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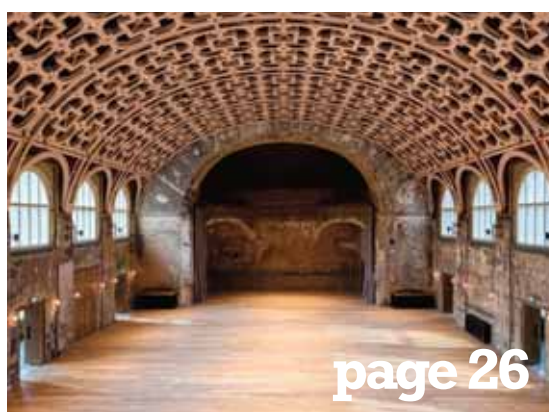
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Homes for local people

A new plan to provide more housing and tackle homelessness in Wandsworth has been unveiled – and local people can have their say.

For the first time, the Housing and Homelessness Strategies are being combined into one plan that is intended to deliver the best housing options for Wandsworth people. It is proposed that the new strategy will follow five key themes:

- Building more homes. Wandsworth will deliver more than 14,000 homes over the next five years, including 1000 new council homes already being developed.
- Proud of our council housing. We will maintain housing and estates to good standards and empower residents to ensure their voices are listened to.
- Improving standards for private renters. We will ensure high standards and take action against landlords where required.
- Tackle homelessness and rough sleeping. We will work with people who are, or who are threatened with, homelessness at the earliest point possible.
- Supporting vulnerable residents. Deliver options including sheltered and supported housing, adaptations and telecare services to provide independent living.

Councillor Kim Caddy, cabinet member for housing, said: “In developing these new Housing and Homelessness Strategy options for consultation we have had the opportunity to take stock and re-view our housing priorities.

“Proposals for the strategy are wide ranging and inclusive. We need to find ways to better use our social housing stock and to put aspiration at the heart of everything we do, creating ‘a Wandsworth housing offer – for Wandsworth people’. The strategy will demonstrate how we will work with our partners in the private and public sectors to help us achieve this. Above all, it will set out how we as a council will step up to the challenge of doing more to increase housing supply and by doing so improve housing options and conditions throughout the borough.”

The consultation will be open until November 23. Go to wandsworth.gov.uk/housingstrategy

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Further work on one way redesign

Town hall transport chiefs have given a cautious welcome to the news that further work will begin on the long-awaited and much-needed redesign of the Wandsworth one-way system.

Transport for London is carrying out detailed surveys of drainage systems in the town centre as part of the necessary groundwork, but councillors, who have pledged £27m towards the scheme from town hall budgets, remain concerned that the TfL timetable for the project has slipped again.

The main aspect of the scheme is not now expected to commence until late 2021 – some four years later than originally planned. Council leader Ravi Govindia said: “This crucial scheme has the potential to really transform and revitalise the town centre’s fortunes. It really should have got underway in earnest by now, so we do need TfL and the Mayor to roll their sleeves up and get things moving.

“We have £27m earmarked for this scheme so the funding is there from our side. Now we need TfL and Mayor to fulfil their part of the deal.”

The current proposed scheme, which was first outlined almost a decade ago, would see cars and lorries diverted away from the main shopping and commercial parts of Wandsworth town centre and the area made much more cycle and pedestrian friendly.

Under the proposals drawn up by TfL’s highway engineers, traffic would be re-routed away from Wandsworth High Street onto Armoury Way, which would become two-way.

The £27m ring-fenced by the council to help pay for the scheme has been levied from housing developers in the area via the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The lion’s share of this cash came from the developers of the Ram Brewery site.

For more information on the redesign proposals visit www.tfl.gov.uk/wandsworth-town-centre



CARING CELEBRATION

This year the adult social care system is 70 years old and Wandsworth has been celebrating and highlighting the value of adult social care and wants to recognise staff and service users.

Wandsworth Council helps thousands of people with care needs on a daily basis, with an army of staff providing vital support to older people, people with disabilities and vulnerable adults.

In recent years the council has made its services more personalised, providing care that meets the needs of each individual and giving people access to personal budgets to enable them to get the care that works best for them. It has also been working to integrate social care with local health services and the voluntary sector.

Cllr Paul Ellis, cabinet member for health and social care, said: “Despite the financial pressures being felt by all councils, we have invested in adult social care to ensure our residents continue to receive the high quality of care they deserve.”

Find out what help is available at wandsworth.gov.uk/acis



MENTAL HEALTH-BOOSTING EXERCISE

The Active Wellbeing programme works with adults with severe mental health conditions. Participants are provided with tailored one-to-one exercise support, often in parks and open spaces. So far 172 people have taken part and their average mental wellbeing score increased by 18 per cent by the end.

The ten week programme is funded by Wandsworth’s Clinical Commissioning Group and delivered by Enable Leisure and Sport, in partnership with Brent, Westminster and Wandsworth Mind.

You can be referred to the Active Wellbeing programme by a mental health professional, through support groups or by self-referral. Contact Enable at enablec.org/contact-us/



In fine voice

The Wandsworth Community Choir is going from strength to strength since it formed earlier this year.

The choir, set up by the council's Wandsworth Music Service and Lifelong Learning teams, includes a wide range of people from all over the borough, ranging from people who have never sung before to people who have been in choirs all their lives. It has already had a number of performances, including playing the main stage at the Furzedown Festival, taking part in the Summertime Singtime Concert at Burntwood Academy and providing the

entertainment at the Lifelong Learners awards evening (pictured).

The members have even launched a baking squad who mobilise weekly to provide a cake sale for members of the choir and the children who attend Wednesday Nights at Wandsworth Music Academy.

To find out more email musicservices@wandsworth.gov.uk or follow [@wandsworthchoir](https://twitter.com/wandsworthchoir)



GETTING ABOUT

Wandsworth Community Transport (WCT) has launched a new campaign to tackle loneliness.

As well as regular outings and the shopping shuttle, the Combatting Loneliness Campaign has also seen the launch of a new choir and regular Friendship Pub Lunches.

Free shopping trips are available to new members. Fully accessible minibuses pick you up at home and take you to the Shopmobility office at Sainsbury's, Garratt Lane, where you can borrow a mobility scooter or wheelchair and a volunteer to help you get round the shops. Call **020 8675 7460** for full details.

Find out more about WCT's work and hear the choir in action at the AGM on November 20 at 1.30pm at Earlsfield Library.

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Helping people to get on

Wandsworth is the first council in the UK to sign the Social Mobility Pledge and has vowed to build on work already done to improve the life chances of all its residents and staff.

The pledge is the brainchild of Justine Greening, MP and covers three main areas: working in partnership with schools to ensure quality careers advice and mentoring, providing access to structured work experience and apprenticeship opportunities and having open recruitment practices to promote a level playing field.

Increasing social mobility is already embedded in the council's work. Each year the council's Lifelong Learning service provides young people with work experi-

ence placements, 160 apprenticeships; and 40 people undertaking pre-apprenticeship and traineeship programmes, and the Work Match team has helped a thousand people into work so far.

As an employer, the council will soon be implementing a 'blind' recruitment policy, which means people can be judged only on their skills. It already provides training to help managers prevent unconscious bias when considering people for jobs.

The cabinet member for economic devel-

“ Work we're already doing is having an impact. ”

opment, skills and employment, Cllr Rory O'Broin, said: "We're delighted to sign up to this pledge as the council has always put aspiration and social mobility at the heart of its work.

