



# WANDSWORTH HERITAGE Festival 2024

Programme of Events: 18th May – 9th June 2024

## CLLR KEMI AKINOLA, DEPUTY LEADER OF WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

As Cabinet member for the voluntary sector and culture, I am delighted to introduce this year's Wandsworth Heritage Festival. Many of the events focus on exploring health and wellbeing in Wandsworth's past and present. This theme is particularly relevant following the publication of our 'Joint Local Health and Wellbeing strategy 2024-2029 - 19 steps to Health and Wellbeing' at the beginning of this year. This outlines our vision to enhance the health and wellbeing of Wandsworth's residents.

We have a variety of events planned such as public art installations and plaque unveilings that celebrate individuals and organisations who have made a difference to our borough; guided walks investigating everything from our wild plant species to the history of social care; talks which delve into the histories of our hospitals and our health; and events dedicated to exploring Black history. Over the half term



break, we have an archaeology event for families, and author Kate Cunningham visiting several libraries to take children on a time-travelling adventure.

This line-up of events is made possible each year thanks to the dedication of local voluntary organisations and residents who generously share their time and knowledge, often opening their doors to the borough. Most of the events are free, and I encourage everyone to support them by attending and discovering more about our borough in the process!

Cllr Kemi Akinola, Deputy Leader, Wandsworth Borough Council

Front cover: Toddler's clinic at Southlands, 1937

Back cover: Advert for the Pure Water Company Ltd, undated

# WANDSWORTH HERITAGE SERVICE

The local history library for the Borough of Wandsworth is located on the first floor of Battersea Library.

For more information including opening times and making an appointment, please visit our website: **better.org.uk/library/london/wandsworth/wandsworth-heritage-service** 

Send us an email: Heritage@gll.org

Give us a call: 020 7223 2334 and ask for the Wandsworth Heritage Service

Follow us on X: @Better\_WHS

If you have any access requirements, due to the nature of some of the events and/or restrictions of the venues, please inform the relevant organisation before booking a place.

If you are unable to book online, please give us a call and a member of Wandsworth Heritage Service staff will be happy to help you.

We aim to ensure the information provided is correct at the time of going to print but there may be unavoidable last-minute changes in events. Any changes will be posted in libraries, our website, and on our X account.

Videos: Throughout the Wandsworth Heritage Festival, you can view some of our talks and shorts from previous years and this year on our Wandsworth History and Heritage playlist: youtube.com/@WandsworthLibraries/playlists



Former Frame Foods factory, Southfields, Christopher Arnsby, 2024

# THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

### Exhibition: Many Mothers are Thankful for Eileen Lecky

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Eileen Lecky founded the Putney Health Centre (later the Eileen Lecky Clinic) and ran it for 50 years, initially focussing on the wellbeing of children but eventually opening the first migraine clinic of its kind in the country. This exhibition displays photographs from the clinic and articles about her work.

- Throughout the festival during library opening hours
- Free
- Putney Library, 5-7 Disraeli Road, SW15 2DR

#### Open days: St Anne's Church, Wandsworth

Organised by St Anne's Church, Wandsworth

St Anne's Church celebrates its bicentenary this year. The church is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays for people to visit and explore the history of the church or simply to find some stillness and peace in the midst of a busy city.

- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9.30am 2.30pm
- Free
- St Anne's Church, 182 St Ann's Hill, SW18 2RS

#### **Exhibition: The Tarot of Southwest London**

#### Organised by Lisa Goldheart

Lisa Goldheart is an artist from South West London. In this exhibition she blends the facets of experience depicted in the tarot cards with the stories of individuals who live and work in Wandsworth. Part of the Wandsworth Arts Fringe.

- Friday 7th June Saturday 22nd June during library opening hours
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB



F Noad Clark Chemist, 719 Garratt Lane, Patrick Loobey Collection, c1916

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

#### Walk: A Literary Tour of Battersea

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Librarian Courtney McKean will lead this walk around Battersea exploring everything from levitating teenagers, murder, and poor romantic choices (*The Vet's Daughter, This Lovely City,* and *The End of the Affair*); to the literary life of Booker prize winner Penelope Fitzgerald. Finish off with tea and biscuits at Northcote Library.

