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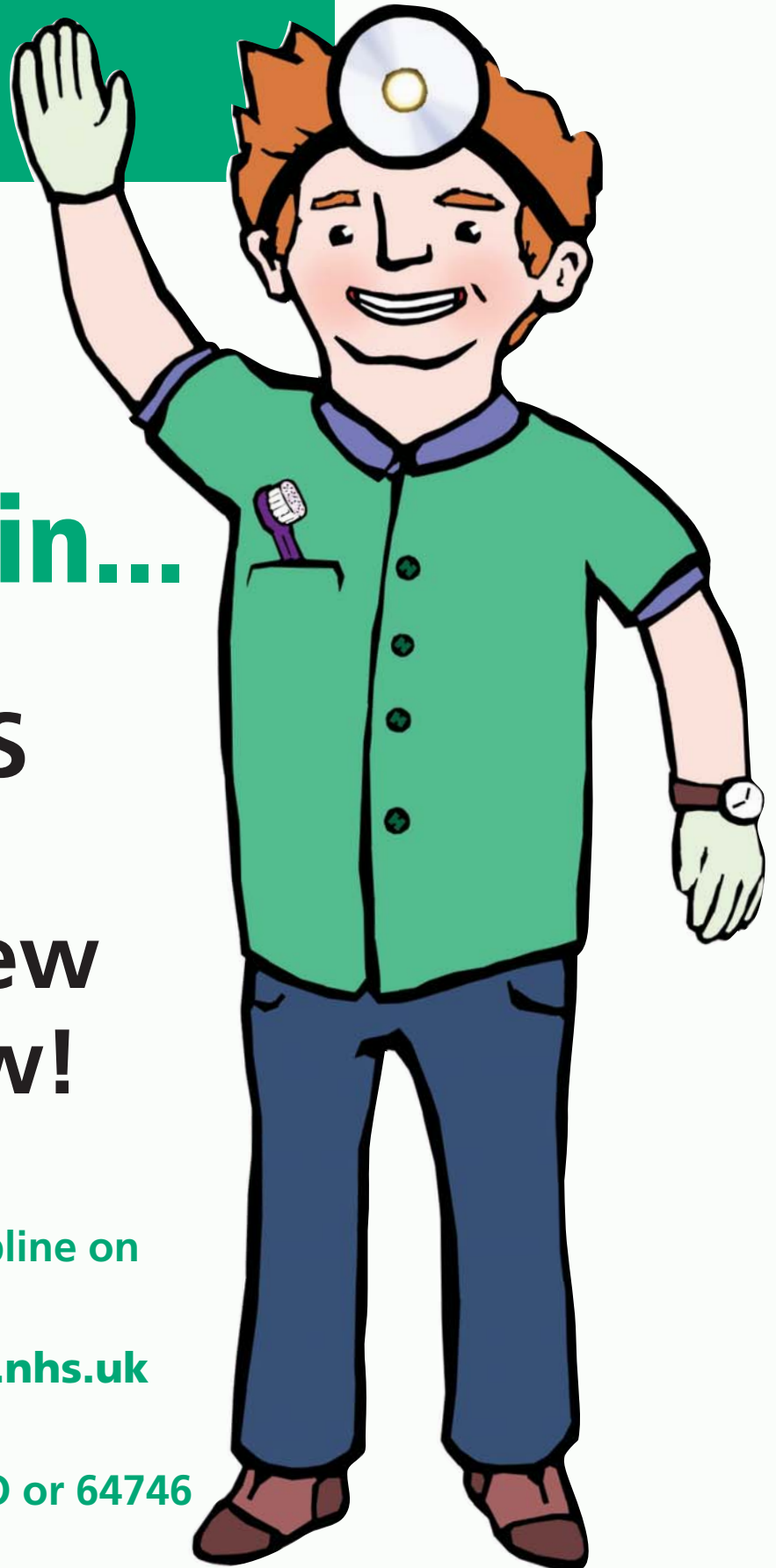
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## Students across the borough once again proved they are among the country's brightest by notching up another impressive set of GCSE and A-level results.

Wandsworth bucked the national trend with A-level results this year, with provisional results showing that a quarter of students achieved A\* to A grades - up from 23 per cent last year. Nationally this figure dropped by 0.4 percentage points. The pass rate at A\* to C was 74 per cent - up almost half a percentage point on last year. Meanwhile, GCSE results in Wandsworth have remained stable, following significant gains in 2011. The proportion of pupils receiving five or more GCSEs at A\* to C has remained at 88 per cent at a time when most areas saw a significant fall.

# More primary schools needed

More than 600 extra children per year will need a school place in Wandsworth within five years.

Latest figures from the Greater London Authority (GLA) predict that the dramatic rise in birth rates seen across London will continue to be particularly acute in the borough, resulting in a rise in places needed from the 2,761 currently available to 3,395 in 2016.

It means nine new classes per year will be needed by next year rising to 25 more classes by 2020.

The council, which has a legal duty to make sure there are enough places for local children, already has school expansion plans in place to meet the rising demand over the next year, and longer-term plans are being drawn up.

An extra £7.6m is currently being spent on providing 30 places each at Smallwood, Hillbrook, Swaffield, Shaftesbury Park, West Hill, Riversdale, Southmead and

Granard schools.

"The prospect of hundreds of children with no place cannot become a reality and that's why we have put every penny we can into funding more school places," said Cllr Kathy Tracey, cabinet member for children's services.

She added: "There is acute pressure in Putney, which is why the proposed primary academy on the former hospital site is so important for local families. Without new places being provided, one in four children in Thamesfield ward alone could soon be without a school place."

Elsewhere, the Government has approved three new local free schools. Tooting Primary in Franciscan Road and Rutherford House School on the Balham Youth Court site are both due to open in September 2013 providing 60 places each per year. The South London Jewish Free School also has Government approval to open in 2013 and is seeking a suitable site.





# Bike hire scheme on the way

The Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme is coming to Wandsworth.

Transport for London has revealed the timetable for the roll-out of the so-called 'Boris Bikes' which would see around sixty docking stations installed across the north of Wandsworth by spring 2014.

The council has long been campaigning for the scheme to be extended to the south west as part of its Travel Choices campaign. The ultimate aim is to have complete borough-wide coverage.

This first expansion into Wandsworth would include everywhere east of Putney High Street and north of the South Circular.

Wandsworth will make a £2m contribution towards the costs of the expansion using funds only available for transport projects. The vast majority of the expansion cost would be met by scheme sponsor Barclays Bank.

Public information sessions will set out the potential locations of the new docking points and ask for feedback. Earlier this year local residents were asked to help identify



potential sites and many of these suggestions have been added to the shortlist.

Sessions will be held at the Putney Exchange on October 6 from 4pm to 6pm, Asda Clapham Junction on October 9 from noon to 2pm and Southside, Wandsworth on October 9 from 4pm to 6pm.

▶▶ [Read more about the council's transport plans at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices.](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices)



Wandsworth's Sickle Cell and Thalassaemia Support Group has celebrated its 20th anniversary. More than 100 people went along, including friends, family, health professionals, community groups and Wandsworth Mayor Cllr Adrian Knowles.

Contact the support group on (020) 8682 9489 or visit [www.wsctsg.org.uk](http://www.wsctsg.org.uk).

Picture courtesy of Wandsworth Guardian.

## New look for waste site

The new-look Smugglers Way waste and recycling facility is now open. It's been redesigned to make it safer and easier to use. Visitors can deposit their waste and recycling from a special walkway and there are areas to leave items for reuse such as furniture and bikes. You will also be able to see whether there are any queues on a special webcam feed. Visit [www.wrwa.org.uk](http://www.wrwa.org.uk) or call (020) 8871 2788 for details.

- People recycling from home are being urged to take care about what they put in orange sacks and banks. From this month the council will have to pay twice to dispose of any 'contaminated' recycling loads - first to sort it and then to dispose of it with other general rubbish. Find out what can and can't be recycled at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome).





**Nine Elms Vauxhall Partnership**  
EMPLOYMENT, TRAINING  
AND BUSINESS CHARTER

The members of the Nine Elms Vauxhall Partnership agree the ambitious ambition that the regeneration of the Opportunity Area will bring to generate employment and local business. Through this Charter, we undertake to work in partnership to:

- Provide employment and training places associated with construction work and the business offering long completed developments in the Opportunity Area.
- Take appropriate steps to ensure that a significant number of these opportunities are provided by employers of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic origin, particularly from the surrounding communities.
- Endeavour to ensure these opportunities contribute to plans to tackle local unemployment by working in partnership with the local business and other partners in the area.

Council Leader Ravi Govindia at the launch of the new charter for jobs with Samuel Tulse Hill (left) and Nathaniel Momoh, aged 24 from Battersea.

# New jobs pledge

A charter for new jobs has been drawn up as part of the ongoing transformation of Nine Elms.

The charter commits local developers to offering job and training opportunities to local people in Wandsworth and neighbouring Lambeth before they are released to the wider community.

