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Crowning glory at St Mary's

The Duchess of Cornwall paid a visit to St Mary's RC Primary School in Battersea, to find out about the great strides students have been making in English. The Duchess is a literacy champion, and helped launch the Evening Standard's Get London Reading campaign. She's seen here with a very regal-looking Crisangelo Hayag from year 2.

The school appointed high-achieving head teacher Jared Brading in 2011, and the newspaper has pledged money to fund new books and literacy materials and a programme of reading mentors. Volunteers visit St Mary's for three hours a week to read to youngsters, and the school has a new library. Other notable visitors over recent months have included the Prime Minister, David Cameron.

Last year the school was rated 'good' by Ofsted and was in the top 200 nationally in key stage 2 English and Maths exams - it was one of three borough primaries whose pupils scored 100 per cent in both tests.

► Find out about the council's plans and priorities for education in the borough at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/betterschoolsmorechoice.



Keeping your council tax low

Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader of Wandsworth Council, writes

“This year we have once again been able to freeze our share of bills but we cannot absorb costs that are beyond our control and are levied by other statutory organisations.

We have been cutting waste and inefficiency for over a generation, while most other councils have only just started.

Our budgets remain under extreme pressure and further action is required if we are to make the necessary savings in the years ahead to ensure we do not increase the financial burden on residents.

That is why we are also taking steps to slim down the council even further, by reducing senior staff numbers, cutting back-office costs, reducing the amounts spent on running and maintaining office buildings and seeking new efficiencies across all our services.

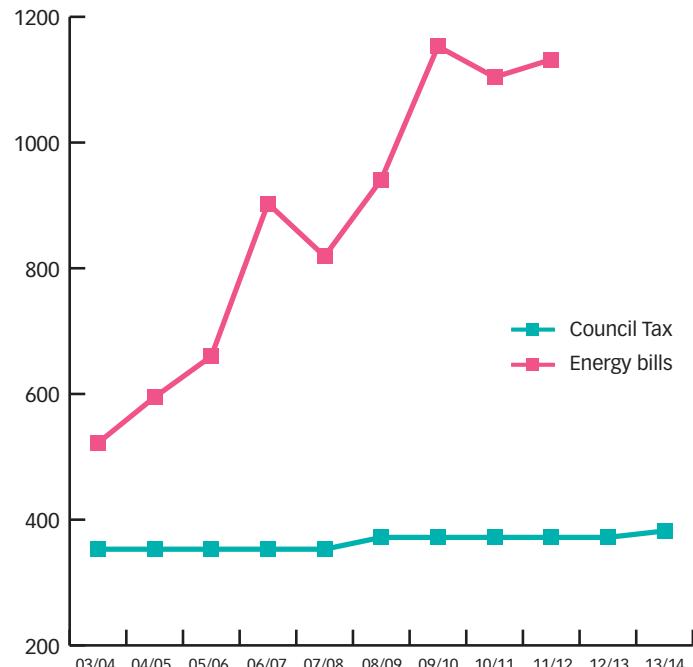
The council has a long and successful 35-year record of working with the private sector to deliver high quality local services at the best value for money prices. We will explore new and innovative ways of delivering a far wider range of services in partnership with the private sector.

We are continuing to do everything we can to protect frontline services despite the huge savings we are required to make to help pay off the nation's debt mountain.

We are proud to have some of the best parks and cleanest streets, proud to be maintaining weekly refuse collections and proud to be keeping all our libraries open.

We are also proud of the work we are doing to look after our most vulnerable residents properly and we are proud that Wandsworth is a place where people can make the most of their talents, where we are improving our neighbourhoods, creating new jobs, improving transport links and extending educational choice and opportunity.

This is only the second increase in ten years and our residents can rest assured that we will always be Britain's number one council for value and service.”



Relative rises in energy bills and Wandsworth Council tax bills over the past 10 years

Council bands

Band A	£457.18	Band E	£838.16
Band B	£533.38	Band F	£990.56
Band C	£609.57	Band G	£1142.96
Band D	£685.77	Band H	£1371.55

(areas not affected by Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators' Levy)

Bills still nation's lowest



The average council tax bill in Wandsworth will still be the lowest in the country following the council's decision to freeze its own share of the bill.

The council's levy on local taxpayers remains unchanged, but average bills will increase by 22 pence a week from April – an overall rise of 3.1 per cent.

This is because the council is having to pass on increases from other public organisations whose funding makes up part of the bill. This includes the cost of disposing of refuse at the Western Riverside Waste Authority.

This represents only the second increase in ten years while many other household costs during this time have virtually doubled.

The council has also announced a major re-organisation of services which will see the number of departments and directors reduced from six to four – reinforcing its position as one of the leanest councils in London. The council must make £100m in savings over five years.

Insurance bills lower in Wandsworth

Wandsworth residents don't just get the best deal on their council tax - they also pay less for car and house insurance than people in neighbouring boroughs.

A price comparison checked the cost of insuring both a car and also household contents in Wandsworth, Lambeth, Merton and Hammersmith & Fulham.

The same vehicle - a 2009 Honda Civic worth £6,800 - was used to check car insurance prices across the four boroughs, as was the cost of insuring the contents of a rented two bedroom ground floor flat in a Victorian conversion property.

In virtually all the cases the Wandsworth prices came out cheapest - amounting in some cases to a saving of several hundreds pounds a year. Wandsworth has the lowest crime rate in inner London, helping to keep costs low.

Another study carried out by the council last year also found that over the past two decades residents in Wandsworth have saved just under £8,600 in council tax, compared to the average charge across London. Council tax has remained low for years, compared to large increases in other household expenses, such as utilities.

Council leader Ravi Govindia said: "Someone said on Twitter that they had just moved to Wandsworth and saved themselves £200 in car insurance.

"When we read it we thought we'd put it to the test. We were delighted but not altogether surprised when we saw the results. Wandsworth is the safest borough in inner London and low crime levels are a huge factor in keeping insurance costs down."

Nick Goble, managing director of Winkworth estate agents added: "Winkworth have operated in Wandsworth for the last 28 years and we have sold and let to thousands of people during this time. The draw of Wandsworth is that it appeals to everyone. It's vibrant for the younger generation, has great commons and parks for the families, great transport links and has always been among the cheapest places for council tax in London. It has a huge natural appeal and it's hardly surprising it's so popular."

CASE STUDY

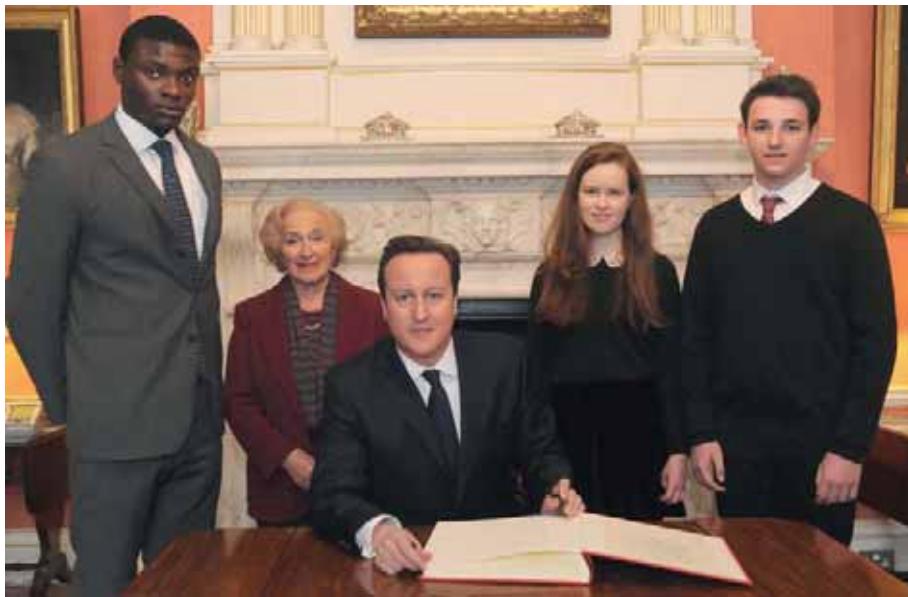
Costs for a 30-year-old single man for fully comprehensive car insurance

Leigham Court Road, Streatham	£902
St Luke's Avenue, Clapham	£788
Bishops Road, Fulham	£738
Cologne Road, Battersea	£708
Hartfield Road, Wimbledon	£632
Jeypore Road, Earlsfield	£629
Balvernie Grove, Southfields	£617
Dafforne Road, Tooting	£612
Disraeli Road, Putney	£544

Contents insurance costs for the same man sharing a flat worth around £450,000

Bishops Road, Fulham	£462
Empress Place, Fulham	£456
St Luke's Avenue, Clapham	£309
Becmead Avenue, Streatham	£280
Hartfield Road, Wimbledon	£135
Dafforne Road, Tooting	£135
Cologne Road, Battersea	£120
Disraeli Road, Putney	£113
Balvernie Grove, Southfields	£111

Text in green indicates addresses within the borough



Making sure we never forget

Sixth Formers at Saint Cecilia's School met with Prime Minister David Cameron to mark Holocaust Memorial Day.

William Pinder and Hannah Hardman are the school's Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors and are tasked with communicating the horrors of the holocaust to fellow students. They also met holocaust survivor, Freda Wineman.

The council marked Holocaust Memorial Day by running a competition for borough schoolchildren. One hundred people entered for a chance to win prizes including a photography workshop from the Wandsworth Guardian. The winners were Sonia Zia, Josh Miller, Amelia Askew and Ulrm. Entries can be viewed in borough libraries – see www.wandsworth.gov.uk/holocaustmemorial for more details.

