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The picture shows, from left to right, Cllr Wendy Speck, Cllr Guy Senior, Cllr Tony Belton, Cllr Martin Johnson, Love Battersea campaigner Philip Beddows, Cllr Peter Dawson, Clapham Junction Town Centre Manager Lorinda Freint, Shopstop Shopping Centre Manager Scott Thwaytes and Cllr James Cousins.

They love Battersea

A long running campaign to protect Battersea's identity from a creeping "Claphamisation" has received a boost with the unveiling of a new sign above the main exit to Clapham Junction Station.

The words "Welcome to the Heart of Battersea Clapham Junction" – will now be seen by thousands of people everyday as they leave the UK's busiest railway station and head out into the town centre.

The Love Battersea campaign supported by the council aims tackle the misconception that Clapham Junction town centre is part of neighbouring Clapham and to reinforce its true identity as the beating heart of Battersea.

The cause of the confusion dates back 150 years to when the famous railway station first opened. The authorities of the day named it Clapham Junction after the more affluent district a mile and a half to the east.

In recent years a series of businesses have incorrectly labelled their premises as being in 'Clapham' and the campaigners have worked hard to persuade them to reconsider. Asda, Fired Earth, The Co-Op Food, TSB and even Google Maps have switched back to Battersea thanks to their efforts.



►► For more information visit www.lovebattersea.org.uk.



Public health director Houda Al-Sharifi with Luke Graham from Latchmere Leisure Centre and Stuart Forrester from Battersea Sports Centre.

Free gym membership on offer on Battersea estates

Hundreds of people living on Battersea's Winstanley and York Road estates will be offered free gym and slimming class memberships if they sign up to selected healthy living schemes.

A wide programme of health and community events has been drawn up by Wandsworth Council's public health team including a community choir, cooking lessons for groups of friends and neighbours, music production training and mentoring, a community health course, help to stop smoking, health trainers, family fit clubs and free NHS Health Checks.

The programme is part of a council-wide push to improve the two estates, open up new opportunities for its residents and strengthen the community. A multi-million pound estate upgrade scheme is being planned, the Work Match recruitment service is helping match local residents with new job opportunities, and a community group has been commissioned to run mentoring schemes for young people aged 18-24.

► Read more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/winstanleyorkroad.

Better way to call the council

People calling the council on (020) 8871 6000 will get a better service following the introduction of an intelligent automated telephone answering system later this month.

Callers will be put through to the right extension straight away by saying the name of the person or service they require, without having to go through a range of options. A hundred per cent of calls will be answered in less than 15 seconds and the automated service will be available 24 hours a day. Currently calls to the switchboard can only be made during office hours.

During office hours callers can still hold the line to speak to an operator if they wish or if their request is not recognised.

Tell us once

When a death is registered at Wandsworth Register Office, the Registrar will issue a unique identifier number for the Tell Us Once Service. This service is provided to help give information to the Department of Work and Pensions, who will then pass on the details to central and local government services on your behalf.

The Registrar will give you the contact details for the DWP. You can either call them or use their online service. The information you give them will be secure and treated confidentially. Please visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/registeroffice.

Paul's help

Paul's Cancer Support Centre is running a support service for men living, or accessing services, in Wandsworth who are affected by prostate cancer. The service also provides information and supports partners and family members. For more information call Marisca Ribeiro on 07950 426 949 or Paul's Cancer Support Centre on (020) 7924 3924.

Fundraising in store

Staff at Sainsbury's in the Nine Elms Temp Store raised almost £6000 for sport relief by dancing, singing, face painting, bag packing from the local Sea-Cadets and selling Sports Relief merchandise.

Buddy up for a run

Everyone is welcome to join a free 6k running group that meets at 7.15pm every Monday at the corner of Northfields and Putney Bridge Rd (Wandsworth Park gate). Just turn up or find out more at www.activebuddies.co.uk.



The Conservative Party has retained control of Wandsworth Council

Wandsworth was the first London borough to announce the results of the 2014 local council elections in the early hours of May 23.

41 Conservative councillors were elected along with 19 from the Labour Party. Labour gained six seats compared to 2010.

The 60 newly-elected councillors re-elected Cllr Ravi Govindia as leader of the council at the annual council meeting earlier this month. The meeting also appointed a new mayor, Cllr Stuart Thom, and the new cabinet. Cllr Rex Osborne will continue as leader of the Labour group.

►► For the full ward-by-ward results, plus results of the European elections, visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/electionresults.



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High speed housing

Every home in council owned blocks will have access to high speed fibre optic broadband thanks to an innovative partnership with the private sector

Connecting private or council owned housing blocks to a fibre optic network is far more complex than a traditional street property. This means people living in flats often have to make do with slower broadband services delivered via telephone cables.

Through a competitive tendering process, Wandsworth has now agreed a concession contract with Community Fibre Ltd which will see the company install fibre optic cabling to all council homes in purpose built blocks. Every household will be able to access free digital television channels, digital radio and a completely free 'walled garden' internet service giving free access to the council's websites and online services, a BBC news feed and a council 'notice board'.

It also means residents will then have the option of subscribing to superfast fibre optic broadband tariffs with speeds up to ten times faster than they currently experience through their phone lines.

Crumble creations

Cat Simpson has set up a new business from her Putney kitchen selling home-made crumbles.

The list includes the old favourites like apple or pear, plus more exotic ingredients such as passion fruit and coconut.

"There just aren't many things in life that are as comforting and reliable as homemade crumble, and that's a fact," said Cat. Find out more at www.crumbleclub.co.uk. If you're thinking of starting your own business, find out about the help on offer at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/business.



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Putney Bridge timetable halved

Repairs to Putney Bridge, which are urgently needed to safeguard the future of this vital river crossing, mean it will close to all vehicle traffic on Monday, July 14.

However, the predicted six month closure timetable has been dramatically reduced to around half that time. The vast majority of the £1.5m repair programme will be carried out during the school summer holidays when traffic levels are at their lightest.

Pedestrians will still be able to cross the bridge, as will cyclists, although they will need to dismount.

Buses will operate a shuttle service from both ends of the bridge. This means that passengers will need to cross it on foot to carry on their journeys. The timing of the repairs has been drawn up in close consultation with Transport for London, neighbouring highway authorities, local amenity groups, business representatives and other partners to ensure a high level of co-ordination with other major roadworks in south and west London.



The programme has also been drawn up to avoid impacting on the Wimbledon tennis championships, while the works have been scheduled so that August's Ride London cycle event can still be accommodated.

The decision to fully close the bridge to all traffic – rather than have a partial closure – was backed by a clear majority of both residents and businesses during the public consultation late last year. The public's preferred option was getting the job done in the shortest possible time and at the lowest cost to taxpayers.

The council is sending out advanced warning letters, leaflets, emails and SMS texts to residents and holding public meetings and drop-in sessions.

► For more information visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/putneybridge



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Mental health champion Anna is top young person

A schoolgirl who has campaigned tirelessly for better awareness and understanding of mental health issues has won this year's Wandsworth Young Person of the Year Award.

In the past two years Anna has worked with senior teachers to develop a comprehensive programme of mental health awareness at Graveney School. Anna raises funds for mental health charities, has carried out attitude surveys with other groups of students and has organised assemblies and talks to younger year groups about mental health.

Anna has also lobbied government ministers for better services for people at work with mental illness and has spoken to practising clinical psychologists. Now she has been invited to help the public health team draw up its new Mental Health and Well-being Strategy.

In total there were seven commendations and five special awards handed out to young people by the outgoing Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Angela Graham. They included the first-ever Community Safety Award sponsored by the Wandsworth Community Safety Trust, won by police cadet Caleb Rookwood, and Young Musician of the Year, won by 12-year-old oboist Anna Benton.

The event is organised by the Young Person of the Year Trustees in conjunction with Wandsworth Council's Youth Service and is funded by the Rotary Club and the Keen Group.