Local businesses will also be given opportunities to tender for supplier contracts, and will get free expert advice on improving their bidding processes.

The development programme is expected to provide 22,000 jobs during the construction phase and up to 1,000 apprenticeship places. Once the building work is complete the new-look area will

support an extra 25,000 permanent jobs.

The charter launch coincides with an announcement by the new owners of Battersea Power Station that major development work will start in the second half of next year.

The first phase of the development, including 800 new homes, shops restaurants, a gym, swimming pool, theatre and office studios, will be discussed by planners this month. A new six-acre riverside park will also be created and the new owners will contribute more than £200m towards the Northern Line Extension to Nine Elms.

▶▶ For more information visit [www.nineelmslondon.com](http://www.nineelmslondon.com).



## Gatwick services should stop at Balham

Some rail services between central London and Gatwick Airport should stop at Balham Station, councillors say.

The move would reduce journey times for Balham and Tooting residents, enable passengers to avoid heavy congestion at Victoria, Clapham Junction and London Bridge and create a link between Gatwick and the Northern Line.

The campaign for better Gatwick connections is part of Wandsworth Council's Travel Choices initiative which aims to make the borough a better connected place with more transport options.

Find out more at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices).

## Upgrades on track

A new London Overground rail service starts up later this year creating direct links from Clapham Junction to Denmark Hill, Peckham, Surrey Quays, Whitechapel, Shoreditch and Dalston Junction. The new route is expected to deliver a significant boost for Battersea businesses and to help create new jobs.

Major upgrades to Earlsfield Station are now underway including new lifts and a remodelled entrance with more space and better passenger facilities. Putney will be the next station to undergo improvement works. Upgrades to Balham and Wandsworth Town are now complete.

## Fresh new look for Clapham Junction

The first phase of work to make Clapham Junction more attractive and pedestrian-friendly is now complete.

The junction of St John's Hill and Lavender Hill has been remodelled, pavements widened and relaid, a new diagonal crossing installed and unnecessary street clutter removed. Phase two will see improvements to St John's Road.

Read more about the council's transport improvement work at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices).

## Park posters

The Friends of Richmond Park have launched a competition to design an eye-catching poster to use in campaigns to help protect Richmond Park's environment and wildlife.

The closing date is October 30. Visit [www.frp.org.uk/friends/competitions](http://www.frp.org.uk/friends/competitions).

# Making rents fairer

The council has voiced its support for a change in the law that would make wealthier council tenants pay their fair share of housing rent.

The Government has asked local authorities for their views on a new housing consultation paper entitled "High income social tenants pay to stay".

The paper signals that the Government is considering a change in the law that would make housing rents fairer and more equitable by ensuring that scarce public funds are not used to cushion tenants on higher incomes.

This could mean that higher-earning council and housing association tenants could be asked to pay a full market rent for the property and not benefit from the lower rents offered

to families on lower incomes.

In Wandsworth's view an appropriate threshold could be for those tenants whose incomes are £60,000 or more a year.

Rent on council and housing association-owned properties across the country are typically 60 per cent lower than an equivalent property rented from a private landlord.

Housing spokesman Cllr Paul Ellis said: "Social housing is heavily subsidised by taxpayers so it is only right that tenants with very high incomes pay their fair share.

"Social housing is a safety net that's designed to help those who cannot afford other forms of housing, not people on very high incomes."

## A European borough

Electoral data has revealed growing numbers of mainland Europeans choosing to live in Wandsworth. Since 2004 the number of non-British European Union (EU) citizens has swelled from 11,690 to 23,725. An examination of the electoral role shows an increase in Spanish, French, German, Portuguese, Polish and Italian nationals settling in the borough.

## Donate a car

ClearVision children's Braille library, based at Linden Lodge School, is asking people to help them raise cash by donating their old car.

Giveacar social enterprise will collect the car and will give proceeds to the donor's nominated charity. ClearVision sends children's books in print and braille to over a thousand families. Go to [www.giveacar.co.uk](http://www.giveacar.co.uk) or call (020) 0011 1664.

## Regeneration

Anyone wanting to suggest improvement ideas for the Roehampton town centre regeneration project can do so online using StickyWorld. The online tool lets people take a virtual tour of the area around Allbrook House and Danebury Avenue.

Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton) or speak to staff at Roehampton Library.



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# Customer services centre delivers savings

The new Town Hall customer services centre opens this month, delivering better service to customers and annual savings to the tune of £100,000 for council-tax payers.

The new centre will bring all of the council's services under one roof, with staff on hand to get visitors the help they need online and via telephone services where appropriate, so cutting waiting times.

The town hall receives more than 415,000 customers each year. Existing receptions scattered across various town hall departments will close, saving thousands of square feet of valuable office space. This money will be ploughed back into council services, and to help keep council tax low.

The changes are part of a long term

programme to improve the way the council serves its customers, including the Wandsworth Connected campaign to provide more services online. Around 80 per cent of people applying for a visitor's parking permit are now doing it via the council's website.

Council leader Ravi Govindia, said: "The new centre will mean people will easily get the help they need in one place, will cut out unnecessary trips to the town hall and reduce costs.

"We are committed to providing the best service possible to customers, while ensuring efficiency and good value for money."

► Find out more about all of these services at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk).

Services accessible at the new customer services centre:

- Parking
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## West Hill Children's Centre opening

A new centre for families with young children with special educational needs, complex medical needs and disabilities has opened in West Hill.

The Enhanced Children's Centre has a large play room, with direct access to outdoor play, a sensory room and soft play room. There are also rooms for use by parents, carers, support groups and professionals.

The council has built the centre to provide services tailored to the needs of whole families. It builds on the success of the West Hill Children's Centre and will provide a range of drop-in activities and services provided by expert staff.

There is no need for a special referral or assessment to access the service. Wandsworth children and their families can simply use the services as they want to. Call (020) 8877 0758 for details.

## School approval gives land back to common

Open space on Putney Common is set to be extended and enlarged after councillors on the planning committee approved plans to replace the derelict old Putney Hospital with a residential development and a new primary school.

The new school would be funded by the construction and sale of 24 flats at the northern end of the hospital site, on land currently occupied by the now disused nurses' accommodation block.

Only a little over half of the existing hospital site is needed for the new school and flats. The remaining part of this brownfield site can be reclaimed as common land and become part of the open space of Putney Common.

The new primary school will admit 60 pupils a year into two reception classes. It is expected to open by September 2015 and will eventually cater for 420 pupils from the local area.

### Cash for old bikes

Roehampton's The Alton School has teamed up with Wandsworth Prison to raise money from refurbished stolen bikes. The bikes were given to the prison by the police, prisoners refurbished them and they were sold by the school, raising around £900 for school funds. The school hopes to hold a similar sale next year.

### Top learner

Sinan Dumano, aged 41, who has battled memory and mobility problems, has been named Adult Learner of the Year at the council's Lifelong Learning Awards. Linette Price, head of adult and community learning at South Thames College, was acknowledged for her outstanding contribution to lifelong learning.

Find out more about adult education classes at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/adulteducation).

### Town Hall lift

Disabled people can now attend meetings and Register Office events at the town via a new platform lift. The lift retracts when not in use to avoid altering the appearance of the Grade II listed 1930s building. Call (020) 8871 6318 if you wish to use it.

### Outreach in the borough

Since the end of 2010 the estimated total number of people sleeping rough in Wandsworth has dropped from 34 to 15. The council, along with a number of outreach teams operating in the borough, has been striving to identify and help rough sleepers in the area as well as offering them help getting off the streets and finding somewhere to stay.

Call 020 8871 6840, email [housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit the housing department's offices at 17-27 Garratt Lane.

#### MY WANDSWORTH

##### Sonia Francis

I find Wandsworth a safe area to live in. There are various good schools and excellent transportation links. I live quite near to a station so have the option of jumping on a train or bus which makes my commute to work easy. You get exposed to so many different cultures and religions thanks to the different types of people who live Wandsworth which is great.





# The Clocks go back!

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# Council Tax Benefit is changing...

How to have your say

## How is it changing?

From April 2013 the Government is replacing council tax benefit with a new localised council tax support. This change means local authorities will need to create their own local sets of rules.

This welfare reform is part of the wider policy of decentralisation giving councils greater stake in the economic future of their local area.

## What must the new rules include?

We are required to protect pensioner households. This means that no award made for this group of applicants will be less than previously awarded under existing council tax benefit regulations.

## What happens now?



The council has prepared a proposed scheme. This should be available for consultation from 10 October 2012.

The council is committed to ensuring that all residents have the opportunity to give us their views on the proposed scheme. How you can be involved in this process, is shown to the right.

## What information will be available?

### Overview of the scheme:

A brief outline of the key points of the proposed scheme.

### Draft Scheme:

A more detailed guide to the scheme and its administration.

### Government Information:

Links to further information in the public domain relating to this national change.

### Equalities Impact Assessment:

A full guide to how the proposed changes will impact any person affected by the scheme.