"Whether it's getting young people into apprenticeships, building homes, or helping to keep people healthy, work we're already doing is having an impact. Signing this pledge is a reminder to all of us to keep focused and make social mobility a reality in Wandsworth."



£150 fines for litter louts

THE COUNCIL WILL INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR LITTERING FROM £100 TO £150 TO ACT AS A DETERRENT TO OFFENDERS.

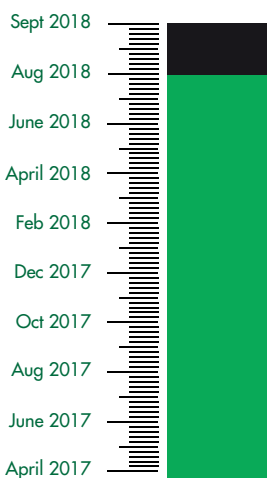
The move, which comes into effect from 1 November, is part of the council's zero tolerance approach to littering, taking advantage of powers that came into force earlier this year, allowing councils to increase the fine for small-scale fly-tipping offences, where a prosecution may be considered to be excessive.

Increasing the maximum fine sends a clear message that dropping any litter, whether it's a crisp packet, cigarette butt or sweet wrapper is unacceptable.

This follows a successful 18-month pilot which saw council contractor NSL work alongside the in-house team, issuing more than 4,000 fines during the course of the trial. This brings the total number of fines issued, between April 2017 and August 2018, up to 6,286.

This new enforcement measure is part of a wider education campaign.

Council officers will continue working with schools, landlords and businesses to #KeepWandsworthClean; highlighting how residents can dispose of rubbish responsibly.



6,286
Waste fly-tipping and littering notices issued since April 2017

Help us keep the Borough clean and tidy:

- Leave your waste and recycling bags out on the correct day. Check your day: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/waste
- Book a bulky waste collection, www.wandsworth.gov.uk/specialcollections
- Share on social media what you're doing to help keep the borough clean and tidy. **#KeepWandsworthClean**
- Report fly-tipping www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flytipping

WANDSWORTH ENTERPRISE MONTH

This year the council's annual event to help local small and medium businesses thrive and grow has been extended to a month.

Wandsworth Enterprise Month will take place in March and will feature more than 30 mainly free events including the popular Start-up Wandsworth, Women's Enterprise Day, Youth Enterprise and ask the expert – 1-1 advice clinics. Food enterprise, digital marketing, PR, creative enterprise and social media will also feature during the month. Confirmed speakers include Renee Elliott, founder of Planet Organic and Jessica Huie MBE, author and entrepreneur. For further information on sponsorship and branding opportunities, and how your business can be involved in Wandsworth Enterprise Month contact Jenni Asiana on **020 8871 7807** or email open4business@wandsworth.gov.uk

EASIER PARKING

Paying for parking in Wandsworth is set to become easier.

Since 2014 the council has replaced 319-coin operated pay and display machines with new machines that accept chip & pin and contactless credit or debit card payments only. The next phase of this project began last month and will see 75 per cent of the machines in the borough going cashless. The new machines have large colour screens with step-by-step instructions. As well as replacing the old machines the changes will counter the vandalism against the coin operated machines.

For motorists who do not have a card or phone with them, there will still be coin operated machines nearby, usually within a short walk. You can also join Parkmobile and pay using your mobile phone. Visit parkmobile.co.uk or call **020 3003 2523**.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING

The council wants your views on how local people can have a say in planning issues.

The Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) sets out how the public, businesses and local groups can get involved in local and neighbourhood planning, the planning application decision-making process and how the council will consult with them.

The new draft SCI acknowledges the wider role of online communication and consultation and the growth of neighbourhood planning.

Read more and comment online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/SCI, email planning@wandsworth.gov.uk or write to Planning Policy and Design Environment and Community Services Department Town Hall Wandsworth High Street London SW18 2PU



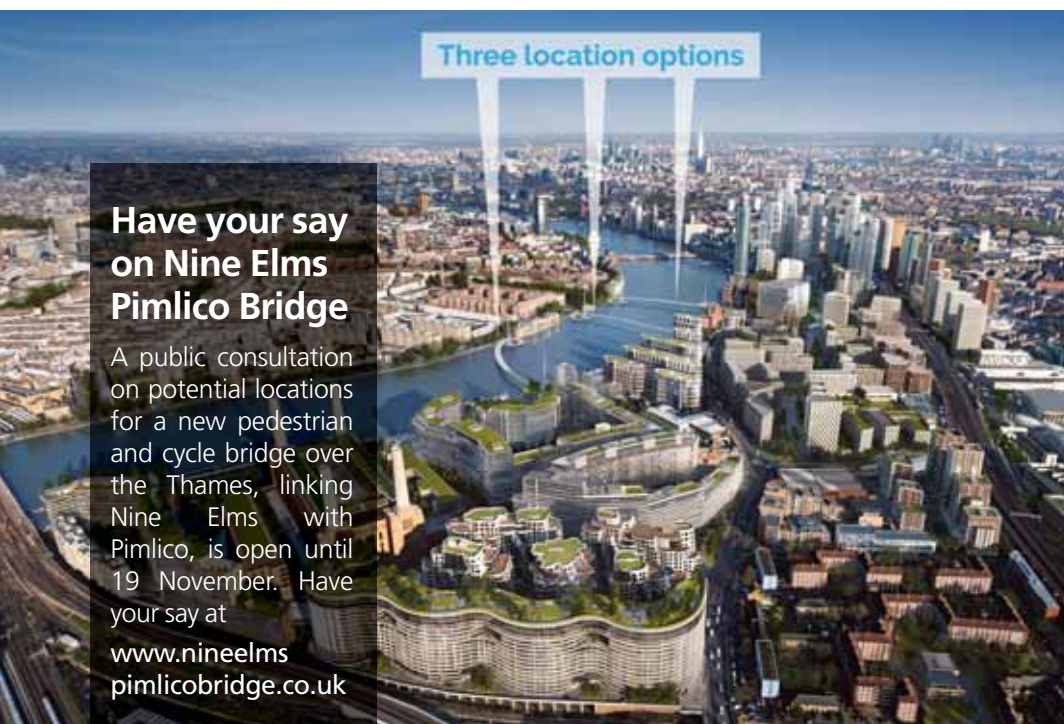
Hi-tech football community facility

Local football teams and community groups can now book top quality pitches at New Covent Garden Market on Thessaly Road.

This first brand new community sports facility to open in Nine Elms offers five 5-a-side and one 7-a-side Powerleague pitches, plus a

high-tech skills zone – all above the Market’s new recycling centre.

The facilities can be hired for leagues, social bookings, kids’ parties, coaching and corporate events. A community use agreement means that local schools and community groups can book to play for free every day of the week. www.powerleague.co.uk/5aside/london/nineelms



Three location options

Have your say on Nine Elms Pimlico Bridge

A public consultation on potential locations for a new pedestrian and cycle bridge over the Thames, linking Nine Elms with Pimlico, is open until 19 November. Have your say at www.nineelmspimlicobridge.co.uk



COMMUNITY SPIRIT AMERICAN-STYLE

Residents in Nine Elms threw open their doors to welcome neighbours from the United States Embassy this autumn as officials got stuck in with community work to mark 2018’s US Day of Service.

US Ambassador Robert Wood Johnson joined Wandsworth Council Leader Cllr Ravi Govindia and teams of volunteers at the Rose Community Centre on Ascalon Street to mark American remembrance for the victims of 9/11.

Volunteers from the nearby US Embassy, Northern Line Extension and Battersea Power Station spread out across housing estates in Nine Elms to help with gardening, litter-picking, leaf clearing and sports taster sessions.