Job help for youngsters

The law now says all 16 year olds, and from next year 17 year olds, must stay in education or training until their 18th birthday. Options include jobs with training, apprenticeships and volunteering as well as school and college.

In Wandsworth almost 97 per cent of sixteen year olds stay in education or training and the council has set up a special 'Raising of the Participation Age' team to help. To find out more, or if you could offer your skills to help support local young people, contact Noel Tierney on (020) 8871 6122 or e-mail ntierney1@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Paying it back

Local offenders are giving something back to their neighbourhood through the Community Payback



scheme. Jobs carried out under the scheme, previously known as Community Service, must be of benefit to the community and are extra jobs – not routine tasks the council carries out anyway. The council's community safety team has secured a grant from the Mayor of London to help pay for people on the scheme to carry out improvement works on council estates across the borough.

So far the biggest scheme has been the redecoration of the Penfold Community Centre in Neville Gill Close, Wandsworth (pictured, with housing spokesman Cllr Paul Ellis). To find out more or to suggest a scheme contact Roger Lyddon on RLyddon@wandsworth.gov.uk or call (020) 8871 6950.

Social events

The Putney Methodist Church offers a range of community events, to which everyone is welcome. This includes a coffee morning and Cornerstone, a social event held on the first Saturday of the month. Just turn up or visit www.putneymethodistchurch.org.uk for more information.



Community link

A new website has been set up by Project Dirt to enable community projects to connect, promote themselves and seek resources.

People can join a project via the site - so far more than 90 are on there including community gardens and neighbourhood events – or add their own project. It is free to join. The picture shows Gattos Schoolchildren who are doing two hours a week of outdoor learning in the Tooting Community Garden. Visit www.projectdirt.com/wandsworth.

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Are you...

a Wandsworth resident
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Work Match can help

We are currently working with local and national businesses across the borough to secure sustainable jobs for local people. If you are ready and willing to work, but need help in being matched to the right job, then Work Match can provide you with support in applying for roles we are currently recruiting for.

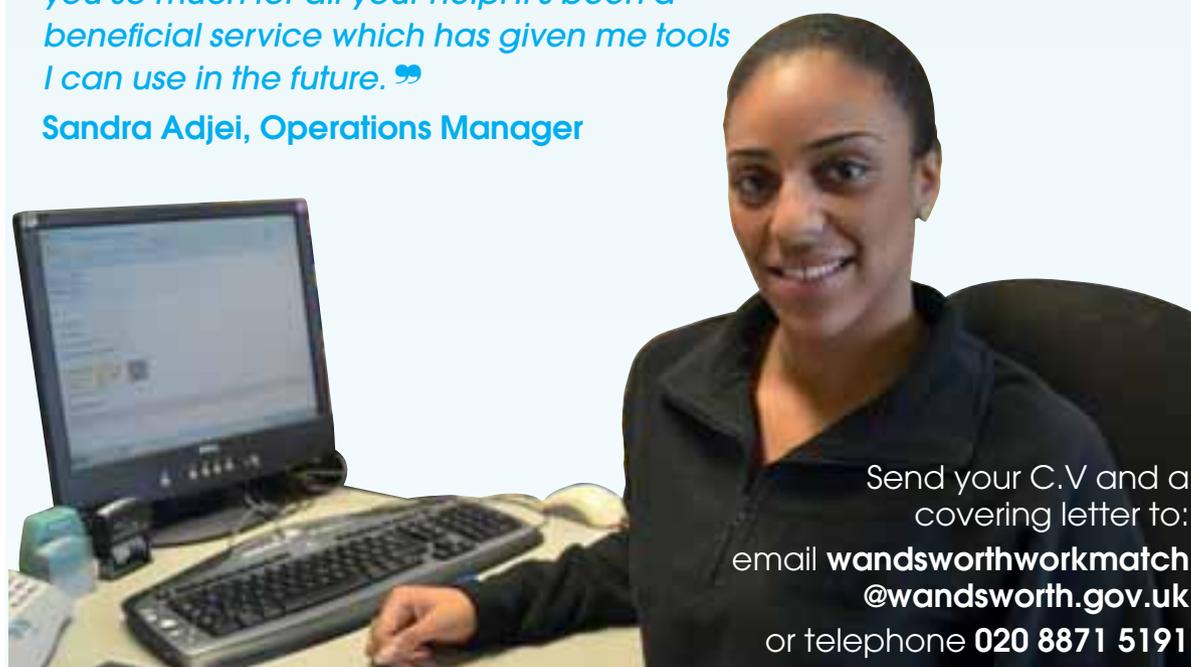
Candidates who have been successful at the screening stage will receive:

- **Support and assistance with completing applications**
- **Assistance in tailoring your C.V**
- **Mock interview practice**

If you need to **re-train or update your skills to become job ready**, Work Match can refer you to a number of partner organisations that we work with.

“ I appreciate the time Work Match took to support me, which resulted in a strong performance at interview and a job. Thank you so much for all your help. It's been a beneficial service which has given me tools I can use in the future. ”

Sandra Adjei, Operations Manager



Send your C.V and a
covering letter to:

email **wandsworthworkmatch**
@wandsworth.gov.uk

or telephone **020 8871 5191**

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for local
people



Record crowds at biggest-ever arts fest

The Wandsworth Arts Festival and Fringe featured more than 50 events and attracted record crowds during two action packed weeks in May.

Activities ranged from an enchanted fire garden in Roehampton to Putney inspired poetry, and from Battersea dad dancing workshops to riverside story walks in Nine Elms. The Arts Festival and Fringe, curated by the council's arts team, focused on the borough's town centres and was supported by the Arts Council England and Southside Shopping Centre.

Find out more about the support offered to arts in the borough at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/arts.

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One way system could be scrapped

Two major schemes to improve key borough roads have come a step closer

Councillors are nearer to banishing the notorious Wandsworth one-way system to the history books.

Transport for London (TfL) has agreed to start work on a redesign of the traffic black spot and highway engineers are now drawing up plans that could see traffic jams reduced and diverted away from the high street. Cyclists would be given much safer routes through the town centre and the area would be transformed into a much more attractive, pedestrian-friendly environment.

The project would cost around £55m with the council and TfL splitting the costs. It could start in 2017 and be finished in 2019. Wandsworth would use funding provided by the regeneration of the derelict Ram Brewery, which sits at the centre of the one-way-system, to help pay its share of the bill. A new plan for the brewery site was approved in 2013 and the owners start work later this year.

TfL's committees meet this month to discuss the project and to agree a financing package. Wandsworth's decision to pay up to 50 per cent of the costs gives the traffic scheme a better chance of gaining final approval.

Meanwhile council plans to transform a stretch of Balham High Road into a cycle and pedestrian -friendly boulevard have won backing from Transport for London.

The project, named Balham Boulevard, has now been shortlisted by the transport authority and initial concept designs are now being worked up.

Wandsworth councillors believe this part of the high road, which is owned and managed by TfL, is wide enough to offer outdoor cafés and activities alongside segregated cycle lanes.

Once initial plans are complete a local consultation will take place. If residents back the idea the council will press TfL to put the plans into action.



Affordable homes and jobs for Battersea

New developments across Battersea are resulting in a homes and jobs boom.

- Around 2,000 affordable homes for local people will be built, the majority in the Nine Elms regeneration area (see map) where every residential scheme includes housing for Wandsworth residents to buy or rent at a reduced cost. The affordable properties will be completed in phases over the next ten years and the first are available now through the council's homeownership team. To see if you qualify visit wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership.
- The council has also secured more than £50m from Nine Elms investors which will be spent on additional affordable housing projects which will be offered to the people of Wandsworth first.
- Huge building projects are bringing more than 20,000 construction jobs to Battersea and many of the vital starter roles, like apprenticeships and traineeships, are reserved for unemployed local people. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/workmatch.
- Unemployed young people living in Nine Elms are being offered an intensive support package to help them take advantage of the new jobs supply on their doorsteps.