New homes for Wandsworth families

Leading housing association L&Q is building 139 new homes on the site of a former council depot and coach and lorry park in Eltringham Street near Wandsworth roundabout.

Planning permission is already in place so people should be able to start moving in by the early part of 2015.

The site had been used for around 30 years to provide parking for the council's fleet of school buses and coaches and also for some of the larger vehicles used by the borough's operational services team. These vehicles have moved to another council-owned site in Dormay Street.

L&Q is also building 17 new affordable homes for rent on another site in nearby York Road that they have acquired in the same purchase deal with the council.

By linking these two central Wandsworth sites, the council and L&Q are creating 158 homes for people on a range of incomes, including homes sold on a shared ownership basis, homes available for affordable rent and homes that are available for outright sale.

People interested in affordable home ownership opportunities in Wandsworth can find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership or they can contact the home ownership team by calling (020) 8871 6016 or emailing housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk.



Bike info

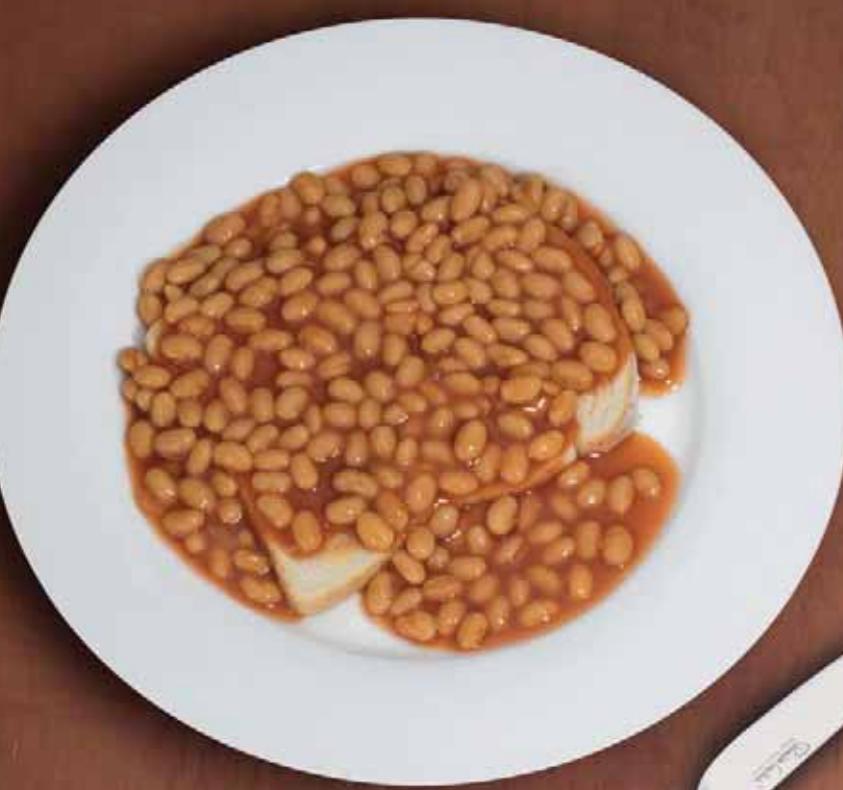
For information on bike safety checks, maintenance classes and other bike-related courses and activities, email transportation@wandsworth.gov.uk. You will be put on a list and notified of any upcoming events.

Bowling ahead

Wandilea Bowls and Social Club in Openview, Wandsworth is open to new members. Membership is free for the first year and equipment is included. Visit www.facebook.com/bowlswandilea, email wandileabowls@yahoo.co.uk or call (020) 8769 7585.

Handy help

Older people who need minor DIY around the house can call the Handyperson service run by AgeUK Wandsworth. The service aims to help keep people safe and secure. Some jobs are free, but there is a charge for others. Call (020) 8877 8949 or visit www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth.



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Fostering Teenagers

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 older children.

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 enhanced fees and allowances to enable you to make a lasting difference to a teenager's life.

To find out more about looking after a Wandsworth teenager:

Visit our website
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fostering

Visit our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/wandsworthfostering

Email carerrecruitment@wandsworth.gov.uk

Call (020) 8871 6666

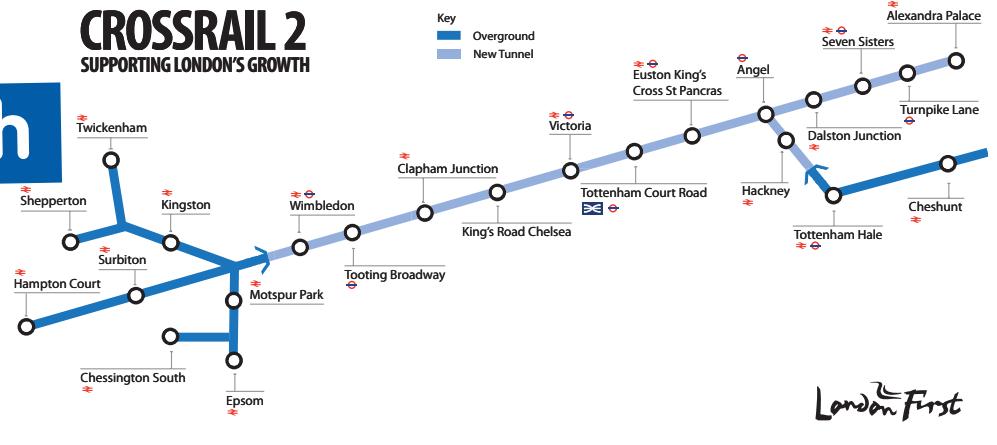
Discover the rewards of fostering



Support builds for new Wandsworth Tube lines



CROSSRAIL 2 SUPPORTING LONDON'S GROWTH



London First

The council's campaign for a new London Underground line with stops at Clapham Junction and Tooting Broadway has won backing from influential business group London First.

Wandsworth has been pressing for the route of 'Crossrail 2' (image above) to run via Battersea and Tooting and has welcomed the new-found support.

Mayor Boris Johnson has also thrown his weight behind the scheme in recent weeks which would connect south-west and north-east London with a new underground tunnel.

The proposed route includes stops at Kingston, Wimbledon, Tooting Broadway, Clapham Junction, King's Road Chelsea, Victoria, Tottenham Court Road, Euston, King's Cross, St Pancras and Angel.

Transport spokesman Cllr Russell King said: "Securing this new Underground line is a top priority for the council and will be vital to meeting the demands of our growing population."

"The Northern line extension is already bringing the Tube to Battersea and Crossrail 2 would represent another major step forward for our transport network."

The council has ambitious plans for an improved range and quality of transport services in Wandsworth. They include:

- **London Overground upgrades** – a new direct rail service from Clapham Junction to north London is now in operation and trains will soon be lengthened to improve capacity.
- **Putney Station upgrades** – work begins this year to increase capacity and improve facilities inside the station and on the forecourt in Putney High Street. The council is also pressing for a new entrance to be created from Oxford Road.
- **Longer trains** – commuter services to Victoria, Waterloo and London Bridge are being lengthened to increase capacity at peak times.
- **Improving the Northern line** – a signalling upgrade is underway which will provide a 20 per cent increase in capacity from 2014.
- **Enhanced riverbus service** – a new boat operator is being sought for the Putney riverbus service which could see the timetable improved and reduce journey times to central London.
- **Better buses links for Roehampton** – councillors are pressing for services upgrades including extra buses on route 72 and an extension of route 22.
- **Northern Line extension** – (map below) this project will bring the Tube to Battersea by 2019 with new stations at Wandsworth Road and Battersea Power Station.
- **Balham to Gatwick direct** – the council is calling for some Gatwick bound trains to stop en route at Balham.





- **Bus upgrades** – older, heavily polluting diesel buses are now being replaced with cleaner models following pressure from the council and local residents.

- **Northern Line extension phase 2** – councillors believe this underground extension could continue past Battersea Power Station to reach Clapham Junction.

- **Direct trains to Heathrow** – the council is building a business case for a new direct rail route to Heathrow from Clapham Junction. Journey times could drop to 30 minutes.

- **Cycle hire expansion** – the council has agreed a plan with the Mayor of London which would see the existing Barclays Cycle Hire zone extended across parts of Battersea, Wandsworth Town and Putney later this year.

- **Wandsworth One Way System** – the council is working with TfL to secure a redesign of the town centre which would remove heavy through traffic from the high street.

► For more information on the council's Travel Choices campaign visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/travelchoices.



Forces discount

Discounted membership at six borough leisure centres is now on offer to any past or present member of Britain's armed forces. This includes unlimited use of gyms, group exercise classes, swimming pools and health suites.

DC Leisure, which has the contract to run the council's leisure centres, is offering the scheme in appreciation of the bravery and dedication of service personnel.

See www.dcleisurecentres.co.uk.

More homes

244 hidden homes have been created over ten years in disused spaces on housing estates like laundries and storage areas. The new dwellings provide affordable homes for local people
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/hiddenhomes

How much is in your drink?

Did you know that licensed premises by law have to offer alcohol in the following measures?

- Wine – Small 125ml
- Spirits – 25ml or 35ml
- Beer and cider – Half a pint

A mandatory condition under the Licensing Act 2003 requires licensed premises selling alcohol to ensure that customers are made aware of their right to ask for and be sold the smaller measures of alcohol including 125ml glasses of wine. Many licensed premises already offer smaller measures however if you are not offered then ask.