- Saturday 18th May, 11am
- Free
- Booking required contact northcote.library@gll.org
- Meet outside Northcote Library, 150 Northcote Road, SW11 6RD

#### Walk: The People of Streatham Cemetery

#### Organised by Geoff Simmons & Tracey Gregory (Loughborough Road History)

Streatham Cemetery is a very special green space providing much-needed tranquillity in a hectic corner of Wandsworth. Resting here are a collection of extraordinary people, just some of whose stories will be told by Tracey and Geoff on their informative and entertaining tour!

- Saturday 18th May, 2pm
- Free, but donations towards plaques welcome
- Book via Eventbrite peopleofstreathamcemetery.eventbrite.co.uk
- Meet at Streatham Cemetery, Garratt Lane, SW17 0LT

#### Walk: Beating the Bounds of Tooting Graveney Parish

Organised by Philip Bradley and the Tooting History Group

Tooting Graveney Parish was the smallest parish in Surrey. This 8 mile walk will follow the parish boundary and pass the remaining markers, recreating the beating of the bounds detailed in 1884. There will be a break for lunch in Tooting Town Centre.

- Sunday 19th May, 10.30am
- Free
- Booking not required for further info contact southlondoner23@gmail.com
- Meet at Amen Corner (opposite Sette Bello Restaurant), SW17 9JE

Anti-vivivisection cartoon from a collection of ephemera, undated



#### Walk: Healing Hedgerows

Organised by the South London Botanical Institute (SLBI)

Botanist Roy Vickery leads this walk exploring the folklore and traditional uses of plants found in the hedgerows of Tooting Common. He is currently compiling an archive covering all aspects of the folklore and traditional uses of plants, a project instigated by the Folklore Society's 'survey of unlucky flowers' in the 1980s.

- Monday 20th May, 10.30am
- Collection in aid of SLBI
- Booking required slbi.org.uk/events/
- Meet at Tooting Bec Common Café, SW12 9HJ

#### Tour: The 'Dead Centre' of Streatham

#### Organised by the Streatham Society

St Leonard's Church is Streatham's oldest building, and its well-preserved medieval crypt and churchyard provide a rich history of many of its long-departed residents. This tour led by local historian and writer John W Brown uncovers some of its secrets.

Please note entry to the crypt and bell tower is via a steep spiral staircase.

- Monday 20th May, 1.30pm
- £5
- Book via Eventbrite tinyurl.com/bdz49nc8
- St Leonard's Church, Streatham High Road, SW16 1HS

### Tour and Talk: The Health and Wellbeing of Students at Whitelands College from the 19th to the 21st century

#### Organised by Whitelands College, University of Roehampton

This presentation and visit to the college archives will explore Victorian standards of hygiene, exercise, and wellbeing for the female teacher training students compared to our modern students.

- Monday 20th May, 2pm
- Free
- Booking required contact wcarchives@roehampton.ac.uk
- Whitelands College, Holybourne Avenue, SW15 4JD

#### Talk: The Wandle and its Water

#### Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

Mick Taylor of the Wandle Industrial Museum shines a light on the uses of the water of the river Wandle from being a water supply for London to pollution and disputes over its use.

- Monday 20th May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact Heritage@gll.org
- Earlsfield Library, 276 Magdalene Park Road, SW18 3NY

#### Green Plaque unveiling: Dr Levinson and the Furzedown Project

Organised by the Furzedown Project and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Next year the Furzedown Project will celebrate their 50th anniversary. Kick off the celebrations with the unveiling of a green plaque dedicated to the project's founder, Dr Norman Levinson, all welcome.

- Tuesday 21st May, 2pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- Furzedown Project, 93 Moyser Road, SW16 6SJ

#### Talk: The Short Life of Battersea's own Crystal Palace

Organised by Martin Hedges and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Battersea's crystal palace began life in Dublin, and investors brought it to Battersea where it failed within a year. It was taken over by music hall and freak show impresario Billy Holland, and almost saved by Battersea MP John Burns.

- Tuesday 21st May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact Heritage@gll.org
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB

## Talk: The Holistic Approach of the Froebel Educational Method and its Impact on Children

#### Organised by Froebel Archive for Childhood Studies, University of Roehampton

This presentation and visit to the Froebel Archive will explore the holistic approach of Froebelian education in nursery settings and its impact on the children's overall development, health, and wellbeing from the late 19th to the mid-20th century.

- Wednesday 22nd May, 2pm
- Free
- Booking required contact archives@roehampton.ac.uk
- Reception of the University of Roehampton Library, Roehampton Lane, SW15 5SZ

#### Public art launch and Q&A: 788 Battersea (2024)

#### Organised by St William (Berkley Group) and Dallas-Pierce-Quintero

Join us for the official launch of artist David Appleyard's new public works that celebrate the endeavours of Charles Rolls, the Short Brothers, and their connection to the railway arches at Prince of Wales Drive.