► Find out more about the council's housing, employment and regeneration plans at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/strongerwandsworth

Wandsworth has now set up its £4m fund to increase the number of new affordable rent homes being built in the borough.

Housing associations and developers can apply for a share of the cash which can be used to unlock affordable housing developments. The council's investment could create up to 130 extra properties.

The new homes would be available on a low cost rent and managed by a social landlord. The council would decide who the new properties are offered to with existing residents of Wandsworth given top priority.

► For more information email iruegg@wandsworth.gov.uk.



Kick-starting new businesses

The unique partnership between Wandsworth Council and the Start Up Loans Company has approved loans totalling almost £800,000 and helped 123 local people set up their own business.

Nearly two thirds of the loans went to 18-30 year olds and half the recipients were women.

Wandsworth was the first council to work with the £151m scheme, chaired by James Caan from TV's Dragons Den, which provides financial backing and mentoring support to people with a strong business idea. The partnership has smashed its first year target of helping to start 20 new firms. More than six times that amount are now trading.

▶▶ Find out more about Start Up Loans, or apply online, at www.startuploans.co.uk.



Inma Goodhew was given a £9,000 loan and mentoring support to set up the Old School Club in Battersea, which provides innovative and contemporary arts and crafts classes for adults and children to learn new skills, meet other creative people and use a fun, flexible and affordable shared workspace and crèche.

The idea grew from sewing coffee mornings with onsite childcare in Inma's back studio. The classes became very popular, and she decided to give mums a permanent place to be creative, learn new skills and meet other mums.

▶▶ Find out more at www.theoldschoolclub.co.uk

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Come to Wandsworth Common Management Advisory Committee's annual public meeting

Monday 16 June 2014, 7.30pm

Fitzhugh Community Centre
Fitzhugh Grove (off Trinity Road)
Wandsworth SW18

Your views about the common are important. This is your chance to find out what's happened in the past year and share your ideas for future plans.

THE WAY WE ALL REGISTER

TO VOTE IS CHANGING



The introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER) marks a big change in the way that people can register to vote.

Visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



Currently most people will register via a household form delivered to each address every year, but from Tuesday 10 June 2014 onwards, residents will be required to register individually. These changes mean:

- You can now register online.
- Everyone has become responsible for registering themselves. Under the old system one person in every household could register everyone who lived at their address.
- You need to provide a few more details to register – including your National Insurance number and date of birth. This is to make the electoral register more secure.

WHY SHOULD I REGISTER?

You need to register in order to be able to vote. If you aren't registered to vote, you won't have the chance to have a say on who represents you.

Some people also register to vote because they want to apply for credit. This is because credit reference agencies use the register to confirm where someone lives when they apply for credit in order to prevent fraud. This is an area where the Wandsworth Electoral Services team receive many enquiries, and often not registering has caused the resident a problem in getting credit.

HAVE YOU MOVED RECENTLY?

If you have moved in the last few months and did not register to vote for the elections in May, you will need to visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote to add your details to the register.

From Tuesday 10 June 2014 residents will be able to use www.gov.uk/register-to-vote to submit

applications to register. Anyone who moves address or is not already registered can use this option from this date.

Meanwhile, all existing electors will be moved over to the new IER system. This means that if your name is already on the electoral register when the transition begins we will try to match your name and address against other government databases. If your name matches you will automatically be registered under the new system. We will write to you in July 2014 to let you know.

If your name doesn't match, you will receive an invitation to register under the new system in July 2014. You will be able to do this online. You should respond to this immediately in order to prevent reminders being sent to you and visits from council staff. However you will still remain on the register until December 2015 if you do not respond.

HOUSEHOLD ENQUIRIES

There are properties in Wandsworth that do not currently have anyone registered at them. This can be for several reasons, for example where the residents are ineligible to vote because of their nationality or where the property is a second home. Wandsworth is the largest inner London borough and has a lot of second homes.

Under the new legislation we will write to each of these properties at the beginning of July 2014 to ask for information about everyone living at the property. It is a requirement in law that people receiving these forms return them.

Any names that are added to a Household Enquiry Form will then be invited to register under IER.

If you need to update your details
It's simpler, clearer and faster online
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



Date	Event
10 June 2014	IER registration begins including online registration
1 July 2014	Household Enquiry Forms sent to those addresses that do not currently have anyone registered
Mid July	Matched electors sent confirmation letter
Mid July	Unmatched electors sent invitation to register
September 2014	Canvassers to make personal visits to non responding residents
1 December 2014	Revised new electoral register published
1 December 2014	Any unmatched postal and proxy voters that have not completed the IER process will lose their absent voting arrangements
7 May 2015	Parliamentary Election

If you are already on the electoral register, you will receive a letter like this in July...



SPECIAL ADVICE FOR...

Students and young adults

At Wandsworth we work to ensure that all teenagers approaching voting age are aware of registering.

This falls into two main categories:

- 1 Those who will remain at home and therefore might not have received information about registering in the past system. Parents or guardians will need to ensure that young voters are clear on what they need to do.
- 2 Those who will be departing to attend university away from home. All students within this category will be able to register to vote at both their home and university address, but can choose to register at one only. They can vote in both places in local elections but only in one place in national elections, including the Parliamentary Election in 2015.

Recent movers or renters

People move in, out or within the borough at a very high rate and many people living in the borough are private renters, who are an under registered group and can often miss out. It is important that you visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote as soon as you move and change your address with us.

Sheltered Housing

Wandsworth Electoral Services has always had a good working relationship with sheltered accommodation and residential homes within the borough. This will continue under IER but family members of residents of these homes should ensure their relative is registered.

POSTAL AND PROXY VOTERS

If you have a postal or proxy vote or wish to act as a proxy for someone else, you will have to be individually registered under the IER system to retain this arrangement. This means that if you are not confirmed on the register or are individually registered before the 2015 Parliamentary election you will have to vote in person at a polling station at that election. This would be the case even if you voted by post at the May 2014 European Parliamentary and Borough Council elections.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION — THURSDAY 7 MAY 2015

Parliamentary elections are now fixed to take place every five years. The next Parliamentary Election is taking place on Thursday 7 May 2015. This will be the first under the new IER registration system. No one currently registered will be removed from the register unless we receive sufficient evidence that they no longer live at an address.

For further information:

Electoral Services -
electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk
(020) 8871 6023

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/vote

www.aboutmyvote.co.uk

www.gov.uk/yourvotematters

Visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

THE OPEN REGISTER

From Tuesday 10 June onwards, we will publish a monthly update to the Open Register (formally known as the Edited Register). If you would like to either opt-out, or in to the Open Register you can do so at any time by contacting Electoral Services.

When we contact you in July, we will let you know if you are opted out or not. If you are currently opt-out of the edited register, you will automatically be opted out of the Open Register.

There are two registers, why?

Using information received from the public, registration officers keep two registers – the electoral register and the open register (also known as the edited register).

The electoral register lists the names and addresses of everyone who is registered to vote in public elections. The register is used for electoral purposes, such as making sure only eligible people can vote. It is also used for other limited purposes specified in law, such as:

- detecting crime (e.g. fraud)
- calling people for jury service
- checking credit applications

The open register is an extract of the electoral register, but is not used for elections. It can be bought by any person, company or organisation. For example, it is used by businesses and charities to confirm name and address details.

Your name and address will be included in the open register unless you ask for them to be removed. Removing your details from the open register does not affect your right to vote.

You can find more information about both registers and how they may be used at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



DIY warning

Summer's here and many people's thoughts are turning to home improvements, but the council's Pest Control team warns that many households extending their kitchen or putting in decking later discover that rats or mice have moved in. Cut the risk by following these tips.