To access this new information and to give us your feedback:

### Online:

All documents will be available on the council's website at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ctsconsultation](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ctsconsultation).

This gives full instructions and the timescale within which to comment.

### In person:

The documents will be available to view upon request from the Combined Reception, The Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street, London SW18 2PU.

To comment you can either do this online or...

### In writing:

Please address this to:

CTS Consultation  
Wandsworth Council  
Benefits Service  
PO BOX 500  
London SW18 2PN



All these documents should be available from 10 October 2012  
Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ctsconsultation](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/ctsconsultation)



# Help for disabled youngsters

Disabled children can now apply for a special card to help them get concessions and other support while out and about.

The council has introduced WAND cards for those children and young people aged up to 19 on its Disabled Children's Register whose needs significantly affect their ability to get around.

The card can be used as a form of ID to stop parents having to explain their child's disabilities every time they go out. It can also be shown to get concessions at borough leisure centres and Battersea Park Children's Zoo. More venues are expected to sign up to offer concessions soon.

Any child or young person with special needs or disabilities can apply to be put on the Disabled Children's Register. This entitles you to up to date information about relevant services, helps the council plan services and gives children and young people and their parents a voice.

To find out about joining the register, whether you would be eligible for a WAND Card and how businesses and venues can sign up to support the card contact Eleanor Thain or Lucia Daniels on 020 8871 7899. You can also find out more on the Family Information Service website [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis).



## Natasha Gibbons' son, five-year-old Romariae Cummings, is on the Disabled Children's Register

"I don't want to be treated differently, but it will be great if showing the WAND card encourages people to show some consideration. It can be stressful enough just getting out to a venue without the added stress of having to explain about your child's condition - especially when there's a queue of people behind you."

# Levy to fund growth

A tax on new building development will raise millions towards the cost of new transport, education, health and other community facilities.

The borough's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will be applied to new planning applications decided from November 1. Key projects it will help fund will include the extension of the Northern Line to Nine Elms and the removal of the Wandsworth Town one-way system. Developers will get more certainty over costs and residents will be able to see how new developments are contributing to improvements locally.

There will be a levy of £250 for residential development, but the levy will not apply to non-residential development or any development in the Roehampton regeneration area to ensure development which contributes to the local economy is deliverable.

Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cil](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/cil), call (020) 8871 6309 or email [cil@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:cil@wandsworth.gov.uk).

## Leisure centres to be upgraded

The borough's leisure centres are getting an £825,000 upgrade. DC Leisure, which manages the centres on behalf of the council, will be carrying out extensive improvement works, including a £400,000 refurbishment of Putney Leisure Centre.

## Volunteers needed

If you are over 60, from a black, Asian or ethnic community and can spare two hours a week, volunteers are needed for a project that helps families fleeing domestic violence.

Contact Nuria de Miguel at Hestia on 020 8538 2967 or email [nuria.miguel@hestia.org](mailto:nuria.miguel@hestia.org).

## Parkinsons meeting

The Wandsworth Parkinson's branch meets on the last Tuesday of each month at the Earlsfield Baptist Church Hall, Magdalen Road. Meetings are informal and there is a free minibus service for people with poor mobility. Call Andy Butler on 07769 224793 if you would like to attend.

## Shopping support

Wandsworth Shopmobility provides regular shopping trips for elderly and disabled people. The council-funded scheme is run by Wandsworth Community Transport and provides electric scooters and manual wheelchairs, plus a team of volunteer helpers.

To find out more about how to use the service, or to become a volunteer, call (020) 8875 9585.

## Cleaning up the air

Burning wood and coal in fireplaces will be banned from next month to help improve the borough's air quality. A new Smoke Control Order which will mean only authorised smokeless fuels can be burnt in fireplaces. Burning wood causes up to 12 per cent of air pollution during winter weekends – despite the fact only a tiny fraction of heating is provided this way.

All homes and other premises will be covered by the ban, except fireplaces given an exception certificate as they can burn wood smokelessly.

Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality). You can also call 020 8871 7874/8196.

## Urban voices

Battersea Based Urban Voice UK is celebrating 20 years of helping the borough's young people. It runs courses and projects to support young entrepreneurs and performers. It's currently asking for donations, which will be matched up to £10 by the London Community Foundation. Visit [www.localgiving.com/urbanvoiceuk](http://www.localgiving.com/urbanvoiceuk).

# Get the jab, get flu safe

Flu season is approaching, so it's time for those at greatest risk to think about getting a free flu jab.

Flu can be a serious illness, especially in the over-65s, pregnant women and people with health conditions such as severe asthma, chest or heart complaints and diabetes. This month the NHS is launching the Flu Safe campaign to remind people to get a jab, which is completely free if you are in an 'at risk' group.

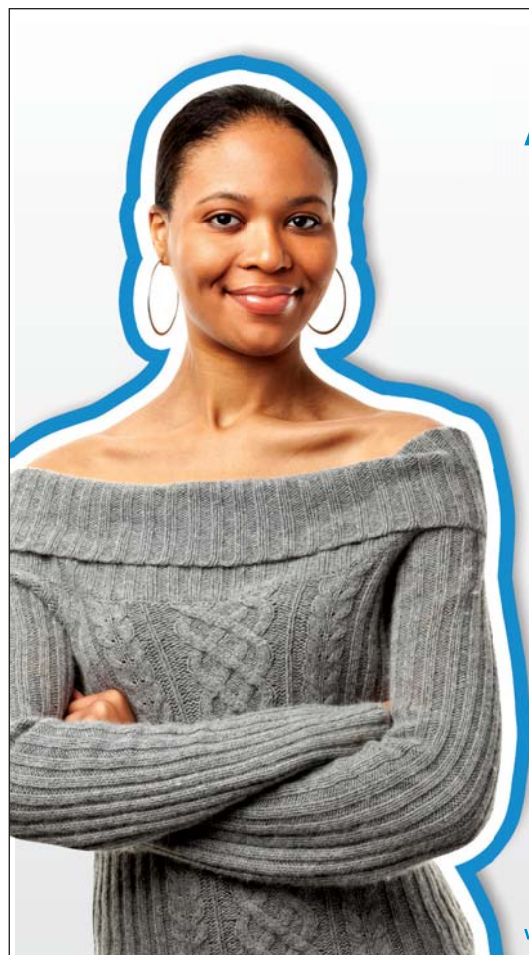
Houda al-Sharifi, Wandsworth's director of public health, said: "Flu is not just a cold – it can be a really serious illness. The flu jab is completely safe, and it can't give you flu.

"Flu increases the risk of developing more serious illness such as bronchitis and pneumonia, and can make existing conditions much worse. Flu can knock you off your feet and make it hard to look after the kids or go to work. In the most serious cases seasonal flu might land you in hospital and can even be a killer."

The virus changes every year, so if you had a jab last year it won't protect you this year.



►► For more information, speak to your GP or local pharmacist, or visit [www.nhs.uk/flu](http://www.nhs.uk/flu).



## Are you flu safe? Get the jab!

“Diabetes? Heart or chest complaint? Liver or kidney disease?”

Catching flu is the last thing you need. It can lead to complications such as pneumonia. Getting protected with a flu jab is quick, safe and free.

To book your jab, speak to your GP practice today.

[www.nhs.uk/flu](http://www.nhs.uk/flu)



**NHS**



# Fourth runway fears at Heathrow

Wandsworth Council is battling against the threat of increased aircraft noise.

Wandsworth will tell a new independent commission, set up to examine the case for airport capacity in the South East, that Heathrow is in the wrong place to operate effectively as a hub airport.

The new body is expected to start receiving evidence in the new year. Its final report is due in summer 2015.

The council and its partners in the 2M Group, which opposes Heathrow expansion, overturned the previous Government's expansion plans in the High Court in 2010.

The group will argue that Heathrow's location in the middle of the most densely populated part of the country, with more than 2 million affected by noise, means it will always be constrained.

The councils believe that BAA's current bid to reopen the third runway debate would be followed by demands for further additional capacity including the possibility of a fourth runway.

Council leader Ravi Govindia said: "We have to protect local communities from the impact of further expansion at Heathrow. To do this we need to unpick the airport owner's case which is inevitably based on its own commercial interest. History shows that the airport has an insatiable appetite for expansion. You simply cannot keep adding new runways in this part of the capital. It blights the lives of too many people."

▶▶ [Read the council's response to the aviation framework consultation at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/aviation.](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/aviation)




## Report flight trial impacts

Residents can report the impacts of BAA's on-going Heathrow flight pattern trial quickly and easily on the council's website.

Wandsworth Council is scrutinising the testing period, which runs until March 31 next year, to ensure the noise impacts are properly considered before any of the procedures are made permanent.

▶▶ [Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/heathrowsurvey](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/heathrowsurvey) to enter your feedback or contact BAA direct using freephone number 0800 344 844 or by emailing [noise\\_complaints@baa.com](mailto:noise_complaints@baa.com).



# VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

Wandsworth Council, Primary Care & Acute Trusts, Metropolitan Police, the Voluntary & Community Sector

## Wandsworth Council and its partners have been working together to develop priorities for the council's Children's and Young Peoples Plan (CYPP)

The council's Children's Services department is now inviting Voluntary Organisations to bid for small grants to provide services to improve outcomes for children and young people living in Wandsworth borough focusing on the following CYPP priorities.

More children and young people:

- Achieve good standards and make better than expected progress, at all stages of their education
- Enjoy and engage with their education
- Develop positive and lawful behaviour
- Develop resilience, confidence and life skills through enjoyable, purposeful activities
- Are active and responsible citizens confidently engaged in influencing and developing their community

Joint applications are welcomed as well as those from individual voluntary organisations. If successful, organisations will be issued with a one year contract to a maximum value of £5,000 for the year beginning **1st April 2013**.

To request an information pack please contact Veronica Hyatt by telephone on (020) 8871 8333 or email [vhyatt@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:vhyatt@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Alternatively write to her at: Early Years Service, 1 Siward Road, London SW17 0LA.

Completed application forms and supporting evidence must be received by the Council by **Wednesday 31st October 2012, 4pm**.

The full version of the CYPP can be viewed at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/childrens\\_trust](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/childrens_trust)

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Get help climbing on the housing ladder at the annual Affordable Housing Open Day this month

# Owning your first home

The event, organised by the council's Home Ownership Team, is a chance to find out about the various home ownership schemes and get advice on buying your home from financial and legal advisors. The Council's Home Ownership Team manages a list of eligible applicants of first-time buyers who live live or work in Wandsworth and key workers who work in the borough.

The team will explain schemes such as Shared Ownership, also known as New Build Homebuy, which gives eligible applicants the chance to buy a share of between a quarter and 75 per cent of a home with the help of a mortgage and then pay a reduced rate of rent on the remaining share. Other schemes are available specifically for tenants, such as House Purchase Grants and the relaunched Right to Buy scheme. The Right to Buy maximum discount has recently been increased to £75,000.

The show will be in the Civic Suite on October 25 between 2pm and 8pm.

**Download an application form for home ownership at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership), email [housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk) or call (020) 8871 6016 for more details.**

## Case Study

The Khan family from Southfields was the first in the country to purchase their home through the new Right to Buy.

The recently upgraded scheme offers council tenants the opportunity to buy their homes at a discounted price. Last April the Government relaunched the initiative by raising the maximum discount from £16,000 to £75,000.

Nasrullah & Fozia Khan and their two teenage daughters have lived in their two bed council flat in Southfields since 2005. Nasrullah says that the increased discount has made home ownership affordable and has given them the confidence to push ahead.

"This is a dream come true for us. We had been interested in buying our home two years ago but the level of discount was much smaller then and we just couldn't afford it. This new amount of discount has made all the difference to us and allowed us to finally own our own home. It's a terrific feeling."





## Check out the news on these latest developments

### Viridian Housing

#### Fusion Apartments, Tooting SW17

A selection of 16 stylish one and two-bedroom apartments situated close to Tooting Broadway. Contact 0800 012 1442 or sales@viridianhousing.org.uk.

#### Arton Wilson, Roehampton, SW15

A mix of 18 attractive new one and two-bedroom Roehampton apartments constructed in a contemporary design (contact as above).

### Notting Hill Housing Trust

#### Battersea Reach, Battersea, SW11

30 one and two-bedroom apartments will be available at this new site in Battersea. Contact (020) 8357 4444 or email sales@nhhg.org.uk.

### A2Dominion Housing Group

#### Osiers Gate, Wandsworth, SW18

Almost 40 stunning one and two-bedroom apartments just a stone's throw from the river. Contact 0800 783 2159 or email newhomes@a2dominion.co.uk.

### Coming Soon

### Paragon Community Housing Group



#### Garratt Lane, SW18

One-bedroom apartments starting from £265,000 and two-beds from £330,000 will be launched very shortly. Call 01932 235 700 or email info@paragonchg.co.uk for further information.

### Octavia Housing

#### Broomhill Business Village, SW18

Seven brand new shared ownership units will be ready from May 2013. These stunning one-bed apartments in the heart of Wandsworth will include private balconies, terraces and winter gardens. You can call (020) 8354 5500 or email on info@octaviahousing.org.uk.

### One Housing Group

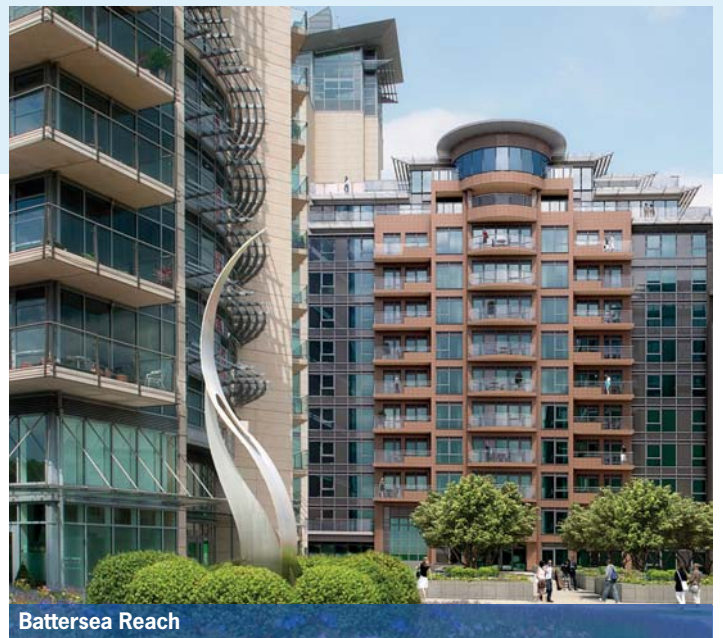
#### Cockpen House, Buckhold Road SW18 and Battersea Park Road SW11

There will be a combination of 23 units available at Buckhold Road from December 2013 including some larger three-bed apartments which are always highly sought after in this borough.

A further 18 flats will be open on Battersea Park Road comprising six one-beds, 10 two-beds and two three-beds. Please ring (020) 8502 5758 or email on info@site-sales.co.uk.

Wandsworth residents also have nomination rights to some properties in Croydon and Merton and you can access these properties by joining the home ownership list.

\* All schemes are subject to eligibility criteria, terms and conditions.



# Open the door

Affordable housing open day  
**25 October 2012, 2-8pm**

**Open the door to your first home!**



The Civic Suite, Town Hall  
Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU  
For more information call (020) 8871 6016



**Affinity Sutton** **azdominion** **paragon** **OCTAVIA HOUSING**  
**Hyde New Homes** **Nottingham Housing** **Genesis** **L&O** **FIRST STEPS** **Viridian**

# Contact our team

It's now easier than ever to get in touch with the council's adult social services team and get the help and support you need.

Adult Social Services provides health and social care services within the community for older people and people with learning disabilities, mental health problems, physical disabilities and sensory impairment.

You can access the online directory, the Adult Care Information Service, any time of the day or night online. This gives information on council services and links to other groups on everything from health, care and money issues to leisure and housing. Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis).

You can also get in touch with the Access Team, who are the first port of call for enquiries to the department. They will answer your questions on health and social care services and refer you on to other people who can help. Access team staff deal with around 250 calls a day and are seen here with the director of Adult Social Services, Dawn Warwick, who spent some time recently on the frontline answering phones. Call the Access Team on 020 8871 7707 or email [accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk).

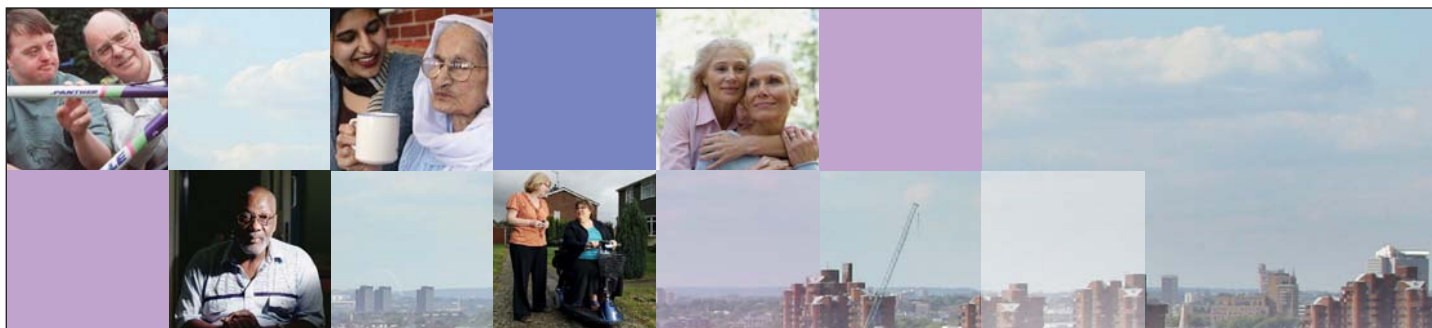
The reception at the Adult Social Services headquarters at 90 Putney Bridge Road is also part of the access service and is open for personal visitors from 9am to 5pm with internet

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access, council freephones and displays and advice and information leaflets.