- Wednesday 22nd May, 5pm
- Free
- RSVP to susie@d-p-q.uk
- Meet at public walkway alongside railway arches beside 103 Prince of Wales Drive, SW8 4BL



Bolingbroke Hospital balcony, Bernhard Baron ward, Patrick Loobey Collection, undated



Bolingbroke Hospital, cot in Annie Carmichael ward, Patrick Loobey Collection, undated

#### Talk: Caractacus – the first British hero

Organised by the Wandsworth Society

Andrew Neill, local resident since 1978, brings together some of his own interests to talk about Caractacus (1st century AD, King of the Britons), as he explores how this little known figure in our history has been portrayed and celebrated.

- Wednesday 22nd May, 8pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- Westside Church Hall, corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane, SW18 2QQ

#### Walk: Industrial heritage from Earlsfield to the Mouth of the Wandle

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

This guided walk follows the course of the river Wandle through King George's Park, the former Ram Brewery site and the Causeway to the mouth of the river. Along the way we will look at the positive and negative impacts of the borough's industrial heritage on the population's health and wellbeing.

- Thursday 23rd May, 11am
- Free
- Booking required contact John.sheridan08@gmail.com
- Meet outside Earlsfield Station, Garratt Lane, SW18 3NY

#### Walk: History of Social Care in Nightingale Lane

#### Organised by the Clapham Society

Gillian Robinson will lead this walk charting Nightingale Lane's social care history. Learn about the Nightingales Home, Queen Elizabeth House, Audiology House, and the former South London Hospital for Women.

- Thursday 23rd May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact thenightingales95@gmail.com
- Meet opposite the Hope Pub, at the end of Nightingale Lane near the entrance to Wandsworth Common Station, SW17 7EG

#### Plaque unveiling: Deaconess Isabella Gilmore

#### Organised by the Battersea Society and the Diocese of Southwark

Deaconess Isabella Gilmore 1842-1923 (née Morris, sister of poet/designer William) was asked to set up a diaconate for women by the Bishop of Rochester when she was widowed and nursing in Guy's Hospital. It ceased in 1970 at this house.

- Friday 24th May, 11am
- Free
- Booking not required
- 113 Clapham Common North Side, SW4 9SN



Alvering Library issue desk with young customers, 1961

#### Tour: Historical Walking Tour of Emanuel School and its Grounds

#### Organised by Emanuel School Archive

An extensive tour of the buildings, interiors and grounds which whisks you back to the days of when Emanuel was a boarding school and orphanage. The School Archive will also be open and there will be a pop-up exhibition of display boards featuring key moments and photographs from Emanuel School history.

- Saturday 25th May, 10am
- Free
- Booking required contact Tony.jones@emanuel.org.uk
- Emanuel School, Battersea Rise, SW11 1HS (entrance is via gate on Spencer Park there is no entry via Battersea Rise).

#### Tour with tutored beer tasting: Sambrook's brewery tasting tours

#### Organised by Sambrook's Brewery

A tutored tasting of a couple of ancient British beer styles followed by a guided tour of the Sambrook's Heritage Centre. The tour uses various artefacts and displays to detail the 491 years of continuous brewing on site as well as beer production in general. This event will be repeated on 8th June.

- Saturday 25th May, 1.30pm and 3.30pm
- £15 per head
- Booking required sevenrooms.com/events/sambrooksbrewerytap
- Sambrook's Brewery Taproom, 42 Ram Street, SW18 1UR

#### Walk: Walkin' in a Wandsworth Wonderland

#### Organised by Geoff Simmons

Get under the skin of the one-way system for a proper look round Wandsworth town centre and hear intriguing insights and fascinating facts about London's 'Brighter Borough' - a place where gargantuan tower blocks jostle uneasily alongside rusting remains of the area's remarkable industrial legacy.

- Saturday 25th May, 2pm
- Free, but donations towards plaques welcome
- Book via Eventbrite walkinwandsworthwonderland.eventbrite.co.uk
- Meet outside Wandsworth Town Library, 9 Courthouse Way, SW18 4QG

#### Walk: Battersea Freedom Walk

#### Organised by Freedom Walks

Freedom Walks looks at the development of London into the multi-faith, multi-ethnic community we know today and our struggles for equality. This walk led by educator and Wandsworth resident Peter Ashan will look at some of the People of Colour in Battersea and Wandsworth who have contributed to those struggles for equality.

