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Brewery lift for town centre

The new owners of the Ram Brewery are set to redevelop the derelict site creating more than 660 new homes and 500 new jobs in the heart of Wandsworth town centre.

Greenland Group, a Chinese company, has purchased the brewery from its previous owner Minerva. The site comes with an approved development plan which would see the heritage buildings restored and turned into a micro brewery and brewery museum.

Just under three acres of new public space would also be created including public squares lined with new shops, pubs and restaurants. The banks of the River Wandle, which flows through the site, would be opened up to the public and new walking routes will help join up the town centre. The scheme includes a 36-storey residential tower.

Council leader Ravi Govindia said: "This project will give Wandsworth town centre a whole new shopping and leisure dimension and will draw even more investment to this part of our borough. The new micro-brewery, riverwalks and public squares are particularly exciting.

"This proposal also provides more than £16million towards our plan to remove the Wandsworth one-way system and reduce traffic levels on the High Street."



Wandsworth has called on the rail industry to bring ten car trains into service on the Putney to Waterloo route as a matter of extreme urgency after another deadline was missed.

Modern, longer trains were supposed to be rolled out by the end of 2013 on services via Putney, Wandsworth Town, Clapham Junction, Queenstown Road and Waterloo.

As Brightside went to print only two new trains had been introduced and local people continue to complain about sardinelike conditions at peak times.

Wandsworth's other key rail services between Balham, Clapham Junction and Victoria, operated by Southern, have seen the introduction of at least 20 brand new longer trains, with more expected in the first part of this year. Southern is also expected to increase the length of its rail services from Clapham Junction to Shepherds Bush and Watford from May.

Wandsworth's transport spokesman, Cllr Russell King, said:

"Thousands of local people rely on these overcrowded trains and their patience ran out years ago.

"Wandsworth relies heavily on its rail network and we need to have it running at optimal capacity to meet the demands of our growing city. We will keep up the pressure until the job's done."

Wandsworth Council has long been campaigning for new investment in the rail network including longer trains, a more frequent timetable, better connections and upgrades to the borough's train stations.

Major improvements have now been secured at Balham, Wandsworth Town, Earlsfield and Clapham Junction stations and refurbishment work is now underway at Putney.

The council is also pressing for a second entrance to be introduced at Putney Station and for a major overhaul of Clapham Junction which councillors say is long overdue.

Find out more about the council's transport development plans at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices.



Community banking for Wandsworth

Wandsworth people can save their money and apply for ethical loans thanks to a link-up between the council and a credit union.

Credit Unions are not-for-profit organisations owned by their members, with any profits being shared fairly amongst the members or reinvested to provide better

Wandsworth has joined forces with Wandsworth Plus Credit Union, part of the London Plus Credit Union which also offers financial support services in four other London boroughs. Anyone who lives or works in the borough is eligible to join.

Wandsworth Plus manages personal savings accounts of up to £15,000 which are protected in exactly the same way as bank and building society deposits. Rather than interest, members get a share of the annual profits. Members are also eligible for loans of between £50 and £7,500.

Leader of the council, Ravi Govindia, said: "We're delighted to work in partnership with Wandsworth Plus to ensure all our residents have access to ethical savings and affordable loans.

"We hope this will help give Wandsworth people peace of mind and stop them being tempted by payday loan companies or loan sharks."

To sign up visit www.wandsworthpluscu.co.uk.



New trees in the borough

The council has begun planting more than 1,000 new trees in residential areas and town centres with more planned for parks and housing estates. Species will include London plane, cherry, lime, pear, crab apple, rowan, oak, hazel, whitebeam, maple, hornbeam and birch.

There are now more than 15,000 street trees growing in Wandsworth and another 60,000 that thrive in the borough's parks commons and open spaces.

The picture shows environment spokesman Cllr Jonathan Cook planting one of the trees.





Have you?

People are being urged to tell their loved ones if they wish to be an organ donor. Members of Easy Saturday Skate helped promote the NHS Blood and Transplant campaign. Telling relatives means you will be able to donate even if you do not get round to signing the donor register. Visit www.organdonation.nhs.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

Easy Saturday Skate meet weekly in Battersea Park. Visit www.easysaturdayskate.com.

Supporting families

Home-Start Wandsworth has been chosen as the charity of the year for the newlyrefurbished Sainsbury's in Wandsworth.

Homestart volunteers support families struggling with illness, domestic violence, disability, multiple births or financial worries, as well as families finding it hard to cope with the demands of young children or who are simply new to Wandsworth. Call (020) 7924 5268. www.homestartwandsworth.org.

New Putney market

A new monthly market is opening in May on Putney Embankment selling art and crafts.

The aim is to offer original work from the best emerging artistic and established talent. Priority will be given to Wandsworth artists, but those from outside the borough can also apply. If you are interested in applying for a pitch, contact Nicola Grant at ngrant@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Top volunteers

Four local people were recognised in the Mayor of London Team London Volunteer Awards. They were Sid Khan from Earlsfield Amateur Boxing Club, Lillian Dickinson from the Leonard Cheshire Day Centre, John Horrocks from the Putney Society and Barry Willingham, who lives in Wandsworth and is secretary of the Wimbledon Park Bowls Club.