The department is reaching out to service users to give them a chance to help shape services. This includes groups providing feedback on personal budgets and support for carers. To find out how you can get involved call (020) 8871 8960 or email [involved@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:involved@wandsworth.gov.uk).



## Wandsworth Council Adult Social Services Local Account

Our Local Account is our way of letting you know what we have achieved in 2011/2012, what we could improve on and what our future priorities are.

Now it's over to you. We want to work with you to improve our services and make a difference to the people of Wandsworth.

Email us [involved@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:involved@wandsworth.gov.uk)  
or call (020) 8871 6278







# Building an even stronger Wandsworth

In the following three pages, Wandsworth Council provides an annual report on its achievements over the last year and a summary of its main policies for the year ahead.

If you would like to send in your comments or suggestions, please email [strongerwandsworth@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:strongerwandsworth@wandsworth.gov.uk).

## A message from the Leader of Wandsworth Council, Cllr Ravi Govindia

“We live in one of the best places in London. We have comparatively low crime, great schools and parks and some of London’s most community-spirited neighbourhoods. Council tax is still the lowest in the country and the quality of local services is among the best.

“The challenge ahead is to make Wandsworth even stronger.

“The future looks promising on many fronts. The massive Nine Elms regeneration scheme promises thousands of new jobs and investment in the local economy. We have five new schools opening soon and ambitious plans to improve some of the borough’s biggest council estates.

“We still have much to do, particularly to improve transport and to cater for the rapidly expanding need for school places. We also want to do more to share our wider aspirations with families who are struggling – to create new job opportunities, to help people onto the property ladder and to give children the best start in school. ”

**Overleaf: Wandsworth’s performance and plans**

# Building an even stronger Wandsworth

## INVESTING IN OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

There are exciting improvements happening across the borough, with major investment in homes, transport and the general environment. We want to make sure all areas of the borough share the benefits, particularly people living on some of our bigger estates.

### What we are doing

- A multi-million regeneration scheme in Roehampton is planned to replace and improve the quality of housing, improve local shops and community facilities, while improving services in the area. There are no firm proposals yet, but local people are being asked what improvements they would like to see in this major redesign of their neighbourhood.
- Similarly, the council has begun consulting local people on extensive regeneration of the Winstanley and York Road estates. As well as improvements to homes and the environment, we are looking at doing more to open up new opportunities for local people, particularly to help people into work, training and education.



## CREATING NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking at every opportunity to bring new investment, new businesses and new jobs to the borough.

### What we have done

- The regeneration of Nine Elms, the biggest transformation project in the capital, is on-target to create 25,000 new jobs. So far, 237 of a planned 1,000 construction and engineering apprenticeships have been secured. This compares to 457 at the Olympic site and 400 for the Crossrail project.
- In Wandsworth Town we have secured more than £1 billion of new investment. The on-going redevelopment of Southside Shopping Centre, Sainsbury's, Osiers Road and the Wandsworth Business Village will create more opportunities and growth.
- Clapham Junction is also benefiting from a multi-million pound town centre improvement scheme which is creating a more attractive and pedestrian-friendly shopping environment where local businesses can thrive.

## IMPROVING TRANSPORT LINKS

Making it easier for local people and businesses to get around is an important part of our vision for a stronger Wandsworth. Getting the borough better connected is vital for residents' quality of life and for the health of the local economy and future investment in the borough.



### What we are doing

- We have secured Government backing for the Northern Line extension as part of the Nine Elms development.
- We are expanding car clubs, including piloting electric cars in Putney.
- We are working with the Mayor of London to extend Boris Bikes to Wandsworth.
- Balham, Clapham Junction and Earlsfield stations have all seen major improvements.
- We are campaigning for Gatwick trains to stop at Balham, for a new rail service from Waterloo to Heathrow and for longer, more frequent trains on other routes.
- We have persuaded TfL to replace Putney buses with greener, low-emission buses.
- We are working with British Cycling to encourage cycling in the borough, including guided routes for commuter cycling.





# better schools = more choice

## IMPROVING OUR SCHOOLS

Wandsworth schools are doing really well. That makes them very popular. When combined with a very significant growth in the school-aged population, that makes many Wandsworth schools difficult to get in to. Trying to get everyone the place they want and supporting schools in driving up standards are our top concerns.

### What we have done:

- We have prepared for the rapidly rising demand for school places by funding the expansion of existing primary schools.
- We are progressing plans for a badly-needed new primary school on the former Putney hospital site.
- We have supported successful applications for three other new free schools - Tooting Primary in Franciscan Road and Rutherford House School on the Balham Youth Court site are both due to open in September 2013 providing 60 places each per year. The South London Jewish Free School also has Government approval to open in 2013 but has yet to find a site.
- Bolingbroke Academy opened this September, extending the choice of secondary schools.
- GCSE results in Wandsworth are well above the national average and remained consistent this year, when across the country pass rates fell.
- Children from poorer families are doing better at schools in Wandsworth than in most other parts of the country, according to a recent Ofsted assessment.
- More than a third of schools in the borough are rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted with a further 45 per cent rated as 'good', often with 'outstanding features'.



## IMPROVING HOUSING CHOICE

We all know that it is difficult to get on the housing ladder these days, while demand for social housing is growing all the time. The result is that the majority of low and middle-income earners have little choice in where they can afford to live. Wandsworth Council is trying to make it easier to get on the housing ladder and to secure more social housing.

### What we have done:

- We have led the way in the successful campaign to get the government to increase the Right to Buy discount to £75,000.
- We are giving greater priority to working households when it comes to the allocation of social housing.
- We are introducing new short-term tenancies that are conditional on tenants actively looking for work.
- We are backing plans for higher rents for council tenants on incomes over £60,000 a year.



## STANDING UP FOR WANDSWORTH

We see it as an important part of the council's job to speak up for Wandsworth and for local residents and businesses. We are determined to make sure the voice of Wandsworth is heard by central Government and all the other organisations and agencies affecting the quality of life in our borough.

### What we have done:

- We are leading the cross-London 2M group in campaigning against expansion of Heathrow Airport. We took the previous Government to court to defeat their plans for a third runway and will continue to fight any plans that would result in more planes overhead, disturbing residents' sleep and ruining people's enjoyment of their gardens and outdoor activities.
- We are taking a tough line on anti-social behaviour, evicting council tenants who

persistently cause misery to their neighbours and banning street drinking in areas such as Tooting where there have been persistent problems.

- As well as setting up the first police team dedicated to public safety in parks, we are leading the way in using CCTV to catch criminals and cracking down on con-artists who prey on the elderly, doorstep thieves and rogue traders.

## VALUE FOR MONEY

In tough economic times, when hard-working families are struggling to make ends meet, we recognise that one of the most valued things we can do is to minimise the amount of council tax people pay. Low council tax remains central to everything we do. But public spending is being reduced and we have had to find new and creative ways to do more with less.

### What have we done:

- We have recently re-let our refuse and street cleaning contracts and secured better services at lower cost.
- Rather than closing libraries, as some other councils are doing, we have combined forces with Croydon to invite outside suppliers to see if a better service can be provided at less cost. We are also working with Camden to cut costs by sharing our pension fund administration.
- Wandsworth no longer sends any waste to landfill so we no longer pay landfill tax. Instead we send non-recyclable waste to the Belvedere Energy to Waste plant which generates electricity.
- We have reduced back-office costs by making it easier and more convenient to get information and services online. This year we launched online parking permits renewals. More than 80 per cent of people have already switched to the online service.
- Wandsworth still has the lowest council tax in the country – about half the London average.



The council's statement of accounts for 2011/12 was prepared following recommended accounting practice. The independent auditors provided their opinion that the accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the council at March 31, 2012 and its income and expenditure for the year. The figures in this summary have been based on the audited accounts but some modifications have been made to provide more meaningful information.

A full copy of the council's statement of accounts is available on the council's website.

Chris Buss  
Director of Finance  
and Deputy Chief  
Executive

# A summary of the council's accounts 2011/12

The following pages provide details of the council's spending and income during 2011/12 and summarise the council's financial position at March 31, 2012.

**GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT** - The General Revenue Account represents the cost of running council services between April 2011 and March 2012, where the money came from to finance those costs, and the balance at the year-end.

