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Youngsters can swim for free in local leisure centres this half term as part of the Jubilee celebrations. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/jubilee.

Direct rail services to Heathrow have come a step closer

The council's proposal for a new direct rail link to Heathrow has won support from two London boroughs.

Hounslow and Hammersmith & Fulham are now backing the scheme - called 'Airtrack Lite' - which was unveiled in October last year. The plan would create a new service between Waterloo and Terminal 5 with stops at Vauxhall, Clapham Junction and Putney.

It would mean local residents could travel direct to the airport and would ease overcrowding on the Piccadilly Line which is heavily burdened by Heathrow passengers.

The proposals have been discussed at top level meetings with the Department for Transport (DfT) and have now been included in the

tender documents for the Great Western Rail Franchise. The next franchisee will be expected to help develop the scheme further as a means of improving links to Heathrow.

The council's plan is based on BAA's original 'Air Track' proposal which was scrapped last year. The revised version avoids routing extra trains through level crossings in Mortlake and Egham which was a major problem with the original scheme.

Air Track Lite was designed as part of the Wandsworth Travel Choices campaign. **Read more about this transport initiative on page 15 or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices.**

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We are lucky to live in a great part of London and you can be sure that your council will continue to stand up for Wandsworth and its residents.

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Q&A

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Who qualifies?

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How much is the discount?

The level of discount will depend on the length of time tenants have lived in the property and whether it is a flat or a house.

For houses: tenants who have lived in the property for at least five years will be entitled to a discount of 35 per cent of its value. For every additional year they will receive an extra one per cent discount. The maximum discount for houses is capped at 60 per cent of the property value and cannot exceed £75,000.

For flats: tenants who have lived in the property for at least five years will be entitled to a discount of 50 per cent of its value. For every extra year they will



receive an extra two per cent discount. The maximum discount for flats is capped at 70 per cent of the property value and cannot exceed £75,000.

How do I apply?

The application form is available on the council's website along with a guide to the application process: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/righttobuy.

Who can help me with my application?

The council's home ownership team can explain how Right to Buy works and help tenants decide whether it is the right choice for them. Trained advisors will help applicants through every stage of the buying process.

Council ready for home building challenge

Wandsworth is one of the most active home building councils in the country having delivered more than 200 new properties through its Hidden Homes programme.

These bright, modern and attractive homes have been created out of unused spaces on council estates, like garages, clubrooms and laundries.

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He said: "We are proud to be a home building council. Over the last ten years we have created more affordable homes than any other council in London and that experience will be invaluable as our replacement programme gets going."

Tel: (020) 8871 6016 Email: housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

You can also speak to a member of the team at the town hall between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Homes for heroes

Two former soldiers have become the first to move into new council homes under Wandsworth's policy of giving armed forces personnel a higher priority on its housing waiting lists.

Soldiers, sailors and air force personnel also get extra support in finding and buying an affordable home under the borough's various "right to buy" type schemes.

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FLAME COMES TO WANDSWORTH

The Olympic flame will pass through Wandsworth on **Monday July 23**

The Olympic Torch Relay arrives in the borough from Wimbledon's All England Club at around 5.30pm. It then travels down **Wimbledon Park Road, Granville Road, Merton Road, Kimber Road, Garratt Lane, Upper Tooting Road and Tooting Bec Road**. Wandsworth has also been chosen to host an evening event on **Tooting Bec Common**.

The torch is expected to arrive at the common between 6.30pm and 7pm. The free evening event, which starts at 5pm, will be in full swing and a Celebration Cauldron will be lit on stage to mark its

arrival. As well as the chance to see the iconic flame, the celebration will include music and entertainment.

Battersea residents will get a chance to see the torch at around 2pm on July 26. It will pass along **Cedars Road and Queenstown Road** en route from Lambeth to **Chelsea Bridge**.

For a full map of the route, including proposed start times, and a list of torchbearers running through Wandsworth, go to **www.london2012.com/olympictorchrelay**.



Here are the stories of some of the people chosen to carry the Olympic flame in Wandsworth

Jordan Dalrymple

An 18-year-old student whose life was changed by sport said he is “lucky, privileged and grateful” to have been chosen as a torchbearer. Jordan Dalrymple has already been named a Lloyds TSB Local Hero due to his involvement in the England Volleyball U19 and U17 squads but now has the added honour of carrying the Olympic Torch through the borough.

Four years ago, Jordan – a sixth form student at Tooting’s Ernest Bevin College – did not take a great interest in sport but now claims it defines him. He said: “I’ve seen first-hand how sport can completely change the direction of your life and how it can bring people together – to be at the core of an event which will be central to all of that will be incredible.

“For lack of a better phrase, I almost feel like torchbearing is the ultimate ‘cherry-on-top’ for a journey that’s come full circle”

Hayley Rea

A 23-year-old woman who has turned scores of Wandsworth residents into twinkle toed dance masters will soon be shimmying along the streets as a torchbearer.

Hayley Rea, the principle of Aim High Dance Academy, has spent the past five years teaching dance to young people living in Balham, Battersea, Earlsfield, Southfields and Tooting. Her academy, which she established aged just 18, has contracts with schools, nurseries and after school clubs, and also runs a mentoring scheme for young adults who wish to pursue a career in dance. She said: “All my students are amazed that I have been given this opportunity and I’m hoping they will all come down to cheer me along.”

Rachael Marsh

Rachael Marsh, who co-founded a charity after her newborn son was saved by hospital staff said she was “still getting over the shock of being chosen as a torchbearer”.

The Balham resident helped set up Ickle Pickles, which raises funds to buy vital equipment for sick and premature babies, after her son Charlie was born three months premature at St George’s Hospital four years ago. Despite spending three months in the neonatal unit (NNU), he is now a healthy and happy little boy. Ickle Pickles has raised more than £300,000 to date and has donated equipment to NNUs across the country.

It is currently aiming to build a team of volunteers within the local area to help organise events, contact local businesses for sponsorship and raise much needed funds.

Holly Holmes

One of the youngest torchbearers, 13-year-old Holly Holmes from Wandsworth, has spent a lot of her young life in hospital. When she was five Holly was diagnosed with a heart murmur and Hemiplegia – a complex form of cerebral palsy that affects one side of the body. She later developed epilepsy and suffered from lack of sleep. However, since having a life-changing operation at Great Ormond Street Hospital in 2007, Holly has experienced no more seizures.

Mum Chev’s said: “Holly is very excited about having this once in a lifetime opportunity to be part of such an historic occasion and can’t believe she is actually going to carry the Olympic flame.”



Jeffrey Gordon

A 78-year-old Putney resident who is one of only 16 people to have taken part in all 32 London Marathons will be pounding the streets again ahead of the Olympics – as a torchbearer.

Jeffrey Gordon said he was thrilled to have been chosen as a torchbearer. He has run in more than 100 other marathons and taken part in the London to Brighton race seven times.

Jeffrey, who is described as an eccentric character by wife Shirley, still works full-time as a legal aid solicitor in Battersea. He is best known for establishing the “Mackenzie Friend” system which enables anyone involved in legal proceedings to have a court representative to advise and assist them although they may not necessarily be legally qualified.