Broadband grant

Wandsworth businesses can apply for up to £3,000 for high-speed broadband. The GLA scheme is open to small and medium businesses of up to 250 people, and to small traders. To find out more, visit www.london.gov.uk/broadband.

Wandsworth

Celebrities flock to Wandsworth

Top celebrity chef Gordon Ramsey has announced he is opening a new restaurant

in Battersea Square.

London House is scheduled to open its doors this month, and is described as a 'neighbourhood' restaurant, specialising in modern-European dishes and London-brewed beers.

The chef. who lives in Wandsworth with his wife Tana and children, is the latest in a wave of high-profile celebrities attracted to the brighter borough.





Victoria Beckham has bought retail space in Ransome's Dock, Battersea, and at the other end of the borough, Tooting has been dubbed 'the new Shoreditch' by the **Evening Standard**, which says it is one of the capital's hippest districts.

It's top-class Indian restaurants have been joined by Chicken Shop, part of the Soho House group, now open on Tooting High Street.

Founder Nick Jones told the paper: "I love south London, having lived in Wandsworth. We had a lot of fun launching Chicken Shop in Kentish Town in 2012 and thought it was time to take it south of the river. South London is a thriving community".

Meanwhile research by accountancy and consulting giant Price Waterhouse Coopers and leading think-tank Demos said people living in Wandsworth have better economic prospects and enjoy a better quality of life than other Londoners.

Wandsworth scored the highest results of any London borough in a study of economic success and well-being combined with quality of life factors like health, housing conditions and work-life balance.

Tell us why you love Wandsworth at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ lovewandsworth.





Football comes home

Battersea Park's historic role as the birthplace of modern football has been celebrated.

The world's very first football match played according to modern rules was staged at the park and, to commemorate the 150th anniversary of that historic fixture, a special plaque has been unveiled by council leader Ravi Govindia. A five-a-side tournament involving local schools was played, and that first historic game was recreated involving teams organised by The Spirit of Football - a not-for-profit community interest company dedicated to promoting the sport. The football used for the commemorative match will now be carried on a special pilgrimage covering 30,000 miles across Europe and the Americas en route to the World Cup in Brazil. For more information about this journey visit www.spiritoffootball.com

Meet the ancestors

People can now search more than 300,000 burial records and 100,000 cremation records free of charge online for the borough's five cemeteries - Putney Vale, Battersea New Cemetery (also known as Morden Cemetery) Wandsworth, St Mary's (also known as Battersea Rise), Lower Putney Common, plus Putney Vale crematorium.

It is free to find out where and when someone was buried. There will be a £12 charge if you need further details. Visit http://burials.wandsworth.gov.uk.

Time to Shine

Shine Rhythmic Gymnastics Club runs a ten week course for young people each term at the Aspire Centre, Southfields.

Rhythmic Gymnastics was a popular event at the London Olympics, and brings together gymnastics and dance. Find out more at www.rhythmicgymnastics.org.uk.



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Honouring heroes

People who give their time to help their communities and the borough's young residents were honoured in this year's Wandsworth Civic Awards.

Award recipients had been nominated by local residents, businesses, voluntary and community organisations or councillors. The mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Angela Graham, handed out awards to six unsung heroes. She said: "It never ceases to amaze me how many truly wonderful people there are in our borough.

"The judging was an incredibly humbling experience, to realise that there are so many selfless, giving people in our midst. They give their time tirelessly and they are truly an inspiration to the rest of us. I am so pleased that these people have been recognised. I am also very proud that these people live in Wandsworth which is such a brilliant place to live. I applaud them from my heart."

Find out full details and how to nominate for next year's awards at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/civicawards

The winners were Marlene Price, who has worked tirelessly on behalf of the borough's 33,000 tenants and leaseholders for many years, Johnny Devas who chairs the trust that runs the Devas Club for young people in Battersea, Keith Chapman, a trustee of the Katherine Low Settlement since 1973, Shirley Price who organises community events and activities for the people of Roehampton, Rupert Payne from the West Indian Family and Friends Association and George Turner who runs a charity offering boxing fitness coaching and employment help, providing a safe haven for young people away from the lure of gangs.

Nine Elms school links



Developers involved in the revival of Nine Elms have been working with local schools to help young people get internships, work experience and apprenticeships. The Education Links programme, managed by the council shows students how they can access a range of future job opportunities in the construction and development industries.





Common people

The Friends of Tooting Common is a group of local residents and commons users who organise events, encourage the use of the commons and, in partnership with the council, help with their conservation and maintenance. Recently it organised a deepclean of Graveney Woods (pictured).

Work is funded by members and grants and work is all done by volunteers with the help of the local community. New members are always welcome. Find out more at www.friendsoftootingcommon.com, email FOTCinformation@gmail.com or follow @tootingcommon on Twitter.

Triangle play

A refurbished and modernised children's centre will open in Tooting this spring.

