



The Bulletin

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Integrated health and social care – what does this mean for local people in our area needing help?

Find out on Monday 22 October, 7.30pm at the Community Church, Werter Road (opposite Sainsbury's)

Collaboration, community, cooperation – that's what we would all like to think are the watchwords when we need health and social care at home. But can we be sure that, when contacting social services, we won't keep getting a recorded message? Or that, when urgent overnight care is required for someone who is terminally ill, we can be confident that such help is available?

Come along and hear what the people who organise provision of these services can tell us about how this works in practice, and

how coordinated and joined-up the services really are. Speakers confirmed:

- Sandy Keen, Head of Older People's Services, Clinical Commissioning Group
- Sydney Hill, Head of Early Help and Enablement, Richmond and Wandsworth Councils.

There will also be a speaker from Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust, and a representative from Healthwatch Wandsworth.

Presentations will cover

- Health and social care at home – including emergency and overnight care



- How different parts of the system communicate to ensure a joined-up service
- How we gain access to such services
- Hospital discharge and rehabilitation and end of life care
- Proposed 'zoning' of homecare services in Wandsworth

PLEASE DO JOIN US FOR THIS IMPORTANT MEETING – recent research shows that more and more older people will require help in the future. Let's be assured that the services needed will be there for us all.

A chance to view and buy outstanding local art

Putney Open House, now in its 16th year, is taking place again this October over the weekends of **6/7 and 13/14 of October**. There are over 50 participating artists and crafts people across Putney showing from around 25 venues. The work, all individually produced, includes paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture in a variety of media, functional ceramics, mixed media, jewellery, mosaics, textiles, spun yarn and papier-mâché. Artists are either

welcoming visitors into their own homes singly, or with other artists, or are showing as mixed groups at venues like the Scout Hut on Oxford Road (18 artists over the two weekends), Putney Community Church on Werter Road (group of up to 10 watercolour artists) and Putney Methodist Church on Gwendolen Avenue (2 artists). Trail maps, showing all the venues and many of the exhibiting artists are available, both in hard copy from

artists, and also on line at www.wandsworthart.com. Putney School of Art and Design on Oxford Road is also offering free pottery, print making and drawing workshops (*Sundays only*).



Before mobile 'phones there was a need for public telephones when you wanted to call but were out and about. Most 'phone boxes are still there on our streets, and some 2,500 of the surviving Giles Gilbert Scott designed K6 red boxes are now listed buildings. Little known until recently is that also still in place is legislation allowing 'phone kiosks to be installed on the street without planning permission, other than the need to notify the local authority. Recently several companies have realised that this is a licence to erect advertising screens on our often crowded pavements, as long as a notional telephone was included. One black example exists on Putney High Street outside (but not connected to) Lloyds bank and BT have replaced most of their unlisted boxes with the Insite pillars. Last year a company called Maximus proposed some three dozen new 'phones across Wandsworth, which we and the other amenity societies opposed and the Council, to its credit, found reasons to refuse these. Now they are back with a new design, which is literally a big digital advert with a handset on the back. Needless to say we have opposed this too.

A far more ubiquitous source of advertising as pavement clutter comes from the 'A' boards (now more often an inverted 'T') outside shops. The Buildings Panel have done a photo survey of

Putney's main shopping streets for us and identified over 50. Shopkeepers will say that these promote business by reminding you that they are there. We say it drives away business from Putney by making the streets difficult to walk down and very few give useful information like today's menu offer. With the Council being ready to spend money on wider pavements, should we campaign for these to go first?

Last month I mentioned the 'will they, won't they?' question hanging over 56-70 Putney High Street. Now the owners of the site opposite, having had their 10 storey 'Levellers Court' scheme refused earlier in the year have appealed this decision and there is to be an inquiry. The Inspector will be given all the comments from the original application, including ours, and we will be writing to restate this and urge that he take into account the continued failure to co-ordinate with the owners of the two buildings on the corner (whose own 10 storey hotel application remains undecided), the large number of new flats in Putney remaining unsold and the scheme's failure to meet the Mayor's requirements for affordable homes.

Buildings Panel

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Railway punctuality remains a problem. Across the South Western Rail (SWR) suburban network a little over 4/5 trains arrive within 5 minutes of the scheduled time. Down more than 10% on 2010-11 when it was over 9/10 trains.

A recent review (<https://www.southwesternrailway.com/other/about-us/independent-performance-review>) of SWR's under-performance suggested that prolonged under investment was in part to blame. In response SWR has set out a number of initiatives including new trains (replacing the 1-2 year old trains we currently have!); more drivers and closer working with Network Rail to resolve technical problems around the use of Platforms 20-24 at Waterloo and the delays for trains waiting outside Waterloo. The Transport Panel will continue to keep a close eye on developments.

Closer to home, the issue of last minute platform changes between platforms 1 and 2 at Putney station has been raised again with SWR, so we await their response. This particularly affects those with mobility issues or passengers with luggage.

TfL are to consult in late September on proposed changes to the central London terminal points for the 14 and 22 bus routes. The plans for the 22 bus route are now available at <https://consultations.tfl.gov.uk/buses/bus-routes-22-c2-and-n22/>.

The frequency of the service will remain the same.