A small glass of wine contains approximately 90 calories and is equivalent to about 1.5 units. In comparison, a large 250ml glass of wine contains approximately 200 calories and is equivalent to 3.3 units.

licensing@wandsworth.gov.uk





Picnic at the Power Station

You can picnic outside Battersea Power Station this summer in a new temporary park.

The park will be completed by the summer and the site's owners hope to open it to the public as often as possible within the constraints of their construction programme. It will be connected to Battersea Park via a new riverside walkway.

The redevelopment of the entire power station site will be completed in phases over the next ten years. Later in the project the temporary green space will be replaced with a permanent six acre public park and riverside walk lined with cafes, restaurants and shops.

The final scheme will also include a new riverbus passenger pier, tube station, offices and a whole new town centre providing thousands of jobs. The listed power station building will be restored and opened up to the public.

The project is one of 27 development schemes taking place across the Nine Elms on the South Bank regeneration area. Together they are expected to provide up to 25,000 new jobs, 16,000 new homes, parks and a new public market. Sign up for updates at www.nineelmslondon.com/e-newsletter.



A soldier's life

Local people got a chance to see what army life is like at an open day held by the Territorial Army infantry in Balham. They could see and handle equipment and speak to soldiers who have served on the front line in Iraq and Afghanistan. Find out more about the TA at www.army.mod.uk/londons.

Wandsworth has signed the Armed Forces Community Covenant and has a dedicated Armed Forces Champion. Armed Forces personnel get a higher priority on housing waiting lists, and leisure contractor DC Leisure offers reduced rates for service members.



Make your voice heard

Are you aged 18-24 and living on the Alton, Winstanley or York Road Estates?

You're invited to take part in an ambitious new project to help you shape and improve the services available to help you succeed in life.

The council is setting up a panel of young people – "18 Up" – to give you a platform to tell decision-makers about your experiences going through education, getting a job and using other services.

As part of the project panel members can take part in online surveys, discussion forums and workshops. Your level of involvement is up to you, but as a thank you for getting involved you can expect to earn vouchers to spend online, be entered into prize draws, take part in volunteering opportunities – and much more.

The panel will be launched in April, so if you are interested in learning more – or if you think your son or daughter would like to take part – email 18up@wandsworth.gov.uk. The panel is also open to 17-year-olds about to turn 18. Keep up to date with the latest 18 Up news at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/18up.

Healthy Wandsworth

Wandsworth people are among the healthiest and best educated in the UK, Census results show.
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/census

Work's well underway on the borough's new-look playgrounds

The council is spending half a million pounds on new play facilities in Battersea and Wandsworth.

New play equipment is being installed as part of a £200,000 scheme at Battersea Park. The play centre will become a venue for activities such as dance and drama classes, singing and music tuition and clown and circus trick workshops. These would be provided by local voluntary groups, charities, professional tutors and entertainers.

The other half of the building, which currently houses the one o'clock club, could be transformed into a child and family friendly café with an outdoor play area for toddlers.

And the council is also discussing the possibility of introducing climbing walls and an aerial walkway or "tree walk" facility at the playground. Using high wires and harnesses young people would be able to enjoy a series of high rise challenges under the supervision of properly trained adults.



The **Kimber Road** playground is being transformed into a skatepark and BMX bike track as part of a £170,000 investment project, due for completion by June this year.

Its play building could be turned into a youth café and it could become home to a BMX club offering coaching.

At **York Gardens** £130,000 has been spent on new play equipment. The empty play building will provide 48 free nursery places for two-year-olds from lower income families.

Free nursery places for lower income families

Free nursery places are being created for two-year-olds from lower income families.

The council is creating 1,800 places, as well as strengthening the range of early years services provided in the borough's least well-off neighbourhoods.

A total of 894 extra nursery places will be available from September this year with another 894 to be provided in September 2014. These are aimed at families whose children qualify for free school meals.

Some of these places will be created at one o'clock clubs. The council is exploring ways of maintaining drop-in sessions at some of the one o'clock clubs when they are not being used to offer nursery places. It is also looking to make sessions available at one o'clock clubs on Saturdays for the first time.

Parents who use the drop-in and play services at these one o'clock clubs will also be able to attend similar stay and play sessions at the 14 council-run children's centres and also at various playgroups and children's centres run by Wandsworth's voluntary sector providers.

As well as using one o'clock clubs and children's centres, the 1,800 new childcare places will also be provided at independent nurseries and through registered childminders, ensuring a wide range of options to suit parents' needs.

This expansion in early years education is part of a £5.1m programme that also includes £800,000 to fund improvements and upgrades to buildings to ensure they meet the highest standards for nursery accommodation.



HOME-START Wandsworth's Yummiest Coffee Morning

There's still time to get involved in Home-Start Wandsworth's Yummiest Coffee Morning on March 21. The event will help fund work supporting fragile hard to reach families and children in their homes. Home-Start volunteers support parents through isolation, bereavement, multiple births, illness, disability and other issues. For more information and tips for holding your morning visit www.homestartwandsworth.org.uk.

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Get ready for RideLondon

RideLondon is a 100 mile bike ride which will see 20,000 cyclists pass through the borough.

The RideLondon festival, sponsored by Prudential and organised by the Mayor of London, features two cycle rides that will pass through Putney on Sunday, August 4.

Both rides - one for up to 20,000 amateur and club riders and another involving the top international professional men - will start in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and run through London and Surrey before returning to the capital to finish along The Mall.

Unlike last year's Olympic Cycle Road Race, the outbound route will not pass through the borough. However, cyclists will be making an appearance on the return leg, going along Wimbledon Park Side, Tibbet's Ride, Putney Hill and over Putney Bridge via the High Street.

Wandsworth's transport spokesman, Councillor Russell King, said: "The Olympic Cycle Road Race was a fantastic event and we have every hope that this year's RideLondon cycling festival will be equally exciting.

"I hope it encourages people of all ages and abilities to take to two wheels - with the Barclays Cycle Hire scheme about to expand into the borough there couldn't be a better time."

The council has been liaising with organisers to agree the route and ensure related disruption is kept to a minimum, but road closures are inevitable. It is not clear yet, though, which roads will be affected. The June edition of Brightside will contain more details.



► For more information about the event or the impact on the local area visit www.PrudentialRideLondon.co.uk



Does a loved one, or someone you care for, have Dementia?

Come along to three information sessions that will run during May, June and July 2013.

Facing the future

- 1 Find out about the support available through the journey of dementia.
- 2 What to expect during different stages of dementia.
- 3 Thinking about the future and advanced care planning to include planning for end of life care.

To book or find out more call Nicola Zimmermann on 020 8877 0033 or email Nicola.Zimmermann@alzheimers.org.uk



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Making Putney even better

Transport for London (TfL) has begun work on installing innovative pollution-reducing equipment on 94 double decker buses which travel through Putney High Street.

A council study revealed that London buses are a major contributor to traffic pollution on the high street which frequently exceeds EU limits. In response TfL has accelerated upgrades to Putney's bus fleet.

So far 45 new buses (including ten hybrids) have replaced older, higher polluting models on routes 74 and 220. The next stage will see 94 buses fitted with Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) equipment which according to TfL, can reduce harmful NOx emissions by up to 88 per cent.

Find out more about the council's air quality initiatives at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/airquality.

Meanwhile work has started on remodelling the entrance of Putney train station to create more space and better passenger facilities. Lifts will also be installed to provide disabled access to the platforms.

Wandsworth Council has commissioned a feasibility study looking at the potential for a new entrance to the station from Oxford Road. This could reduce the volume of people using the existing entrance and make it easier for people to interchange with the District Line at East Putney Station. The report will be completed this spring.

The council has also begun works to improve the pavement and road layout at the southern end of Putney High Street which will complement Network Rail's station upgrade.



Recognising top young people

Do you know an outstanding young person? There's still time to nominate them for a Wandsworth Young Person of the Year award.

The award, in its 21st year, honours those young people in the community who deserve recognition for their achievements, courage, generous attitude or ability to overcome difficult personal circumstances. This could include

- outstanding achievement in education, sport or the arts
- making a major contribution to their school or local community
- overcoming difficulties or setbacks to achieve their goals and/or
- acts of good citizenship.

► Nominations close shortly.
Call (020) 8871 7553 as soon as possible.

Don't forget
you can
Nominate online



Home improvements

People on low incomes who privately rent or own their homes may be eligible for free home improvements to make their property more energy-efficient, such as insulation or a new boiler. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeenergyefficiency

Right to buy

A new booklet gives council tenants information on their right to buy their home. Last year the discount level was raised from £16,000 to a maximum of £75,000 - meaning more working households can now afford to purchase their home from the council. Read more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/homeownership

London Youth Games

Represent Wandsworth in more than 30 sports at this year's London Youth Games. Wandsworth has finished second overall in the past two years in this annual competition involving all 33 London boroughs. Wandsworth is running a trials and training programme to prepare the team in the build up to this year's competition. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/lyg for full details.

Private fostering

If you are looking after someone else's child and are not the parent or close relative then you may need to register as a private foster carer.

Private fostering involves looking after a child who is under 16 and is living apart from their families for longer than 28 days.

It is a legal requirement to inform the council so professionals can ensure the child is safe and well cared for. Call 020 8871 6622 or email childreferralsdutymanager@wandsworth.gov.uk

Street cleaning

A new street cleaning contract starts in April, cutting costs to council tax payers with no loss to the quality of service.