The Triangle Children's Centre has had a £117,000 revamp and will offer a full range of free children's and family services including drop-in stay and play, health advice and parenting support. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis.

Pub protection

Another pub in Tooting has been officially recognised as an Asset of Community Value (ACV) after local people asked the council to help safeguard its future.

Wandsworth Council has granted The Trafalgar Arms in Tooting High Street ACV status, which gives members of the community time to bid to buy the site should it come up for sale.

Councillors also agree to hold a full public consultation on a proposed Article 4 Direction for The Wheatsheaf in Upper Tooting Road. This would mean the site would require planning permission if the owner wanted to change its use.

Launchpad win

The Business of the Year award at the Wandsworth Business awards was won by Business Launchpad, which supports young entrepreneurs.

The awards are organised by the Wandsworth Chamber of Commerce. Visit www.wandsworthbusinessawards.com.



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Airports study understates noise costs

Local councils opposed to Heathrow expansion say the Airports Commission set up to consider the case for new capacity has shortlisted potential sites for new runways before assessing the noise impacts for local people.

Two options for a new Heathrow runway made the shortlist and one for Gatwick.

A group including Wandsworth, Richmond, Merton, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Hammersmith and Fulham and Ealing councils have written to the Transport Secretary saying the shortlist could have been very different if the commission had calculated the true financial and environmental costs of each runway scheme.

They argue that if the EU standard for measuring annoyance from noise were applied to either Heathrow proposal the cost of insulating all the homes affected could be as much as £580m – far more than any other runway scheme.

The commission is currently relying on a noise metric based on residents surveys carried out more than 30 years ago.

Wandsworth leader Ravi Govindia said:

"The commission is proceeding as if people's attitudes to noise hadn't changed since the early 1980s. We have urged them to order a new social study now so that the noise standards are based on credible evidence of community impact.

"This is important – not just out of fairness to the people whose daily lives are disrupted by aircraft noise – but also so that all the costs associated with any option for expansion are properly taken into account. The commission just hasn't done its sums."

Read the councils' response in full at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/aviation.



PUBLIC MEETING

NO MORE RUNWAYS! NO MORE NIGHT FLIGHTS!

Heathrow is big enough already find out how you can help defeat the latest proposals.

Join the campaign for a quieter life.

St Mary's Church, Putney Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 730pm

Speakers

- Justine Greening MP for Putney, Roehampton and Southfields
- Ravi Govindia Leader of Wandsworth Council
- John Stewart HACAN









Upgrade for Lido

Plans have been unveiled for a new £710,000 pavilion at the Tooting Bec Lido.

The plans, drawn up jointly by the council and the South London Swimming Club (SLSC) in consultation with Sport

England, could see the pavilion open in August 2015. It would provide space for workout and exercise classes plus new toilets and a first aid room.

The pavilion would be built at the deep end of the Lido - Europe's second biggest outdoor freshwater swimming pool - and would be contained entirely within the lido's existing boundaries. It would not encroach onto Tooting Bec Common.

The council has agreed to pledge £150,000 towards the scheme with a further £311,500 being provided by the SLSC. A bid for the remaining £248,500 has been submitted to Sport England and a decision on this funding is expected shortly.

Over the past decade £1.5m has been spent by the council in improving the facilities and ensuring the pool's long term future. In recent years it has been named by Time Out magazine as the best place in the capital for 'uninterrupted swimming' and as the 'Best Outdoor Swim in London' in The London Pools Campaign's Golden Goggles Award.

Find out more at www.tootingbeclido.co.uk.

Improving your area

The council is asking local people how money from developers should be spent locally.

The Wandsworth Local Fund is a charge that the council makes on the developers of new buildings to help pay for the infrastructure needed to support the development.

This could include new or safer road schemes, park improvements or a new health centre.

Find out how you can have your say on how this money is spent in your area on page 13.



Motorbiking

Motorbike owners can apply for a dedicated solo motorcycle bay to be installed in their road. Separating motorcycles from larger vehicles is a better use of road space and reduces the risk of bikes being knocked over or stolen.

Your application will be considered if you can present the council with evidence that at least three motorcycle owners in your road would be prepared to use the space.

Email Tim Curran at parking@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Give your views on flooding

The council wants to know local people's views and concerns about flooding. Following bad floods across the UK in 2007, the government gave local authorities new powers to identify, co-ordinate and manage flood risk. The Local Flood Risk Management Strategy will set out how this will be done and the council wants input from local residents, businesses, community groups and others.

Find out more and follow a link to the online survey at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/floodrisksurvey. For a paper copy of the survey, call (020) 8871 6650.

Wandsworth **Enterprise Week**

Wandsworth's businesses can attend free workshops and events during Wandsworth Enterprise Week from February 3-8.