The avid reader and book collector said: “It is an honour I had never dreamed of, to be carrying the Olympic torch through the city I love.”



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Wandsworth will be at the heart of this year's Diamond Jubilee and is hosting major Olympic events.

Here's what's happening and when

June 3 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant and Festival

The seven-mile long flotilla will set off along the river from Battersea at 2pm, with boats mustering between Hammersmith and Putney, so residents along the whole length of the Wandsworth riverside should get a good view. Battersea and Albert Bridges will both be closed to traffic. Many roads across London, including around 200 in Wandsworth, will be closed because of street parties.

The huge **Diamond Jubilee Festival** will be held in Battersea Park from noon. Tickets for this have sold out and the park will be closed to non-ticket holders.

▶▶ For details of both events visit www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org.

July 21 The BT River of Music comes to Battersea Park

This is part of the Cultural Olympiad, with different stages across London representing music from around the world. Battersea is hosting the Asia Stage. This event is ticketed.

▶▶ For details visit www.btriverofmusic.com.



July 23

The Olympic Torch Relay

The Olympic torch will enter the borough via Wimbledon Park Road from the All England Lawn Tennis Club at Wimbledon. It will travel to Tooting Bec Common via the route described on page 6.

The roads will not be closed, but delays are likely as the torch passes through. There will be an evening celebration on Tooting Bec Common.

▶▶ Find out more at www.london2012.com/games/olympic-torch-relay.





July 28-29 The Cycle Road Races take place during the first weekend of the Olympics

The race travels from The Mall to Box Hill and back again via South West London and Surrey, including Putney High Street, parts of the Upper Richmond Road and Priory Lane.

The roads will be closed from the early hours of the morning and will not re-open until well after each day's race is finished – probably mid-evening. Travel will be seriously affected, and residents are advised to plan any journeys well in advance. Putney residents will be receiving a leaflet with details shortly.

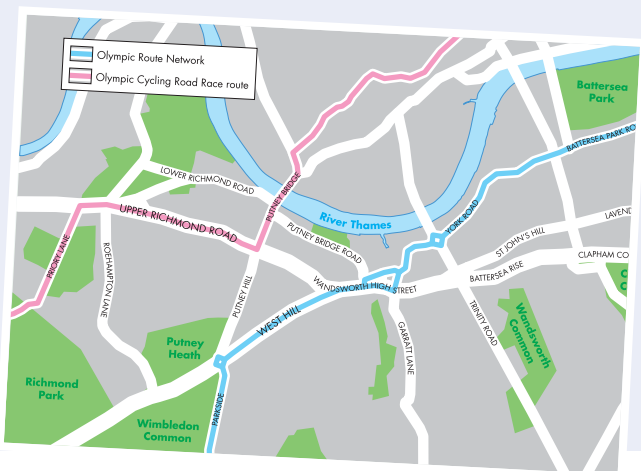
▶▶ Find out more about the impact on roads and public transport at www.GetAheadoftheGames.com, or call 0845 222 1234.

There will be lots of entertainment in Putney during the weekend, including cycle-related events, food and drink and family fun.

▶▶ Get details at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/putney.

Businesses will need to think about how the games will impact on them, including making sure essential deliveries can get through and staff can get to work. Advice is available on www.london2012.com/traveladviceforbusiness.

The council's town centre managers are also happy to help. Find yours at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/towncentres.



July 28-August 5 Olympic Route Network in operation

The Olympic Route Network, designed to ease traffic flow to and from Games locations, will be in operation during the Olympic tennis championships at the All England Club from **July 28 to August 5** and a few days before and afterwards. Routes including Tibbett's Corner, West Hill, Wandsworth town centre, York Road, Battersea Park Road and Nine Elms Lane will be affected. This will result in changes such as banned right turns, and some lanes will be reserved for games traffic.

▶▶ See www.tfl.gov.uk/ORN.

What do you think about Tooting Common

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

Monday 25 June 2012, 7.30pm

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





Prize from the Prince

Student entrepreneurs from Southfields Community College have won a £3,000 business investment after a successful 'Dragons' Den' style pitch to the Prince of Wales.

The year 10 students pitched their idea for an innovative wristband payment system at the Mosaic Apex Enterprise Challenge. They won £2,500 cash for their school, plus £500 seed funding to turn their idea into reality. More at www.mosaicnetwork.co.uk.

CJ work

Work on Clapham Junction town centre to remodel the crossroads at the bottom of St John's Hill, widen pavements, install new bus shelters, remove street clutter and introduce a new diagonal crossing will last until the end of June. The renewal of St John's Road will get underway in the autumn.

For more information contact Sam Emmett at semmett@wandsworth.gov.uk or call (020) 8871 8209.

Gardens open

Garden-lovers in Wandsworth will have the chance to see inside some of the borough's best gardens during Open Garden Squares Weekend.

Community gardens opening their gates on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10 include Bramford Community Garden in Wandsworth, Grove House Estate (Roehampton University), the SHARE Community Horticulture Project in Tooting, Thrive's Herb Garden in Battersea, the Roehampton Allotments and two at Wandsworth Prison. Visit www.opensquares.org.



CARERS WEEK

18-24 June 2012



Carers provide unpaid support to a relative, partner, child or friend due to illness, disability, frailty, mental health condition or substance misuse.

Join us to celebrate the borough's carers

Events are being held during Carers Week to help carers find out about support available and have a break from caring.

- Tea Dance at the Civic Suite, June 21. Waiters will include the council leader and chief executive
- Picnic in Battersea Park, June 16
- Exercise class taster sessions
- Free meditation class

If you would like to go, call **(020) 8877 1200** or email **info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk**.





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Investors compete for power station site



Nine Elms
On the South Bank



An artist's impression of the new Nine Elms. Courtesy of Ballymore

Several investors have submitted bids to buy the Battersea Power Station site according to the estate agent handling the sale of the Nine Elms landmark.

The exact number and identity of the bidders has been kept confidential but Chelsea Football Club has revealed that it is among the potential buyers.

As Brightside went to press a shortlist of the best offers was being prepared. Negotiations are expected to continue throughout the summer.

The power station is a privately owned building located at the western end of the Nine Elms regeneration area. Interest in the development site has been high since it was put up for sale in February this year.

The council expects the new buyer to secure the future of the iconic building and to provide new homes and business space across the site. The owner would also need to contribute towards the costs of two new tube stations in Nine Elms which are key to creating 25,000 new jobs for London.

Market and Embassy schemes move ahead

More Nine Elms schemes have made significant progress in recent weeks:

- Covent Garden Market Authority has selected VINCI St Modwen as its private development partner for the regeneration of its vast Nine Elms sites.
- The US State Department has selected its contractors to build the new American Embassy. The project is scheduled for completion in 2017.
- Another two Nine Elms sites are now heading for redevelopment - a self storage depot and Christies warehouse have been put up for sale.

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

More homes built

A major increase in home building activity took place in Wandsworth during 2011, new figures have revealed.

Despite a bleak 12 months for the national home building industry, the borough recorded a significant increase in planning consents, construction starts and new home completions compared to the previous calendar year, led by regeneration at Nine Elms and Wandsworth Town.