AFFORDABLE RENTALS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Work will start soon to build over 890 new homes for renters on the former Royal Mail Group site in Nine Elms.

Wandsworth Council’s planning committee gave the go-ahead for four buildings on the site which will include 161 affordable units, or 20% habitable rooms at discounted market rents. These homes will be marketed first to people living and working in the borough.

Sign up for information at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/affordablehomes

BOOST FOR BATTERSEA DESIGN QUARTER PLAN

Wandsworth Council has scooped a share of £8m funding to develop a South London Innovation Corridor. The borough is set to welcome Apple HQ in 2020 and is already home to Royal College of Art and Foster + Partners. The council aims to use the money to establish a creative and design quarter in Battersea, offering business support, workspaces and nurturing local talent and skills. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/news



From dingy underpass to Happy Street

Visual artist Yinka Ilori has been named as the winner of a competition to revitalise the Thessaly Road Railway Bridge.

The colourful 'Happy Street' proposal will flood the underpass with colour, light and scent and was the favourite among local residents, school children and other members of the public who took part in the public consultations.

The competition was organised by the council and the London Festival of Architecture and is a key part of the council's work to transform the gloomy

underpass on a key route between Wandsworth Road and Nine Elms Lane.

Councillor Steffi Sutters, cabinet member for community services and open spaces, said: "I know that the local schoolchildren will be very happy with Yinka's bright design as they find the underpass dark and scary in its current state. I'm really looking forward to seeing the design come to life

over the next year and thank all the local residents who took part in helping us to get this far."

The design and installation work will now be submitted for the necessary consents and permissions, including further public engagement, in time for the 2019 London Festival of Architecture. Keep an eye on nineelmslondon.com for details of how to get involved.



“ This is the best job and I wouldn't trade it in for anything. I like helping people so what better way to serve the community ”

police constable
Althea Mason-Josephs.



It's a fair cop

WANDSWORTH BOASTS AROUND 1700 ACRES OF PARKS, OPEN SPACES AND CEMETERIES MAKING IT THE GREENEST OF INNER LONDON BOROUGHES.

Wandsworth is so big that it is one of the few London boroughs to have its own police service, featuring nine full-time police officers and a number of reserves. Althea has been with the Parks and Events Police Service for 14 years and Selina joined just a few months ago.

“We see ourselves more as community police,” said Selina. “We try to approach every situation in a happy and positive light. As long as the bylaws are upheld these parks are for everyone to enjoy. I want people to feel as safe walking through these parks as I did growing up around here.”

From their base in Battersea Park, Inspector Steve Biggs, explains the parks bylaws. “We focus on some main areas including offering high profile protection

to reassure the public and dealing with anti-social behaviour,” he said. “Then there's enforcing the bylaws. Cycling can be a problem. There are cycle routes but there are many complaints about irresponsible cyclists going into areas they shouldn't.

“There's also the dog control orders and we've had instances of dogs in play areas, dogs fouling and jumping into lakes and chasing swans and geese. We also keep an eye out for rough sleepers, mopeds cutting through the park, illegal fishing, fly-tippers, unauthorised parking and barbecues – which aren't allowed. But we try to use common sense at every opportunity.”

“People really like us just being here,” said Selina, while on patrol on Tooting

Common “It's a good sign for them; a reassurance for the public.

“Unfortunately we cannot go around to every single park every single day,” said Althea. “So it's important for people to get in touch and tell us about any issues. Every day we get a phonecall from a member of the public.”

“No two days are the same,” said Selina, “The other day my colleagues found a snake that had somehow got here, we rescued pigeons and helped a gentleman find a dog he had lost.”

To contact Wandsworth Council's Parks and Events Police Service call **020 8871 7532** or **07500 959 442** or email: parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Have your say on our proposal for pedestrian improvements in Tooting town centre

We are consulting on pedestrian improvements in Tooting town centre and would like your views.

The improvements would:

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**Consultation ends
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Work Match

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Work Match gets 1,000 people into work

WORK MATCH, THE SERVICE SET UP FIVE YEARS AGO TO HELP GET LOCAL PEOPLE INTO EMPLOYMENT WHILE ALSO SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES, HAS CELEBRATED FINDING ITS 1000TH PERSON A JOB.

Josiah Knight was the 1000th person to get a job through Work Match and attended a special birthday party at the team's new offices at the Vista development in Nine Elms.

The 17-year-old secured a position as a labourer with Keltbray via Work Match. He now works at Battersea Power Station, and Keltbray has selected him to start a formwork carpentry apprenticeship.

Unlike most recruitment teams Work Match is not driven by commission targets and only puts forward candidates who are genuinely ready, willing and able to meet workplace demands.

The Work Match team supports candidates through the application process - including help with CVs and interview skills - to give them the best chance of success. They also help local people find any pre-job training and support they need to get ready for the workplace.

The service works closely with Job Centre Plus, community organisations, local colleges and schools to provide an integrated support network, plus a range of businesses including Battersea Power Station, St James Group, Ballymore, Cineworld, Sainsbury's, Homebase and a whole host of independent shops. Roles filled have been diverse as security, construction, catering, hospitality and leisure.

Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia, said: "To have put 1,000 Wandsworth people into employment is an incredible achievement and I am very proud of what the team at Work Match has done for our residents. The local jobs market is growing and the Work Match team is making sure our job seekers have a real advantage when it comes to securing new roles."

To contact Work Match call 020 8871 5191, email wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk or visit www.wandsworthworkmatch.org

“ I really wanted to get involved in construction and someone told me about Work Match so I got in contact with them. Will from the team helped me with my CV and referred me for jobs. It is great to be working on such an iconic project. I've wanted to work in the construction industry from a young age and am very happy to have the opportunity to get this apprenticeship with Keltbray at my age. It's nice to feel like I am contributing to the progression of my community with the project I am on. Thank you to everyone who helped me get this opportunity. ”

Josiah Knight



Recycling busting the myths

■ You don't separate rubbish and recycling – it all goes in one lorry.

Lorries have a split back, with recycling put in one side and rubbish in the other. If you see a recycling bag put in with the rubbish it is probably contaminated – meaning it contains items that shouldn't have been recycled such as wood, old clothes, nappies etc.

■ It's just chucked in landfill with everything else.

The Smugglers Way recycling plant can separate mixed recycling into fifteen different categories depending on available markets and 85 per cent of all the materials sent there are recycled. The rest is contamination. Nothing goes to landfill – not even rubbish, which is sent by barge to the energy from waste plant in Kent.

■ It's cheaper for the council to burn it

It's 75 per cent cheaper for councils to send recycling to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) compared to sending it to the energy from waste plant, so it makes economic, as well as ecological, sense to maximise recycling or better still encourage people to produce less waste in the first place.

■ Hardly any plastics are recycled

The MRF is one of the most modern in the UK using advanced technology including optical and thermal sorting equipment to maximise the recovery of plastics for recycling. Black plastic is difficult to recycle because the optical readers can't detect it. This is a common problem and manufacturers are being encouraged to stop using it. Most plastics have value so it makes sense to recycle it – the only plastics sent to the energy from waste plant are items that can't be recycled (such as children's toys) or those incorrectly put in black bags.

■ Will Lavell went on a tour of the recycling plant. Here's what he found out.

"I've always been interested in what goes on inside the building, so arranged to go on a tour with some of my colleagues after work. One thing that interested me was the process for recycling plastic waste. Separating the plastics into its various different forms was a very complicated process, but use of high-speed scanning sorted through the streams of plastic at great speed.