Many home extensions on Victorian properties involve demolishing the old outside toilet but often the connection to the sewers is not sealed properly. Rats will exploit this and start living in the voids under the floor. Fully capping off these pipes at the building stage will stop them, and prevent the expensive need to have new flooring lifted to cap the pipe off.

Decking in gardens can provide an ideal home for rats, mice and foxes. All decking is raised off the ground, providing a void in which pests can nest. The decked area should be sealed on all sides, so that it is difficult for pests to gain access. If anything does get in, holes will be easily seen so that the problem can be eradicated. If there is a drainage inspection chamber in the area that the decking is built over, panels should be created to enable access in an emergency such as a blocked drain. It also means pest control experts can get in to control any rodents that may have gained access under the decking.

▶▶ **Contact the Pest Control Team for more advice. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/pestcontrol or call (020) 8871 6143.**



Youth celebration

More than 500 people went along to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Provident House Youth Club in Battersea. The charitable trust provides a safe environment where young people can socialise, build relationships and improve their communication skills.

The celebration included the story of Providence House told through pictures, film and personal testimony of past and present members, led by Robert Musgrave MBE, director of youth and community work. A showcase of current work including arts, media and carpentry was followed by a concert featuring people who had been part of Providence House as youth members.

▶▶ **Find out more at www.providence-house.org**



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What do you think about Tooting Common?

Come to Tooting Common Management Advisory Committee's annual public meeting

Monday 23 June 2014, 7pm
St Anselm's School Hall
Louisville Road, Tooting SW17

Your views about the common are important. This is your chance to find out what's happened in the past year and share your ideas for future plans.



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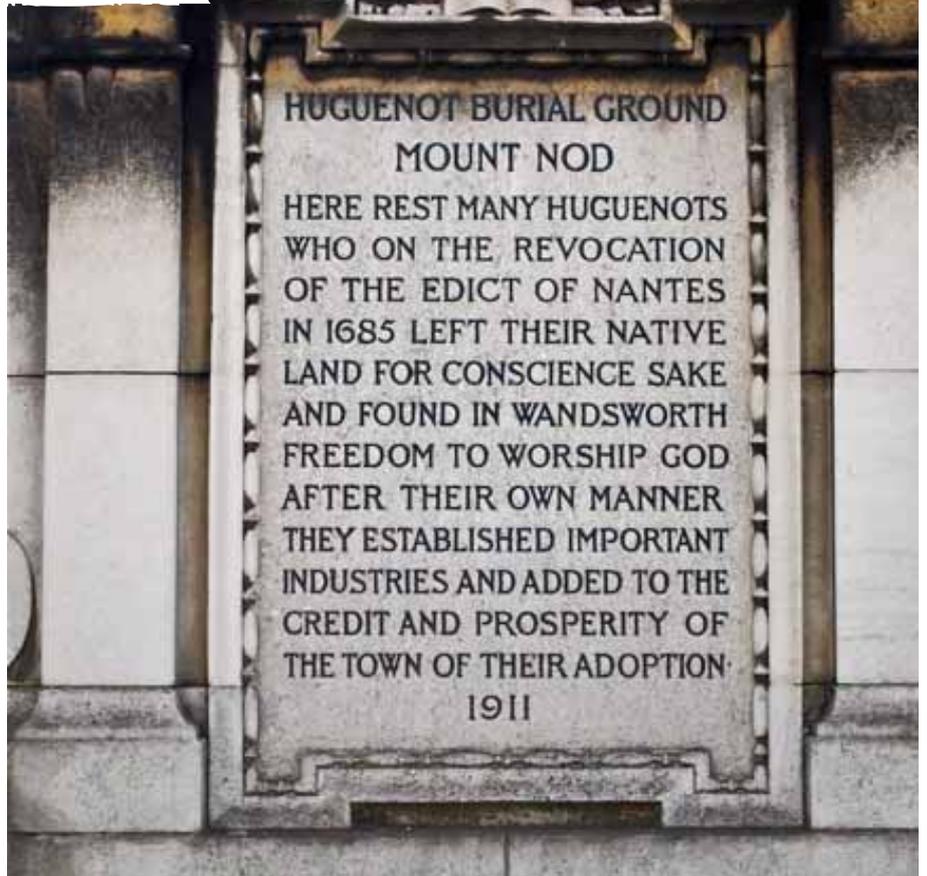
WANDSWORTH'S HIDDEN TREASURES

In recent editions of Brightside we asked you to think about places in the borough others may not know about, and many of you have nominated your Hidden Treasures

Brightside reader William Holland has taken photographs of two of his favourites – The Huguenot Burial Ground between East Hill and Huguenot Place, and a plaque commemorating the Iron Railway, which is on a wall of the former brewery in Ram Street, Wandsworth.

We've also been to take a closer look at the former Granada Cinema in Tooting – one of the finest examples of cinemas of its type in the country.

The Huguenot burial site, also known as Mount Nod cemetery, was used between 1687 and 1854 mainly for Huguenot refugees – French Protestants who had fled to Wandsworth to escape persecution. They contributed their skills in weaving and gardening to the trade, market gardens and industry that flourished along the Wandle Valley.



The memorial at the Huguenot Burial ground

A plaque erected by the Wandsworth Society commemorating the Surrey Iron Railway



That very same industry was also served by the horse-drawn Surrey Iron Railway. This was the first railway company in the country, and was established in 1801 to link Wandsworth with Croydon. It did not provide trains, but provided a track upon which traders could pay to use their own horses and wagons. It closed in 1846 and some of the route is now used for train and tram lines.

We have teamed up with Putney app TiCL to help you find the location of these hidden treasures. Visit <https://ticl.me/Wandsworth/headlines/8321/view>

Keep your ideas coming:

Post them on our Hidden Treasure webpage www.wandsworth.gov.uk/hiddentreasures
Tweet them using the hashtag #hiddentreasures
Join the conversation on www.streetlife.com.

The Granada Cinema in Tooting was built during the heyday of the picture palace in the 1930s, and was considered one of the most luxurious in the country. It had a Wurlizer organ and a full-sized stage, upon which variety shows would sometimes be performed before the main feature. It also hosted concerts by some of the top stars of the day, including Danny Kaye, Frank Sinatra and The Beatles.

It was the first cinema to be given a grade I listing. The Art Deco exterior was designed by Cecil Massey, but it is the interior designed by the renowned Theodore Komisarjevsky which is most impressive, including marble foyers and a hall of mirrors. It closed in 1973 with a performance of the *The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*. It was due to be demolished, but Wandsworth Council put a preservation order on it, and it is now home to the Gala Bingo Hall.



Above right: A Granada flyer advertising a showing of *The Right to Love* (1930) and *The Devil to Pay* (1930). Star of the former, Ruth Chatterton, was also a celebrated aviator.

Below and right: The magnificent interior of the former Granada Cinema in Micham Road, Tooting





Your Wandle needs you!

Living Wandle has been launched to revitalise the river and make it part of the lives of communities along its length – and it needs your input to succeed.

The Wandle stretches for 20 miles from the Surrey Hills up to the Thames at Wandsworth. There will be lots of opportunities during the project for Wandsworth residents to get involved:

- Become a 'River Guardian' looking out for pollution problems that might affect the plants and animals.
- Watch out for invasive plants and animals that threaten native species, like Japanese knotweed or Himalayan balsam.
- Become a member of the new junior angling club Wandle Young Piscators (pictured).
- Train to become an oral historian, recording people's memories of living and working along the Wandle, or share your memories on a digital archive.
- Become an archivist researching locations of mills which have long since disappeared and mapping the location of artifacts which have been removed from the Wandle.
- Help make a film telling the story of the Wandle. You can get involved in all aspects of the film from post production to costume design. For more information email daniel.brittle@groundwork.org.uk or call (020) 8762 0353.
- Bag a Bank. If you are a school, organisation, business or an keen individual you can adopt a stretch of the river to monitor and cherish.
- Become an environmentalist- learn all about the current and potential effects of climate change on the river and how it might affect homes and businesses in the future.