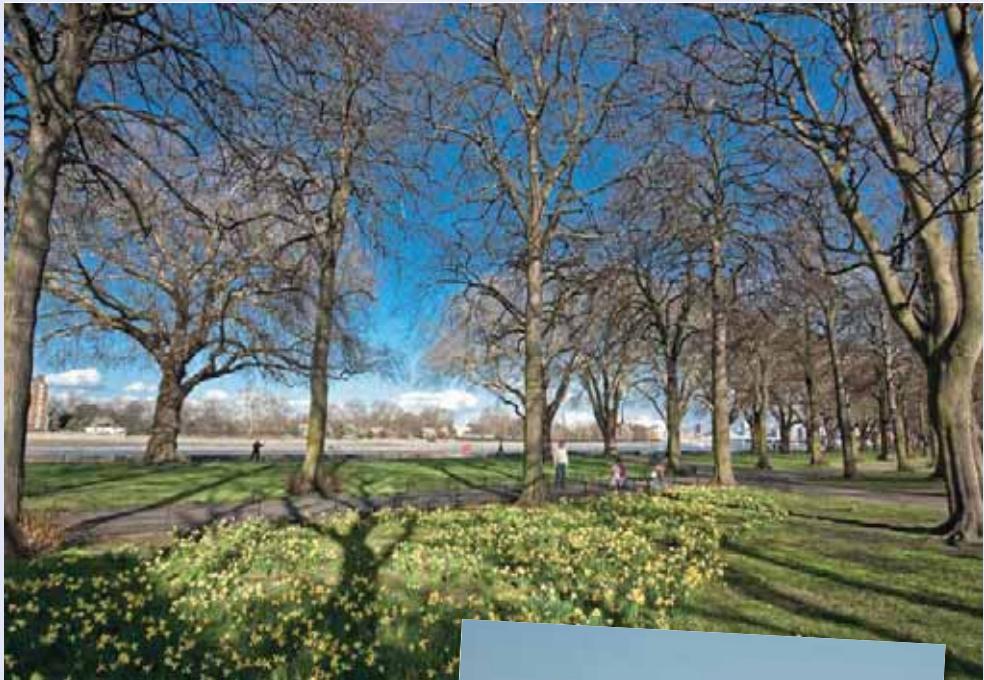
Continental Landscapes has won a seven year contract, and will use a brand new fleet of vehicles specially designed to meet the challenges of cleaning the borough's busy streets. There will be no reduction in the amount of times streets are swept.

If you see anyone dumping rubbish in the street, call (020) 8871 8249 or wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk. If they are in a car, take a note of the registration number

The town on the Thames

Local photographer Andrew Wilson has scored a hit with his new book **Wild About Putney: The Town on the Thames.**

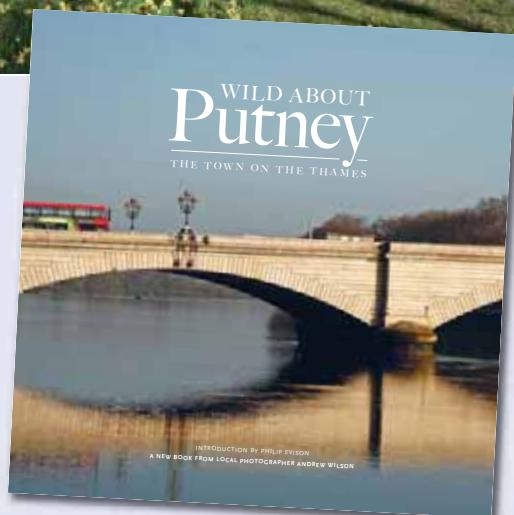
The book has flown off the shelves of Putney bookshops, and is available on Amazon. It features shots of modern-day Putney, including its green spaces, buildings and local characters, and includes an introduction by council leader Ravi Govindia. Email info@unity-publishing.co.uk.



Springtime in Wandsworth Park



Sailing on the Thames

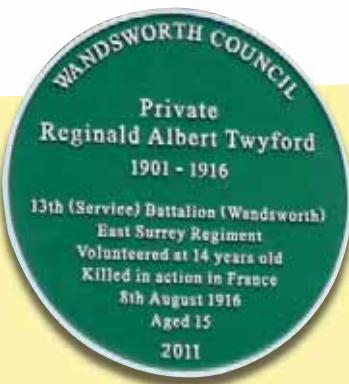


Bishop's Park, as viewed from Putney Embankment

Ferny Parry has been running his garage, F.C. Parry Motors for more than 40 years



Green plaque brings history home



A woman has rediscovered a lost link with her past after the unveiling of a green plaque in honour of her uncle.

Reginald Twyford volunteered at 14 and was just 15 when he died in the First World War trenches. He lied about his age to join the 13th Battalion of the East Surrey Regiment - a so called 'Pals battalion' of men that signed up to be alongside friends and family. The battalion had been raised by the then Mayor of Wandsworth and was comprised of men from Putney, Roehampton, Southfields, Wandsworth, Tooting, Balham and (then part of the borough) Clapham and Streatham. The picture shows men of the battalion at about this time, but it's not clear if any of are Reginald Twyford.

Private Twyford, known as Reggie to his family and friends, was shipped to France on the eve of the Battle of the Somme. He survived on the front line under constant enemy fire for only two months until he was killed in a German artillery attack on the British trenches on August 8, 1916. He's buried in France.

In memory of his sacrifice, a Wandsworth Green Plaque was put up at the property where he was born in Roehampton High Street. A room at the town hall's Civic Suite, The Twyford Room, is also named in his honour.

Author, military historian and Wandsworth Council officer Paul McCue is an expert on the Wandsworth Pals, and has written a book, Wandsworth and Battersea Battalions in the Great War. He was contacted by Reggie's neice Julie Viney who saw publicity about the plaque unveiling and realised the family link. Paul has been able to pass on more detailed information about the history of Reggie and his family.

Julie told Brightside, "Reginald was my mother's brother and she would have been six years old when he died. His mother died on the 14th August 1914 and the family thought this led to his joining up and so leading to his death almost a year later.

"The family were to be touched further by the horror of the First World War. Shortly after the war an older sister's husband and another brother both died from TB contracted in the war.

"I bought Paul McCue's book and I was touched and grateful that Paul, together with others from the council, visited his grave last July. I have it in mind, together with two other close members of the family to come and see the Twyford Room."

Green Plaques are commissioned by Wandsworth Council to honour notable people or places in the borough, including Clement Atlee, Margaret Rutherford and the Totterdown Estate. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/greenplaques.



Swimathon

A Swimathon is being held at the Tooting Bec Lido on May 12 in aid of the Brain and Spine Foundation, which helps people living with neurological conditions. Sign up as an individual, or as part of a team. Find out more at www.brainandspine.org.uk.

Cancer help

St Paul's Cancer Support Centre in Wandsworth is holding a weekly online course called Coping with Cancer Stress. It starts on March 27 and is free, although donations are welcome. Visit www.healingjourney.org.uk/onlinecourse.html or call (020) 7738 1333.

Go green

Borough businesses can get tips on going green and saving money from the Greening Business Service. For more information and to find out whether your business is eligible visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/greeningbiz.

Money advice

Cap Money is a charity that runs courses to help people manage their money better. The course is delivered in Battersea by St Mark's Church. Visit www.capmoney.org.

Volunteering advice

Find out whether volunteering is for you, and get information on local volunteering opportunities, at a drop-in session at Balham Library on March 28 from 2pm to 4pm.

Childcare list

Looking for a childminder? A regularly updated list is available on the council's Family Information Service website. Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis.

Disability sport

Disabled people can enjoy everything from limbless football to blind lawn bowling, with a range of disability sports on offer in the borough. See a directory at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/disabilitysportsdirectory.

Dog law

The council has welcomed the government's decision to bring in compulsory microchipping for dogs. Wandsworth has lobbied for the change for several years, and it is a condition of council tenancy that dogs are chipped and registered. Find out more at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs.



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Truancy crackdown

A council crackdown is targeting children who miss school without a good reason.

Police officers will join staff from the council's education welfare service in a series of targeted truancy sweeps across the borough.

Parents are warned that pupils with poor attendance records are likely to be targeted during the operation. If they are not in class when the sweeps are carried out, police and education welfare officers will call at their homes to try and find them.

People who fail to send their children to school regularly can be fined up to £2,500 each, and in some circumstances they could even be sent to prison. Truants are at a much higher risk than other children of becoming caught up in crime.

The town hall is also working closely with local schools to discourage parents from taking children out of school for holidays during term-time, unless there are exceptional circumstances, and the absence has been sanctioned by the headteacher.

Parents or pupils who would like advice or help with school attendance problems should contact the education welfare service on (020) 8871 8306.



Bothered by bed bugs?

Bed bug numbers have increased significantly over the last decade. They can be a real problem – especially in densely populated areas like Wandsworth.

Here's some useful facts to help you find and tackle them:

- They are a reddish-brown and oval-shaped and can grow to a quarter of an inch long.
- They feed on the blood of humans, so do not choose a dirty home over a clean one. BUT they are easier to spot if you keep things clean and tidy.
- Bed bugs don't fly and are not known to carry diseases, but their bite may cause a localised swelling which may also be itchy.
- Also, look out for their eggs, and black dots which could be their faeces. And check your sheets for unexplained blood spots.
- Check beds, headboards and furniture, particularly around the seams and folds for signs.
- Bed bugs can be easily treated by a reputable pest control company. Wandsworth's Pest Control Team provide an effective service, confidential and affordable pest control for all types of pests, including bedbugs.

For free advice and to book an appointment call (020) 8871 6143.