	GROSS SPENDING	GROSS INCOME	NET SPENDING
	£m	£m	£m
Environment, Culture and Community Safety	60.5	14.9	45.6
Education and Children's Services	302.3	244.6	57.7
Strategic Planning and Transportation	46.2	34.7	11.5
Housing Services	137.1	133.2	3.9
Adult Care and Health	119.4	28.0	91.4
Finance and Corporate Resources	242.6	240.1	2.5
Cost of services	908.1	695.5	212.6
Less: Interest and investment income			(4.8)
Less: Reduction in reserves			6.0
Amount to be met from Government grant and local taxation			213.8
Paid for by:			
Council taxpayers			49.8
Non-ringfenced Government grant and non-domestic rate payers			154.9
Total Income			204.7
Deficit for the year			9.1
Balance at end of March 2011			30.7
Balance at end of March 2012			21.6

Formula Grant received from the Government was £152.7 million. Based on their calculation of a like for like basis this represents a reduction of £19.45 million (11.3 per cent) on the 2010/11 grant settlement. This compares with average reductions of 9.91 per cent nationally and 9.10 per cent for the London area. Wandsworth remains significantly below the grant floor set by the Government and will remain at the 'floor' for the foreseeable future with annual grant received being reduced in real terms, meaning continuing reductions in Government support for council services.

COUNCIL TAX	2011/12	2010/11
Average amount for band D properties		
- Wandsworth Council	£377.06	£377.06
- Greater London Authority	£309.82	£309.82
<b>Total</b>	<b>£686.88</b>	<b>£686.88</b>

Business rate per £ value	2011/12	2010/11
- Standard rating multiplier	43.3p	41.4p
- Small business rating multiplier	42.6p	40.7p

The council's share of the council tax has increased by 4.8 per cent since 2003 in terms of the average band D amount of £377.06. The Greater London Authority share has increased by 38.1 per cent over the same period. The combined average band D amount for 2011/12 was £686.88, unchanged from 2010/11. The average council tax per dwelling of £662.89 remained the lowest in Great Britain and amounted to only 55 per cent of the average £1,195.79 for England.



**GENERAL CAPITAL SPENDING** - Capital spending represents money spent by the council on purchasing, upgrading and improving assets such as buildings and roads (capital spending on council housing is treated separately). The council receives the benefit from capital spending over a longer period of time. The table below shows the significant general capital schemes for 2011/12.

<b>EDUCATION AND CHILDREN</b>	<b>2011/12 £M</b>	<b>RENOVATION GRANTS ETC</b>	<b>2011/12 £M</b>
Primary school windows	0.3	Sub-regional private sector housing grants	0.6
Other primary school schemes	13.8	General renovation grants	0.6
Secondary schools: BSF	21.9	Loans to leaseholders	0.2
Other Secondary schools schemes	2.5		(1.4)
Youth and play schemes	0.4	<b>ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>	
Integrated Childrens Centres	0.2	Public halls and community centres	0.2
Other education funded schemes	2.3	Leisure centres and sports services	0.3
	(41.4)	Environmental services, community safety and town centres	0.1
			(0.6)
<b>STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION</b>		<b>ADULT CARE AND HEALTH</b>	
Carriageway and footway repairs and improvements	5.6	Adult social services	1.3
Section 106 agreements	0.3		(1.3)
Purchase of vehicles	0.1	<b>FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES</b>	
Planning conservation	0.1	Administrative buildings	1.0
Economic Development	0.4	ICT infrastructure, IT and property improvements	4.9
	(6.5)		(5.9)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(57.1)</b>

The council spent £57.1 million on general capital schemes during the year, £10.5 million more than 2010/11. This was paid for with capital grants and reimbursements of £56.1 million and £1 million of capital receipts from the sale of assets.

**COUNCIL HOUSING** - This account shows all revenue and capital spending and income relating to the council's housing. The council owns 33,235 dwellings, of which 15,835 have been sold on long-term leases.

<b>REVENUE INCOME</b>	<b>2011/12 £M</b>	<b>REVENUE SPENDING</b>	<b>2011/12 £M</b>
Council house rents	100.6	Repairs and maintenance	24.7
Service charges from leaseholders	12.7	Estate and management costs	40.7
Other income	14.9	Rent rebates	4.4
	(128.2)	Subsidy payable to the Government	43.2
<b>CAPITAL INCOME</b>		Other costs	2.4
Transfer to major repairs reserve	17.9		(115.4)
Capital receipts applied	10.6	<b>CAPITAL SPENDING</b>	
Leaseholder major works charges	3.0	Repairs and improvements	25.4
Other income	1.9	Portable discounts	0.9
	(33.4)	Other costs	0.2
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>161.6</b>		(26.5)
		<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>	<b>141.9</b>
		<b>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>19.7</b>
		All monies held to underpin the business plan for council housing	189.1

Capital receipts from the sale of council houses and council housing land came to £11.7 million, compared to £16.2 million the previous year. However £0.4 million of these receipts had to be paid to the government. The spending and income from council housing must be kept separate from other council spending. The Housing Revenue Account and the Major Repairs Reserve underpin the longer term business plan for housing.

## COUNCIL HOUSING - Continued

ANALYSIS OF COUNCIL HOUSE SPEND	2011/12 £M
Repairs and improvements	25.4
Purchase of assets	0.1
Portable discounts	0.9
Roehampton regeneration project and wider non-derogation issues	0.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26.5</b>

Capital spending on housing represents money spent by the council chiefly on upgrades and improvements to the housing stock. The council receives the benefit from capital spending over an extended period of time. The council spent £26.5 million in 2011/12, a decrease of £6.1 million on the previous year. The vast majority of this was spent on improvements to housing estates.

AVERAGE RENTS AND SERVICE CHARGES	2011/12 £
Average annual leasehold routine service charge bill (est)	761
Average weekly rent	111.94

Between 2010/11 and 2011/12, the estimated average annual leasehold service charge bill rose from £741 to £761, and the average weekly rents (including service charges) increased by £8.25 to £118.07.

## COUNCIL BALANCE SHEET - What the council owns and how it's funded

BALANCE SHEET	31 MARCH 2012 £M
Buildings and land owned by the council	1,344
Vehicles, plant and machinery	9
Inventories	1
Investments	210
Money owed to the council	65
Money owed by the council	(372)
Pensions liability	(232)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,025</b>
Financed by:	
Accounting reserves	643
General Fund balance	22
Housing reserves	189
Usable capital receipts	43
School balances	22
Other balances	106
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,025</b>

The council's balance sheet total reduced by £491 million to £1,025 million between 2010/11 and 2011/12. This was chiefly as a result of short-term investments decreasing and long-term borrowing increasing, due to the council being required to make a payment to the Secretary of State of £433.623 million in order to move to the new devolved system of council house finance, called self-financing, with effect from 2012/13. This was financed by the use of short-term investments (£210 million), with the remainder financed by a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

Fired by award winning pyrotechnicians Pains Fireworks

# Fireworks

## LONDON CELEBRATES Battersea Park Saturday 3 November



**ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY**  
[wandsworth.gov.uk/fireworks](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/fireworks)

**£6.50** before 28 Oct  
**£8** Oct 29 - Nov 2  
**£10** on Nov 3  
 Tickets limited, check website  
 Under 10s require free ticket

**6pm** Gates  
**7.30pm** Bonfire  
**8pm** Show  
**No Entry after 8pm**  
**NO TICKETS ON THE GATE**

**Info: (020) 8871 8677**  
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# Keeping the sporting legacy alive

Inspired by Chris Hoy or Bradley Wiggins? There's lots of ways to enjoy Olympics sports right on your doorstep.

A lottery-funded sports programme for young people aged 14-25 kicks off in October. Six-week **Sportivate** sessions in judo, athletics, tennis and golf will give you a taster to see if you like the sport.

▶▶ Visit [wandsworth.gov.uk/sportivate](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/sportivate) or email [aormonde@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:aormonde@wandsworth.gov.uk).

One of the highlights of the Olympics was the **Cycle Road Race** going through Putney (pictured above). The Wandsworth Cycling Campaign meets every month, and provides information on cycle journeys, shops selling cycling gear and general cycling advice.

▶▶ Follow [@Wandscyclist](https://twitter.com/Wandscyclist) or email [info@wandsworthcyclists.org.uk](mailto:info@wandsworthcyclists.org.uk). There's also information about cycling in Wandsworth at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices/bike](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices/bike).

Sand from the Olympic beach volleyball court in Horseguards Parade is being used to create international standard **volleyball courts** at Wandsworth's sporting complex at Barn Elms. When volleyball is not being played, the courts will be available for other sports events like beach soccer, tag rugby, beach ultimate frisbee and footvolley. The £45,000 cost has been met in full by a grant from Volleyball England. Wandsworth beat off competition from a number of other London boroughs to secure the sand because the sport is well established locally.

▶▶ Call (020) 8876 9873.

If **rowing** takes your fancy, autumn is a good time to start. The weather is usually calm and so the Thames shouldn't be too choppy. Courses are available at Barn Elms Boathouse for kids and adults of all levels.

▶▶ Go to [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/barnelmsboathouse](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/barnelmsboathouse).

**Coming soon:** Your chance to honour the contribution of sportspeople, including coaches, clubs, volunteers and athletes, in the **Active Wandsworth Awards**. Nominations open November 1.

▶▶ Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/active).