A total of 865 new homes were completed across the

borough in 2011 - a 58 per cent year on year rise. The number of construction starts increased by 74 per cent to reach 2,433 - suggesting the increase in completions will be sustained at least over the short term.

And there are also promising signs for the longer term future of the local home building market as planning permission was granted for a total of 5,729 new dwellings in 2011. This is more than double the 2010 figure of 2,372.

Do you pass?

'Do You PASS?' training courses are being run by the council in partnership with Wandsworth Primary Care Trust to help small retailers learn about how to prevent underage sales of tobacco, alcohol and other products. Any business interested in attending future training should contact the Trading Standards Service on (020) 8871 7720 or email tradingstandards@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Online MOT

Motorists can now book online to get an MOT carried out by council mechanics at Wandsworth's Frogmore Depot. The council does not offer repairs, meaning mechanics will not fail your car without good reason.

Visit www.wandsworthmot.co.uk or call (020) 8871 6761.

How are we doing?

Fresh data has been published at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/opencouncil giving information on how well we are providing a range of services, including the latest A level and GCSE scores, new data on how long it takes to approve adoptions, the number of library books issued, the ratio of council tax being collected, how quickly new housing benefit claims are being processed and recycling.

MY WANDSWORTH

Francis Nicholls

My hair salon - Frantons - has been open for 20 years. The locals are very supportive and it's very community-orientated which is lovely. I think this borough is outstanding when it comes to cleanliness too thanks to the roadsweeper Eddie who does his job meticulously.



Low tax saves families thousands

Wandsworth residents have an extra £8,600 in their pockets compared to other Londoners thanks to 20 years of low council tax, figures show.

Research into London's council tax bills since the charge was first introduced in 1993 reveals that residents living in a Band D property in Wandsworth are £8,597 better off than if they lived in other parts of the city.

The council's finance spokesman Cllr Guy Senior said: "Residents of the borough have always appreciated and understood that they receive really excellent value for money services from their town hall. Now we are able to actually quantify this and put a cash figure on this value for money scale.

"This is enough to buy a small car or pay for a really amazing family holiday. By paying close attention to spending we have been able to keep Wandsworth's council tax bills the UK's lowest since 1993 and ensured that the financial burden on local families has been kept to the absolute minimum."

The borough's bill this financial year is £682, compared to a London average of more than £1,300. As well as being the UK's lowest, council tax bills in Wandsworth have been frozen for the past five years.

Music time

If you are an amateur grade 6+ musician and would like the chance to join a new Southfields-based orchestra, contact SCO-info@katieault.co.uk

Hair today

Clapham Junction hairdressing salon Ocean.com has got back on its feet after last year's riots following support from the council's Economic Development Office. Contact the Lavender Hill salon on (020) 7350 1408.

Get chatting

People in Furzedown are invited to join a group of local residents keen to promote a sense of community. The Furzedown Community Network's chat group is used for advice, information, lending and borrowing items, recommending tradesmen and just chatting. Go to <http://furzedown.net/ChatRoom.htm>.

Charity help

Clapham Junction law firm Hanne & Co has donated £1800 to the Wandsworth Bereavement Service. The charity offers one-to-one bereavement counselling to adults and young people living in the borough. Visit www.wandsworthbereavement.org.uk.

Sky Ride Local is coming to Wandsworth and everyone's invited

Wandsworth Council has joined forces with British Cycling, the National Governing Body for cycling and the parent body for the British Olympic Cycling Team, and Team Sky, the professional Road Race team.

Sky Ride Local is the popular programme of free, friendly community bike rides. There are free group bike rides across Wandsworth, with British Cycling-trained Ride Leaders on hand to offer encouragement and support - it's a great way for families and friends to get together and explore Wandsworth. Children and young people can get some great gifts for joining one, two or three rides .

You can register now – it's free and everyone's invited to join in.

▶▶ For more information see www.goskyride.com/wandsworth.

sky ride
Local

Everyone's invited

Join a free weekly bike ride in your area.
Register at goskyride.com/wandsworth

Be part of Sky Ride Local – you'll be guided by British Cycling ride leaders who'll make the day friendly and fun.

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CARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES OPEN DAY

Thanks to all of you that came to our open day on care and support services

The Civic Suite was buzzing as 200 local people and 50 service providers got together to share information about ways people can organise the care and support they need to help them live the lives they choose.

Information was available on services including housing, care at home, telecare, leisure and sports, day activities, direct payments, accessing the arts, falls prevention, and supporting carers.

Service users, council staff and provider organisations ran 16 workshops to explore some topics in depth, and BSL interpreters and volunteer guides from Age UK were on hand to help people as needed.

►► Find out more about support on offer locally on our **Adult Care Information Service** pages at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis, or call (020) 8871 7707.



Bilingual meeting

Parents interested in the new bilingual stream at Shaftesbury Park School are being invited to a meeting on June 19 to find out more. You will need to book your place in advance. Call (020) 7228 3652 or email bilingual@shaftesburypark.wandsworth.sch.uk.

Study on Saturday

South Thames College is now open on Saturdays to make studying easier for adult students. Find out more about courses on offer at www.south-thames.ac.uk.

Making music

A new music academy, located in an old warehouse in Kimber Road, Southfields, aims to give children and young people, many of whom would never have access to music education, the opportunity to learn music. The World Heart Beat Music Academy has received funding from Wandsworth Council through the Big Society fund, Youth Community Funding and Wandsworth Arts Grant. Read more at www.worldheartbeat.org.

Safety and reassurance at the touch of a button

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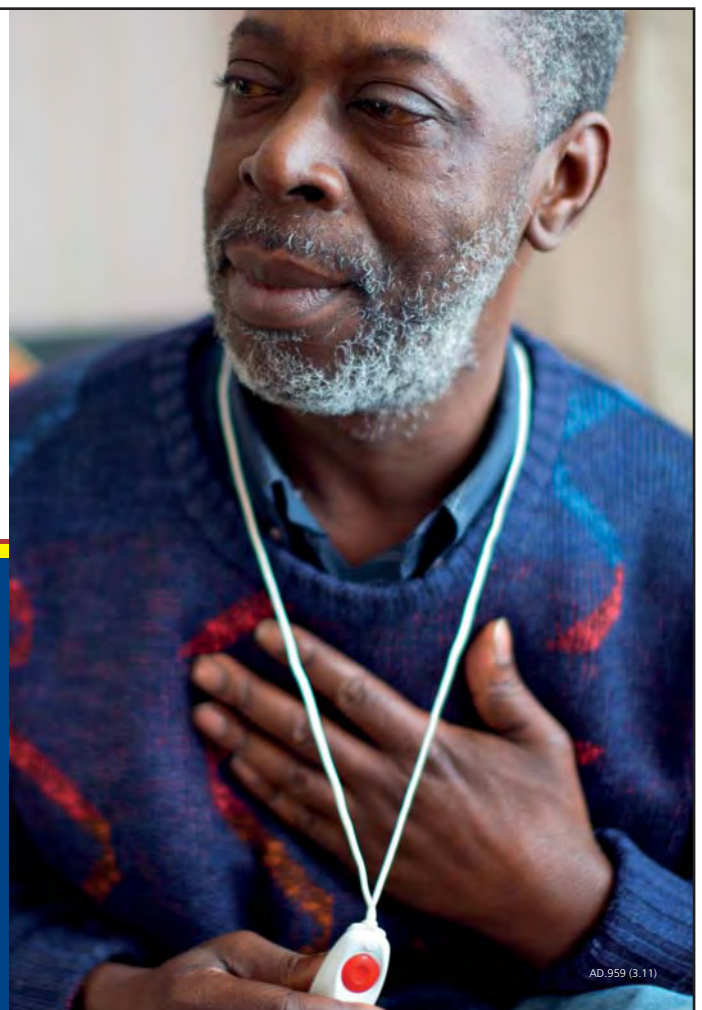
Wandsworth's alarm service

(020) 8871 8198

wandsworth.gov.uk/watch



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Be smart...