- Sunday 26th May, 10.30am
- Free, but donations to Keeping Families Together, a Wandsworth charity which provides a community and safe environment for young people to help detach them from gang culture, are very welcome.
- Booking required contact peter.ashan.pa@gmail.com
- Meet at the Brighton Yard entrance to Clapham Junction Station, SW11 2QP

#### **Tour: Henry Tate Gardens**

#### Organised by the Streatham Society

View Tate's Grade II\* listed mansion, Park Hill (exterior only) and explore the historic garden with its Grade II listed features, including the pulhamite grotto, Victorian folly, lake and temple.

- Sunday 26th May, 2pm and 3pm
- £5
- Book via Eventbrite tinyurl.com/bdz49nc8
- Meet at the lodge gates, Henry Tate Mews, Streatham Common North, SW16 3HA

### Talk: Stories from the Surrey Pauper Lunatic Asylum, Burntwood Lane – the early years

#### Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

The opening of a new park in the grounds of Springfield Hospital has highlighted this extraordinary pioneering building and its grounds dating from 1840. But why was it built here in such an impressive manner, and surrounded by such spacious grounds?

- Tuesday 28th May, 7pm
- Free
- Booking required contact history@wandsworthcommon.org
- Naturescope, Wandsworth Common, SW18 3RT

#### Talk and tour: Before St George's Hospital – the Fountain and Grove Hospitals

Organised by the Tooting History Group and St George's Hospital, University of London

Fountain Fever Hospital and Grove Hospital were built in the late Victorian era on adjacent sites in Lower Tooting. This event will be an opportunity to hear Philip Bradley talk about the early history of these hospitals, see some archival records relating to their later history, and walk around the grounds to see what remains of the original hospitals.

- Wednesday 29th May, 2pm
- Free
- Book via Eventbrite bit.ly/4bSPVxQ
- Lecture theatre B, St George's Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, SW17 ORE

#### Talk: The Bransons in Battersea

Organised by the Battersea Society and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Local historian Jeanne Rathbone explores the lives of artist Clive Branson (1907-1944) and historian Noreen Branson (1910-2003) communist activists in 30s Battersea; as well as their daughter, artist Rosa Branson (1933- ).

- Wednesday 29th May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact Heritage@gll.org
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB

#### Children's storytime: Journey through Time with Vlad the Flea

Organised by Reading Riddle and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Ahoy, scurvy crew! Children's author Kate Cunningham and her tiny creation Vlad take you on a voyage of discovery aboard Henry VIII's favourite ship, the Mary Rose! Vlad's adventures show what it was like to live in a different era, including factual information as well as imaginative and fun storytelling!

- Thursday 30th May, 9.30am and 4pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- 9.30am storytime will take place at Northcote Library, 150 Northcote Road, SW11 6RD
- 4pm storytime will take place at Balham Library, 16 Ramsden Road, SW12 8QY



Children at Alvering Library, c2000s

#### Ancestry one to one sessions: Black Ancestry

Organised by Paul Crooks and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Join Genealogist Paul Crooks for one to one help in tracing your Black ancestry. Crooks pioneered Black genealogy research in the 1990s and has appeared on "Who Do You Think You Are" as an expert on Black British genealogy. His second book, *A Tree Without Roots*, is a seminal guide to tracing Black British Ancestry.

- Thursday 30th May, 6pm
- Free
- Book via Eventbrite Blackancestrydropin.eventbrite.co.uk
- Balham Library, 16 Ramsden Road, SW12 8QY

#### Talk: Ram Brewery 1533-2021

#### Organised by John Hatch

The history of the UK's longest continuously brewing site by its very own John Hatch – a brewer so dedicated to managing the building and its legacy, he recently trained as an electrician!

- Thursday 30th May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact John@sambrooksbrewery.co.uk
- Stack Room in the Sambrook's Brewery Taproom, 42 Ram Street, SW18 1UR

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- Friday 31st May at 11am and 4pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- 11am storytime will take place at Southfields Library, 300 Wimbledon Park Road, SW19 6NL
- 4pm storytime will take place at Wandsworth Town Library, 9 Courthouse Way, SW18 4QG

#### Children's craft and archaeology workshop: The Battersea Witch Bottle

#### Organised by Wandsworth Historical Society and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

In the 17th century, witch bottles were often deposited in walls, thresholds, and foundations to ward off evil and block witches magic! Learn all about these and other fascinating finds from Wandsworth with archaeologist Pamela Greenwood – and make your own witch bottle!