Volunteers will be fully trained and will get regular updates on what's going on. Email livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 07500 073049.

The Living Wandle Landscape Partnership is Heritage Lottery Funded and brings together Wandsworth, Croydon, Sutton and Merton councils with the National Trust, Wandle Trust, Groundwork London, London Wildlife Trust, Wandle Valley

Regional Park Trust and the Wandle Valley Festival. The Partnership is led by Wandsworth Council.

► Find out more and download a leaflet at www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/projects/living-wandle



Fishing for junk

A mountain of rubbish, including a safe, two washing machines, four vacuum cleaners, a dozen motorbikes and 23 road cones were fished out of 850 metres of the River Wandle last year.

More than 600 volunteers from local environmental charity the Wandle Trust worked on the clean-up with the council and Wandsworth-based estate agents, Seymour Green. Seymour Green met some of the cleanup running costs, and Wandsworth Council's waste management team sent regular driver Terry and his cage lorry at no charge to collect all the rubbish the volunteers pulled out of the Wandle.

The Wandle Trust organises cleanups of the river Wandle on the second Sunday of every month and rotates the locations between the boroughs of Wandsworth, Merton and Sutton. through which the Wandle flows above ground. For more information visit www.wandletrust.org.



Win tickets to see Tom Jones live!

Music legend Tom Jones will be back by popular demand at Sandown Live this summer, and you could win a pair of tickets to see him.

'The Voice' will be performing live as part of the Raceway and Music Evenings at Sandown Park Racecourse on July 30.

Tom Jones has been a hugely popular live and recording star for half a century. He has sold more than 100 million records worldwide, and recently saw himself back on Britain's TV screens as a judge of Saturday night talent show The Voice.

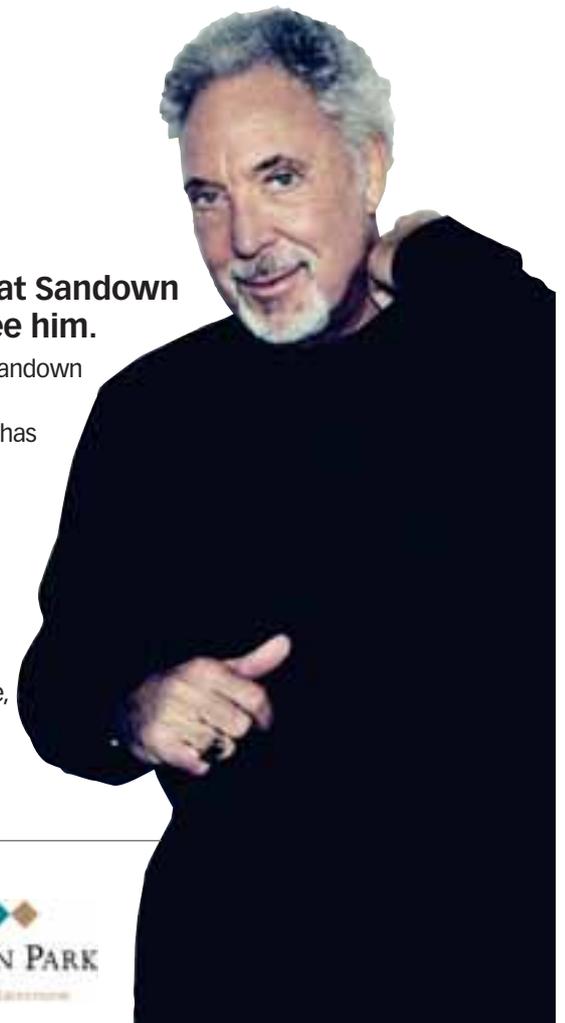
His Sandown show will include classic hits and special selections, and tickets are expected to sell out quickly.

For a chance to win a pair of tickets, answer the following question.

What is Tom Jones's real name?

Email answers to brightside@wandsworth.gov.uk, with Tom Jones in the subject line, or send them to Brightside, Rm 143c, Wandsworth Town Hall, London SW18 2PU. Closing date is June 25, 2014.

One entry per person. This competition is not open to employees of Wandsworth Council, Sandown Park Racecourse or the Jockey Club.



Tickets for Tom Jones at Sandown Live are on sale at Sandown Park Racecourse, online at www.sandown.co.uk or by telephone on 0844 5793012. Adults are £40 and tickets for children aged 5-17 are priced at £20. Children under 5 are free. All under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. There are no reserved seats.



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Make the most of your bike this summer and keep it safe

A former convicted bike thief has volunteered to work with the council's Community Safety team to share his knowledge and stop people becoming a victim. Here he shares his top tips with Brightside readers.

“ Invest in a decent lock. I can't understand why people spend hundreds, sometimes thousands on a bike and then buy a cheap lock. A **D-lock has to be the minimum**. There are cheap locks that I can pull apart with my bare hands.

“ If you keep your bike in your shed, make sure the shed itself is secure. A substantial padlock is important but a determined thief will simply remove the door hinges. Only **an alarm sounding would put me off**. Good and inexpensive shed and garage alarms can be easily found online.

“ Most bikes have a triangle of metal as part of the frame behind the saddle. Put your lock through there and your rear wheel, if it will go. **Lock your removable front wheel to the rear wheel**. Again it sounds obvious but people do leave their bikes with a lock through the front wheel and think that's enough. I was quite happy to leave the front wheel behind and take the rest - I could always get myself a front wheel at a different time.

“ Recording the details of your bike on systems such as Bike Register www.bikeregister.com or Immobilise www.immobilise.com is essential. I've often been stopped on a stolen bike by the police but they could never prove it because the details weren't recorded anywhere. ”

If your bike is stolen, check out the online market places such as Gumtree. Some bikes are stolen to order and some are sold through these sites. If you find it call the police but remember for them to recover it for you you'll need to be able to positively identify it. Get advice on getting your bike marked from the council's community safety team or the local police.

Read more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bikesecurity.



Take part in a Sky Ride.

Wandsworth Council has teamed up with British Cycling and Team Sky to stage a series of rides guided by trained British Cycling ride leaders, ranging from easy-going spins around picturesque parts of south London through to more challenging rides. There are rides coming up on **June 29 and July 27**. Find out more at goskyride.com.



Get tips on bike safety. The police will be holding cycle marking sessions around the borough on June 21 from 10am to 2pm. Locations are outside Balham Train Station, outside TK Maxx in Wandsworth and outside The Putney Exchange-

Find your stolen bike. If you have had a bike stolen, go along to Wandsworth Police Station on June 21 between 10am and 2pm to see if it is among the stolen bikes recovered by the police.

Donate unwanted bikes. The council's Youth Offending Team runs the Bike Project to teach young people bike maintenance skills as part of a community sentence. Donated bikes are fixed-up and given to victims of bike crime. Find out more by email rlynn@wandsworth.gov.uk, or call (020) 8871 5571.

▶▶ Find out how the council supports cycling at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cycling.

Get ready for Ride London

Sunday 10 August will see up to 24,000 amateur cyclists tackling the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100. Later that day, 150 of the world's best professional men's cyclists will race against each other in the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey Classic, an extended version of the amateur route.

Both events will cross over Putney Bridge and travel down Putney High Street and around Tippet's Corner to Wimbledon Park Side. These roads will be closed in the early hours of the morning of August 10, and there will be bus diversions and parking restrictions. Roads adjoining the event routes will have local access only for residents and businesses. More information will be sent to residents along the route nearer the time.

Meanwhile get route details at www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk/routes or call 0845 8949773.



Time to quit?