Keep track of your...

- Smartphone - Laptop
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Some devices have the capability to run 'tracker' apps.

If the device is lost or stolen, the owner can use a computer to log onto their account and see a map of where the device is.

Install a tracker application on your Smartphone, tablet or laptop.

**It could help
Police trace your
device if stolen.**

**Community Safety
Andrew Jolly
0208 871 6567**

IMMOBILISE

Register your property for free at
www.immobilise.com

This database is searchable by police and helps identify stolen property, arrest offenders and return the property



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POLICE**





Wandsworth Travel Choices PROGRESS REPORT

The council's campaign to improve the range and quality of local transport services is making good progress.



Rail

- A new direct rail service linking Clapham Junction with Dalston Junction in Hackney will be up and running in December this year. The route will run via Surrey Quays - cutting journey times to the Docklands to around 20 minutes.
- Improvement works to Balham and Wandsworth Town Stations are now complete. A major upgrade to Earlsfield Station is well underway which will increase capacity and improve passenger facilities.
- The council is building support for a new direct rail service between Waterloo and Heathrow. The 'Airtrack Lite' service would stop at Clapham Junction and Putney.



Car Clubs

- Even more car club vehicles are now available on local streets as the council continues to expand access to the schemes. To join the club and find your nearest car visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/carclubs.
- The first electric powered car club vehicle is now available in Wandsworth. The low emission model has been introduced by Zipcar on St John's Avenue in Putney. Visit www.zipcar.co.uk for more information.



Cycling

Planning applications are being prepared for around 60 new Barclays Cycle Hire docking stations. The popular scheme is on course to expand into parts of Putney, Wandsworth Town and Battersea next year.



Roads

A major upgrade to the St Johns Hill / Lavender Hill junction is now approaching completion which will help improve traffic flow through Clapham Junction town centre.



Walking

Diagonal pedestrian crossings are being introduced at each end of St John's Road in Clapham Junction to make crossing these busy junctions easier, faster and safer. Pavements are being widened throughout the town centre and street clutter taken away.



Bus

TfL will reduce the number of older, higher polluting buses travelling through Putney from 180 to 49 by the end of next year. The council and the Putney Society are pressing for further improvements to the bus fleet which is responsible for two thirds of the air pollution on Putney High Street.



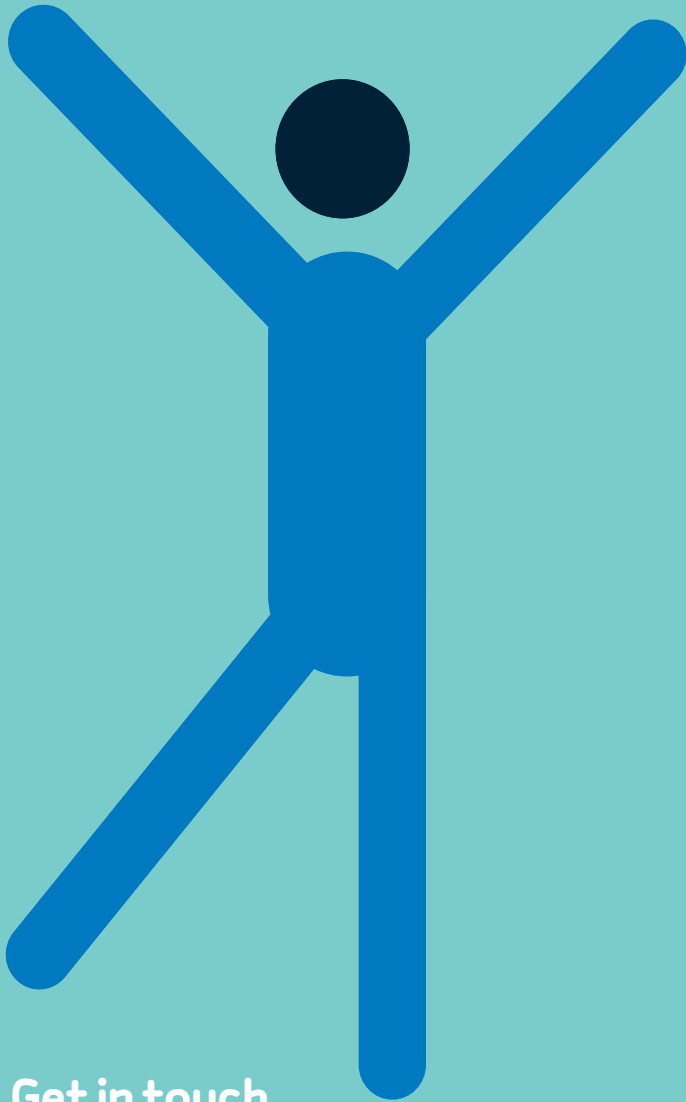
Cycling and Walking



A new pedestrian and cycle tunnel now runs straight through Wandsworth Bridge linking the new Battersea Reach development and the Ship public house - connecting two sections of the Thames Path.

► To find out more about the council's transport campaigns and to have your say on our online survey visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices.

Time to quit?



Wandsworth Stop Smoking Service

With our professional help
you are **4 times** more likely
to quit smoking for good

You can get stop smoking
support without needing
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- Pop into any pharmacy
in your area
- Get in touch for up to date
times and locations of our
drop-in clinics

Get in touch...

Freephone: **0800 389 7921**

Email: **stopsmoking.team@wpct.nhs.uk**



Healthy Wandsworth



#HealthyWandsworth

Refuse changes saving you money



The borough's new waste contractor has collected nearly two million refuse and recycling sacks since the new service was launched in April.

Serco crews have been hard at work picking up the estimated 80,000 tones of refuse and recycling produced by Wandsworth households each year.

The switchover has led to many important improvements for residents.

- **Collections are now being made over five days instead of six. This means that residents in Putney and Roehampton are no longer being disturbed on Saturday mornings.**
- **The brand new fleet of vehicles has been equipped with two separate compartments so that black binbags and orange recycling sacks can be collected at the same time, meaning fewer trucks on the road, less traffic congestion, less pollution and better air quality.**
- **Guarantees weekly bin collections**
- **The reintroduction of free garden waste collections**
- **A better deal for local taxpayers, with savings of just under £1m for each and every year of the eight year contract.**

Environment spokesman Jonathan Cook said: 'Although there were a few teething problems at the very start of the new contract, these were quickly ironed out and residents can now look forward to a high quality and excellent value for money service between now and 2020.'