The week aims to help established businesses flourish and grow, and will offer help and support to people considering setting up a business in the borough. Highlights include talks, seminars, speed networking, advice clinics and workshops on everything from finance to marketing. There will be special events for women in business and food

Visit www.wandsworthenterpriseweek.biz or email wew@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Building an even stronger Wandsworth Update The vast

CREATING NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- · Construction jobs, traineeships and full apprenticeships are being created in Nine Elms
- The council has launched a 'Work Match' programme to link local unemployed people with local job opportunities



STANDING UP FOR WANDSWORTH

• We continue to campaign hard against new flightpaths and night flights over the borough. See page 10 for details.



IMPROVING TRANSPORT

- We have just completed a £6.4 million road and pavement improvement programme. Every street in the borough has been inspected
- The council has helped bring the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme to the borough, launched in December.
- · We are prioritising the removal of the Wandsworth one-way system
- After securing a tube extension to Battersea, we are campaigning hard for a further extension to Clapham Junction

INVESTING IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

• We are bringing millions of pounds worth of investment to the Alton area in Roehampton and the Winstanley and York Road estates in Battersea to provide better quality housing and an improved physical environment.

After listening to the views of hundreds of people from both areas the council will be publishing its preferred Masterplan option in February. Local residents will then get a further opportunity to influence the emerging ideas.

majority of residents rightly believe that Wandsworth is a fantastic place to live.

We have great schools, wonderful parks, clean streets and the crime rate is the lowest in inner London.

Your council has always been known for having low council tax, yet we are ambitious to do much more. That is why we are focused on 'Building an even stronger Wandsworth' breathing new life into our neighbourhoods, bringing new job opportunities, expanding school choice, improving transport and building new affordable homes.

Let us take just one of those challenges. Property prices is Wandsworth are spiralling. That's great for home owners but not so great for young people trying to get on the property ladder. Seeing new affordable homes built remains one of our key priorities.

This update tells you how we are getting on.

Cllr Ravi Govindia Leader of Wandsworth Council

BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE HOMES

- More than 1,600 new affordable homes are on course to be built in Wandsworth between now and the end of 2018 as regeneration work gathers pace. Existing borough residents get top priority for these homes.
- The council also has its own home building programme that will provide new low cost rent properties for local people.



Improving your neighbourhood

The council wants your views on shaping local neighbourhoods and is asking local people how money raised from a charge on developers should be spent.

What is the Wandsworth Local Fund?

The Wandsworth Local Fund (WLF), also known as neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), is a charge the council makes mainly on new homes to pay for the infrastructure needed to support the development, such as new or safer roads, park improvements or a new health centre.

Most will be spent on borough-wide, "strategic" CIL projects, but 15 per cent must be spent on projects which take into account the views of the neighbourhood where the new development has been built. How to spend this neighbourhood money is what the council is now beginning to consult on.

What can the money be spent on?

The Wandsworth Local Fund can be spent on a wide range of things that address the demands that development puts on your area.

It cannot be used for significant on-going spending such as keeping a school running.

It could help fund:

- Public transport or new schools/school expansions, to ensure these are provided as soon as possible.
- Road, pavement and park improvements, including safety improvements like lighting.
- New or additional equipment for community organisations, schools, etc.
- New secure cycle parking
- New bus stop shelter and countdown information

What are we consulting about?

We want to get the best possible picture of the priorities that local people and groups have for this money for the next three years. Each of the six neighbourhoods - Balham, Battersea, Nine Elms, Putney, Tooting and Wandsworth – are expected to have different priorities.

We are consulting local residents, school pupils and students, local businesses and those who work in the local area. We will also be inviting local groups and associations for their views.

It is hard to predict exactly how much money will be available. The amount will also very between different neighbourhoods depending on the amount of development taking place. It is expected that most projects that are funded will cost between £10,000 and £250,000, although the exact amounts will depend on the amount of money raised from developers.

Take the survey at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/WLF. Alternatively you can request a paper copy of the form by ringing (020) 8871 6084.

You have until the end of March 2014 to tell us your views.

What happens next?

During the summer we will share initial results with local councillors, local voluntary and community organisations, council departments, Transport for London and other agencies. They will be invited to draw up proposals on how they would meet your priorities.

Once we have the proposals, we will estimate their cost and assess their feasibility. In late 2014 we will ask local people which of the proposals they would like the Local Fund to support given the budgets likely to be available in each of the neighbourhoods.





KEEP THE NON-RECYCLABLES OUT OF YOUR RECYCLING

Clothing and textiles must not be placed in your clear recycling sacks or orange-lidded recycling bank. Please take them to your nearest charity textile bank or arrange a free collection. Visit: Wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling.





Start the year with a health MOT



Some people can go for years unaware they have high blood pressure or diabetes. You may feel well and think you are healthy, but a free NHS health check can spot any hidden problems.

If you are aged between 40 and 74, haven't already been diagnosed with heart disease, stroke, diabetes or kidney disease and have not had an NHS health check in the last five years, then you may be eligible.

Where to get your health check?

At your GP. Most Wandsworth GPs will give you a healthcheck. Call your practice to book an appointment.

At a local pharmacy. Find year nearest at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks.

At the mobile clinic. Check the location of the clinic at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks.

▶ For more information visit www.myhealthcheckwandsworth.co.uk or call (020) 8871 5026.