"It's important to make sure recycled waste isn't contaminated with non-recyclable items; it makes the sorting process much more difficult, and can sometimes force them to send a whole bag of valuable recycled material to waste! It's been hard work educating everyone in my office what they can and cannot put in our recycling bins, but my top three items that do not live in recycling bin are: crisp packets, thin plastic 'film' and tissue paper. If in doubt – keep it out."

There will be an open day on November 17 at Smugglers Way. Keep an eye on the council website or @wandbc twitter for details. In the meantime, residents and community groups interested in going on a tour can contact education@wrwa.gov.uk or call 020 8875 8885/9.





New library for Brandlehow

Brandlehow school in Putney has a brand-new library following a £20,000 fundraising drive.

Money-raising events organised by the PTA included a sponsored read and an old round pound coin amnesty and students and their parents also attended several workshops run by local authors Karen Inglis, Harriet Whitehorn and Clare Luther. The East Putney Co-Op also contributed.

Brandlehow parent and architect Smaro Kirmelidou volunteered to offer interior

design services and lead the refurbishment during the construction process. Head, Ellie Loughnan said: "Brandlehow has a strong sense of community and it's thanks to that projects like this are realised."

The council is providing enhanced buildings at Brandlehow to enable it to revert to two forms of entry and to meet rising demand in this part of the borough.

More school places

Four secondary schools are to expand to meet a rising demand for spaces.

The council is spending around £12m expanding St Cecilia, Chestnut Grove, ARK Putney and Ashcroft Academy to create another 150 places, plus extra sixth form places. A fifth school, Graveney, is also likely to expand in the near future.

The places are needed to make spaces for the higher number of pupils currently at primary school, with peak demand expected between 2022 and 2025. There's particular pressure on sixth forms with 65 per cent of 16-year-olds staying on, and many young people from other boroughs applying to

popular Wandsworth schools.

Design work will now begin on the expansions, with construction to start next year.

Wandsworth offers parents some of the best schools in London. Currently 97 per cent of all schools in the borough at both primary and secondary level are officially rated as either good or outstanding by education standards watchdog Ofsted.

The council's cabinet member for education Cllr Sarah McDermott said: "This is a substantial programme of investment that will provide an additional 150 classroom places. This is great news for local parents who will have more options and greater choice when it comes to choosing a school for their children."



CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

St Joseph's Primary School in Putney has been connecting its pupils with children from a refugee camp in Jordan and was chosen to launch the £38m Connecting Classrooms Through Global Learning programme from the UK Government and the British Council. This will enable three million pupils from across the UK to link up with schools in Africa, Asia and the Middle East using mobile technology such as What's App and Facetime

Love Actually film director Richard Curtis, a UN advocate for sustainable development, has lent his support to the scheme and was at the launch, along with International Development Secretary Penny Mordaunt, Secretary of State for Education Damian Hinds and Wandsworth's cabinet member for children's services Cllr Sarah McDermott.

FRENCH FANCY

Shaftesbury Park School is the first UK school to be awarded the Label FrancÉducation quality seal by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Development. It is granted to schools outside France with French Bilingual Sections of extremely high quality.

There are three bilingual schools in Wandsworth teaching in both languages. At Shaftesbury Park children also benefit from a range of trips and clubs and take part in a twinning exchange project with a school in France.

ENGLISH HUB

Chesterton school is one of 32 schools in a new English Hub, announced by education secretary Damian Hinds MP. This network of some of the best-performing primary schools in the country will take a leading role in supporting schools that struggle to teach children to read by improving the teaching of early language and reading.

The schools all have a background of excellent phonics teaching. They will spread best practice and teaching techniques, backed by £26.3 million funding. This will include providing school workshops for teachers and more intensive school-to-school support.

Join the party!

MORE THAN 400 GUESTS ARE EXPECTED AT THE ROTARY CLUB OF BATTERSEA PARK'S 56TH CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH AND TEA PARTY FOR OLDER PEOPLE.

Guests are brought to and from the marquee in Battersea Park in mini-buses and enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch followed by dancing, singing and bingo before leaving with their goody bag. Over 200 volunteers make the day special for the guests.

If you are over 65, live in Wandsworth, and would like to come then call 020 7223 8005 or apply online at www.rotarychristmasday. If you would like to volunteer to help then please visit the website to register.

The whole day is free but Rotary depends on the generosity of individuals, companies and organisations for funds. It costs about £45 to feed and entertain each guest and Rotary would be very grateful for donations.



To contribute please send donations to

www.justgiving.com/RotaryChristmasDay or by cheque (made out to The Rotary Club of Battersea Park) and sent to Rotary Club of Battersea Park, PO Box 71292, London, SW11 9HW.



Wandsworth leading the way on Broadband

Wandsworth Council has been named as the first local authority in London to offer 50 per cent of its council owned properties access to full fibre broadband, cementing its place as one of the fastest boroughs in the capital for broadband speeds.

Community Fibre has praised Wandsworth Council for setting an example that other landlords should follow in facilitating a full fibre optic roll out and confirmed that Wandsworth residents can now experience Gigabit speeds 33 times faster than the national average.

Earlier this year, Chancellor Philip Hammond set a target for 15 million homes and businesses to have full-fibre broadband by 2025 and the council celebrated its 50 per cent milestone with a roundtable discussion at Dimson Lodge in Battersea.

This was attended by Margot James, Minister for Digital and the Creative Industries, Councillor Kim Caddy, Wandsworth's cabinet member for housing, and Jeremy Chelot, CEO of Community Fibre.

Dimson Lodge is a Wandsworth Council owned clubroom for local older people, who are also sheltered housing residents

and which has also been equipped with free Gigabit connectivity by Community Fibre.

Cllr Caddy said: "I am very proud that Wandsworth is leading the way in helping to make sure council tenants have access to fast, reliable broadband. Our partnership with Community Fibre has been a resounding success and together we have worked very hard to allow our tenants to make the most of fast online access and all the benefits it brings.

"I know just how important this is for our residents and it is all part of our vision to help people get on in life by giving them access to the same opportunities, regardless of background, age or where you live."



Jeremy Chelot and Margot James

Get help to quit

Did you know the council has a free service to help you stop smoking?

You can get free face-to-face advice and support from specialist advisors and free stop smoking materials and medication such as Nicotine Replacement Therapy.

Support is also available via GPs, local pharmacies and drop-in clinics at St George's and Queen Mary's Hospitals.

Visit wandsworth.gov.uk/stopsmoking

Wandsworth residents also have access to free support over the phone from Stop Smoking London. Call 0300 123 1044.

Patrick Sutton gave up a 40-year smoking habit after getting help from the Wandsworth Stop Smoking Service. He was smoking up to 80 cigarettes a day and was finding it difficult to quit a habit he enjoyed.

"I knew I would need help from someone but never did I expect the level of help, commitment, encouragement and empathy I was about to receive. Without that 15-20 minute chat every week my determinations would have faded weeks ago. I'm now three months non-smoking and look forward to the rest of my life being smoke-free."



Sexual health support at new clinic

A brand-new centre offering high-quality, confidential and fully-integrated sexual health and contraception services will open on November 19 on Falcon Road, next to Clapham Junction Station.

It will be open from Monday to Saturday and will include clinics for gay men and young people and IUD/IUS/implant fitting. Services will still be provided at Balham Health Centre until November 17 before transferring to Clapham Junction.

Wandsworth Council's cabinet member for health, Cllr Paul Ellis said: "This new clinic will ensure high-quality sexual health services brought together in a central, accessible place and are available for everyone."