You can get stop smoking support without needing an appointment:

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- Get in touch for up to date times and locations of drop-in Services

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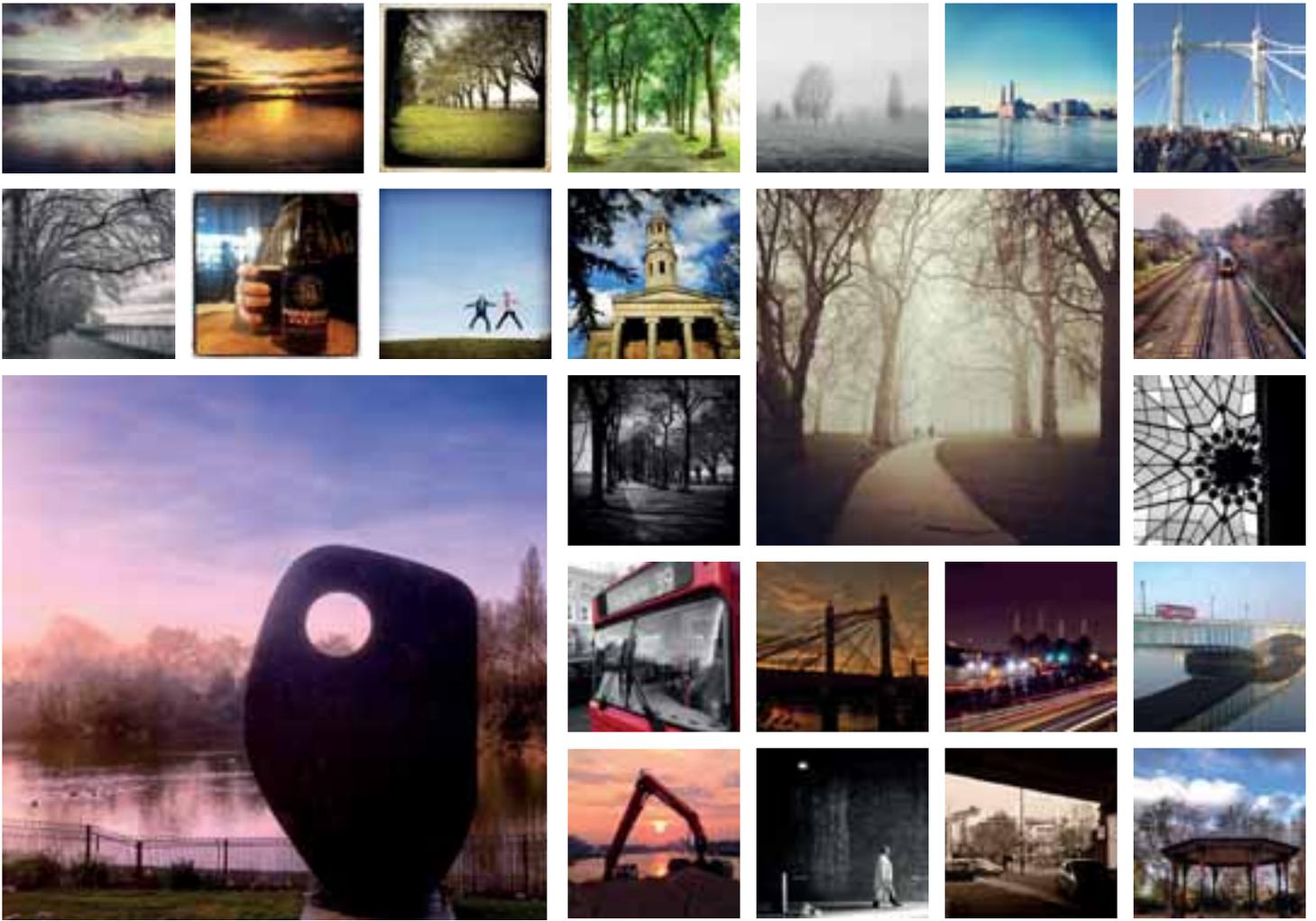
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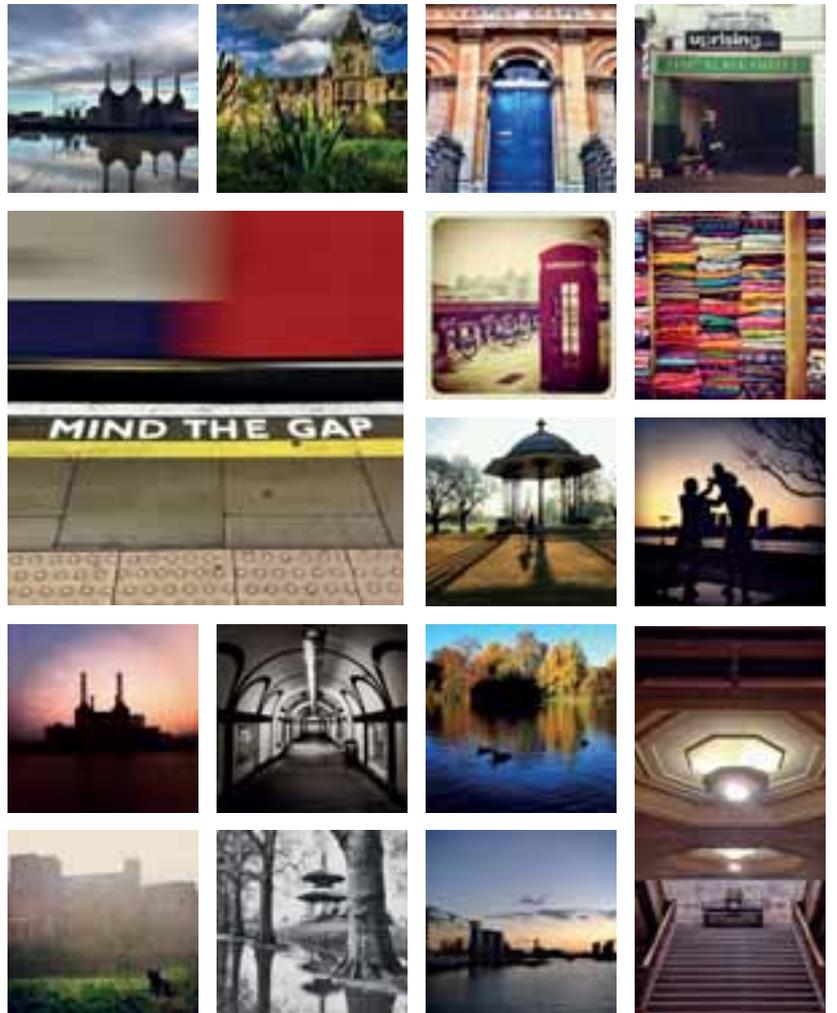
Wandsworth in the picture

A photo competition organised by the previous Mayor of Wandsworth in association with picture-sharing site Instagram generated 575 shots of life in the brighter borough from an army of local amateur photographers.

The competition, called What Wandsworth Means to Me, challenged residents to capture images on any subject they felt illustrated day-to-day life.

Last year's mayor Angela Graham said the vast collection has provided some vivid insights into daily life in Wandsworth: "This competition is all about celebrating community life in our borough and the sheer range and diversity of the entries is truly incredible. Thank you to everyone who took part and to our generous sponsors HSBC, Snappy Snaps, Southside and Instagram London."

Prints of some of the shots are available for sale, with the money going to the mayor's youth charity. If you want to buy one email hello@instagramerslondon.com



what's on?

WELCOME TO WHAT'S ON IN WANDSWORTH
YOUR GUIDE TO ART EXHIBITIONS,
THEATRE PERFORMANCES,
CHILDREN'S EVENTS AND
SOCIETY MEETINGS

Children's
events are
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June 30-11 July (Monday to Friday 10am-6pm, weekends 12-5pm)

Putney School of Art and Design Diploma Show

The works are the culmination of a two-year course in Art and Design by artists Wendy Harrop, Alison Hegraeus, Olga Hirsch (Goldina), Lana Lock, Sally Perry, Karen Pitcairn and Lesley-Ann Snape. View a diverse collection of paintings, sculptures, mixed media pieces, screenprints and drawings. Maestro Arts Gallery, Wandsworth Riverside Quarter SW18. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad or www.maestroarts.com. Email gallery@maestroarts.com

How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) to:

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Wednesday June 11
1.10pm

Lunchtime opera concert
Farewell concert by the trainees of 2013-2014. **Free.** No need to book.