Look after your mental health

One in four of us experience mental health problems each year, so it is important to know how to look after yourself. There are simple ways to make everyday changes.

Connect: feeling valued and close to people can help improve your mental health. So try to do something different today and make a connection.

Be Active: regular physical activity is linked to lower rates of depression and anxiety. So why not get physical.

Take Notice: being aware of what is taking place in the present directly enhances your well-being. So enjoy 'the moment'

Keep Learning: Continuing to learn can enhance your self-esteem and encourage social interaction. So learn something new.

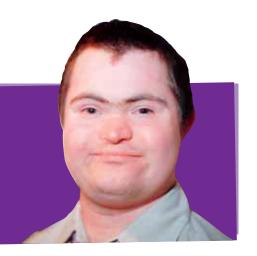
Give: Being involved in local community activities can improve your well being. So help someone.

Wandsworth Council is developing a strategy to improve mental health and well-being in the borough.

If you want to get involved in its development contact Graeme Markwell on (020) 8871 5059 or email gmarkwell@wandsworth.gov.uk.<None>



New skills at **Tooting centre**



New services have been launched to help people with learning disabilities.

A new complex needs centre has opened in Church Lane, Tooting, following the closing of the old Atheldene Centre on Garratt Lane. The new centre can help up to 50 people with multiple and complex needs who need specialist facilities and highly trained staff.

The latest techniques will be used to help people learn and retain new skills, including music therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy and arts and crafts, plus a high-spec sensory room. Users of the centre will be given support to get out to community facilities.

The new centre joins existing community social bases in Putney, Wandsworth, Tooting and Battersea for the people with learning disabilities who, with the support of trained staff, are most able to take part in community activities.

Referral to the new complex needs centre and the community bases is made following an assessment by adult social services. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis.

Meanwhile a new respite (short breaks) and emergency residential care home for adults with learning disabilities has opened in Wardley Street, Wandsworth, replacing the service that used to be provided from Hartfield House.



People who would prefer to be with a family during their period of respite can get help from the Shared Lives service. Approved carers are trained and supported to provide care in their home for people with learning disabilities.

Find out more from your social worker or by contacting the council's access team on (020) 8871 7707.



Concerned about your Memory?

The Wandsworth Memory Assessment Service has launched to help adults of all ages with suspected memory problems.

If you are worried about your memory go and see your GP, who will look at your symptoms and medical history, carry out a physical examination to identify any other conditions that may be causing your symptoms and then decide what action needs to be taken, including possible referral to the Memory Assessment service.

If you are referred by your GP, the Memory Assessment Service, made up of a team of professionals, will carry out an initial assessment and be involved in planning care to meet your needs depending upon your diagnosis. An Alzheimer's Society dementia advisor will be a single point of contact throughout the process..

The Alzheimer's Society office in Garratt Lane provides help for people living with dementia, including advice, support, peer support groups and dementia cafes. Call (020) 8877 0033 or email swlondon@alzheimers.ora.uk.



An army regiment with historic ties to the borough staged a homecoming parade through Balham town centre.

Around 170 officers and men from the Z Company of the 1st Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers took the salute from well-wishers lining the streets to welcome the regiment home following a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Council leader Ravi Govindia said: "We are very proud of our links to this illustrious and historic regiment and were delighted to be asked to host this homecoming parade.

"We all owe our armed forces an enormous debt for their courage, bravery and dedication and for the sacrifices they have made in our name. This was our chance to salute these fusiliers and show them how much they mean to us."

The Fusiliers, who wear a distinctive red and white hackle in their regimental beret, were created on St George's Day in 1968 as a result of the merger of four fusilier regiments; the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment), which has

historic links to Balham, the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, the Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers and the Lancashire Fusiliers. Collectively they have served their nation proudly in almost every major military campaign for the last 400 years.

The regiment's long standing ties with the area means that it continues to actively recruit its officers and men from the borough of Wandsworth.





We have been searching for some of Wandsworth's hidden treasures - borough gems you may not know about.

We would love to hear from you about hidden treasures of your own. It could be a tucked away neighbourhood pub, shop or restaurant, hidden beauty spot, a place of historical interest or a great city walk - whatever you like.

Send your ideas to brightside@wandsworth.gov.uk and we'll try to include them in future editions.

Discover the Wandle Delta

Once dominated by a gasworks and the enormous Shell oil depot, the Wandle Delta has been utterly transformed in recent years and is now an attractive part of the South Bank with riverwalks, wildlife and outdoor bars and cafes to explore. A new walking and cycling route has been created through Wandsworth Bridge so visitors can continue a trafficfree stroll to neighbouring Battersea Reach.

Ritherdon Road unveiled

Tucked away just off Balham High Road is the town centre's best kept secret - Ritherdon Road. The street is home to a small but perfectly formed parade of independent shops, cafes and restaurants which buzzes with locals at evenings and weekends. The summer street party is fast becoming a Balham institution.