The clinic will be run by Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust (CLCH), commissioned by Wandsworth, Richmond and Merton Councils.



Get yourself tested

National HIV Testing week starts on November 17. This year the campaign is reminding people that a single finger-prick test is all it takes to keep yourself safe.

Testing is easy and accessible and is the only way to diagnose HIV. Early diagnosis and treatment enable people to live a healthy normal life and lower the risk of passing the virus on to anyone else. Checking your HIV status is important for everyone, but particularly so for groups where HIV rates are higher, including men who have sex with men and black African men and women.

FREE and confidential HIV testing is available in a range of health settings including GP surgeries and the new Falcon Road clinic.

Regular events are also held across the borough. Visit <https://spectra-london.org.uk/all-events/>

If you would rather take a test at home visit startswithme.org.uk

NATIONAL HIV TESTING WEEK
17-23 NOVEMBER 2018

GIVE HIV THE FINGER
A finger-prick test is all it takes.

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ORDER A FREE POSTAL TEST OR FIND WHERE TO TEST
StartsWithMe.org.uk

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For more information about sexual health services and HIV tests, visit www.shswl.nhs.uk or call 0333 300 2100 (Monday to Friday 8am-8pm).

Grants help unite communities

Investing in the Brighter Borough



THIS YEAR THE WANDSWORTH GRANT FUND HAS PROVIDED GRANTS TO DOZENS OF COMMUNITY GROUPS AND PROJECTS. HERE ARE JUST TWO OF THEM.

Stripes of Peace

Recently you may have seen some colourful decorations on railings and lamp posts in the Summerstown area.

These are part of the Stripes of Peace project bringing the community together to remember First World War heroes. 182 decorations have been made by local people at workshops throughout the summer – each a personalised tribute to one of the servicemen from the area who died in the Great War.

The project is the brainchild of Geoff Simmons, who developed the Summerstown182 project, alongside local researcher Sheila Hill, to plot where the 182 individuals on the St Mary's Church First World War memorial lived. Over the past few years this has evolved into researching each of their stories, which are documented on the Summerstown182 website.

In partnership with Big Up Films, Summerstown182 secured Heritage Lottery Funding in 2016 working with schools and promoting the project to the wider community through walks, talks and exhibitions. Summerstown182 has won two Wandsworth Council Civic Awards and this year the Stripes of Peace project was given funding from the council's Wandsworth Grant Fund.

"We wanted to do something memorable, colourful and creative to mark the end of the commemoration period, really taking it to the heart of the diverse community in this area, involving as many people as possible," said Geoff. Local artist Judith Lawson helped develop Stripes of Peace. She sadly passed away recently and the project is also a tribute to her.

Find out more at summerstown182.com



Green the Grid

Green the Grid is going from strength to strength bringing the Southfields community together and greening up the streets.

This project is run by residents for residents and supported by the Southfields Grid Residents Association and a grant from the Wandsworth Grant Fund. It aims to create London's first front garden-friendly neighbourhood. The most recent planting day saw dozens of local people collecting planting bundles to plant around tree bases near their homes.

Find out how you can get involved at frontgardenfriendly.uk

The deadline for the next round of applications is December 17
Find out more at wandsworth.gov.uk/wgf

#BrighterBorough

Find out your borough priorities at: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/brighterborough



Remembering a hero

The Great War Centenary 2014-18



FIRST WORLD WAR HERO EDWARD 'TINY TED' FOSTER HAS BEEN COMMEMORATED WITH A PERMANENT MEMORIAL IN THE SMALL FRENCH TOWN HE HELPED LIBERATE.



The Mayor of Wandsworth Councillor Piers McCausland and a cross-party group of senior councillors, officers and Mr Foster's family went to Villers Plouich to unveil the memorial. The town was the scene of an act of bravery by the Tooting dustman that earned him the Victoria Cross.

The impressive memorial to Corporal Foster was erected following a fundraising drive by the people of the town.

Villers-Plouich was presented with a red telephone box during the visit as a gift commemorating the towns' friendship. This was funded by donations from organisations including Enable, GLL, BT and others.

Councillors, officers, local groups and borough residents regularly visit Villers-Plouich. The visits are funded privately by those who attend, with zero cost to local taxpayers.

Councillor McCausland said: "It was an absolute honour to attend this event, and I would like to thank the people of Villers-Plouich who have erected this fitting monument to a very brave man. This year, the centenary of the end of the first world war, is a fitting time to remember Wandsworth heroes and the sacrifices they made."

Who was Ted Foster

Corporal Edward Foster, a council dustman from Tooting, was awarded the Victoria Cross aged 31 for his actions during the battle of Cambrai.

Villers-Plouich was liberated by Wandsworth's battalion during the 1917 advance to the Hindenburg Line. The battle raged between April and September, and cost the lives of five officers and 87 men from the so-called

Wandsworth 'Pals' - the 13th (Service) Battalion (Wandsworth), the East Surrey Regiment.

Corporal Foster stormed up a ravine firing a Lewis gun and helped to dislodge German machine-gun positions. His VC is on display at the Imperial War Museum.

After the war the people of Wandsworth raised funds to rebuild the shattered community of Villers-Plouich and the

council unofficially 'adopted' the village in 1920. In 2001 the village reaffirmed its ties to the borough by renaming a square 'Place de Wandsworth'.

Corporal Foster and other Wandsworth heroes are also remembered by the new Haine Court, Lascelles House and Edward Foster Court on the Patmore and Savona estates, as well as memorial stones in the town hall's garden of remembrance.

Keep warm and well

With winter on the way, help is available for older and vulnerable people to keep warm and safe during cold weather.



The Wandsworth and Richmond Assessment point (WRAP) can help with benefits, heating, energy efficiency and more. For eligible residents WRAP may conduct a home visit to see how they can best help you. If you or someone you know is worried about keeping warm this winter call WRAP on 0800 118 23 27, text 07928 394 482 or email enquiries@thinkingworks.co.uk

The council also works with the charity Leonard Cheshire Disability to provide support such as advice. If you need their help, you can request it from WRAP.

You can get flu jabs from your doctor or some pharmacies.

You can get flu jabs from your doctor or participating pharmacies. The jab is free for older people, children, pregnant women, carers and people with long-term health conditions such as asthma, COPD, heart disease and diabetes. If you are overweight, you

may be eligible if your BMI is over 40.

Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/flu.

Mrs C A of Tooting, 74, was worried by her high bills. She had a old, temperamental back boiler and issues with ventilation in her kitchen and bathroom that were causing condensation and mould. The WRAP service helped Mrs C A apply for a £4,000 Warmer Homes grant from the Mayor of London and a £900 grant from Energy Company Obligation funds that paid for a new efficient boiler, radiators, heating controls and new extractor fans for the kitchen and bathroom. In addition, the advisor gave Mrs C A LED bulbs, fitted radiator reflector panels and water saving devices including tap aerators to help her spend less on energy.

Have you still not had your flu jab?

If you're 65 or over or you have a long-term health condition, flu can be serious.

That's why you're eligible for a free flu jab.

Don't put it off. Get your flu jab straight away.

NHS

**STAYWELL
THISWINTER**

nhs.uk/staywell



Cheril Sowell, Nurse

Sign up for a free weight management course

Want to get healthy but are not sure if a weight loss programme will work for you?

Wandsworth Council is offering the chance to sign up for 12 weeks' Slimming World or Weight Watchers membership for free. The groups combine advice and support on healthy eating, getting more active in your daily life and motivation. Classes are held at venues across the borough.