- Friday 31st May, 11am-1pm
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Booking not required

#### Walk: All you need is Peace, Love, and Flower to the People

#### Organised by Geoff Simmons

They called it 'The Vegas of South London' and as this extraordinary musical history tour takes you to the venues, accompanied by the sounds, you can see why Tooting has always been a place to come for a good time!

- Friday 31st May, 6pm
- Free, but donations towards plaques welcome
- Book via Eventbrite tootingmusictour.eventbrite.co.uk
- Meet outside Tooting Broadway Tube Station, SW17 0SU

#### Talk: the lives and deaths of Battersea's 19th Century Poor

Organised by Wandsworth Historical Society and Wessex Archaeology

The recent excavation of the burial grounds of St George the Martyr in Battersea has given archaeologists Dr Rachel Williams and Dr Ceri Boston insight into the lives and deaths of some of Battersea's poorest residents. In this talk, they share some of their findings.

- Friday 31st May, 8pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PT

#### Open day: Heritage Day at the Woodfield Pavilion

Organised by the Streatham Society

A day of walks, talks, and book sales centred at the recently restored pavilion on the edge of Tooting Bec Common.

- Saturday 1st June, 10am-4pm
- Free
- Full programme and booking details thewoodfield.org
- Woodfield Pavilion, Tooting Bec Common, SW16 1AP

#### Talk followed by Walk: The Untold Story of Tooting Market

Organised by Lynda Cazeaux and Geoff Simmons

A deep dive into one of Wandsworth's most treasured places as Tooting-born Lynda reveals the astounding history of our much-loved Tooting Market, followed by a walk exploring the wider area as Geoff gives you a taste of 'Planet Tooting'!

- Saturday 1st June, 2pm
- Free, but donations towards plaques welcome
- Book via Eventbrite tootingmarketuntoldstory.eventbrite.co.uk
- Tooting Market Yard (main plaza next to Boom Bap burger), SW17 0SN

#### Walk: Around St James's Drive

#### Organised by the Balham Society

Led by John Rattray for the Balham Society, this walk includes a former hospital, two churches and a chapel, a social reformer, and historical parish boundaries.

- Sunday 2nd June, 2.30pm
- Free, but donations to the Balham Society welcome
- Booking not required contact balhamsociety@gmail.com for further information
- Meet outside Wandsworth Common Station (St James's Drive side), SW17 7RP

#### Walk: Development of a Victorian Suburb

#### Organised by the Clapham Society

Timothy Walker, author of *Twixt the Commons* will lead this walk looking at the development of the area between Clapham and Wandsworth Commons, from the 18th to the 21st century.

- Monday 3rd June, 6.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact tehwalker@uwclub.net
- Meet outside Clapham South Tube Station, Balham Hill, SW12 9DU

#### Talk: Little River, Dr Velma McClymont

#### Organised by WomanzVue publishers

Dr Velma McClymont is an author and lecturer in Caribbean studies. Also known as Kate Elizabeth Ernest, she has published four books for children, including *Birds in the Wilderness*, which tells the story of the Windrush children. Born in rural Jamaica, she moved to Battersea as a child in the 1960s. Here she discusses her historical novel, *Little River*, which spans between Jamaica and Scotland, as well as her Battersea youth.

- Monday 3rd June, 6.30pm
- Free
- Northcote Library, 150 Northcote Road, SW11 6RD
- Booking advised contact heritage@gll.org

#### Walk: The Victorian Way of Dying

#### Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

Sue Demont leads a tour of Battersea's original municipal cemetery, final resting place of an eclectic mix of local characters. The tour will take in monuments of all shapes and sizes, reflecting the industrial, scientific, artistic, educational, and political heritage of Battersea and Wandsworth Common.

- Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm
- Free
- Booking required contact history@wandsworthcommon.org
- Meet at Battersea Rise Cemetery, Bolingbroke Grove, SW11 1HE



Group portrait of nurses from Tooting Bec Hospital, c early 1900s



Public Health Inspector taking milk sample from T H Jones Dairyman c1936

### Talk: 'Social and Medical history revealed from post mortems at St George's Hospital 1841-1948'

#### Talk: 'Healthy Ageing: what is it and can I have some?'

Organised by the Streatham Society

In these talks, Dr Juulia Ahvensalmi (Archivist at St George's University of London) and Professor Finbarr Martin (Emeritus Professor of Medical Gerontology at Kings College London) discuss health past and present.