Children's events are shaded yellow



Wednesday February 19-Saturday February 22, performances 7.45pm Weds-Fri, Saturday 5pm

The Misanthrope

Moliere's classic is transposed from 17th century France to a showbiz whirl of contemporary London, where all that matters is celebrity status. Tickets: £10, concessions £7.50 (Wed and Sat). Southside Players Drama Hall, Chestnut Grove School SW12. Box office 07914 657524. www.southsideplayers.org.uk

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Free entry Wheelchair access **Hearing loop**

Friday January 31 8pm

4th Nick Fuentes **Memorial Lecture**

'New discoveries from the Mithras Temple site - The archaeology of **Bucklersbury House/** Bloomberg Place'. With speakers Michael Tetreau and Jessica Bryan from the Museum of London Archaeology. Wandsworth Historical Society, Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street, SW18. Call 8874 6341. www.wandsworthhistory. org.uk

Sunday February 2 9am

Mini Marathon Trials

Sign up for trials which could lead to running the last 5km of the London Marathon route in April. Open to youngsters aged under 17. Plus, 2km fun-run for under 11's. To enter, you need to attend a borough school/ college, or live, or have been born, in the borough. Entry fee £1. Millennium Arena, Battersea Park SW11. For an entry form email aormonde@wandsworth. gov.uk or online www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ minimarathon.

Wednesday February 5 1.10pm

Lunchtime song recital Just turn up, no need to book. National Opera Studio, All Saints Church Wandsworth High Street SW18. Email info@nationaloperastudio. org.uk Call 8874 8811. Wheelchair

Wednesday February 5 -Friday February 7 12noon-11pm

Battersea Beer Festival Over 150 real ales from across Britain, as well as ciders, foreign beers and food. Admission £4 on the door, or £3 before 5pm on Wednesday 5th.

Grand Hall, Battersea Arts Centre SW11. www.batterseabeerfestival. org.uk

Friday February 7 **Pocklington Court** open day

Information stalls for people with sight loss. Pocklington Court is a supported housing centre for people with sight loss and is run by the charity Thomas Pocklington Trust. Pocklington Court, 74 Alton Road, Roehampton, SW15. Email pc@pocklingtontrust.org.uk or call 8789 1893.

what's on? **FEBRUARY - MARCH**

Saturday February 8 1-4pm

Creative Writing Workshop

Explore dialogue for stage and screen in this special workshop with playwright/director Danusia Iwaszko. Inspirational session for scriptwriters. Cost £30.

Balham Bowls Club, Ramsden Road SW12. More information, booking and payment options -

www.chalkthesun.co.uk Call 07852 483001.

Saturday February 8 9am-5pm

Trade Fair for Young **Enterprise companies**

Stands run by students, selling interesting and innovative products and services, made by the students from schools in the boroughs of Wandsworth, Southwark and Lambeth. A great

opportunity to buy unique gifts and treats. Young Enterprise is a not-forprofit business and enterprise education charity established in 1962. Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth High Street SW18. www.wandsworth enterpriseweek.biz

Wednesday February 12 6-9pm

Grow Active seasonal food growing workshop

Workshop for gardeners interested in growing food. For gardeners in Wandsworth from community gardens, allotments, housing estates and schools. Develop your gardening skills, learn to grow fresh produce and plants, meet local gardeners. Volunteers with no garden can connect with gardens that need help. Penfold Community Centre, Neville Gill Close SW18. Call Jo Baxter 8871 6774 or email jbaxter@wandsworth.

Wednesday February 12 8-11.30pm

Lambouzak Brazilian **Dance Class**

Beginners and intermediate levels between 8-9pm; practice and social dance 9-11.30pm. The Bedford, 77 Bedford Hill SW12. Call Patricia 07983 546 007 www.thebedford.com

Thursday February 13 7.45 for 8pm

Vintage postcards of Wandsworth

Illustrated talk with Ron Elam, about his personal collection of postcards. The Wandsworth Society, West Side Church Melody Road SW18. Call 8870 4567. www.wandsworthsociety. ora.uk wheelchair

Monday February 17 2-4pm

Talk: The Darwin family at Down & Cambridge

Talk by Dr Enid Stockwell. Wandsworth University of the 3rd Age Earlsfield

Tuesdays February 11 - March 25 10am-3pm

Needlework and Embroidery Club

Classes for beginners or advanced stitchers to work on their own projects and materials. Please bring your own lunch. Limited number of places advance bookings essential. Cost £30 a session. Conference Room, by the Herb Garden, Battersea Park SW11. www.bembroidery.co.uk. Email info@bembroidery.co.uk Call 0796 1815115. wheelchair

Library SW18. Call 8878 5783. Email wandsworthu3a @hotmail.com www.wandsworthu3a. org.uk wheelchair, loop

Monday February 17 7.30pm

Join the Putney Wi Make friends, have fun and learn something new. A friendly group of women of all ages who meet to socialise, craft and hear interesting speakers. Star & Garter pub. 4 Lower Richmond Road SW15. Visit

putneywi.wordpress.com or email putneywi@gmail.com.