If you live outside of the borough, you can still access the programme if you have a Wandsworth GP. Please ask your GP to refer you to the programme. The programme is available for over-18s, who have a BMI of 28-30+ and meet the eligibility criteria.

To see if you are eligible or to find out more, please contact the Adult Weight Management Team on (020) 8871 5017, or email health@wandsworth.gov.uk



Amparo Ruiz Marco before and after

Amparo Ruiz Marco, 44, has been on a Slimming World course. She said: "I was quite sceptical that this method worked - eating what you want and lose weight? Yes, it works, after 13 months going to the group every Wednesday in Tooting and with the support of my wonderful group mates and my exceptional consultant Zee I managed to lose eight-and-a-half stone (54kg). Now I have more confidence in myself and I am really happy."



Get your **FREE** NHS Health Check from your GP.

You must be aged 40-74, have not been previously diagnosed with diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease or stroke and have not had an NHS Health Check in the last five years.

For more information call the council's public health team on (020) 8871 5026, or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/healthchecks



Helping you prevent
diabetes
heart disease
kidney disease
stroke & dementia





Christmas in your town centre

Lights switch on at Battersea Power Station

Balham

Sunday December 2 from 1pm. Christmas tree light countdown at 4.30pm

Go along to Bedford Hill Place for entertainment, mulled wine, nativity scene photo booth and with Sam, the real life donkey. Further details will be announced on twitter @balhamdotcom.

Battersea

Friday November 23, 5pm

Northcote Road's annual light switch-on including carol singing, Santa's grotto and more.

Sunday November 25, 11am-5pm

Shop for Christmas gifts and enjoy pop-up bars and street-food at the Northcote Road Christmas market

Tuesday December 4, 7.30pm

Carols and the Christmas lights switch-on in Battersea Square

Monday December 10, 6.30pm Battersea bridge Christmas tree lights ceremony and carols.



Christmas fairs

Preview evening: November 13
6.30pm-9.30pm

November 14, 8.30am-3.30pm

Royal Trinity Hospice Christmas Fair.
St Luke's Church, 194 Ramsden
Road, Balham.

trinityhospicechristmasfair.org

November 24, 11.30am-3pm
St Paul's Church Christmas Fair

Father Christmas plus kids' zone,
bric-a-brac, raffle, home-made
Christmas decorations, cakes and
other stalls. Hot and cold food and
refreshments. Entrance 50p and
free for accompanied children.

Augustus Road, Inner Park Road
Southfields. Wheelchair accessible

[www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/
wordpress/](http://www.stpaulsparkside.org.uk/wordpress/)

November 28, 11am-4pm

**Royal Hospital for Neuro-disabil-
ity Christmas Fair**

All your Christmas shopping needs
under one roof.

rhn.org.uk

December 1, 10am-5pm

Etsy Christmas Market

Local designer-makers will be selling
their handmade products, plus

mulled wine and Christmas music.
Tooting Tram and Social, Mitcham
Road

December 1-2 and 8-9

Pear Tree Café Christmas Fair

The marquee in the seating area by
the lake is turned into a winter
wonderlands with carol singers,
mulled wine and a host of stalls sell-
ing gifts.

Pear Tree Café, Battersea Park

peartreecafe.co.uk

December 1, 11am-3pm

St Luke's Christmas Market

Gifts for all the family, books,
homemade cakes, jams, children's
toys, plants and wreaths, bottle
tombola, mulled wine, music and
more. £1 per adult and 30p per
child, family ticket £2.50. St Luke's
Church, Ramsden Road, Balham

December 1, 11.30am-2.30pm

St Barnabas Christmas Fair

Market stalls, festive refreshments,
family entertainment and Father
Christmas. £2 per adult, £1 for con-
cessions and children go free. St
Barnabas Church, Lavenham Road,
Southfields

www.stbarnabas-southfields.org.uk

December 2, 10am-5pm

**Putney School of Art and Design
Christmas Fair**

Craft stalls, paintings and prints, ce-
ramics, books, live music, mulled
wine, pottery-throwing demos,
children's activities. Putney School
of Art and Design, Oxford Road

If you're interested in taking a stall
email friendsofpsad@gmail.com

December 8, 10am-1pm

**St Andrew's Community
Christmas Fair**

Father Christmas will be paying a
visit. Admission is free. St Andrew's
Church, Waynefleet Street,
Earsfield

December 15

Furzedown Christmas Market

Furzedown Community Network
host their annual Christmas Market
on Moyser Road on Saturday 15th
December between 4-7pm. Over
50 gift stalls, Santa's grotto, Sprout
Arts mini emporium, choirs and
brass bands providing entertain-
ment throughout, mulled wine and
hot food available.

furzedown.net

■ Earsfield

Saturday December 1, 5pm

Activities organised by the Earsfield
Business Network at St Andrew's Church
and Waynefleete Street, including stalls,
Santa and the Christmas lights switch-on

■ Nine Elms

Saturday December 1, 4.15pm

Welcome to the festive season with
mulled wine and mince pies as the
Embassy Gardens Christmas tree lights are
switched on. Embassy Gardens, Nine Elms
Lane, SW8 5NQ

■ Putney

Friday November 30, 3pm-8pm

Positively Putney Community stage on
Church Square compered by Wandsworth
radio, Christmas stalls, kids' activities and
the light switch-on at 6pm,

■ Southfields

Wednesday, December 5, 4.30pm

Lights ceremony courtesy of the
Wimbledon Foundation in Replingham
Road and festive event organised by the
Southfields Business Forum.

■ Tooting

Tuesday December 4, 4pm

Carol singing and lights ceremony in
Mitcham Road

Friday December 7, 4pm

Furzedown Christmas tree and light
switch on. Thrale Road

Saturday December 8 and 9

Tootsmas, featuring food & drink trails,
heritage events, family fun, The
Handmade Fair, Pooch Parade and lots
more, hosted by local businesses.



■ Wandsworth Town

Saturday November 24, 4.30pm

Christmas market and interactive acts all
day at Wandsworth Town station - as well
as, Wandsworth Radio live broadcasting
all day with live entertainment and
another Christmas and street food market
on the piazza with the lights being
switched on at 4.30pm outside All Saints
Church with a Carol service inside.

BAC Grand Hall reborn

DAVID JUBB, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CEO OF THE BATTERSEA ARTS CENTRE, HAS THANKED LOCAL PEOPLE FOR THEIR HELP FOLLOWING THE 2015 FIRE WHICH DESTROYED THE GRAND HALL.



The hall is looking better than ever following a rebuild led by Stirling award winners Haworth Tompkins - the fire-scorched walls have been left as an atmospheric reminder of what happened. This autumn's re-opening ushers in a period of renewal and intense creativity at the BAC putting it at the heart of the community it serves.

"We wouldn't still be here if it wasn't for the local community - it would have been a very, very different story," David told Brightside.

"The community supported us in all sorts of ways after the fire and the firefighters did an extraordinary job to stop it spreading to other parts of the building. The next day our neighbours were so supportive and the council conservation team were on site hours after the fire. We also got a thoughtful, supporting message from the leader of the council, Ravi Govindia."

Now the BAC is looking forward. Its new Scratch Hub is a co-working space for start-ups, small businesses and social entrepreneurs in the cre-

ative industries and the aptly-named Phoenix Season is a five-month celebration of risk-taking theatre, including *Frankenstein* by BAC Beatbox Academy, *SUPER-BLACKMAN* by Lekan Lawal, *Orpheus* by Little Bulb Theatre and the UK Beatbox Championships.

David said he wants the BAC's work to reflect and support all aspects of the local community. "For example The Agency gives young men and women from local estates a chance to set up their own businesses and our Local Roots project supports local community groups. It's a very exciting time."