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WANDSWORTH LEARNING WORKS

2 weeks of free learning opportunities for adults and families

May 18-27

Adult Learners' Week May 18-24

A national celebration of the benefits of lifelong learning and the perfect opportunity to explore the many types of learning available to adults from all walks of life. Activities will be taking place across a number of sites in Wandsworth. For a timetable of events visit www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.or.uk.

National Family Week May 27- June 2

has firmly established itself as the largest annual celebration of families and positive family values. Across Wandsworth a whole range of fun activities will be taking place. For further details visit: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/fis or www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.or.uk.

Wandsworth Learning works hub coming to Battersea and Roehampton, April 15

This year there is an important addition to the Lifelong Learning offer. Two Learning Hubs will coordinate tasters and short courses across a range of local providers, giving residents and families increased access to tried and tested lessons as well as some different approaches to learning, for example:

- Learn professional maintenance and decorating techniques in your own house!
- Improve your writing by reviewing the play or concert you have just been taken to see
- Drama works – techniques to help you interview better and be more confident
- Improve your cooking by being part of the team catering for a community party And much more!

For further details on this exciting development see the programme of activities on www.wandsworthlifelonglearning

We would also like to hear your ideas about what you would like included in our community learning offer. email: chall@wandsworth.gov.uk or phone 020 8871 8055

And many more....



Cracking down on street drinking...

The council has announced new curbs on anti-social street drinking in and around Roehampton town centre.

The council and police are jointly applying for a Designated Public Place Order (DPPO), which will make outside public spaces in Roehampton and Putney Heath ward alcohol free areas.

Some local people have complained of intimidation by problem drinkers on the estates. The move would enable constables and police community support officers to confiscate alcohol from people caught drinking in the designated public places should they refuse to stop.

Those ignoring such requests could be given an on-the spot fine or face arrest and prosecution in the magistrates court.

The DPPO would cover the whole of the ward, including hotspots such as Danebury Avenue, Portswood Place and Putney Vale, to deter the problem drinkers from simply relocating to another spot nearby.

Under the proposal, drugs and alcohol outreach workers will make further efforts to engage with the 35 or so street drinkers on the Alton and Putney Vale estates to provide support and divert them into treatment.

...while giving a helping hand

The Street Drinkers Programme targets known street-drinking hotspots. Outreach workers assess street drinkers' health and try and find ways to help them. Here we look how they have helped street drinker Sajith*.

Sajith is a 39-year-old Sri Lankan Tamil asylum seeker with a wife and child in India. When the outreach team found him in July 2012, he was unemployed, not receiving benefits and sleeping on some waste ground behind the car park of a supermarket in Tooting.

He'd had 15 A&E admissions since the start of the year, all of which were alcohol related. He drank around 20 units of alcohol - equivalent to about 10 glasses of wine - per day and was suffering with cirrhosis, seizures triggered by alcohol withdrawal and had a severe rash over his entire body.

Sajith was often reluctant, or too drunk, to engage with the outreach team. He suffered a seizure in September and went missing. He was traced and it was arranged for a Sri Lankan nurse to be on hand when the team took Sajith for a medical assessment.

Seeing the nurse was a key turning point and Sajith started to respond to help. He's been found temporary housing with plans in hand for something more permanent. He's registered with a GP, is receiving benefits and regular medical attention, goes to breakfast and lunch clubs and is sticking to his alcohol reduction plan.

* Not his real name

Need help?

If you always feel the need to have a drink, if your work, education or home life is being affected or if other people warn you about how much you're drinking you may need to get help.

Your doctor can help by referring you to a community alcohol service, free local support groups, day-centre counselling or one-to-one counselling. You may be prescribed medication to help with withdrawal symptoms.

You can also call the drug and alcohol service directly on 020 7498 6149 or visit www.blenheimcdp.org.uk.



Happy birthday Clapham Junction

Clapham Junction station will be 150 years old this year.

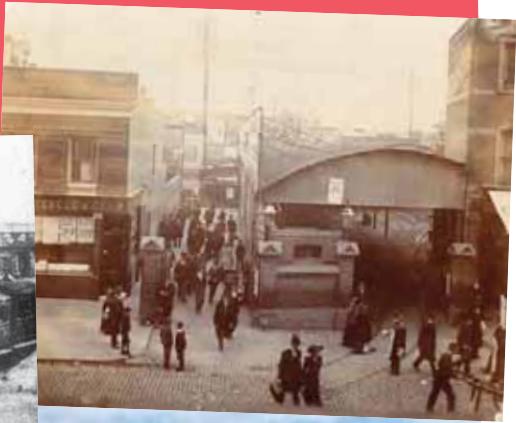
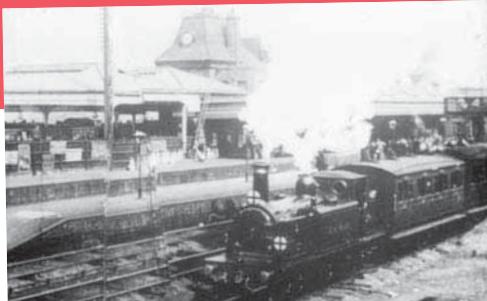
The station was originally created to act as an interchange for the lines of three different train companies - the London and South Western Railway, the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway and the West London Extension Railway.

The area surrounding the station rapidly changed from lavender fields to a busy commuter town, with the population rising from 6,000 in 1840 to 168,000 by 1910.

The station is famously the UK's busiest, with routes from Waterloo and Victoria passing through. In fact, with more than a hundred trains an hour passing through it's one of the busiest in Europe.

The name of the station gave rise to one of the area's biggest misconceptions. The station is in Battersea and is nowhere near Clapham.

There will be celebrations throughout the year to mark the birthday. Find out more at www.clapham-junction.com.



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telephone: (020) 8871 7707
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Service only available to residents of Wandsworth Borough

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.



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or visit our website

www.ageuk.org.uk/wandsworth

Registered charity no. 1069406

The easy way to find care

It's easier than ever to get information on care and support for older and vulnerable people with the new-look Adult Care Information Service (ACIS).

The improvements were made following extensive consultation with service users, carers, staff and local organisations.

Information on a range of topics is available - see below.

It's now easier to find the information you need and compare different options, and you can search by postcode, keyword and type of need (e.g. health condition or disability).

ACIS helps deliver a personalised approach to accessing care and support, ensuring that Wandsworth residents retain their independence, choice and control over their lives.

► Visit www.wandsworth.gov.uk/acis.

People without internet access can call the Access and Information Team on (020) 8871 7707.



Care and support



Health and wellbeing



Caring for someone



Money and legal matters



Things to do



Travel and getting about



Housing and care homes



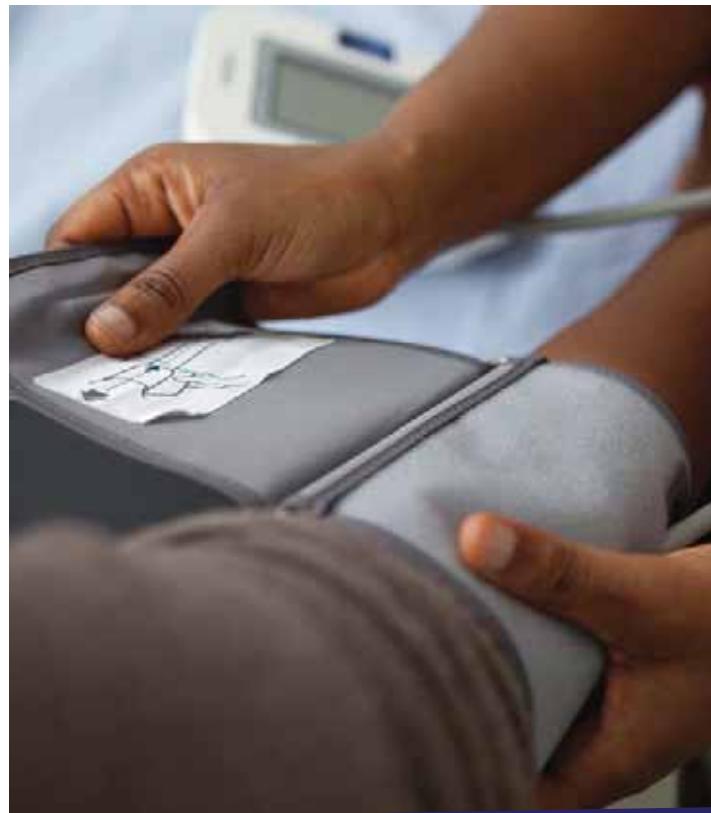
Keeping safe and secure



Community and getting involved



Working and learning



Are you registered with a GP?

Local GP registrar Dr Louise Maillardet tells Brightside why it is important to register with a family doctor:

"You might not be registered with a family doctor or GP because you are new to the area or have moved to the UK for the first time. If you do not have a GP it is very important to get one straight away - don't wait until you or your family are ill or in an emergency."

"If you have a health problem go to your doctor first. He or she can refer you to any hospital care or specialist services you may need."

"As well as treating many serious illnesses, a GP can manage long-term conditions (like diabetes) and has an important role improving your health and preventing illness. This includes vaccinations, cancer screening (like bowel, breast or cervical cancer), family planning, mental health, helping people with drug and alcohol problems, stopping smoking and helping with weight loss."

"If you're between 40 and 74 years old, you may be entitled to a free NHS health check to help you take action to reduce the risk of developing diseases such as heart disease, stroke or diabetes."

"It's free to register. You may be asked for proof of identity and address (and/or immigration status). You don't have to provide this proof, but it helps GPs check you are who you say you are."