DIABETES UK

Monday February 17 7.30-9.30pm

Diabetes UK Voluntary Group Meeting

Speaker: Raj Patel, Chair of Merton Sutton and Wandsworth Pharmaceutical Committee, on Understanding Your Medication. For people with diabetes and those affected by or interested in the condition. Covers Wandsworth, Merton and Lambeth. Free entry. The Wimbledon Guild, 30-34 Worple Street SW19. Contact Robert Carew-Hunt 8947 3181. Wheelchair



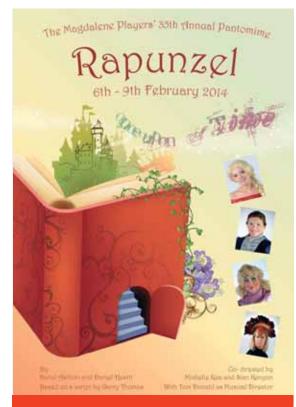


February 6 - March 30 (Wednesday-**Sunday and Bank Holidays 11am-5pm)**

At Home – Hetain Patel

Patel's first major solo exhibition of new work since 2007, it interrogates Patel's identity within his domestic settings and opens wider questions around human relations and how we define ourselves. Patel will present two new animations involving his mother and a local Wandsworth resident. Free entry. Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572.

www.pumphousegallery.org.uk



Thursday February 6 – Sunday February 9 (afternoon and evening performances)

Rapunzel

The Magdalene Players' 35th annual pantomime – this year, the traditional tale of Rapunzel given the usual Magdalene Players twist. A great night out for all the family. Tickets £10 (£8 concession).

St Mary Magdalene Hall, Trinity Road, SW17. Box office: www.magplayers.org.uk/tickets or call 07535 925 268.

February 17-21 10am-3pm

Holiday Fun

Multi sports, arts and crafts and prizes. For children 7-13 years. Cost £10.50 a day or £47 per week. Bring a packed lunch, water and wear sports clothing. Battersea Sports Centre, Hope Street SW11. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/b sc. email bsc@wandsworth.gov.uk

Tuesday February 18 10am-3.15pm

Self Management: Take control of your life and your long term condition

Information for people living with long term health conditions, or carers. Civic Suite, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street SW18. To book your place visit www.selfmanagementwan dsworth.eventbrite.co.uk

Wednesday February 18 to Saturday March 1

Variations on a Theme

Hand-painted collagraphs by Vicky Oldfield. Oil & Water, 340 Old York Road SW18. www.oilandwater.co.uk **Fmail** penny@oilandwater.co.uk

Thursday February 20 7 for 7.30pm

A film - Panorama of the **Thames**

A film version of the Leigh 1829 panorama of the Thames depicting both banks of the river between Richmond and Westminster with a talk on a project to create a contemporary version showing the Thames riverside – past and present. Free admission. The Battersea Society at Royal College of Art, Dyson Building, 1 Hester Road SW11. www.batterseasociety. ora.uk

Thursday February 20-Saturday February 22 11am-12pm and 3-4pm

Mouth Open, Story Jump Out

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Polarbear makes things up: stories, jokes, adventures - a master maker-upper. But where did it all begin? International assassins, secret codes and much more fill the hole left when a father disappears and a boy discovers a talent for telling tales. Tickets: £12, £9 concessions.

BAC Lavender Hill SW11. Book www.bac.org.uk/ mouthopenstoryjumpout. Call 7223 2223.

Friday February 21

Fish and Chip Friday

Enjoy a fish and chip lunch for blind and partially sighted people. Balham Resource Centre, 1C Yukon Road SW12. Contact brc@pocklington-trust. org.uk or call 8675 4246 for details, including costs. wheelchair

Sunday February 23 5-7.30pm (doors 4.30pm)

Young Performer Final

Young Performer is a vibrant annual showcase of young talent from all over Wandsworth. This year's line-up of local youngsters includes singers, dancers, beat boxers, bands, and musicians. Auditions were held during December. The winner will be selected by a panel of industry judges. Tickets £6 on door, £4 in advance online (£1 online booking fee) or from **Tooting Youth Hub 07768** 464 350.

Wandsworth Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street SW18. Call or text: 07946 195 371. Buy online www.wandsworthyoung performer.co.uk wheelchair

Starts February 24

Rowing for adults

Popular course, book your place now. Full details, including costs, Barn Elms Boathouse, Queen Elizabeth Walk SW13 www.wandsworth.gov.uk/

barnelmsboathouse or call 8788 9145.

Wednesday March 4 -Saturday March 15

Jane Atkinson – paintings and etchings

An appreciation of the long and varied career of Lady Jane Atkinson. Oil & Water, 340 Old York Road SW18. www.oilandwater.co.uk

penny@oilandwater.co.uk

Friday March 7 7.30pm

lain Burnside recital

No need to book, just turn up. National Opera Studio, All Saints Church. Wandsworth High Street SW18. Phone 8874 8811.

