



The Bulletin

March 2018



Annual General Meeting

Monday 19 March 2018 at 7.30pm

The Community Church, Werter Road, Putney

Enclosed with, or attached to this bulletin, you will find the papers you need for the AGM: the AGM agenda with 2017/18 Annual Report, and the Treasurer's report and 2017 accounts. Please bring them with you to the meeting at which elections of the Society's President and Vice-Presidents, Officers, Executive Committee, and Auditor will take place.

Do please come along to VOTE and have your say on any of the agenda items.



Our guest speaker is Clare Frankl Bertram, architect and ceramicist. Clare is Chair of Enable Leisure & Culture, the not-for-profit organisation that is contracted by Wandsworth Council to manage the council's parks, sports, and culture facilities, including Putney School of Art and Design (PSAD). Clare also chairs the Friends of PSAD. Having worked

in both public and private practice, she will talk to us about the relationship between the public and private sector, and how it could affect matters at the local level. The collapse of Carillion, the U.K.'s second-largest construction company, is relevant.

The AGM will be followed by refreshments at the Community Church to which all those present are invited.

How you can help with the work of the Putney Society?

The Putney Society depends on its trustees and volunteers to keep functioning – so this a call for any of you that can spare a little time to come forward as a trustee (member of the Executive Committee) or as a volunteer. **If you have an interest in our built environment, transport issues, air quality, waste reduction, our open spaces or anything that makes Putney a better place – then think about getting involved.** You could help with our campaigns, admin tasks, recruitment or social events. If you can spare a couple of hours a month please do contact the Chair or the Secretary to find out more.

(Reminder: Nominations for the Executive Committee should be submitted to the Secretary by **Monday 12 March 2018**. A nomination form is enclosed/ attached to this bulletin).



Antique Breadboard Museum in Putney



Did you know that, tucked away to the west of Putney High Street, there is an amazing collection of antique breadboards?

Originally collected by Rosalind Neave, they are now curated by her

daughter, Madeleine.

Among the 440 examples on display are those carved by William Gibbs Rogers, who also carved a cradle for Queen Victoria.

The museum is tiny, so only four people can visit

at a time - but the fee of £12 (*£15 at weekends*) includes a cream tea.

To make an appointment to visit **call 020 8785 8785** or email theantiquebreadboard-museum01@gmail.com.

The significant improvement in the air quality in our High Street continues, although at the time of going to press we are about to breach the annual EU NO₂ limit. So good progress but more needs to be done. We are undertaking another exercise to measure air pollution in and around the High Street. This project will enable us to provide a check on the hybrid buses in the High Street and compare with previous exercises we have conducted.

TfL are consulting on plans to change the route of the 485 bus to Barnes and to increase its frequency. They propose that it runs along Putney High Street and the Upper Richmond Road rather than Putney Bridge Road and is extended to include Wandsworth Riverside Quarter. This would mean an extra 4 buses an hour in each direction at a time when the Council is examining ways to smooth traffic flow and reduce air pollution in the High Street. Deadline for comments to TfL is 25 March.

In late February the Council considered plans, based on the work carried out by consultants they

had commissioned, for improving Putney High Street. The Council recognised the positive and co-operative engagement they had had with the Society throughout the

consultation. Judith Chegwidden made a short presentation to Councillors, prior to their deliberations to press for more funds to be committed so that planned improvements could be carried out in the near term. The Committee agreed (subject to funding) to proceed with plans to improve pedestrian junctions, introduce more greenery, widen some pavements, improve cycle parking, relocate the taxi rank, trial contra-flow cycling in some streets and remove guardrails.

In the next edition we will bring you news of the meeting on plans to expand Heathrow airport hosted by Justine Greening and the heads of Wandsworth and Richmond Council and also of the Members event with South Western Railways held at the end of February.

Transport Panel

Convenor:
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Putney's second Community Orchard planted.

On Saturday 17 February, an enthusiastic group of mainly young people gathered on the green patch at the corner of Carslake and Tildesley Roads, on the Ashburton Estate, to plant the Putney Community Gardeners' Community Orchard. This is Putney's second such venture, after the Putney Society/ DHERA Dover House Road orchard planting, last November. A mixed collection of fruit trees and shrubs was planted, including, ambitiously, an avocado tree! See what climate change can do. Our Panel wishes this exciting venture well and will keep an interested eye on the new orchard's progress.