► To find a GP in Wandsworth call the find a doctor helpline on 020 8355 1330 or visit www.wandsworthccg.nhs.uk.

Find the right medical help in Wandsworth

Staying healthy

Eat well, get active, stop smoking, limit your alcohol and know your body.

Treat yourself

For minor aches and pains treat yourself with medicines such as paracetamol or ibuprofen. Keep a medical kit stocked for minor cuts and bruises.

Telephone advice (NOT life-threatening)

Call 111 for medical advice.

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Calls from landlines and mobiles are free.

Over the counter

Visit your pharmacy for advice on minor conditions, allergies, medicines and more.

Visit your doctor (GP)

Book an appointment with your GP for health issues, diagnosis of symptoms and referrals to hospital.

To find a doctor call 020 8335 1330 or visit www.nhs.uk

Out of hours (evenings/weekends)

If you think your GP surgery may be closed, you should still call them – you may be put through to the out of hours service or a recorded message with a contact number.

You can also call 111.

Urgent care

For urgent treatment that isn't life threatening, like infections, cuts, burns or emergency contraception, go to a walk-in centre.

You do not need to be registered or make an appointment.

In Wandsworth, these include The Junction Health Centre, Queen Mary's Minor Injury Unit and Urgent Care Centre at St George's Accident & Emergency (A&E).

Emergencies

For life-threatening situations like chest pain, difficulty breathing, heavy bleeding, broken bones, blacking out, fits or seizures go to your nearest Accident and Emergency Department or call 999.

Hospitals around Wandsworth include St George's Hospital, Kingston Hospital, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and St Thomas' Hospitals.

Open Days

Wednesday 6 March

Wandsworth Campus 4pm – 8pm

Thursday 14 March

Merton Campus 4pm – 8pm

Saturday 11 May

Merton & Wandsworth Campuses **11am – 2pm**

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Wartime plight of pets



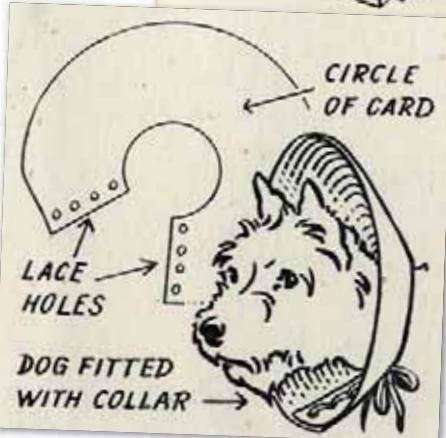
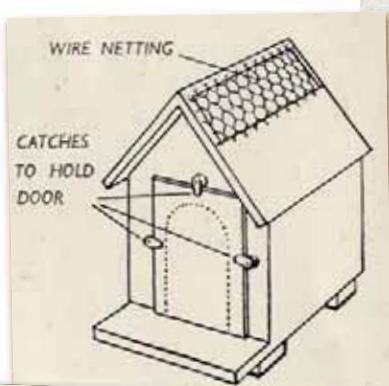
Some fascinating documents on the plight of Wandsworth's pets during the Second World War have been donated to the council's heritage service.

A unique collection of letters, leaflets and posters relating to the National Animals' Air Raid Precautions Committee (NARPAC) gives an insight into an often forgotten aspect of the Home Front.

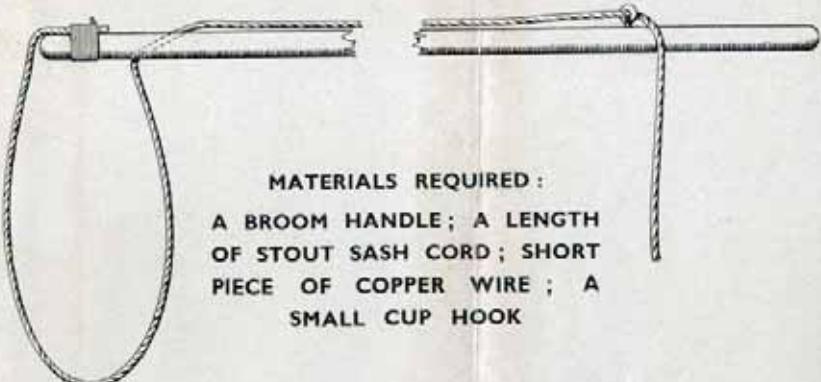
NARPAC was a largely voluntary organisation set up by the Air Raid Precautions Department of the Home Office. It worked with all animal welfare societies to ensure the safety of domestic animals during the blitz. Voluntary NARPAC guards were based throughout the borough and held their meetings at Baskerville Road, Wandsworth Common. Together they worked to register horses, ponies, donkeys, dogs, cats and other domestic pets in their local area. After an air raid, it was the guards' responsibility to help injured animals and reunite them with their owners.

As well as information about the NARPAC, the collection includes information leaflets for pet owners, including how to make a dog or cat grasper and how to gas-proof a kennel, and heartbreaking letters from people trying to trace their beloved pet.

View the collection and find out more at the Heritage Service in Battersea Library, or go to www.wandsworth.gov.uk/heritage.



DIRECTIONS FOR MAKING DOG OR CAT GRASPER



MATERIALS REQUIRED :

A BROOM HANDLE; A LENGTH OF STOUT SASH CORD; SHORT PIECE OF COPPER WIRE; A SMALL CUP HOOK

Lash the sash cord with the wire or stout string to one end of the broom handle. Bore a hole with a brace or red hot poker through the broomstick some ten to twelve inches from its head. The hole should be slanting to enable the cord to run freely. The sash cord should be long enough to form a loop, run the length of the broomstick, through the cup hook and leave more or less a foot of cord for manipulation. Knot the free end of the cord to keep it from returning through the cup hook.

To prevent the cord becoming limp it should be freely beeswaxed.

WANDSWORTH ARTS FESTIVAL 2013+FRINGE 3-19 May

The Wandsworth Arts Festival has grown a fringe!

This year's WAF features events commissioned by the arts team celebrating the borough's communities and creativity, including the ever-popular Shimmy.

This year there's a whole host of community-based events being held as part of the Festival Fringe, under the guidance of a voluntary festival steering committee. This will be a spotlight on what's available in Wandsworth and a testing ground for new work.

Here is just a taster of what's on offer. For a complete list, go to www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artsfestival. The website will be constantly updated as new events are added.



The Shimmy

Take a walk along the river and be surprised by arts encounters along the way. The Shimmy offers the whole family opportunities to get involved in a variety of workshops and participatory activities.

Putney riverside from Church Square to Wandsworth Park
Sunday May 19 1-5pm

FREE

Inspirational Objects: Nature as Designer

Juxtaposing nature photography and everyday objects, curator Alison Milner and photographer Steve Speller encourage you to look a little differently at the things around us.

May 2 - June 16 (Wed-Sun):
11am - 5pm

FREE



Common Knowledge

The natural and social heritage of Tooting Bec Common explored through a series of multimedia artworks.

Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park
May 2 - May 19 (Wed-Sun):
11am - 5pm

FREE

Pop up Media Studio – Our Wandsworth

Drop-in filmmaking training, a story booth to record your individual experiences of being a Londoner, a time-lapse booth and children's workshops in arts and crafts and stop-motion animation.

Southside Shopping Centre, Wandsworth

FREE

May 4-5, 11-12, 18-19: 10am-1pm

Festival Hub

A display of weird and wonderful things, the hub also provides shelter and a warm welcome for visitors to enjoy an exciting programme of night time events and daytime gatherings. Check for updates on www.wandsworthartsfestival.com for information about what's going on, or drop by to pick up festival event flyers.

Wandsworth Triangle, Wandsworth High Street (opposite Southside Shopping Centre)

FREE

May 3-19

Saturday Nights with The Brick Box Unorthodox

Performer and choreographer Yael Karavan and Passenger Films mix physical theatre, installations, performances and projections.

£5

May 4, 8-12pm

Wordsmiths

An evening with local poetry collective 'Dirty Hands' and special guest.

£5

May 11, 8-12pm

Platform 33

Expect anything from championship yo-yo-ing to magic to freestyle football in this showcase of talent.