►► **For more information about Wandsworth's waste and recycling services visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling, email wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk or call (020) 8871 8558.**

Get support

The Huntington's Disease Support Group is open to anyone who has the disease, or is close to a sufferer, and meets monthly at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-Disability in Putney. **To find out more call Dan on (020) 8780 4500 extension 5201, or email djones@rhn.org.uk.**

Police chat

The Roehampton police Safer Neighbourhood Team will be having a drop-in surgery at Lennox Community Centre on June 7 from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Just turn up.

MY WANDSWORTH

Steve Green

I moved to London over two years ago and I love living in Wandsworth. There's always loads going on in the borough, especially on the different commons. I'm also lucky to live near such a great variety of bars and restaurants. So I'm spoilt for choice when it comes to choosing somewhere to go out for the night.



Princess Anne is seen here inspecting one of the furnaces at the new energy from waste plant at Belvedere in south east London.

The Princess Royal officially opened Cory Environmental's new plant in Bexley last month. Wandsworth's waste will be sent by barge along the Thames to the incinerator, where it will be used to help generate electricity.

This means no rubbish will be sent to landfill, helping the environment and saving Wandsworth council tax payers' money.

What do you think about Wandsworth Common

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

Monday 9 July 2012, 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



Better schools, more choice

Wandsworth has set out its commitment to parents to improving the quality and choice of education in the borough.

In order to meet a growing demand for places, the council is spending £10m on expanding 11 local schools. But this won't be enough on its own, so new schools will be built as well. The Bolingbroke Academy is due to open this year, a new primary free school is planned for Tooting and, subject to planning permission, another primary is proposed for Putney.

The council is supporting more free schools and academies that meet local needs, are of the highest quality and will serve the whole community. This includes supporting the creation of new schools, and transforming existing schools.

Chestnut Grove, Graveney and Belleville have already become academies. Battersea Park School has recently decided to pursue academy status and several primary schools are considering this option.

Elliott School in Putney is in line to become an academy, run by educational charity ARK, which is also running the new Bolingbroke Academy in Battersea. Proposals have also been put forward to extensively renovate Elliott's grade II listed buildings.

We also know that five other bids to open free schools in Wandsworth were submitted to the Secretary of State for Education in February this year. We expect the Secretary of State to announce the successful bids in July.

better schools = more choice



School fête

St Michael's C E Primary School in Southfields is celebrating its centenary at its school fête on June 16. The picture shows students enjoying a steam-powered carousel at the 1926 school fête. Go along between noon and 4pm to Church Field, Viewfield Road.

More trees

Another 371 trees have been planted in the borough this spring. There are now more than 14,000 street trees plus around 60,000 in the borough's parks commons and open spaces.

Wandsworth was one of the first urban councils to establish a network of tree wardens. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/trees.



You don't have to make anything extraordinary to do something Special

Foster Carers

Are you someone special, with room in your life, and your home? Whether you're married or single, gay or straight, a homeowner or renting, and whatever your cultural background, we'd like to hear from you if you're interested in fostering.

As well as a spare bedroom, you'll need to adapt and be flexible. Fostering is challenging and rewarding, but we offer lots of support, and competitive fees and allowances to enable you to make a lasting difference to a child's life.

To find out more call (020) 8871 6666 or visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering

 [wandsworthfostering](https://www.facebook.com/wandsworthfostering)

Discover the rewards of fostering



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Keeping older people safe

The innovative Junior Citizen scheme is now being offered to the borough's older people, as part of a unique link-up between the council and other organisations.

The second Senior Safety day was held in Battersea and was run jointly by the council's Community Safety Team, Police, Fire and Ambulance services.

Those attending learnt what to do in five interactive scenarios, covering electrical safety in the kitchen, fire safety, first aid, stranger at the door and personal safety when out and about. Each scenario required the attendees to take an active part, and share their experiences with each other on keeping safe.

The London Fire Brigade visited everyone in their homes to make sure they had a working smoke alarm, and that their electrical appliances were in good condition.

Planning for the next event in Tooting is in progress, so if you know of someone who would benefit from attending, contact the Community Safety Team on (020) 8871 6567.

Here are some useful tips from the Electrical Safety Council on keeping safe in your home;

- Is there just one plug per socket?
Overloaded sockets can cause fires. Get a bar adapter instead of a block one.
- Are all electrical appliances placed far away from where they might get wet?
Electricity and water don't mix.
- Are all the kitchen appliance leads clear of cooker tops? Heat from the cooker could melt the plastic, exposing the wires. This may cause a fire or risk a shock.
- Have you switched off your TVs and irons?
It's safer and better for the environment.
- Don't use any electrical equipment or switches with wet hands!
- Check that flexible leads and things like toasters and kettles are in good condition.

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Fire Safety Fund

www.esc.org.uk

Get Active this summer

Free activities are running from now until September 30 as part of the Get Active Wandsworth Festival – energetic exercise such as cycling, zumba, karate, rowing and volleyball are just some of the sports on offer.

The main event will be Get Active Day on Saturday July 14 at King George's Park, Wandsworth. Activities will include:

- Dance displays
- Tennis
- Football
- Disability sports
- A Healthy and Active zone
- Advice on healthy eating and how to quit smoking

NHS Wandsworth, local sports clubs, schools, walk leaders and local people are all participating in the Festival. All activities in the festival are free and aimed at the whole family.

As well as taking part in the events you can also run them. If you run a sports club, physical activity or health organisation and you want to be a part of the festival go to www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active and fill in the interest form.



You just need to open your doors to the public and put on some free sports and physical activities.

The festival programme is updated regularly – see upcoming activities online at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active.

The picture below shows The Mayor of Wandsworth Cllr Jane Cooper along with Chris Baillieu, Chairman of Active Wandsworth and former GB Olympic rower (1976 and 1980), at the festival launch with staff from the council's sports service and local school children.



Sharnough is top young person

Sharnough Dauley-Hill has been named the 2012 Wandsworth Young Person of the Year.

The award, now in its 20th year, honours young people in the community who deserve recognition for their achievements, courage, generous attitude or ability to overcome difficult personal circumstances.

Sharnough, 17, has grown up in care and excelled at Graveney School, where she was year 11 head girl. She is taking three A-levels and wants to study family law, where she can use her experience of going through the care system.

Other achievements include receiving a National Citizen Certificate from David Cameron, climbing Mount Snowdon for charity, successfully applying to become an Olympic volunteer and being chosen to take part in the 'Pathways To law' programme, involving work experience at Hogan Lovells International Law.



Speaking up

The borough's young people have been getting together to make sure their voices are heard.

The Borough Early Intervention Team, part of the council's Youth Support Team, and Inspector Gil Martin took 19 young people to meet with Met Police Commissioner Bernard Hogan-Howe.

They were keen to tell him that last August's riots should not be seen as a reflection of them or a majority of young people in the borough, and discussed how the disorder was policed, plus Stop and Search and the Olympics.