▶▶ For a full list of local sports clubs, visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sportsdirectory](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/sportsdirectory).



# Get cultured this Autumn

This month culture lovers can enjoy exhibitions and events celebrating Black History Month and Artists' Open House.

This year is the 50th anniversary of Jamaican independence from Britain. The council's Black History Month programme gives a nod to this milestone with a range of events about Caribbean culture, as well as Asia and Africa.

Black History Month events run throughout October in the borough's libraries.

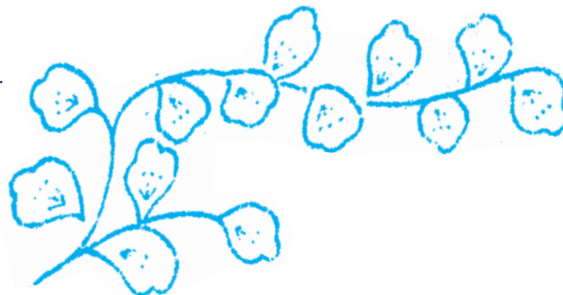
Highlights include:

- Two photographic exhibitions, courtesy of the National Archives, of 1960s Caribbean and pre-independence India
- A talk on the life and legacy of African British classical music composer Samuel Coleridge-Taylor
- A celebration of one of the most important yearly celebrations for the Hindu, Sikh and Jain communities: Diwali Festival of Lights.

Download the programme at [wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries)



**Black  
History  
Month  
2012**



## Wandsworth Artists' Open House

More than 100 artists will open their doors to the public during Artists' Open House. Ceramics, jewellery, oil paintings, sculpture and other unique art works will be exhibited.

Artists' Open House weekends are on October 6 to 7 and October 13 to 14 - 11am-6pm

For a full guide see [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artistsopenhouse](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artistsopenhouse)





# 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  
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EVENTS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October 13 – November 4 (Previews 13 & 14 Oct) 10.30am, 2.30pm and 6.30pm

## The Good Neighbour - Discover hidden stories of Battersea

There are countless magical stories to tell about Battersea and the remarkable people who have lived here. Join our performers on one of three captivating journeys to uncover hidden gems from Battersea's dramatic past. **Tickets £8 (£5 for previews).** BAC Lavender Hill SW11. Book online at [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk) Call 7223 2223.

### How to be listed

To be included in the December/January edition send details (including access for people with disabilities) to:

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**Free entry**  
**Wheelchair access**  
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**Tuesday – Thursday from September 25 (Tues 5.30, Wed 6pm, Thur 5.30pm)**

### Community Swim Programme

Term-time sessions for non-swimmers to improvers. For children 5-15 years. **Cost £60 for a term**, reductions for siblings. Limited spaces, waiting list if classes are full. Burntwood School, Burntwood Lane SW17. Call Dereck 8871 8387 to book.

**Wednesday September 26 - Saturday October 13 (matinee and evening performances)**

### Kanjoos The Miser

Harjinder hates spending money, whether on his household or his children – who in turn are obsessed with the Bolly lifestyle of Mumbai. Expect sparks to fly in Hardeep Singh Kohli's version of Moliere's classic farce. **Tickets £15, £12.50**

**concessions, matinees £12.50.**

Tara Arts Studio, 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Box office 8333 4457. [www.tara-arts.com](http://www.tara-arts.com)

**Tuesday October 2 – Saturday October 20**

### The Drawing Room of Mr and Mrs De Morgan

Help decorate our Victorian sitting room with paintings, vases, plates and tiles featuring your interpretation of De Morgan designs, or patterns and scenes of your own invention. For adults and children. De Morgan Centre, West Hill SW18. Call 8871 1144 [www.demorgan.org.uk](http://www.demorgan.org.uk)

**Thursday October 4 7-8.30pm**

### Overeaters Anonymous Tooting Bec Group

If you are obsessed with food, dieting or your

weight, OA could be for you. We are a 12-Step fellowship of individuals who are recovering from compulsive overeating and other food problems (e.g. anorexia, bulimia). Free to attend. Meetings are every Thursday.

Building 28, Springfield Hospital, Glenburnie Road SW17. Call Aly 07881 296327. [www.oagb.org.uk](http://www.oagb.org.uk)  
**Wheelchair**

**Sunday October 7 1-4pm**

### Sunday Social: Crafternoon!

Learn or brush up on a craft skill in a welcoming, social gathering. Ready to make craft packs will be available, featuring a selection of projects from knitting, crochet, sewing and needle felting. For beginners and seasoned craft makers. Free drop-in event. Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Find

out about other Sunday Socials, exhibitions and talks at [www.pumphousegallery.org.uk](http://www.pumphousegallery.org.uk)

**Tuesday October 9 7pm**

### Quiz

Get your thinking cap on for our Quiz evening. Earlsfield Townswomen's Guild, Earlsfield Library Magdalen Road SW18. Call the secretary 8870 0753.

**Thursday October 11- Saturday October 13 7.30pm**

### Improbable Fiction

Six unpublished writers gather on a winter's evening for their regular meeting. Chairman Arnold suggests that the group work together on a piece of writing, an idea that is received without enthusiasm. As the meeting ends, there is a clap of thunder, a black-out—and

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then the story that would have resulted from the collaboration takes place before his eyes. **Tickets £9, concessions £7.**

The Magdalene Players St. Mary Magdalene's Church Hall, Trinity Road SW17. Box office 8874 8348. [www.magplayers.org.uk](http://www.magplayers.org.uk)

**October 12-13 and 18-20 7.45pm**

## Fox Finder

In a near-future-England, where the fox is a public enemy, a couple's struggling farm is under suspicion of fox interference and a 'fox finder' arrives to investigate. Will he find contamination or

collaboration; denial or denunciation? Not suitable for children. **Tickets £10, concessions £7.** Putney Arts Theatre, Ravenna Road SW15. Box office 8788 6943 [www.putneyartstheatre.org.uk](http://www.putneyartstheatre.org.uk)



**Saturday October 13 10.30am (if dry)**

## Easy Saturday Skate (ESS)

ESS is simply two chilled laps of Battersea Park on skates every Saturday. For beginners and experts. Children must be with an adult. If you have two wheels join us. Qualified instructor is usually on hand. **Free.** Meet by the Pagoda, Battersea Park SW11. [www.easysaturdayskate.com](http://www.easysaturdayskate.com)

**Saturday October 13 7.30pm**

## Amanda Roocroft (soprano)

A recital by one of the UK's leading sopranos. With Joseph Middleton (piano). **Tickets: £18, £14 concessions.**

St. Luke's Music Society St. Luke's Church, Thurlough Road SW12. Box office 07951 791619. Book online [www.slms.org.uk](http://www.slms.org.uk)

**Sunday October 14 3-5pm (2.45pm for members with cards)**

**NCT nearly new sale** Nearly new babies' and children's equipment, toys and clothes. **Entry £2.** To have a table, advertise in the goody bag or to donate items, call Pamela 07971 033 320. Putney Leisure Centre SW15. Email [potter.pamela@googlemail.com](mailto:potter.pamela@googlemail.com) [www.nct.org.uk](http://www.nct.org.uk)

**Monday October 15 2-4pm**

## Talk: The Darwin Family at Down & Cambridge

With speaker Dr Enid Stockwell. Daytime education, leisure and cultural activities for people no longer in full time employment.

Wandsworth U3A at Earlsfield Library SW18. Call 8785 0949. Email [wandsworthu3a@hotmail.com](mailto:wandsworthu3a@hotmail.com) [www.wandsworthu3a.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthu3a.org.uk)

**wheelchair, loop**

**Monday October 15 8pm**

## From Russia with Love

Martyn Brabbins, conductor of Haverall Brian's massive Gothic Symphony at last year's Proms, talks with Piers Burton-Page about his studies with the great Russian pedagogue Ilya Musin, his vast repertoire and the question as to whether conducting can be taught. **Annual subscription £30, or £8 a meeting-refundable if you join.** Under 18s free.

Putney Music Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. Call 8788 0827. [www.putneymusic.org.uk](http://www.putneymusic.org.uk)

**wheelchair**

**Thursday October 18 7.45 for 8pm**

## What's Happening to the Wandsworth NHS?

Dr Nicola Jones (Chair, Wandsworth Clinical Commissioning Group & Clinical Lead, Cardiovascular Disease) will explain. Wandsworth Society, West



**Saturday October 27 – Wednesday October 31**

## Halloween Fun: Pumpkin Trail

Buy a quiz sheet at the zoo and use the clues to find which animals have put out pumpkins. **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](http://www.batterseazoo.co.uk) **Wheelchair**



**Ends November 25 (open Wednesday-Sunday 11am-5pm)**

## Exhibition: Beauty is the First Test

Exploring maths and the arts, showing that they are more closely bound together than people think, and that the enjoyment of one can enhance the understanding of the other. Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. Call 8871 7572. [www.pumphousegallery.org.uk](http://www.pumphousegallery.org.uk)

Side Church, Melody Road SW18. Call 8870 4567. [www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk)

**Sunday October 21 8.30am-12.30pm**

## Autumn Bird Walk on Tooting Common

Guided walk led by Peter White, bird recorder. Find out about the behaviour and natural history of local birds. Please bring binoculars if you have them. No young children or dogs, please. Meet at the council yard, Dr Johnson Avenue opposite Hillbury Road, SW17. Call 8871 7530.