Transport Panel

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FUTURE PANEL MEETINGS

All members welcome
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COMMUNITY:
11 October, 8 November
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BUILDINGS:
3 October, 7 November
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OPEN SPACES:
4 October, 1 November
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The Putney Community Church in Werter Road (opposite Sainsbury's) has started a new venture offering free lunches to members of the local community on Mondays. Called the Serendipity Café, it opened on Monday 10 September, providing meals from 12-2 pm. Food is provided by Fairshare.org.uk - an organisation which works with supermarkets and other businesses across the country to collect and distribute surplus food - and from other sources. On offer will be soup, bread and a variety of other things, depending on what is available each week. See www.communitychurchputney.com/serendipity

And continuing the theme of redistributing surplus food, did you know that the average UK family wastes £470 a year throwing away food and drink which could have been eaten, and an estimated £3 billion is wasted each year in the retail food sector? Despite growing awareness of food waste, it has not been easy for people or businesses to distribute food

near its 'sell by' date to people who need it. Enter the 'Community Fridge' – an idea devised and piloted by the Hubbub Foundation (www.hubbub.org.uk) and now spreading across the UK. Community Fridges, managed by volunteers, are sited in communal places and enable surplus food donated by local food outlets and individuals to be shared between people in a community. Stringent hygiene procedures and environmental health accreditation ensures that food is safely stored. The Community Panel is looking into the feasibility of installing a Community Fridge in Putney – watch this space for further news – and if you are interested in helping, or finding out more, contact Val Jones, Community Panel Co-Convenor (jones.val@gmail.com)

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Last winter, Wandsworth Council planted nearly 700 new trees, of which more than 500 were street trees in residential areas. During the hot dry summer it issued general pleas to water newly planted trees – but we understand that sadly some did not survive. The Society now has a policy when planting trees that residents in the locality need to commit to caring for them – particularly ensuring that they are watered. Perhaps this is an idea for the council to take up – so that residents feel a real responsibility for “their” tree.

We are fortunate to have some very magnificent trees in our area – in the last few weeks members of the Open Spaces Panel have been exploring some superb specimens in the area around Princes Way, Victoria Drive and Inner Park Road. Next spring we hope to launch a tree trail in this area which will include trees that were planted more than 100 years ago when the area was home to large Victorian villas.

On a more prosaic note, we continue to hear complaints from many members about the removal

of litter bins – particularly those adjacent to bus stops. A ride on the 85 to Kingston reveals abundant litter lying around bus stops along Putney Heath and then – as soon as the bus crosses the borough border into Kingston – an immaculate bus stop with its own bin. The campaigning group Hubbub has been working with the council to try and reduce litter along the Embankment, but the removal of so many bins in Putney and Roehampton is not conducive to reducing rubbish in our streets.

One of the two tulip trees that we planted in Wandsworth Park for the Queen's 90th birthday (in conjunction with the Friends of Wandsworth Park) has died. Enable have agreed with the original supplier to replace the tree and it will be planted in November. The other tree is thriving.

Open Spaces Panel

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Need to get rid of partially full tins of paint at home?

Paint is classed as hazardous waste and should not be disposed of with household rubbish – our local household waste recycling site at Smuggler's Way is not licensed for hazardous waste and will not accept tins of paint.

Instead the City of London operates a household hazardous waste collection and disposal service for residents on behalf of most of the London boroughs including Wandsworth.

The relevant website is:

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/waste-and-recycling/household-waste-and-recycling/Pages/Hazardous-Waste.aspx>

- You are entitled to three collections per rolling year.
- Each collection can be up to 50L in capacity. This is based on the



size of the containers and not their contents.

- Chemicals and paint tins must be put into boxes for collection.
- Complete the online form or if you prefer a form in the post call 020 7332 3433.

The chemicals should be kept in their original containers and put into strong cardboard boxes. You can put several items into one box, but each box must be easily lifted by one person. Packing instructions and more information are on the City of London's Chemicals Information Sheet on their website.

How does the Society's Buildings Panel work?

Over the past few months a number of members have asked what guides the Buildings Panel in their choice of planning applications to consider. In July, the Society's Buildings Panel reviewed their Engagement Guidelines to ensure they were clear and up-to-date. The revised Guidelines were endorsed by the Executive Committee at their August meeting and are now reproduced in full on our website. <http://www.putneysociety.org.uk/news-and-issues/buildings-panel-engagementguidelines.html>

LOCAL EVENTS

If you have an event you would like us to list please contact: chair@putneysociety.org.uk

A REMINDER

Thomas Cromwell – a definitive account

**Thursday 11 October, 7.30 pm
at St Mary's Church, Putney**

Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch will give a talk on Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's chief minister. This will mark the publication on 27 September of what is likely to become the definitive biography of Cromwell, overturning many established views. Professor MacCulloch is well-known from television programmes on Tudor history and the history of Christianity, and is Professor of the History of the Church at Oxford University.

Putney Pantry will be open before and after the event and offering a special Thomas Cromwell cake and wine package for £7.

Join the scrub clearing sessions on Wimbledon Common

Meet at the bike rack by the Windmill at 10.30am on the following Saturdays:

6 October & 27 October, 10 November & 17 November and 8 December. Please email Peter Haldane on peter@wpcc.org.uk by the previous Wednesday to book a place.

Fungi for Fun – talk organised by the Friends of Putney Library

**Wednesday 17 October,
6.30pm at Putney Library**

An illustrated talk by Putney resident and amateur mycologist, Pam Islip. With your new found knowledge, a walk on the Common will take on new excitement.