The borough's Youth Council, made up of young people, have also received council funding for a new Youth Think Tank. This will enable the Police and young people to come together around one table, discuss the issues and fix them together. The Borough Commander and Head of Community Safety regularly attend, as well as over 30 young people on a regular basis.

►► **Find out about support for young people at**
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/youth.

Share a garden for a growing friendship



Are you over 60 and struggling to look after your garden?

Or perhaps you dream of more garden space where you can grow flowers, fruit and vegetables?

Garden Partners matches older garden owners living in the London Borough of Wandsworth with fully vetted volunteers who would like to tend a garden regularly.

The 'garden partners' form a team to plan the garden together and share any fruit or vegetables grown.



Call **020 8877 8946**
or visit our website

www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth

Registered charity no. 1069406

Welcome to Hestia Age Activity Centre's

New drop-in centre for people aged 60+



Want a free, friendly and helpful support service?

Come and join us for a coffee, a chat and a smile.
Everyone could do with a little company

Tuesdays
from 10th April
11am-1pm

St Barnabas Church Hall
Lavenham Road
Southfields

Fridays
from 20th April
2-4pm
Southfields Library
300 Wimbledon Park Road

Contact us for more details

Telephone: 020 8767 8426

Email: info@hestia.org

or visit: Hestia Age Activity Centre, 966 Garratt Lane, SW16

www.hestia.org



**Difficulty
swallowing?**

Dr Jane Scott

If food is sticking when you swallow, tell your doctor.

Difficulty swallowing food could be a sign of cancer, especially if you're over the age of 55. Finding it early makes it more treatable.

For health advice and if you are worried about your symptoms, don't delay, talk to your GP.

For information about what the NHS Wandsworth Public Health Department is doing to raise awareness in the borough of the signs and symptoms of oesophageal and stomach cancer, contact (020) 8812 7482.

**BE CLEAR
ON CANCER**

breastfeeding welcome



If you need help and support feeding your baby here's where you can get help :

- Your midwife or health visitor
- Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis to find a free breastfeeding and weaning support group near you
- Sign up to www.nhs.uk/start4life for more information on breastfeeding and starting solids
- www.nhs.uk has all the information you need around infant feeding, child development
- Call the National Breastfeeding Helpline 0300 100 0212 (9.30am to 9.30pm)
- Call the La Leche League on 0845 120 2918
- Visit your local Children's Centre or www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis for more information on a variety of local groups.



NHS

www.wandsworthlittlefeet.nhs.uk

Feeding your baby

There are many myths that surround breastfeeding which can undermine both a mother's confidence and the support she receives. Here local NHS breastfeeding experts look at three of the most common breastfeeding myths.

Myth: Because breastfeeding is natural it will be easy

False

Although breastfeeding is natural it can take time to learn. A bit like when a baby begins to start solids (weaning), where it takes time to introduce your baby to food, breastfeeding is the same in that it does not always come easily. If you would like some support, there are lots of services available to you listed on the page opposite.

Myth: Formula milk is the same as breast milk

False

Your breastmilk is made to suit your own baby each day while formula milks are made to suit every baby. Breastmilk also



contains essential antibodies, living cells, enzymes, and hormones that help protect babies from illness. Formula milk does not contain these.

Myth: A large number of women can't produce enough milk

False

Most women produce enough milk for their babies, and many produce more than enough. Babies that lose weight or are slow to gain weight when breastfeeding do so because they don't get the milk that is available; it isn't due to the mother not having enough milk. Breast-fed babies do lose a little bit of weight at first and tend to be smaller than formula fed babies. This is nothing to worry about and the growth charts in the red books now reflect this.

We are the brighter borough... so let's get better at resolving our disputes!



Local resident and QC Stephen Ruttle explains how he set up the Wandsworth Mediation Service – a charity that helps members of the Wandsworth community resolve their differences.

"I have lived in Wandsworth for 35 years and am a true believer that local people are those best placed

to transform their local community. This is one of the reasons I set up Wandsworth Mediation Service, a local charity, run by local volunteers, which supports the community to come together and resolve their differences.

Conflict is one thing that few of us like to admit to being involved in, yet its effect is caustic. From neighbours at war to parents at loggerheads with one another, we see the negative consequences of unresolved conflict for our local community.

Mediation is a safe place where people can come together, with an impartial third party, to hold a difficult conversation. From separated parents discussing childcare to neighbours negotiating noise curfews, the principle remains the same. Mediation provides an alternative to stressful court cases, expensive solicitor fees and endless hassle.

The beauty of mediation is that it does not tell people what to do but rather helps them to find their own solution to the issues affecting them. I think this is why it works so well."

The Wandsworth Mediation Service was recently awarded a Big Society Fund grant from the council to take on more mediators. Find out more about the fund at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/wbsf.

Find out more about the Wandsworth Mediation Service at www.wandsworthmediation.co.uk.



Case study: Anna

Anna was struggling in a conflict with her neighbour, Ben, who lived in the flat below with his wife and children. They were locked into conflict, both accusing the other of unnecessary noise. When they tried to resolve it on the doorstep they found themselves embroiled in an argument.

Through mediation Anna and Ben could explain their perspective, understand how the other person has acted and communicate clearly. Both left the session having apologised to each other. They agreed to chat regularly and to avoid making formal complaints. In contrast to the stress of the past few months both left feeling positive about the future.

BAC four years on

By David Jubb and David Micklem, Joint Artistic Directors

"In 2008, Battersea Arts Centre signed a 125 year lease on the former Battersea Town Hall. So four years later, how's it going?"

The good news is that we have invested £2m and made a series of improvements to the building. These include opening up thirty spaces for public use, partially restoring the celebrated Grand Hall and Council Chamber and creating accommodation for artists who can take up temporary residence. We have also worked with users and potential users of the building, along with our architectural partners Haworth Tompkins, to create an £11m masterplan to restore and develop the building for future generations. We have already raised £4.5m towards this.

We face challenges and embrace these enthusiastically. We need to work harder at communicating BAC's programme of events to people who live in Wandsworth and across London. We attract over 200,000 visitors every year, but we want to make the programme of activities easier to understand and access. We also want to celebrate more of the heritage of the building with our audiences. For example, in October this year we will present a show for families called *The Good Neighbour* based on the heroic deeds of one Battersea resident at the turn of the last century.

Through BAC's pioneering "scratch" process we offer emerging and established theatre-makers a space to test out new and innovative performance work on audiences and to use audiences' feedback to further develop the work. Through this model we have fostered and developed shows that break the mould: from *Jerry Springer: The Opera* which was created at the BAC in 2001; to *Punchdrunk's* and BAC's *The Masque of the Red Death*, an immersive show, which took over the entire Town Hall in 2007.

We are confident that as the former Town Hall celebrates its 120th birthday next year, we can build a broad coalition of support so that the building receives the care and attention it deserves."

►► **If you would like to learn more about our restoration project, or get involved as a volunteer at BAC, or you have a story about the Town Hall, contact us at artisticdirectors@bac.org.uk or call us 020 7326 8219."**

The picture below shows the Duke and Duchess of York in 1928, attending the Battersea War Orphans Tea and Entertainment event for Battersea Children in the Grand Hall.