**Mondays October 22 and 29, November 12 and 19 7-9.30pm**

## Get Started, Keep Going

Four sessions offering an introduction to creative writing techniques for absolute beginners and rusty writers. Useful tips on

ways of working and generating ideas, scene setting, creating character, dialogue and action. **Cost £100.** Chalk the Sun at Balham Bowls Club, Ramsden Road SW12. [www.chalkthesun.co.uk](http://www.chalkthesun.co.uk)



**Tuesday October 23 – Saturday October 27 7.30pm**

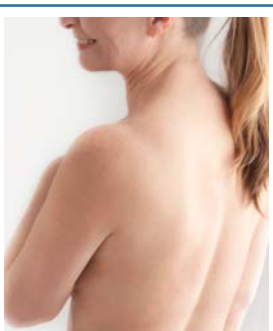
## Almost, Maine

Nine hilarious and touching tales of romance simultaneously occur on a magical, mid-winter, moonless night in the mythical town of Almost, Maine. **Tickets £13, concessions £9.** Tara Arts Studio, 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Box office 8333 4457. [www.tara-arts.com](http://www.tara-arts.com)

**Thursday October 25 2-8pm (presentations at 3pm, 4.30pm, 6.30pm)**

## Affordable housing open day

If you're a first time buyer who lives or works in Wandsworth and you're on a household income of £64,300 (for 1 or 2 bedroom) or £77,200 (for 3 bedroom) come along. Meet the council's Home Ownership Team and local housing associations to find out about housing options. Civic Suite, Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street SW18. [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership)



**Wednesday October 31 – Saturday November 3 7.45pm (3pm Saturday)**

## Calendar Girls

Newly-widowed Annie persuades her Women's Institute friends to replace cake sales with posing nude for a calendar for charity. **Tickets £10, concessions Wednesday/Saturday £7.50.**

Southside Players, Chestnut Grove School Theatre, Boundaries Road SW12. Box office 07914 657524 or online [www.southsideplayers.org.uk](http://www.southsideplayers.org.uk)



**Friday October 26 –  
Saturday November 3**

**Tim Boon Presents  
'Renewal'**

A selling exhibition of ceramics, paintings, print and textiles from renowned ceramicist Sandra Eastwood and the multi-disciplinary artist Jacy Wall. De Morgan Centre, West Hill SW18. [www.demorgan.org.uk](http://www.demorgan.org.uk)

**Saturday October 27**

**Family event: Spooky Windows**

Join in with Halloween house spookery, scary stained glass silhouette windows and freaky flapping bats, perfect for trick or treating. **Free** drop in family event, children must be with an adult. Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park SW11 [www.pumphousegallery.org.uk](http://www.pumphousegallery.org.uk)

**Monday October 29 8pm**

**A Pilgrim in Cockaigne: Elgar, his music and the gramophone**

Andrew Neill talks with Andrew Keener about recorded performances of Elgar's music from the composer's own to the present day. **Annual subscription £30, or £8 a meeting** - refundable if you join. Under 18s free. Putney Music Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. Call 8788 0827. [www.putneymusic.org.uk](http://www.putneymusic.org.uk)  
**Wheelchair**

**Wednesday October 31  
7.30pm**

**Battersea NHS Changes**

Local NHS staff will explain the government changes to the NHS at a public meeting for Battersea residents. This is your opportunity to ask them how the changes will affect you. The Battersea Society, Ethelburga Community Centre, Worfield Street SW11. [www.battersea.society.org.uk](http://www.battersea.society.org.uk)

**Wednesday October 31  
9-3pm**

**Meet our experts:  
back care**

Health experts will give advice on how to improve your health and wellbeing and offer practical demonstrations and tests related to back care. Free and open to members and non-members. Wandsworth Fitness & Wellbeing Centre, King George's Park SW18. [www.nuffieldhealth.com/events](http://www.nuffieldhealth.com/events)

**Wednesday October 31 –  
Friday November 2**

**Fanzine Workshop**

Help create a Pump House Gallery Fanzine. Create your own page for the magazine inspired by the exhibition Beauty is the First Test, using collage, mono printing, drawing, photography and Photoshop. Everyone taking part receives a printed copy of the Fanzine; it will be available to buy from the gallery throughout Beauty is the First Test exhibition and



**Thursday November 22 – Sunday November 25 (Thurs/Fri 2 -10pm,  
Sat/Sun 11am – 6pm)**

**Winter Open Studios Art Show**

Over 140 emerging and established artists, including painters, sculptors, ceramicists, jewellers and photographers. With Christmas only around the corner it's the perfect place to find that special or unusual present. Free entry and parking. Wimbledon Art Studios Riverside Yard, Riverside Road, Earlsfield SW17. [www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk](http://www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk) Email [enquiries@wimbledonartstudios.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@wimbledonartstudios.co.uk) Call 8947 1183 **Wheelchair**

online. **Free** event. Pump House Gallery Battersea Park SW11. To book a place contact Family Learning 8871 8626. [www.pumphousegallery.org.uk](http://www.pumphousegallery.org.uk)

**Thursday November 1  
7pm**

**Talk: The Collected Letters of Jane Morris**

Dr. Jan Marsh and Frank C. Sharp discuss their new book which contains over 500 letters of Jane Morris, wife of William Morris and a renowned Victorian artists' model. The letters give an insight into Jane's personality, and many of them are being published for the first time. Spaces are limited, please book. **Tickets £12**, includes a glass of wine. De Morgan Centre, West Hill SW18. [www.demorgan.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.demorgan.org.uk/whats-on)

**Friday November 2 2pm**

**Wandsworth Quaker Autumn Fair**

Plants, home-made food and produce, craft and pottery, books, CDs, DVDs, jewellery, and a children's stall. **Entry £2 (concessions 50p)** includes a hot/cold drink and cake. All proceeds go to the eco-refurbishment of the Meeting House. Friends Meeting House, 55 Wandsworth High Street SW18. Contact [oliver.g@mac.com](mailto:oliver.g@mac.com)

**Tuesday November 13  
7pm**

**Clarissa – clarinet quartet**

Join us for this musical evening. Earlsfield Townswomen's Guild, Earlsfield Library Magdalen Road SW18. Call the secretary 8870 0753.

**Saturday November 17  
1.30-4pm**

**St Margaret's Christmas Fair**

Contemporary jewellery and crafts, decorations and gift wrap, books and Traidcraft, kid's activities, silent auction. Entry 50p, children free. Free parking. St Margaret's Church, Putney Park Lane SW15. Call 8789 5932. **Wheelchair**

**Monday November 19  
8pm**

**A Life with Music**

John McCabe, the composer, pianist and music

writer talks to Robert Philip about his multi-faceted musical life. Putney Music, Dryburgh Hall, Putney Leisure Centre, SW15. [www.putneymusic.org.uk](http://www.putneymusic.org.uk)

**Thursday November 22  
7.30 for 7.45pm**

**Jenny Jones on the GLA**

Green Party member Jenny Jones will speak about the Greater London Assembly: how it works, her own role, and how she can influence decision making. Wandsworth Society, West Side Church, Melody Road. Call 8870 4567. [www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthsociety.org.uk)  
**wheelchair**

**Saturday November 24  
11.30am - 3.30pm**

**St Paul's Christmas Fair**

Bric-a-brac, children's activities, gifts, refreshments and more. Father Christmas will also be paying an early visit. **Admission 50p**. St Paul's Church, 116 Augustus Road, SW19. [sagerousses@btinternet.com](mailto:sagerousses@btinternet.com)  
**Wheelchair**

**Saturday November 24  
10.30am-5pm**

**Choral Workshop at St Mary's Church**

This year's theme is The Grand Tour. England's Forty Fields: Tallis Spem in Alium. **Cost £40** includes music booklet and refreshments. Platinum Choral Workshops at St Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road SW11. [www.platinumconsort.com/platinum-choral-workshops](http://www.platinumconsort.com/platinum-choral-workshops)



**Throughout October and November (Tuesdays - Fridays 10am-5pm,  
Saturdays- Sundays 11am-5pm)**

**Painting Wandsworth: Watercolours 1770 – 1925**

Historic scenes from across the borough of Wandsworth, from Roehampton and Putney in the west to Nine Elms in the east, Tooting in the south to Battersea in the north. Through the eyes of 19th century painters the watercolours reveal how the borough looked a century ago. **Admission £4 adults, £3 concession, children 6 and under free**. Wandsworth Museum, 38 West Hill. Call 8870 6060. [www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk](http://www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk)

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### Home Ownership

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### Housing Advice

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### Libraries

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