Light pollution on Putney Lower Common. We are concerned about the excessive amount of unnecessary and wasteful lighting spilling across

the Common as a result of the development of the new Oasis school there. There is no need for the footpath across the Common, from the Commodale/Lower Richmond Road corner to the school entrance, to be lit after the school has closed - and the

bright lights all along the east side of the school building would be hard to justify. Why leave the lights on when they are not necessary? The Common does not need all this light pollution. It would be better without it. We have taken the issue up with the Conservators' Chairman.

Open Spaces Panel

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FUTURE PANEL MEETINGS

All members welcome
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COMMUNITY: 8 March, 12 April

at 6 Norroy Road,
SW15 1PF (18.30)

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TRANSPORT: 13 March, 10 April

at 46 Disraeli
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BUILDINGS: 7 March, 4 April

at 154 Putney High Street,
SW15 1RS (19.00)

Convenor:

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OPEN SPACES: 1 March (TBC)

5 April at 71 Norroy Road,
SW15 1PH (19.00)

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Last month I reported that the proposed 10 storey “Levellers Court” scheme at the bottom of Putney High Street was up for approval by the January Planning Applications Committee. As many of you will have heard this was in fact refused, with the council in effect saying, as the Society and others had asked them to do, that neither this nor the scheme for the corner site (now Preto) would be acceptable until there was a coherent scheme for both. So for now it’s back to ‘wait and see’.

One interesting knock on is that these schemes were supposed to be funding part of the improvements to the High Street which the council has none-the-less since announced.

But no such good news for nearby Wandsworth. The same committee approved the scheme for 13 tower blocks to replace the big B&Q store on Swandon Way, not that long after the 17 storey scheme on the other side of the road (Homebase), originally refused by Wandsworth, was ‘called in’ by Sadiq Khan and granted consent. Expect lots of cranes down there soon, and many hundreds more commuters trying to squeeze on to the trains in a few years’ time.

Meanwhile the Society’s stalwarts across the panels have been helping us compile a comprehensive 20 page response on your behalf to the details in Mayor Khan’s draft new London Plan. A huge thank you to all involved. There are no obvious major changes, but a new emphasis on more affordable homes could have a big impact. The unanswered question is does this mean more and bigger proposals for development in Putney, or fewer if they aren’t profitable?

Elsewhere an application has been lodged (and we have responded) for the first 10 flats in the phased redevelopment of much of the centre of the Alton Estate at Roehampton – just as the Mayor says residents should be allowed to vote on whether their homes can be demolished. With local elections looming, this could get interesting. And a second bigger chunk, even as I write, for us to comment on next time.

Buildings Panel

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There is a meeting hosted by **Dementia Friends** on **Thursday 15 March**, 12.00 noon – 1.00pm in Putney Library. They aim to give people an understanding of Dementia and the small things you can do to make a difference. It’s free and all are welcome, - book your place by contacting the library or, for more information, emailing ciji.varughese@gll.org. In Battersea, the following week there is a demonstration of the innovative ‘**Tovertafel**’ (Dutch for Magic Table). This was developed to help people in the moderate to severe stages of dementia, connect them with each other and their surroundings, at the same time stimulating movement. Worth seeing it in action - Thursday 22nd March - Battersea Library – 10.00. The library is closed that day so book your place with chris.dobb@gll.org

The Thamesfield Safer Neighbourhood Police Meeting on 13 February highlighted again the different ways of reporting incidents to the police: If there’s immediate or potential danger, then it’s 999. If it’s not an emergency you can log onto the MET website <https://www.met.police.uk/report> and make an

electronic report. You can call 101, the non-emergency number, or you can report to the police station at 176 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JX. It was also emphasised that NOTHING should be left in cars overnight. Not even in the boot.

You should all have received your new **Discount Cards** by now. The lists on the Putney Society website have been updated, so you can print out lists by street to take with you when you go shopping!

Would those interested in going on a tour of the **Recycling Centre** at Smuggler’s Way please email me (vickysw15@aol.com) with Recycling 2018 in the subject heading. We had a fascinating tour last year, and after our members’ meeting on the subject we were asked to arrange another one – probably in April or May.