Photo courtesy of Philip Vile.



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
shaded
yellow

Jubilee
events are
marked with
a crown



EVENTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

Monday to Friday July 16-20 and 23-27

Putney School of Art & Design Summer School

Stretch yourself in a new direction - book onto a rewarding creative course, for beginners and experienced people. Explore the expressive medium of pastels, get the most out of your camera on a digital photography course, produce a large-scale oil painting, get web-wise on a web design course. Summer school is popular and welcomes anyone who's interested in trying a course.

July 30 – 2 August

Short courses for families and young people

Courses for one adult and upto two children aged 6-13 years: drawing and painting, and pottery. Courses dedicated to people aged 14-19 years: digital animation, art and design portfolio and screenprinting.

Putney School of Art & Design, Oxford Road, SW15. Full programme:
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/psad Call 8788 9145

How to be listed

To be included in the August/September edition send brief details in writing (including access for people with disabilities) to:

whatson@wandsworth.gov.uk

or by post to: What's on editor,
Room 114a,
Town Hall,
Wandsworth High Street,
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During June, 10am-5pm weekdays



Open June at Holy Trinity

Find out more about this church and its history at our events including: 4 June 3-5pm – Diamond Jubilee Tea; 10 -15 June - flower show; 10 June 12.30pm – a 'bring and share' lunch; 17 June 7.30pm poetry evening; 18 - 30 June - art show. Plus craft stalls throughout the month.

Holy Trinity Church,
Ponsonby Road SW15.
Call Rev'd Jim McKinney
8788 9460

Wheelchair

Saturday June 2
10.30am and 1.30pm

Inside I'm a Lion

Magical tale about a girl growing up in a jungle told

through storytelling, puppetry and live music.

For children aged 4-7 years, with an adult. Tickets £10, concessions £9.

Tara Arts Studio 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Box office 8333 4457. www.tara-arts.com

Saturday June 2 1-5pm

BATCA Family Fun Day

Sport training, family workshops, clown and world food for sale. Monies raised for local charities.

Gatton School and St Augustine's Church, Broadwater Road SW17. Email allanrallan@aol.com

wheelchair

Weekends of June 2-3 and 8-9

Wandle Valley Festival

Wildlife, nature, archaeology activities, walks, cycle rides.

Along the River Wandle in Wandsworth, Merton and Sutton. Call 8672 2073.

www.wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk

Sunday June 3
12-6pm

Vintage Diamond Jubilee Street Market and Tea Party

Vintage stalls offering a selection of the very best fashion, accessories and homeware from the 1930s to 1990s. Plus beauty parlour, swing dancing, live music. Hildreth Street SW12.

www.thevintageevent.com/thejubileespecial

Sunday June 3
2-6pm



Diamond Jubilee Pageant

The Thames is brought to life when more than 1000 boats dressed with streamers and Union Flags, as well as many a flag-waving public come together to celebrate The Queen's 60 year reign. Flotilla starts at Battersea Bridge, ends at Tower Bridge. www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org

Tuesday June 5 – Friday June 8

Basic Cycle Training Course

For local children aged 10-15 years who can ride their bike

what's on?

JUNE - JULY

confidently. Venues: Graveney School SW17, 10am-12pm or Battersea Park SW11, 1-3pm. Booking form www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cycletraining or call 8871 6677.

Wednesday June 6 – Saturday June 9 7.45pm (5pm Saturday)

Up 'n' Under

Comedy set in a northern amateur rugby league team. **Tickets £10, concession Wednesday and Saturday £7.50.** Southside Players Chestnut Grove School Theatre SW12. Box office 07914 657524. Visit www.southsideplayers.org.uk

Wednesday June 6 – Friday June 8

Learn to Row

For children aged 12 years and over. **Cost £26.** Barn Elms Boat House, Queen Elizabeth Walk, SW13. Call 8788 9472. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/barnelmsboathouse

Wednesday June 6 – Sunday June 24 (Wednesdays-Sundays 11am-5pm)

Exhibition: Souvenir

A display of royal memorabilia and royal memories provided by the public. See artefacts come together alongside photo portraits and written testaments of the owner's anecdotal stories. For all royalists! **Free admission.** Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk

Saturday June 9 3 - 8 pm

20th Anniversary Celebration:

Wandsworth Sickle Cell & Thalassaemia Support Group 15 Broadwater Road SW17. Call 8682 9489 Email: wsctsg@btinternet.com

Until Sunday June 10

Animal Portrait Drawing competition

Children can pick up a drawing pack upon entry and create a portrait of

their favourite animal. The top 3 win an adoption of their portrait animal and a family day ticket to the zoo. **Entry fee £6.50 child (2-15 years), £7.95 adult, £26 family ticket.** Children's Zoo, Battersea Park, SW11. Call 7924 5826. www.batterseazoo.co.uk



Ends Sunday June 10

Wandsworth Heritage Festival

Learn of Wandsworth's role in World War Two, amble around Balham Hill and Nightingale Lane and find out its history, go in pursuit of long-distance runner Violet Percy and explore the architecture and history of the Gala Bingo building in Tooting. Full festival programme www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries or email libraries@wandsworth.gov.uk

Mondays June 11, 18 and July 9 and 16 7-9.30pm

Creative Writing Course: Get Started, Keep Going

Creative writing techniques for absolute beginners and rusty writers. Get useful tips generating ideas, dialogue and action. **Cost £100.**

Chalk the Sun at Balham Bowls Club, 7-9 Ramsden Road SW12. Email creativewriting@chalkthesun.org or www.chalkthesun.co.uk

Tuesday June 12 7pm

Talk: Travels with speaker Julie Davies

Friendly meetings with talks on various subjects. New members welcome. Earsfield Evening Guild,



Ends Sunday June 10

Happy Soul Festival

A fine celebration of film and art exploring well being. Featuring community events, theatre, comedy, film screenings and art exhibitions, in Wandsworth and beyond. Free but booking essential. Call 7922 7842. www.happysoulfestival.co.uk

Earsfield Library, Magdalen Road SW18. Call the Secretary 8870 0753.

Wheelchair

Thursday June 14 6pm

Wandsworth Mobility Forum

Have your say on accessible transport. If you are disabled or an older person this is your chance to meet council officers and local transport providers and find out what is being done to improve accessibility. Council Chamber, Wandsworth Town Hall SW18. To book, call John Slaughter 8871 6293 or email jslaughter@wandsworth.gov.uk

Wheelchair

Thursday June 14 7.45 for 8pm

Germania and Other Stories

Local author Simon Winder will talk about this highly successful history of Germany, and what is coming next Wandsworth Society, West Side Church, Melody Road, SW18 www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk **Wheelchair**

Saturday June 16 – Friday July 6

Furzedown Festival

An abundance of events to whet your appetite, including film screenings, teddy bears picnic and keep fit sessions. Witness the grand unveiling of

Diamond Jubilee and Olympic paving stones, test your vocal chords at the "Sing-a-long-a-Queen" evening, see master craftsmen work at restoring furniture, watch kids' ballet performance. The Old Boys Toys evening will be a delight for Meccano or Hornby train fans, while Bat enthusiasts will enjoy Bat Walk. Full programme: www.furzedown.net

Saturday June 16 7.30pm

Diamond Jubilee Concert

Music for coronations and other royal occasions including works by Handel, Britten and Morley. Mezzo-soprano Chloe Hinton, organist Stephen Displey and conductor John Bate. **Tickets from £12.50, concessions from £10.** Thames Philharmonic Choir, St Paul's Church, Augustus Road SW19. Box office 07522 5240781 or www.thamesphilchoir.org.uk

Sunday June 17 10.30am - 4.30pm

Parks Police Dog Show

Enter your pet into a pedigree, novelty or obedience class. **£1.50 to enter into each class.** Refreshments and family activities. Battersea Park SW11.