£5

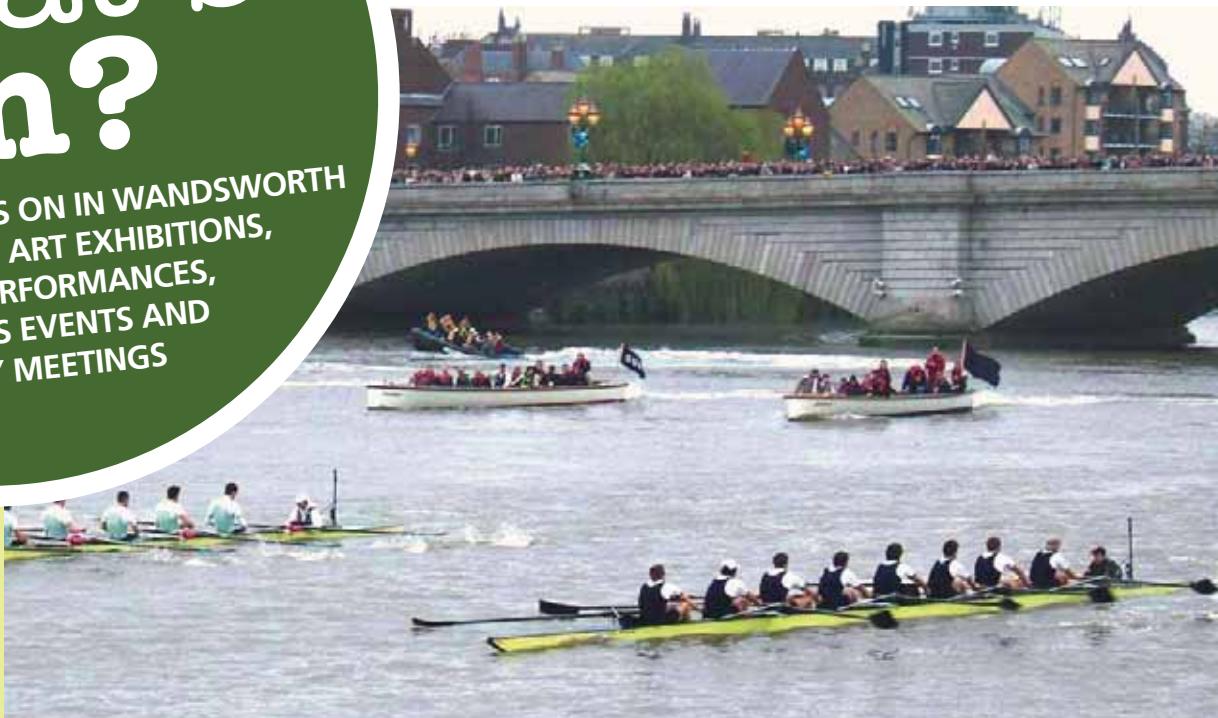
May 8, 8-12pm

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

EVENTS FOR LATE MARCH, APRIL AND MAY



Sunday March 31 4.30pm

Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race

Come to Putney where some of the area's pubs and restaurants will show the boat race on TV and have live music and DJs. Starts at Putney Bridge SW15.

www.theboatrace.org www.wandsworth.gov.uk/putney

Saturday March 16
12-4pm

York Gardens fun day/have your say

Calling all local residents: have your say on how £1million (donated by Big Lottery Fund) should be spent on the area, while enjoying a BBQ, bouncy castle and family games. York Gardens Library, 34 Lavender Road SW11. www.biglocalsw11.co.uk

Wheelchair

Saturday March 16-
Sunday March 17
10am-4pm

Nature Study Centre open weekend

See the improvements made, including a relaxing garden with new pond and growing space. Find out about raw food workshops, toddler learning, nature activities and children's holiday courses. Free. Nature Study Centre, Wandsworth Common Dorlcote Road SW18. Email info@naturescope.co.uk Call 8871 4706.

Tuesday March 19
6.30-8pm

Paul Stephenson and the Bristol Bus Boycott

Illustratory talk on activist Paul Stephenson and the 1963 bus boycott, including connections to cricket, the first race relations law, newly independent Caribbean states, the "I have a dream" speech and Tony Benn. **Free.** Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill SW11. To book call 8871 7466.

Tuesday March 19
7.30pm

Evening song recital

Curated by Ian Burns. Booking essential. Free. National Opera Studio, 2 Chapel Yard SW18. Call 8874 8811. Email info@nationaloperastudio.org.uk

Monday March 25 1-3pm

Parent Forum

Discuss the issues that matter to you and help campaign for a better life for you and your children.

Women of Wandsworth at Katherine Low Settlement, 108 Battersea High Street, SW11
www.wowmums.org.uk

Tuesday March 26-
Thursday March 28
8.30pm

My Robot Heart

Three generations of one family and an impending wedding. **Tickets £10, concessions £8.** BAC Lavender Hill SW11. www.bac.org.uk Call 7223 2223.

Thursday March 28
2-4pm

Volunteering Wandsworth event

Meet the local team and find out about volunteering. Balham Library 16 Ramsden Road SW12. www.volunteering.wandsworth.org.uk

Saturday March 30
10am-2pm

Easter Festival

Bouncy castle, bbq, craft activities. **Free.**

Everyday Church, 225 Wimbledon Park Road SW18. Email southfields@everyday.org.uk www.everyday.org.uk

Saturday March 30
10.30am and 1.30pm

Dogs Don't Do Ballet

Biff the dog doesn't think he's a dog, he thinks he's a ballerina...The story of a small dog with a big personality. For children aged 2-6 years. **Tickets £10, concessions £8.**

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

April 2-12

Easter holiday fun

A range of sports activities including tennis, athletics, dance and swimming at our sports facilities across the borough. For children aged 4 - 14 years. Timetable and booking form at www.wandsworth.gov.uk/holidayfun

wheelchair

How to be listed

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

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Free entry
Wheelchair access
Hearing loop

what's on?

MARCH, APRIL
AND MAY

Tuesday April 2 – Friday April 5

Tennis camp

For children aged 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-14 years. **Course cost £26 for 4-6 years, £39 for other courses.**

Tooting Bec Athletics Track, Tooting Bec Road, SW17. Call 8871 7171. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/tbat

Thursday April 4
1.30-3pm

Arts grants drop-in session

Get advice about council arts grants - funding for new initiatives or extending existing projects or funding for delivering or developing projects. Drop-in at any point. Civic Suite, Robing Room, next to Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street SW18.



Tuesday April 16 – Saturday May 11
7.30pm, Saturdays
2.30pm

Orpheus

Thrilling tale of Orpheus's ill-fated descent into the underworld to reclaim his lost love, Eurydice. Tickets: 16-20 April £10; 23 April-4 May £17.50, conc. £12.50; 7-11 May £20, conc. £15. BAC, Lavender Hill SW11. www.bac.org.uk Call 7223 2223.

Call 8871 8711.
www.wandsworth.gov.uk/artsgrants

Friday April 5 9am-5pm

Food safety catering course

Course for businesses and individuals in Wandsworth. CIEH Level 2 Award qualification. Cost £65, pay in advance. Course held at Town Hall, Wandsworth High Street SW18. To book and pay for your place call 8871 6166, email foodsafety@wandsworth.gov.uk.

Friday April 5 – Saturday April 9 7.45pm

Rabbit

Bella trades in an evening at her dying father's bedside to celebrate her birthday. Black comedy with strong language.

Tickets £10, £7 concession.
Putney Arts Theatre, Ravenna Road SW15. Box office 8788 6943. www.putneyartstheatre.org.uk

Saturday April 6 2-5pm

Felt a tea cosy

Learn how to make felt and create your own tea cosy. All abilities welcome. Workshop with textile artist Carol Grantham.

Cost £20. Tooting Tram & Social, 46-48 Mitcham Road SW17. Call Gillian 07792 776218. Book at www.craftypint.co.uk. **Wheelchair**

Saturday April 6
7.30pm

Concert in aid of Organ Restoration Fund

Helen Duxbury mezzo soprano, Bobby Jeffrey tenor, Nicholas Bosworth piano. **Tickets £10,** includes



Sunday April 7 11am-3pm

Monthly do: Sun prints and chemical drawing workshop

Make chemical drawings using photographic chemicals and paper for children and adults. Free, drop-in workshop. Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park SW11.

www.pumphousegallery.org.uk Call 8871 7572.

an interval drink.
St Augustine's Church, 16-18 Broadwater Road SW17. Email augustinebroadwaterbulletin@yahoo.co.uk **Wheelchair**

Saturday 6 – Sunday 7 April 10am-3pm

Open Garden

Raising money for charities by opening private gardens to the public. Two-acre garden with lots of spring bulbs. Light refreshments. Entry £2.50 Children free. Trinity Hospice, 30 Clapham Common North Side www.trinityhospice.org.uk Call 8871 7572.

Saturday April 6 12-5pm

Balham Craft Fair

Local designers and makers show their wares. Textiles, clothes, jewellery, skin care products, toys, stationery, bags and more will be on sale. The Bedford, 77 Bedford Hill SW12. www.emmabarrettdesigns.co.uk/balham-craft-fair

Until Sunday April 7
(opening hours
Wed-Sun 11am-5pm)

D Eye Y

A non-digital photography exhibition – images, interactive photography artefacts and self-made cameras. **Free admission.** Pump House Gallery, Battersea Park SW11. www.pumphousegallery.org.uk Call 8871 7572.

Tuesdays April 9 to May 21, after school

Tennis courses

For children aged 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-14 years. **Course cost £45.50.** Tooting Bec Athletics Track, Tooting Bec Road, SW17. Call 8871 7171. www.wandsworth.gov.uk/tbat

Wednesday April 10
and Thursday April 11
1.30-3.30pm

Family workshop: Printing Techniques

Try your hand at a range of printing techniques, from

block printing to collagraphs. For children 3 years and above. **Cost £3, accompanying adults are free.** Wandsworth Museum, 38 West Hill SW18. Email bookings@wandsworthmuseum.co.uk or call Zoe or Kathryn 8870 6060.

Wednesday April 10-
Friday April 12 10am-
1pm

Got to Dance

Learn great dance routines like those from Diversity and JLS. For children aged 5-10 years. **Cost £60, includes refreshments and lunch.** Eddie Catz, 68-70 Putney High Street SW15. Call 0845 2011 268. www.eddiecatz.com

Thursday April 11 7.45
for 8pm

Secular funerals: Ceremonial changes

Talk by John Valentine. No charge - all welcome. Wandsworth Society, West Side Church Melody Rd, SW18.

Wheelchair

Friday April 12

Mum and Baby Salsa

Postnatal workout and toddler dance sessions, too. Get fit and have fun with your little one(s). **Cost from £10.** St. Barnabas Church Hall 146 Lavenham Road (entrance from Merton Road) SW18. To book call 07961 838349 www.latinobambino.co.uk

Fridays April 12, 19, 26
10-10.45am

Music club

Music classes for babies and toddlers. **£5.** Graveney and Meadow, 40 Mitcham Road SW17.