- Tuesday 4th June, 7.30pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- St Leonard's Church, Streatham High Road, SW16 1HS

#### **Plaque unveiling: Charlotte Despard**

Organised by the Battersea Society and Ballymore

All are welcome to the unveiling of a plaque for Charlotte Despard, marking the site where she lived and worked amongst the poor of Battersea. Despard was a suffragette, activist, and novelist.

- Wednesday 5th June, 5pm
- Free
- Booking not required
- Embassy Gardens (under the sky pool), SW11 7AY

#### Walk: Healing Hedgerows

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- Thursday 6th June, 11am
- Free
- Booking not required for further information, visit plant-lore.com/upcoming-events/
- Meet at the Chelsea Gate entrance to Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ

### Talk: Beyond Incurables – the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability's journey in care

#### Organised by the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

When the hospital opened in 1854, it was termed the Royal Hospital for Incurables. But what were these 'incurable' diseases? This talk looks at the RHN's admission records during the Victorian era and beyond to discover the conditions that were treated and how the hospital gained its specialism in brain injury.

- Thursday 6th June, 1pm
- Free
- Booking required rhn.org.uk/events/ open-lecture-beyond-incurables-the-royal-hospital-for-neuro-disabilitys-journey-in-care/
- This is an online event via Zoom

#### Talk: A Harley Street for the Poor? The Lives and Times of the Bolingbroke Hospital

#### Organised by the Battersea Society

The Bolingbroke Hospital provided a comprehensive array of medical services to residents across Battersea and Wandsworth until it closed in 2008. Sue Demont explores the hospital's architecture and operation over 128 years, including the contributions of some illustrious patrons.

- Thursday 6th June, 6.30pm for 7pm
- Free, light refreshments on sale
- Booking required batterseasociety.org.uk/the-battersea-society-events
- St Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road, SW11 3NA

#### Walk: Springfield Revealed

#### Organised by Geoff Simmons

Buzzing with dragonflies, awash with butterflies and midsummer wildflowers, local residents were thrilled when Springfield Park opened last summer! The site of 'The Surrey County Pauper Lunatic Asylum' this walk combines past and present in a unique and very beautiful historic setting.

- Friday 7th June, 6pm
- Free, but donations to plaques welcome
- Book via Eventbrite springfieldrevealedtwilight.eventbrite.co.uk
- Meet at Burntwood School, Burntwood Lane, SW17 0AQ

#### Open day: Wandsworth Prison Museum

#### Organised by Wandsworth Prison Museum

The prison history in over 450 photos and objects. Stories of staff, prisoners, escapes, and hangings. Featuring Oscar Wilde, acid bath murderer John Haigh, traitor William Joyce (Lord Haw Haw), and great train robber Ronnie Biggs.

- Saturday 8th June and Sunday 9th June, 10am 1pm, 2pm 5pm
- Free
- Booking not required contact wandsworthprisonmuseum@justice.gov.uk for further information
- Wandsworth Prison Museum, North Gate Car Park, Heathfield Road, SW18 3HR

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- Sambrook's Brewery Taproom, 42 Ram Street, SW18 1UR



Mother and Child at the Eileen Lecky Clinic, c mid 20th century



Track running at Mayfield School, c1980s

#### Walk: Earlsfield's Doodlebug Summer

#### Organised by Geoff Simmons

80 years after the Nazi V1 bombing campaign this walk visits significant WW2 sites in Earlsfield. Using the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records we remember the victims and those whose courage raised spirits, and saved lives.

- Saturday 8th June, 2pm
- Free, but donations to plaques welcome
- Book via Eventbrite earlsfielddoodlebug.eventbrite.co.uk
- Meet outside Burmester House (opposite Tesco Express), Summerstown/Garratt Lane roundabout, SW17 0JL

#### Walk: a Stroll around Battersea Park

#### Organised by the Friends of Battersea Park

Finish off the festival with a gentle stroll around Battersea Park, taking in the park's natural and historic features.

- Sunday 9th June, 2pm
- £5 donation to the Friends of Battersea Park
- Booking required contact fhradcliffe@gmail.com
- Meet inside the Albert Gate, Battersea Park, Albert Bridge Road, SW11 4NJ



Friends at Mayfield School, c1980s



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