Balham FOOD FESTIVAL

Sunday July 15 – Sunday July 29

Balham Food Festival

Restaurants, cafes, delis, pubs and food retailers will be running stalls to give you a taste of Balham plus live music and kid's entertainment. Hildreth Street Market, SW12. www.balham.com/foodfestival

Southfields Lawn Tennis Club

We're searching for new female members of a good club-playing standard. Interested? Contact sue.tostee@tiscali.co.uk or <http://southfiledslt.com> or hitstennis.com

Monday June 18 4-6pm

Arts Grants workshop

Find out how council arts grants can help individuals and organisations apply for funding for arts projects. Arts team at Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 8711. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artsgrants

Monday June 18 2-4pm

Author talk: Postman's Park

John Price talks about his book. Daytime education and activities for people no longer in full time employment. Wandsworth U3A, Earlsfield Library SW18. Call 8785 0949. www.wandsworthu3a.org.uk **wheelchair, loop**

Tuesday June 19 6-9pm

Friends of Battersea Park Barbecue

Live music, bar, tombola, children's activities. No

dogs please. **Advance tickets only - adults £15 (£20 after 14 June), children £6, under 6 years free.**

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

Wednesdays June 20 (6-7pm) and July 11 (12-1pm)

Recycling tour

Find out what happens to your orange recycling after it's been collected - come on an enthralling guided tour of the facility. Tours are popular - booking is on a first-come-first served basis. Materials Recycling Facility, Smugglers Way, SW18. To book call 8871 6233 or email greenpledge@wandsworth.gov.uk

Thursday June 21 – Friday June 22 7.30pm

Miss Havisham's Expectations

A solo-show of one of

Charles Dickens's most iconic female characters from one of his most celebrated books – Great Expectations. Suitable for people 12 years to adult. **Tickets £13, £9 concessions.** Tara Arts Studio 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Box office 8333 4457. www.tara-arts.com

Saturday June 23 12-3pm

Swaffield 2012 Summer Fair

Inflatable basketball, facepainting, raffle, BBQ and world food. Swaffield School, St Ann's Hill SW18. Email swaffpta@btinternet.com

Sunday June 24 3-5pm (from 2.45pm for NCT members)

Nearly New Sale

Babies' and children's clothes, toys and equipment. **£2 entry fee.** Putney Leisure Centre, Dryburgh Road SW15. Email potter.pamela@googlemail.com Visit www.nct.org.uk

Sunday June 24 10am-2pm

RBC Race for the Kids

Run, jog or walk the 5km distance for Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's charity. **Entry fee £15 adult, £10 child.** Battersea Park Bandstand SW11. Sign up at www.raceforthekids.co.uk or email raceforthekids@gosh.org Call 7239 3164

Wednesday June 27 4pm

Children's Drama Show

WoW drama class pupils present a gala event, open to all. York Gardens Library, Lavender Road SW11. Call WoW mums 0786448848. **Wheelchair**

Saturday June 30 7.30pm

The Music of Antonio Vivaldi

Including Four Seasons. **Tickets £12, concessions £10, children under 15 years free.** SW London Choral Society, St Anne's Church, St Ann's Hill SW18. Call 07817 593203. www.swlcs.org.uk **wheelchair, loop**

Thursday July 5 – Sunday July 8

Balham Comedy Festival

First-rate comedians Marcus Brigstocke, Lucy Porter, Tania Edwards, Harry Hill and Al Murray and others will have the punters rolling in the aisles with their wit. The Bedford Pub, SW12. Tickets: www.balhamcomedyfestival.com

Saturday July 7 10am – 12pm

Olympic Inspired Art Competition

Includes works from local schoolchildren. Sports activities for children and refreshments. A former Olympic Gold medalist will present prizes for the best artwork. York Gardens Library Lavender Road SW11 **Wheelchair**

Weekends of 7-8 and 14-15 July

Advanced Level Archery Course for adults.

Cost £108. Barn Elms Sports Centre, Queen Elizabeth Walk SW13. To book call 8788 9472 or email barnelms@wandsworth.gov.uk

Saturday July 7 7.30pm

Festival Chorus Concert: Purcell Dido and Aeneas

Tickets £10, concessions £6. St Luke's Church, Ramsden Road SW12. Tickets on the door or from Northcote Music, 155 Northcote Road. Box office 07951 791619.

Saturday July 14 11am - 3pm

Go for Gold - family fun day and BBQ

Summerstown Mission Evangelical Church, Blackshaw Road, SW17 Call 020 8684 5241.

Thursday July 19 – Sunday July 22

The London Folkfest

A whole host of performances of the best in acoustic, folk and roots music. A compelling music experience for the community and emerging artists. The Bedford Pub, SW12. Tickets www.thelondonfolkfest.com

Saturday July 28 12-4pm

Family Sports Day

Football speed cage, Batak machine, make flags, decorate t-shirts, learn about the history of the Olympics. The 'Vicars' Relay' running through north Battersea opens the event. **Free.** St Mary's Church Battersea Church Road SW11 www.stmarysbattersea.org.uk **Wheelchair**



Throughout June and July 10am-5pm

Portrait of London

Historic photographs of London and Wandsworth, highlights include a captivating photo of a Suffragette stand at the woman's exhibition of 1909, and a view of Trafalgar Square from 1857 taken by the most influential British photographer of that era, Roger Fenton. Tickets £4, concessions £3, children aged 6 and under free. Wandsworth Museum, 38 West Hill SW18. Email events@wandsworthmuseum.co.uk Call 8870 6060.

Do it online

More and more of you are accessing council services online.

Around 80 per cent of people applying for a visitor's parking permit are doing it online, and 62 per cent of residents' permits have been bought through computers and smart phones, even though the scheme only launched in March.

Eighty-five per cent of Wandsworth residents have internet access, and the council's ongoing Wandsworth Connected campaign is helping local people get easier, more convenient access to council services and information. It also cuts costs, so saving council tax payers' money.

Wandsworth Connected will also see greater dialogue with residents online. @wandbc has more than 4,200 Twitter followers and the council also communicates via Facebook, community website Streetlife and other online forums.

A weekly e-newsletter, Wandsworth24seven, offers people a regular roundup of news and information about online services. Wandsworth24seven, Facebook and Twitter will both be used extensively during the Olympics to give residents up-to-the-minute updates on everything from transport disruptions and security alerts to local event details.

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Other contacts at the council

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fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

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