National Opera Studio, All Saints Church, Wandsworth High Street SW18. www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk

Thursday June 12
7-8.30pm

Talk: The feel good factor

Speaker Patrick Holford covers the main factors for low mood and depression, how to resolve psychological issues, inspiring case studies and simple things you can do to feel better. **Cost £10.** Brain Bio Centre at Putneymead Group Medical centre, 2nd floor, 266 Upper Richmond Road SW15. To book email

info@brainbiocentre.com or call 8332 9600.



Saturday June 14
12-4pm

Hollywood meets Bollywood Summer Fete

Giant slides, bouncy castle, Asian food stall, ANZAC BBQ, tea tent, plant stall, raffle, traditional side stall games, live entertainment including Bollywood dance workshop. St Michael's School Viewfield Road, Southfields SW18

Saturday June 14 3-5pm

Roehampton Garden Society Summer Show

Home-made cakes and teas. Displays of prize winning vegetables, fruits and flowers. Produce for sale and auction. Entrance by donation. Easy parking. St Margaret's Church Hall, Putney Park Lane, SW15. Email root@roehamptonallotments.co.uk **Wheelchair**

Saturday June 14
12-3pm

Annual Summer Fair

With a World Cup theme - England play their first match that night. **Admission £1, children free.** Allfarthing Primary school, St. Ann's Crescent SW18.

Monday June 16 10am

The Putney Village Network for Seniors
Coffee morning every

Monday for anyone interested in joining a support network for older people living in/around Putney. After joining, members can call us for all kinds of help and also make new friends at our social events. BB's Muffins, Putney Exchange, Putney High Street SW15. Call 8144 3460, email info@putneyvillage.org.uk, visit www.putneyvillage.org.uk

Thursday June 19
10.15-11.15am

Ready, Steady, Play!

With a theme of 'shops'. Led playtime and songs for children aged 6 months-3 years and their parents or carers. Cost £3 per child, please book in advance to guarantee a place. Wandsworth Museum 38 West Hill SW18. To book email bookings@wandsworthmuseum.co.uk or call 8870 6060.

what's on?

JUNE - SEPT

**Saturday June 21
11am-2pm**

Fun Day

Fire fighters, face painting, buzz wire, bouncy castle, children's entertainer, gladiators... and more! **Free.** St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Tooting

Saturday June 21 7.30pm

Summer concert

Introducing our new conductor Leigh O'Hara. Performing the works of Bizet, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky. **Tickets £12, concessions £8, children free.** Wandsworth Symphony Orchestra at St Mary's Church, Putney Bridge SW15. Email wso.info@gmail.com

Tuesday June 24 6-9pm

Friends of Battersea Park Barbecue

Live music, bar, tombola, children's activities, silent auction. Free parking in Chelsea Bridge car park. No dogs. **Advance tickets only - adults £16 (£20 after 19th June), children £7, under 6s: free.**



Saturday July 5 11am-1pm

Bowls taster session

Interested in learning to bowl? Taster sessions every Saturday until September. Just turn up. Wimbledon Park, Revelstoke / Arthur Roads entrances. Call Barry 8265 5475 or www.wimbledonparkbowls.co.uk

Battersea Park Children's Zoo, SW11. Tickets from www.batterseapark.org/bbq or call 7622 5199

Wheelchair

Tuesday June 24 4-6pm

Arts Grants workshop

We offer four grants and loan schemes for arts and culture. This workshop gives advice about the grants: small grant, projects arts grant, creative communities grant and cultural capacity grant. Civic Suite, Mayor's Robing Room, Wandsworth High Street SW18. Call 8871 8711. Email arts@wandsworth.gov.uk www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artsgrants

**Wednesday June 25
7.30pm**

Wandsworth Park – the opportunities for enhancement

Hear suggested improvements for the park, including for dog walkers, exercise enthusiasts and children's facilities. With John Horrocks and

speakers Frances Radcliffe, Chair of the Friends of Battersea Park, and Jerry Birtles, Wandsworth Council's parks manager. To be a Putney Society member, see the website. St Mary's Church, Putney SW15 www.putneysociety.org.uk



**Thursday June 26 –
Sunday August 3**

Faisal Abdul'Allah: A Participatory Project

Artist Abdu'Allah worked with Katherine Low Settlement centre members to discuss past experiences in the Battersea area and the centre itself, giving voice to otherwise silent histories. These experiences form the basis of the artist's photographic works. Alongside this will be portrait photographs by Linda Hackett taken from the American Museum in Bath. There will be free family workshops every Sunday (12- 4pm) to accompany the exhibition. Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park SW11. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk Call 8871 7572.

**Friday June 27-
Sunday June 29
(Friday 6-11.30pm;
Sat-Sun 1-11.30pm)**

After A War

25 artists take over BAC with their thoughts on the global impact and legacy of the first world war alongside present issues of war and peace. BAC is a powerful venue as, in 1916, it housed the trials of many of London's conscientious objectors. Recommended for ages 16 year+. **Friday day ticket £20, Sat & Sun day ticket £25.** BAC, Lavender Hill SW11. Call 7223 2223. Book tickets: www.liftfestival.com and search for 'After a War'.



July 14-31

Creative art courses this summer

From painting al fresco by the Thames to throwing pottery on the wheel to designing on an iPad, choose from over 20 short courses. Courses range from one to five days, some tailored for total beginners, some for artists with experience, some for families and young people. Don't miss this chance to dip your toe into something new or refresh your skills. Putney School of Art & Design, Oxford Road SW15. www.webenrol.com/psad or call 8788 9145 for a programme.

Ends June 28 (exhibition extended) (opening times Tues-Fri 11am-4pm, Sat 11am-5pm)

Keep It Clean! A Grubby History of Wandsworth & London

Just how dirty were the Tudors? Which disease killed thousands of Londoners in the 1830s? How much rubbish does Wandsworth create every second? Get the answers to these grimy questions and more. **Admission £4, £3 concessions, free for under 6s.** Wandsworth Museum 38 West Hill SW18. Call 8870 6060 or www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk

**Saturday June 28
2pm to 5pm**

World Cup Summer Carnival

Lots of fun, food and drinks, 47ft obstacle course, inflatable slide, striker, bouncy castle, police car, face painting, tuck shop, cake sale, pocket money, tombola, raffle. Come along. St Faith's School, Alma Road, Wandsworth

**Wednesday July 2
9-11am**

Neighbourhood Network SW 12&17 coffee morning

Find out what's happening, meet your

neighbours and talk about what you think the area needs. Southside Scout Centre, 197 Balham High Rd (corner Elmfield Road) SW12. Email info@neighbourhoodnetworksw17.org.uk

Saturday July 5 7.30pm

Gilbert & Sullivan: Pirates of Penzance

Concert performance. Conducted by David Fawcett conductor. **Tickets £12 (concessions £8).** Festival Chorus at St Luke's Church, Thurleigh Road SW12. Buy tickets: on the door; from Northcote Music, 155 Northcote Road; box office 07951 791619; online www.slms.org.uk

**Saturdays July 5 and
August 2 1pm-4pm**

Balham Country Market

Delicious home made cakes, preserves and savoury food. **Free** Balham Bowls Club 7-9 Ramsden Road SW12 **wheelchair**

Sunday July 6 10am 4pm

Putney arts market

Specialist art and design market, first Sunday of the month. Watercolour and acrylic paintings, ceramics, glassware, photography and wooden furniture. Putney Embankment, between Thai Square restaurant and Thames Place.