Monday April 8-Friday April 26
(during library open hours)

Putney and the River

Exhibition of paintings and etchings by Susannah Nathanson. Free. Putney Library, 5-7 Disraeli Road SW15. www.susannahnathanson.co.uk **Wheelchair**

**Friday March 29 –
Monday April 1**

Easter egg hunt

Find the colourful eggs being guarded by the zoo animals. Free to take part. Entry fee £6.50 child, £7.95 adult.

Children's Zoo Battersea Park,
SW11. Call 7924 5826
www.batterseazoo.co.uk



**Term starts Monday
April 15**

Creative summer art courses

Range of courses for beginners and experienced students including digital photography, aimed at helping you take better pictures with your camera; printmaking, a technique favoured by great modern artists Andy Warhol and Tracy Emin; web design introductory and specialist courses; and family learning – parent and child courses. Term-time on Saturdays. Putney School of Art & Design, Oxford Road SW15. www.webenrol.com/psad Call 8788 9145.



Email sally@rhythm-n-babes.co.uk www.rhythm-n-babes.co.uk

Wheelchair

Saturday April 13 7pm

Spring concert: The Creation (Haydn)

Soloists include: Eleanor Ross, Soprano, and Rupert Charlesworth, Tenor. Tickets £15 (concession £12) includes refreshments/programme. Putney Choral Society, St. Paul's Church, Augustus Road SW19. Box office 07909 981 278.

**Friday April 19 10.30am
and 1.30pm**

The Tinderbox

A special tinderbox gives a roguish soldier the power to magically summon three extraordinary dogs to do his bidding. Watch his roller-coaster adventure reach dizzy heights and plunge dark depths. For children aged 4 years and above. **Tickets £10, concessions £8.**

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

**Wednesday April 24 –
Saturday April 27
7.30pm. Saturday
matinee 2.30pm**

An Inspector Calls

An engagement party celebration turns sour when a police inspector arrives with news of a death. **Tickets £9, concessions £5**

New Stagers Theatre Club

St Anne's Hall, St. Ann's Crescent SW18. Call 0781 461 1239.
www.newstagers.co.uk

Friday April 26, 8pm

Fixing the Image: The mapping of London

With speaker Peter Barber, head of maps at the British Library. **Yearly membership £10.** Wandsworth Historical Society, Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street, SW18. Call 8874 6341. www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk

**Saturday April 27
7.30pm**

Concert: Benjamin Grosvenor (piano)

The Endellion String Quartet. Programme includes Beethoven and Brahms. **Tickets £14, concessions £8.** St. Luke's Music Society, St. Luke's Church, Thurleigh Road SW12. Box office 07951 791619. Book online www.slms.org.uk

**Sunday April 28 10am-
12pm or 1.30-3.30pm**

Kisses are coming

A walking tour with artist Jacques Nimki, focusing on the common names given to plants, their various meanings and origins. Meet at the Café, Tooting Bec Common SW17. Email Bethan@upprojects.com, call 7377 9677.

Saturday May 4 2-5pm

Wish you were here

Pick images of Tooting and screen print a tote bag. All ages welcome. Tooting Tram & Social, 46-48 Mitcham Road SW17. Book at www.craftypint.co.uk. Call Gillian 07792 776218.

Wheelchair

Saturday May 4 1-4pm

Balham country market

Delicious home made cakes, preserves, savouries and crafts. Balham Bowls Club 7 - 9 Ramsden Road SW12 www.balhamcountrymarket.co.uk

**Closing
date for
entries:
May 5**



Short story slam

Write a 200-word story on the theme of 'discovery'. Finalists perform their story in front of an audience who will vote the winner, who receives a Chalk the Sun course and meal for two. Plus runners-up prizes. **Entry is £3 – over 18s only.** Submit your story from April 1, to creativewriting@chalkthesun.co.uk

**Thursday May 16
7.45pm**

Literary Putney and its Environs 17-21 Century

Talk by Lewis Carroll Society and Sue Rolfe on her new publication, which is a guide to 28 literary figures connected to Putney, including Lewis Carroll. Free but booking essential. Putney Society, St Mary's Church SW15. Email rolfe.sue3@gmail.com Call 07960 097370

wheelchair

**Thursday May 16-
Saturday May 18 8pm**

A Tale of Two Cities

Charles Dickens' masterpiece, adapted for stage by Matthew Francis. **Tickets £9, concession £7.** Magdalene Players, Magdalene Hall, Trinity Road SW17 Box office 07535 925 268 www.magplayers.org.uk

**Sunday May 19 10am-
12pm or 1-3pm**

Lost in Tooting Day

Children and adults can uncover the secrets and stories of the common using the 'Lost in Tooting' phone app (download the app before coming). Smartphone required. 10am session: meet at the Café, Tooting Bec Common SW17. 1pm session: meet at children's play area, off Cavendish Road SW17. Email Bethan@upprojects.com, call 7377 9677.

Saturday May 18

Battersea fun day/have your say

Calling all local residents: have your say on how a donated £1million from Big Lottery Fund should be spent. More details, including times, on the website. www.biglocalsw11.co.uk

**Thursday May 23 7 for
7.30pm**

Dizzy heights

The exotic and sometimes controversial life story of the high-heeled shoe, with Dr Naomi Braithwaite from Manchester Metropolitan University. **Cost £5.** Battersea Society, St Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road SW11. www.batterseasociety.org.uk

Wheelchair

**Monday May 27
11am-4pm**

Action Space

Help Action Space turn Tara Arts into a unique interactive art installation. Be ready to stretch, throw, wrap and roll. Tara Arts, 356 Garratt Lane SW18. Call Action Space 7209 4289. www.actionspace.org



Thursday May 16-Sunday May 19 (Thurs-Fri 2-10pm; Sat-Sun 11am-6pm)

Summer open studios art show

Art pieces from jewellers, photographers, sculptors and painters. Family fun day on the Sunday with storytelling and an art treasure hunt. **Free entry.** Wimbledon Art Studios, Riverside Yard, Riverside Road SW17. Call 8947 1183. www.wimbledonartstudios.co.uk

Wheelchair

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www.wandsworth.gov.uk/libraries

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www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planningregister

Check your refuse collection day

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/refusemap

Request a housing repair

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housingonline

Check local roadworks

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/569/roads-road-works

Other contacts at the council

Benefits Service

(020) 8871 8080

benefits@wandsworth.gov.uk

Carers information and support

Wandsworth Carers Centre

(020) 8877 1200

info@wandsworthcarers.org.uk

Children's Social Work Service

(020) 8871 6622

cssduty@wandsworth.gov.uk

Consumer Protection

(020) 8871 7720

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Community Care Services

(020) 8871 7707

accessteam@wandsworth.gov.uk

Council Tax

(020) 8871 8081

counciltax@wandsworth.gov.uk

Education

(020) 8871 8013

edadmin@wandsworth.gov.uk

Electoral Services

(020) 8871 6023

electoral@wandsworth.gov.uk

Environmental Services

(020) 8871 6127

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Family Information Service - including Nurseries

(020) 8871 7899

fis@wandsworth.gov.uk

Food Hygiene

(020) 8871 6139

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Fraud Hotline

0800 783 2263 (freephone)

fraudhotline@wandsworth.gov.uk

Graffiti Removal

(020) 8871 7049

graffiti@wandsworth.gov.uk

Home Ownership

(020) 8871 6016

housesales@wandsworth.gov.uk

Housing Advice

(020) 8871 6840

housingadvice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Housing Repairs and Tenancy

Call your area team or management organisation

hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

Leisure Centres & sports facilities

(020) 8871 8154

sportsservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

Libraries

(020) 8871 6369

libraries@wandsworth.gov.uk

Neighbourhood Watch

(020) 8871 7696

watchlinkmanager@wandsworth.gov.uk

Noise Complaints

- council properties

(020) 8871 7490

hms@wandsworth.gov.uk

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(020) 8871 7869

esd@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parking

(020) 8871 8871

parking@wandsworth.gov.uk

Parks

(020) 8871 6347

parks@wandsworth.gov.uk

Rubbish, Recycling and Litter

(020) 8871 8558

wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk

Births, Deaths, Weddings and Civil Partnerships

(020) 8871 6121

registeroffice@wandsworth.gov.uk

Youth Clubs

(020) 8871 7553

youthservice@wandsworth.gov.uk

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Contact your local councillor www.wandsworth.gov.uk/councillors

What can be recycled?



Did it contain food?

Clean and dry plastic (but not metal) food trays and tubs can be recycled, however flimsy. This includes fruit, vegetable and meat trays, yoghurt pots and margarine and ice-cream tubs. You can also recycle food cans and jars and cardboard packets and boxes.

Did it contain drink?

You can recycle clean and dry plastic and glass bottles and drinks cans.

Did you read it?

Newspapers, magazines and other paper and card can be recycled.

This is just an overview – you can get full details in a handy guide you'll receive with this Brightside – keep in your kitchen. You can also go to www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recyclefromhome.

It's clear

- bigger and stronger recycling sack
- clear sacks to encourage responsible recycling
- what can and can't be recycled.

Getting more sacks is easy

By web: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/moresacks

By phone: (020) 8871 7497

By email: wasteservices@wandsworth.gov.uk



You can also pick sacks up from the town hall in Wandsworth High Street.

All residents who receive a kerbside recycling collection will get the new sacks. If you live in flats that use orange-lidded banks your service will not change and you will not receive the sacks.