Community Panel

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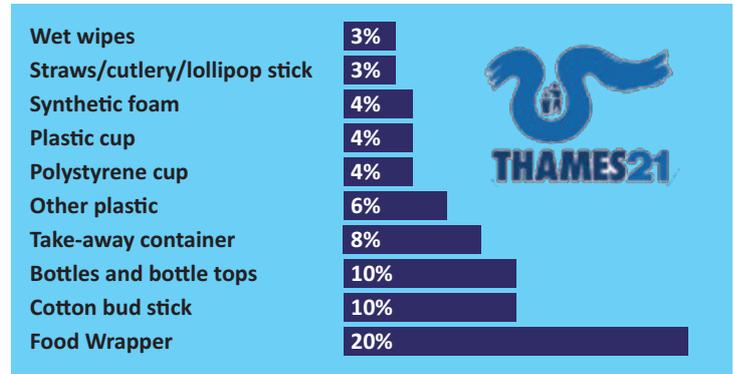
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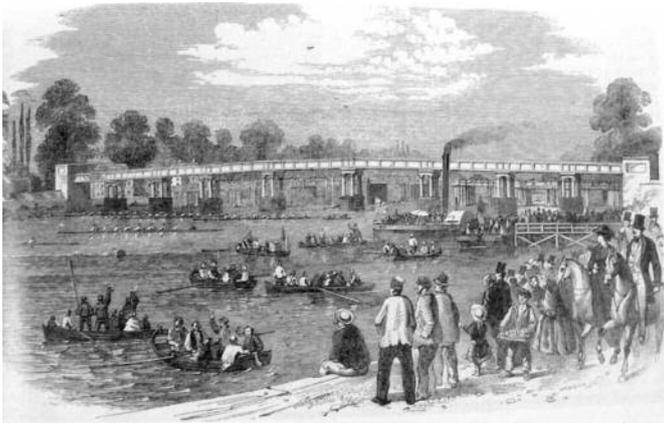
Our polluted shoreline

Thames 21, the campaigning group that cleans up London's waterways has published startling data that shows that more than two thirds of the litter they collect from the foreshore is food related packaging – the top ten items that they find are shown in this chart:

Go to <https://www.thames21.org.uk/> to find out how you can help Thames 21 in their clean-up and citizen science projects.



Celebrate Putney's rowing heritage



A feast of rowing in March with five major events:

- The Women's Eights Head of the River Race on **10th March** at 9.45 am.
- The Head of the River Race on **11th March** at 10.15am.
- The Schools' Head of the River Race on **12th March** - first race is 1pm.
- **The University Boat Race on 24th March.** The men and women from Oxford University and Cambridge University compete in two separate races; the first at 16:31 and the second at 17:31.
- Veterans Fours Head of the River Race **on the 25th March** at 10:00 am.

On Boat Race Day, there will be an afternoon of live entertainment in Church Square as well as street food and outside bars.

When did you last visit the Putney Society Website?

If you have not looked yet, why not take a few moments to visit the Website. It is updated regularly and contains a wealth of information about the Society. The address is www.putneysociety.org.uk or just Google® "Putney Society".

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Working with you to make Putney and Roehampton great places for living, working and enjoyment. Have your say!

The Website is divided into eight sections (tabs).

HOME: real-time local air quality information.

ABOUT: details of the Society and contacts

DISCOUNT SCHEME: the latest information on participating retailers; including an interactive map!

EVENTS: details of upcoming Society meetings and other events.

NEWS & ISSUES: items of local interest e.g. comprehensive recycling guidelines

PUBLICATIONS: need information from a previous Bulletin? They are all here up to 3 months ago.

MEMBERSHIP: includes an online membership facility; your neighbours or friends can join the Society quickly and easily.

LINKS: the websites and contact details of many other local groups, churches and organisations.

All this is just a click away on computer, tablet or smart phone!

Dates for your Diary



Local elections for **Wandsworth Council** are coming up and the Society has arranged two election hustings so that you can meet your local council candidates

Wednesday 18th April at 7.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Hall, 218 Roehampton Lane, SW15 4LE, for **West Putney** and **Roehampton Wards**.

Monday 23rd April at 7.30pm the Community Church, Werter Road, SW15 2LL for **Thamesfield** and **East Putney Wards**.