Registrations open until July 7

Artists' Open House registrations

An exciting, affordable opportunity for local artists to show and sell work. Open house takes place 4-5 and 11-12 October. If you don't have a venue to display your work, or you have space that you're happy to share with fellow artists get in touch. If you're a resident interested in hosting artists at your home, contact us. **Early bird registration fee (until 16 June) £60, regular registration fee (until 7 July) £65.** To be part of this year's event register at www.wandsworthart.com More info contact Justine jkenyon@wandsworth.gov.uk or 8871 7037.

www.facebook.com/artonputneyembankment

Tuesday July 8 7pm (2nd Tuesday monthly)

Earlsfield Townswomen's Guild
Friendly meetings with talks on various subjects. New members welcome. Earlsfield Library, Magdalen Road SW18. Call the Secretary 8870 0753. **wheelchair**

Saturday July 12 12-5pm

Get Active Festival Day
Fun, free family sports and health festival, with taster sessions to suit the whole family, including street dance, rugby, athletics, as well as advice on eating well, advice on stopping smoking and the chance to cheer on the inter-schools competition final.

King George's Park, SW18. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active or call 8871 8154.

Saturday July 12, 12-7pm

Live at the Bandstand
Jazz and folk music, food and drink stalls. Bandstand at Battersea Park, SW11. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/events or call 8871 7534.

Saturday July 12, 12-3pm

Saint Cecilia's Summer Fete
Join us at this great family event with live music, a number of activities, delicious food and a spectacular raffle! **Admission £1 adults, 50p children.** Saint Cecilia's, Wandsworth Church of England School, Sutherland Grove SW18.

Tuesday September 16 6.30 for 6.45pm

Talk: "The Final Whistle"

Author Stephen Cooper on his award-winning book, *The Final Whistle: the Great War in Fifteen Players*. Hear the story of 15 men killed in WW1: all played rugby for one London club; none lived to hear the final whistle. Q&As at the end. Donations welcome to Rosslyn Park Injury Trust Fund (www.rosslynpark.co.uk/information/injury-trust-fund) Civic Suite, next to Wandsworth Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street SW18. No need to book but useful to know if you are attending; email whatson@wandsworth.gov.uk with "the final whistle" in the subject. General info call Stephen Cooper 07946 531139. **wheelchair**



Monday July 14 8pm

Lecture: Sarah Cove
The Conservation and restorations of paintings. **Cost £7.** South-West London Decorative & Fine Arts Society, Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. Call 8876 1917.

Wednesday July 16 7-9.30pm

Get started, keep going
Creative writing for absolute beginners. **£149.** Chalk the Sun at The Bedford, Bedford Hill SW12. Booking and payment options available at www.chalkthesun.co.uk Call 07852 483001.

Saturday July 19 7.30pm

Dear Me
Part of BAC's summer scratch season. Explores how the decisions we make transition from life-defining to inconsequential and the different versions of ourselves that our choices create. Pay what you can. Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11. www.bac.org.uk or box office 7223 2223.

Friday July 25-Saturday July 26

Peruvian & South American Embroidery
Beginners course. Cost £120. Booking essential.



Edge 16 by George Robertson

Ends June 24

Exhibition: Danse Grand-mere

Through her paintings, Joan Dubique explores the multi-faceted role of the grandmother as creator, ancestor, supporter, nurturer, protector, teacher, sage, storyteller and guide. Maestro Arts Milliners House, Riverside Quarter, Eastfields Avenue SW18. Email info@maestroarts.com www.maestroarts.com

Conference room at Staff Yard, Battersea Park (Albert Bridge Road entrance) SW11. www.bembroidery.co.uk Email info@bembroidery.co.uk

Putney Methodist Church, Gwendolen Avenue SW15. Call 8788 1219. www.putneymethodistchurch.org.uk/ **Loop**

Tuesday July 29 10am-12pm

Bishops Park Thames foreshore wildlife morning
Come mud-larking and see what you can find with Groundwork London's nature conservation officer. Identify the animals that live in and around the Thames. Wear wellies and waterproofs. Tides are weather-influenced so be prepared to leave the foreshore earlier if required. **Free.** Meet at the Foreshore steps, SW6. Call 07807 723 4973. Email alice.hemming@groundwork.org.uk

Wednesday July 30 10.30am

Coffee morning
For anyone interested in joining a friendly group of people. **Free.**

Tuesday August 12

Snake and Lizard Day
Meet our snakes and lizards (11.45am and 3.15pm); lizard storytime (11.15am/ 2.45pm); make a lizard puppet - **cost £1, (drop-in 11am-12.30pm/1.30-3.30pm).** Children must be with an adult. **Admission £8.75 adult, £6.50 child.** Battersea Park Children's Zoo, SW11. www.batterseaparkzoo.co.uk Call 7924 5826.

Monday September 22 8-10pm

Putney Music
First meeting of the new season. Please see the website for details. **New members subscription £30, visitors £5, students free.** Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre SW15 www.putneymusic.org.uk

WANDSWORTH

LEARNING WORKS

Free learning opportunities for adults and families this summer

June 14-July 31

Adult Learners' Week June 14-21

A national celebration of the benefits of lifelong learning and the perfect opportunity to explore the many types of learning available to adults from all walks of life. Activities will be taking place across Wandsworth.

This year, we have increased our focus on helping people get into work. Experienced Careers Guidance Advisors will work with people on assessing their starting points, thinking through their career options and building a realistic plan to get them where they want to be.

Summer Programme 2014 June 14-July 31

As last year, our Summer Programme offers a series of short courses and tasters, designed to support people back into learning and encourage learning as a family.

It also continues the Adult Learners' Week theme of helping people into work, including dedicated careers guidance.

The programme will run in a number of venues across Battersea, Roehampton and Tooting, and will include classes such as:

Employability classes on offer include:

- Confidence Building
- CV Writing and Interview Skills
- How to write a successful personal statement
- Turning your hobby into a business
- Intro to Door Security
- Using social networking to increase your employment chances

Plus the usual variety of fitness and sports-based classes.

- Brush up your English
- Brush up your Maths
- Careers Guidance sessions
- Setting up as a Childminder
- Basic IT & Computer Skills
- Applications Advice Seminars from large local employers
- Healthy Eating
- Zumba
- Jewellery Making

For further details and a full timetable, or to find out how to book your personal Careers Guidance session

phone: **020 8871 8957/8616**

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www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk



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www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housingonline

Check local roadworks

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roadworks

Report a pothole

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/potholes

Other contacts at the council

Adult Care Information Service (020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis

Benefits Service (020) 8871 8080

benefits@wandsworth.gov.uk

Carers information and support Wandsworth Carers Centre (020) 8877 1200

info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk

Children's Social Work Service (020) 8871 6622

cssduty@wandsworth.gov.uk

Consumer Protection (020) 8871 7720

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Community Care Services (020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk

Council Tax (020) 8871 8081

counciltax@wandsworth.gov.uk

Education (020) 8871 8013

edadmin@wandsworth.gov.uk

Electoral Services (020) 8871 6023

electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk

Environmental Services (020) 8871 6127

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Family Information Service - including Nurseries (020) 8871 7899

fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Food Hygiene (020) 8871 6139

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Fraud Hotline 0800 783 2263 (freephone)

fraudhotline@wandsworth.gov.uk

Graffiti Removal (020) 8871 7049

graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk

Home Ownership (020) 8871 6016

housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

Housing Advice (020) 8871 6840

housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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

Libraries

wandsworth.libraries@gll.org

Neighbourhood Watch (020) 8871 7696

watchlinkmanager@wandsworth.gov.uk

Noise Complaints - council properties (020) 8871 7490

hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

Private properties (020) 8871 7869

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parking (020) 8871 8871

parking@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parks (020) 8871 7530

parks@wandsworth.gov.uk

Rubbish, Recycling and Litter (020) 8871 8558

wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

Births, Deaths, Weddings and Civil Partnerships (020) 8871 6121

registeroffice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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youthservice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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