vet, nurse and the RSPCA. Bruce Hall (behind All Saints Parish Church), corner Franciscan Road/Brudenell Road SW17. www.rspca-balhamdooting.org.uk

Friday March 2 11.30am and 8pm

Women's World Day of Prayer

This year's service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Malaysia - "let justice prevail". The 11.30am service held at Methodist Church Gwendolen Avenue SW15;

8pm service held at St Mary's Convent, High Street Roehampton SW15. Refreshments.

Sunday March 11 3-5pm (2.45pm for NCT member cardholders)

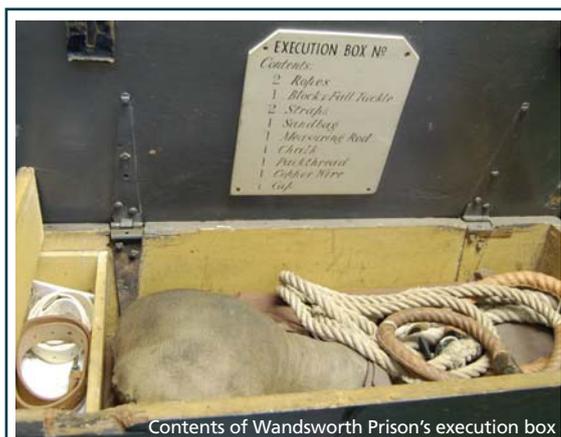
NCT Nearly new sale

Come and buy nearly new babies' and children's equipment, toys and clothes. **Admission £2.** Putney Leisure Centre, Dryburgh Road, Putney, SW15. To book a table, make a donation of toys or equipment, or volunteer to help contact Pamela on 07971 033320 or potter.pamela@googlemail.com

Thursday March 15 - Sunday March 18 (Thurs 11am-5.30pm, late view 5.30-9.30pm; Fri-Sun 11am-6pm.)

Affordable Art Fair

Leading showcase for contemporary art featuring paintings, sculpture and prints, priced between £40 - £4000. Battersea Park SW11 **Cost: weekday £10 in advance, £12 on door; late view £20; weekend £12 advance, £15 on door; under 16s free** Visit www.affordableartfair.com



Contents of Wandsworth Prison's execution box

Extended until Sunday February 12 (open Tuesday-Sunday 10am-5pm)

Separation & Silence: Wandsworth Prison

Exhibition charting the 160 year history of Wandsworth Prison, focusing on the harsh corrective measures used in the 19th century, the separate system (solitary confinement) and the silent system (needless hard labour). **Admission £4, £3 concessions, free for children under 6.**

Wandsworth Museum 38 West Hill SW18. Call 8870 6060. www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk
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childreferralmanager@wandsworth.gov.uk

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fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Food Hygiene

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fraudhotline@wandsworth.gov.uk

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graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk

Health, care and wellbeing

(020) 8875 0500
acis@wandsworth.gov.uk

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housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

Housing Advice

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Housing Repairs and Tenancy

Call your area team or
management organisation
hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

Leisure Centres & sports facilities

(020) 8871 8154
sportsservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

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