Find out more about these projects, upcoming productions and a £1 ticket offer for local people visit bac.org.uk

- Wandsworth Council owns the building, which it leases to Battersea Arts Centre under a 20-year rent-free agreement. It currently provides Battersea Arts with yearly funding of £60,000 to deliver arts services.



what's on?

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER
TO DECEMBER 2018



Dec 1 & 2, Dec 10 and 11, Fri 14 December through to and including 24 December

Santa comes to Battersea Park Zoo

On Christmas Eve Santa will finish at 3pm to give him time to prepare for all his present deliveries and the zoo will close at 3pm.

Usual child entrance fee £7.50 + £6.50 = £14.00

SEN children entrance fee £6.50 + £5.50 = £12.00 (plus 1x free carer)

Season Ticket Holders Special Rate £5.50

Please note accompanying adults & siblings must pay the usual zoo entrance fee.

Adult entry: £9.50, Child (up to 15yrs) £7.50, senior £8.50

batterseaparkzoo.co.uk

How to be listed

Send details (including access for people with disabilities) by February 21, 2019 to: whatson@enablelc.org

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Sunday November 11,
3.00 pm

Centenary Commemoration and Act of Remembrance

A special service and Act of Remembrance for all local residents will take place at St Paul's Church and at the War Memorial, Inner Park Road, to hon-

our the 35 local men who lost their lives in the First World War, and also to remember those who died in the Second World War and more recent conflicts.

St Paul's Church
Augustus Road/Inner Park Road
SW19 6EW

Sunday November 11,
10.45am

Balham remembers

Join the Balham community in honouring the memory of those lost in the first world war and renewing our commitment to work for peace.
Bedford Hill Place, SW12 9RJ

November 23, 11am-noon

National Tree Week event

Go along to this event organised by the Wandsworth Tree

Wardens in association with Wandsworth Council to find out why trees are so important.
King George's Park, Wandsworth

Active Lifestyles

Open to anyone looking to increase their physical activity levels and for those looking to get into activity for the first time or returning to activity. There are a number of activities across Wandsworth for varied abilities at different days/times. We also have specific classes designed for those 50 plus that include strength and balance exercises. All classes include a first session free and there is no need to book, you can just turn up. For an up to date list of activities, please visit our website www.enablelc.org/activelifestyles. Alternatively you can contact us on 020 3959 0033 or activelifestyles@enablelc.org

what's on?

EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER
TO DECEMBER 2018



Dec 5-Jan 5

Cinderella and the Beanstalk

Follow Cinderella on a perilous adventure as the scheming Rumpelstiltskin blackmails the would-be princess into retrieving the coveted Golden Eggs from the top of The Beanstalk. She must complete her quest to recover her glass slipper, but Prince Charming, the Fairy Godmother and Jack's pregnant cow are all doing their best to get in the way, so her mission might not be quite as easy as she thought...

£12-£19

Theatre503, Battersea Park Road, SW11 3BW
Tickets details:
theatre503.com

Free Led Walks

Wandsworth Walk 4 Life is an accredited walking scheme that offers a series of free walks around the borough. Our walks are led by trained walk leaders who can advise and guide you towards building up your physical activity at a pace that suits you. Our walks vary in location, length, day and times. The walks are free and you can just turn up. Visit www.enablelc.org/walk4life for more information. We also hold free volunteer walk leader training, so if you're interested in becoming a walk leader and leading or supporting a walk within Wandsworth, please contact us on 020 3959 0033 or email us at activelifestyles@enablelc.org

16 Nov – 1 Dec

SUPERBLACKMAN

16 - 22 Nov: £10

Al has a secret. He can fly. To break the news to his family and friends, he's made a graphic novel and is going to turn it into a blockbuster movie.

Created by Winner of The Stage Debut Director Award, Lekan Lawal, SUPERBLACKMAN explores mental health and representation in this visceral new production.

23 Nov - 1 Dec: £15 - £26

Battersea Arts Centre,
Lavender Hill, SW11 5TN
Bac.org.uk

November 25, noon-4pm

Gallery of the street

Drop in to this free workshop for all ages as we work collectively on artwork inspired by the radical history of public murals in the Battersea area.

pumphousegallery.org.uk

Until December 7

Bruce McLean, Minimal Invisible Missing at School Gallery

School Gallery presents 'Minimal Invisible Missing', an exhibition by Bruce McLean. For this exhibition McLean has revisited the documentation of early sculptural works that were often temporary or invisible. Four of these sculptures have been reproduced for 'Minimal Invisible Missing' as large black and white photographs mounted on plywood, now taking on their own unique sculptural forms. **Free entry**
Delta House Studios,



Until December 16

Open Wednesdays – Sundays, 11am – 4pm

Vermeir & Heiremans, A Modest Proposal (in a Black Box)

Archival material is presented alongside a video to create a parallel narrative about real estate and land speculation since the Victorian era. The exhibition invites us to consider the dynamics between art and the economy, and the value of culture in between.

The accompanying InHouse project 'Investment avenues' is a participatory project by artist duo Lloyd Corporation, inviting gallery visitors, local community groups and residents to explore different perspectives on value, exchange and investment operating in the local area. **Free**

Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park
Pumphousegallery.org.uk

Riverside Road, Tooting
deltahousestudios.co.uk

December 3

International Disability Day event

An event to help young people feel more confident getting out and about in 2019. Parents, young people with SENDs and professionals all welcome.
thriveonline.com

December 8, 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Restart and Sewstart workshop

Join Transition Town Tooting's fixing and mending workshops for clothes and electricals.

<http://transitiontowntooting.blogspot.com/>

Dec 12, 1pm – 3:30pm

Healthwatch Assembly

Healthwatch represents service users and helps shape services. At this public meeting learn more about health and social care in the borough and have your say. The subject

of this meeting will be the transformation of primary care and what it will mean for local people. It will also look at the quality priorities for St George's Hospital.
Healthwatchwandsworth.co.uk
enquiries@healthwatch-wandsworth.co.uk

Until December 19
Monday to Saturday
10am to 4.30pm

CLOSED TUESDAYS
Late night until 7.30pm

Wednesday 28

November, 5 and 12
December.

Sundays 2, 9 and 16
December from 1pm – 4pm

Multi-Charity Christmas Card shop

Christmas cards and gifts. Proceeds support a range of national and local charities.
Putney Library, Disraeli Road

Christmas services as All Saints

Dec 1: Wandsworth Lights Service, 5pm



Work and Play Scrapstore workshops
November 22

Christmas Decorations Demo
December 4

Metallic Printing Workshop with Nicole Line

Work and Play Scrapstore is a re-use charity which promotes artful re-use of donated surplus/waste materials
 13 Blackshaw Road, London SW17 0DA
 (020) 8682 4216
<http://workandplayscrapstore.org.uk/home/>



November 10-28

The Silver Apples of the Moon

FOSSFINEART is delighted to present this new collection of paintings by Catherine Hyde. The established artist is well known for her richly worked and atmospheric paintings and she has been described as 'a visual poet weaving images, symbols and archetypes into paintings that resonate in the subconscious and linger there like half remembered dreams'.
 113b Northcote Road, London SW11 6PW

Children's Healthy Lifestyle Sessions

Beat it! is a FREE family focused healthy lifestyles programme for children aged 5-18years. The programme runs for 10 weeks each academic term and is designed to support families and teens that have above a healthy BMI. Sessions run after school at 6 different locations across the Wandsworth borough. To find out more visit <https://enablelc.org/beat-it> or call 0203 959 0035.