Creative courses at half term

Putney School of Art and Design is running

for Adults and Children

half term. These are for parent and child to attend together, and work together. For adults there is also a programme of intensive drawing, painting and printmaking courses plus web design and iPad art. For further information go to www.webenrol.com/psad or call the school on 020 8788 9145

family learning pottery and painting courses at

Email info@national operastudio.org.uk

February 17-21

Painting submission deadline: Saturday March 8, 2pm

Are you a Wandsworth artist?

Artists interested in showing their works at our Wonderful Wandsworth exhibition (19 Mar-5 Apr) may submit upto six works, at a cost of £5 per painting, which will be refunded in the case of a sale. Oil & Water, 340 Old York Road SW18. Email penny@oilandwater.co.uk

Thursday March 13 8pm (following AGM)

Urban Wine: taster and talk on local initiative

Wandsworth Society, West Side Church, Melody Road SW18. Call 8870 4567. www.wandsworthsociety. org.uk

Wheelchair

Monday March 17 8-10pm

Putney Music

President David Cairns talks about friend and colleague Sir Colin Davis who died in 2013.

Members and young people free, visitors £5. Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. www.putneymusic.org.uk

Saturday March 29 7.30pm

Sinclair Sinfonia

Programme: Liszt: Via Crucis, Bach: Cantatas 38 and 182 and singing some Bruckner Motets. David Fawcett conductor/musical director. Tickets £12 (concessions £8) on the

door or from Northcote Music, 155 Northcote Road, SW11 or St Luke's Music Society: box office 07951 791619 www.slms.org.uk

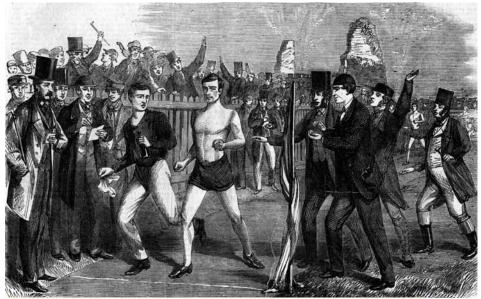
www.festivalchorus.co.uk St Luke's Church, Thurleigh Road, SW12.



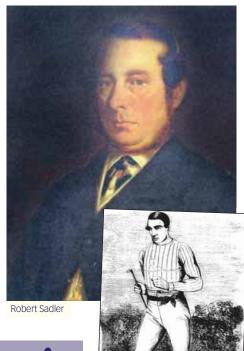
February 17 - March 8 7.30pm

Ballad of the Burning Star

Armed with music, killer heels and a lethal troop of divas, an enraged Israeli executes a story of victimhood, persecution, aggression and love. Recommended for people aged 14+. Tickets £15, concessions £12. BAC, Lavender Hill. Call 7223 2223. www.bac.org.uk/ballad



The only known illustration of an event on the grounds on May 26 1862. It depicts an eight-miles walking match competing for a £200 prize - the largest ever purse competed for at the track.



destitute after being attacked by a bull in Wandsworth

Unearthing Summerstown's sporting past Mountjoy, a pedestrian who was badly injured and left

The site of a long-lost running track in Wandsworth, and the sometimes murky world of Victorian professional athletics, has been unearthed by a local historian.



The poster advertising the match between native American pedestrian Deerfoot and Job Smith in 1862, in which Deerfoot boasts that "the Paleface has not vet crossed his trail who can fairly beat him."

Kevin Kelly has spent countless hours solving the mystery of the site of the Copenhagen Running Grounds in Garratt Lane. It was one of the Victorian era's major sporting venues, but has been largely forgotten.

Some of the top athletes - then known as 'pedestrians' - of the day competed at Robert Sadler's running track, and betting on the winner was a popular pastime. That, and the heavy consumption of alcohol at meetings, meant the sport of pedestrianism was frowned upon.

The grounds were in Summerstown – then just a hamlet. They were opened by Robert Sadler, son of a prominent Summerstown family, who was known locally as a pugilist and pedestrian, as well as the manager of a local beerhouse, The Sir Jeffrey Dunstan, owned by Young and Bainbridge (later to become Young's Brewery). He subsequently opened a pub in a building called Althorp Lodge and set up the pedestrian grounds on the land behind in 1853. They were famed for their fountains, orchards and tea gardens.

Kevin Kelly's 80 page, illustrated book talks about the history of the area, the origins of the ground and the exploits of the often flamboyant pedestrians that competed there, including the native American Deerfoot – a big star of the time.

The ground eventually closed in 1864 following complaints by locals upset by the rowdy crowds. Althorp Lodge was demolished in 1900, to be replaced by a parade of shops, later destroyed in the war. Burmester House, Burmester and Aldren roads and a housing estate now cover the site.

SUMMERSTOWN

▶▶ The book costs £9.99. To buy a copy call (020) 8677 0337 or email hernehillharrier@hotmail.com.



The Sir Jeffrey Dunstan public house

1841 SURREY IRON RAILWAY ALTHORP LODGE SADLER FAMILY HOME ST MARY'S CHURCH WATER COURSE

The Tithe Map of Summerstown c 1841

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electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk

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- including Nurseries

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housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Housing Repairs and Tenancy Call your area team or

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