People with Health Conditions

Enable Leisure and Culture deliver a number of specialist physical activity programmes for people living with long term health conditions. **Macmillan Move More** – physical activity support for people living with and beyond cancer.

Active Wellbeing – one to one support for adults diagnosed with a severe and enduring mental health condition.

Moving Forward After Stroke - exercise and health and wellbeing sessions for people recovering from a stroke.

These programme are delivered in partnership with health charities (Macmillan, Mind and The Stroke Association).

To find out more visit <https://enablelc.org/leisure/get-involved/adults> or call 020 3959 0030.



Nov 19-Dec 10

Bags of Taste cooking courses

Free cooking classes to help families eat well. Learn how to cook meals that cost less than £1 a portion, contain loads of healthy vegetables and taste better than a takeaway. Classes are held once a week over lunchtime for four weeks. The Yard, 401-403 Tildesley Road, Putney Visit <https://bagsoftaste.org>. Look for courses and select Wandsworth. Alternatively email foodforlife-wandsworth@gmail.com or call or text 07444898243.

Dec 9: Carol Service, 5pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day Service, 9am
 All Saint's Church,
 Wandsworth High Street

Christmas services at Holy Trinity

Dec 16: Carol Service, 6pm

Dec 24: Afternoon Crib Service, 3pm

Dec 24: Midnight Communion, 11pm

Dec 25: Christmas Day Service, 10.30am
 Holy Trinity Church,
 Beaumont Road,
 Southfields

Thursday January 10, 7.45 for 8pm

Battersea Power Station : Past and Future

A talk by Battersea historian, Jeanne Rathbone, about the history of the site and the future development plans. Presented by the Wandsworth Society
 West Side Church Hall (corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane)

Wheelchair accessible

#WAF10

A photograph of an aerialist performing on a hoop. The performer is wearing a shimmering, sequined dress and is suspended in the air, holding onto a large black hoop. The background is dark, with a warm light source visible in the upper left corner.

Wandsworth Arts Fringe wants you!

WANDSWORTH COUNCIL'S WANDSWORTH ARTS FRINGE (WAF) IS CELEBRATING ITS TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN MAY 2019 AND YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE #WAF10 AS SPECTACULAR AS POSSIBLE.

WAF is the perfect opportunity to showcase your talent. We're looking for events both big and small; show off something you're already working on, or use the festival as an opportunity to try out something new.

WAF truly is London's most eclectic arts festival, and since 2009, the programme has included everything from family workshops to cabaret, opera to community picnics, dance performances, art exhibitions, theatre, debates, circus, comedy – even ballet on bicycles.

There are grants available to help you develop your #WAF10 project. The WAF Grant Fund gives grants of up to

£2,000, covering up to 70 per cent of the project cost. Applications close at 10am Monday December 3 2018.

To take part, express your interest on wandsworthartsfringe.com before Monday December 31. This is a non-committal way of letting us know your plans, and whether you need any help or advice.

Once you've confirmed your venue and the date and time of your event, you can then register between Monday 3 December and Friday 1 February. Make the most of our early bird discount and get £5 off the £45 registration fee before midday Thursday 20 December.

Visit wandsworthartsfringe.com now to find out more and to get involved.

The WAF 2019 Grant Fund supports activities and events that will take place as part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe from 3–19 May 2019. The grants are funded directly by Wandsworth Council and managed by Enable Leisure and Culture.

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(020) 8871 7899

Environmental Services including noise, pest control, private housing and licensing

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Finance Hotline including benefits, council tax, rents and business rates

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ownership, homelessness and housing advice

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Parking and Streets Hotline including concessionary travel, blue badges, MOTs, highways and skip licensing and bay suspensions

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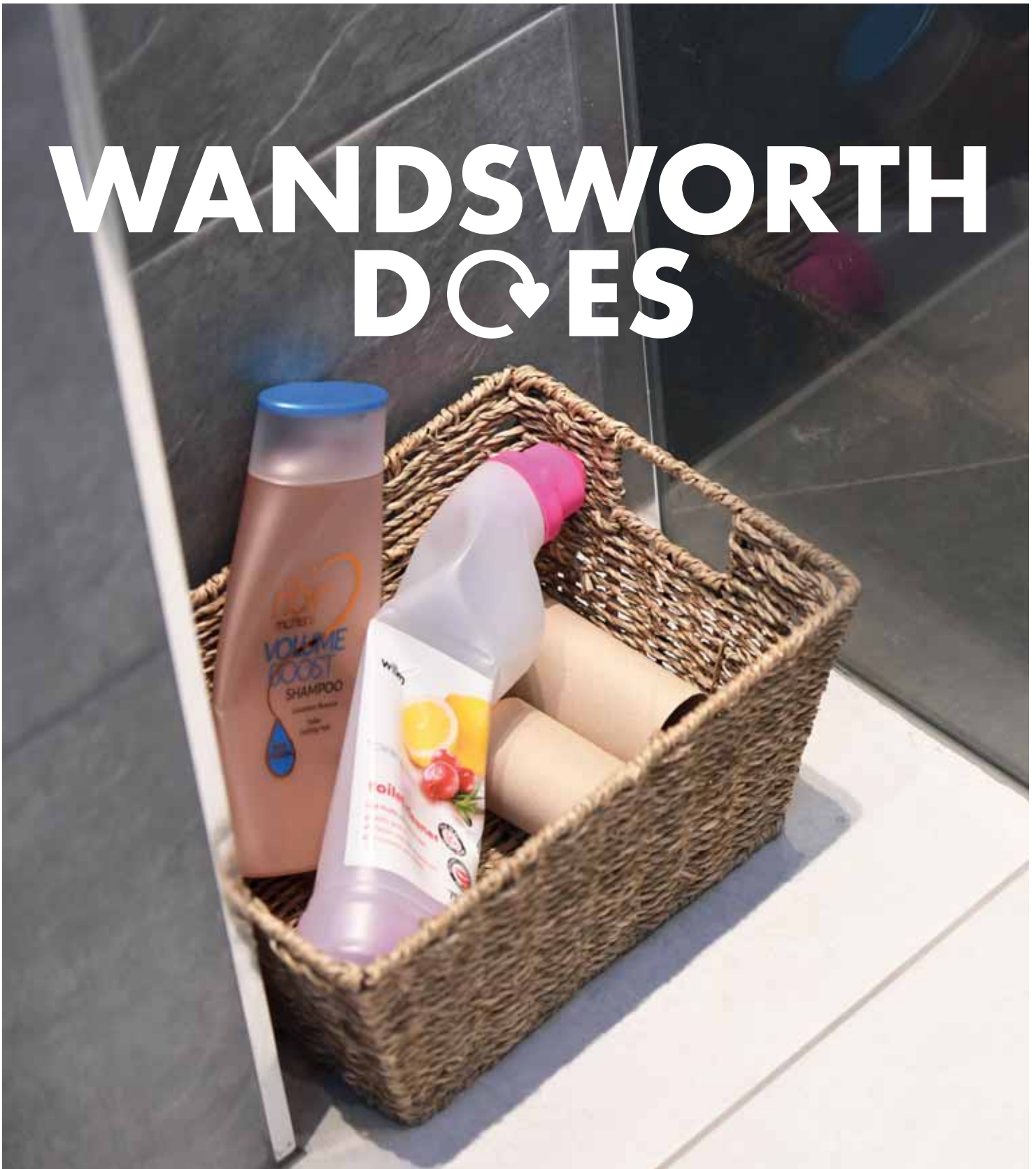
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