

# WANDSWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2018

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

26<sup>th</sup> May - 10<sup>th</sup> June



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# WANDSWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2018

## PARKS AND OPEN SPACES OF THE BOROUGH

Many of the events of this year's festival celebrate Wandsworth's open spaces enjoyed by everyone..



Three Island Pond, Wandsworth Common  
c.1900

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Back cover: Advert for Battersea Park Easter Parade, 1974

**Saturday 26th May – 10am-2pm**

**Drop in session: Tooting Common Maps**

*Organised by the Tooting Common Heritage Project*

View a collection of historical maps and drawings relating to parks and green open spaces in Wandsworth. The focus is Tooting Common but a selection of maps from other green open spaces in the borough will also be made available.

- Tooting Bec Lido Pavilion, Tooting Bec Road SW16 1RU
- FREE • No booking required

**Saturday 26th May**

**2pm - Talk: The Life and Times of Tooting Jazz Pioneer, Sadie Crawford**

**3.30pm - Guided walk: Entertaining Tooting**

*Organised by Summerstown 182*

Heralding the placing of a plaque on 16th June, Sadie Crawford's grand-nephew Stephen Willis outlines the life and times of a remarkable jazz pioneer from Tooting, featuring exclusive sound recordings of some of her work. Then follow in her footsteps taking in key locations in Sadie's early life. This walk will highlight the local personalities and entertainment venues of Tooting 100 years ago.

- Tooting Library, 75 Mitcham Road SW17 9PD (meet outside the library for the walk)
- £5 combined charge for talk & walk (proceeds towards plaque)
- Please book in advance: [rgbsimmons182@gmail.com](mailto:rgbsimmons182@gmail.com)

**Sunday 27th May & 10th June – 11am**

**Guided walk: Historic Battersea**

*Organised by Tony Belton on behalf of the Battersea Labour Party*

Councillor Tony Belton will lead this informal walk from The Latchmere to Battersea Arts Centre, looking at different housing styles and exploring local historic events and individuals.

- Meet outside the Latchmere public house, corner of Latchmere Rd/Battersea Park Rd
- £10 • Duration: approx. 2 hrs • Please book in advance: [tonybelton@btconnect.com](mailto:tonybelton@btconnect.com)



Tooting Common c.1900

### Sunday 27th May – 2pm & 3pm

#### Tour: Henry Tate Gardens, Streatham

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.

- Meet at the lodge gates, Henry Tate Mews, Streatham Common North, SW16 3HA
- FREE (donations welcome) • No booking required • No parking or toilets onsite

### Monday 28th May – 2.30pm

#### Guided walk: Bedford Hill and Tooting Bec Common

Organised by the Balham Society

John Rattray will lead this walk covering the Bedford Hill area's history from its early farms to the present day. Also covering the parts of Tooting Bec Common which were once colloquially known as Balham Common.

- Meet outside Tooting Bec Common cafe, off Bedford Hill, SW12 9HJ
- A collection will be taken (proceeds to the Balham Society) • No booking required

### Tuesday 29th & Wednesday 30th May – 10-4pm

#### Workshop: Watercolour Landscape Painting

Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture

Explore this historic landscape and vista, initially in the studio and then outside along the Putney riverside and parks (weather permitting). You will be working on quick drawings in sketchbooks leading to finished watercolour painting. Some experience an advantage.

- Meet at Putney School of Art & Design. • £56 - Booking required
- Please contact the school for further details: <http://enablelc.org/psad>

### Tuesday 29th May – 2-4pm

#### Workshop: Photographing Battersea's Riverside

Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture

Photograph the historic landmarks of Battersea Park and riverside, benefiting from technical and creative guidance from Putney School of Art & Design's photography tutor. You will need a camera or a smartphone.

- Meet at London Peace Pagoda on the riverside of Battersea Park.
- £8 • Please book in advance: <http://enablelc.org/psad>

### Tuesday 29th May – 3pm

#### Guided walk: The War Graves of Wandsworth Cemetery

Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture

A walk and talk on the 600+ war graves in the cemetery. NB this is a repeat event of the one conducted as part of the Heritage Festival some six years ago.

- Meet at the Cross of Sacrifice, just inside the cemetery gates on Magdalen Road, SW18
- FREE • No booking required

### Tuesday 29th May – 6.30pm

#### Talk: Spies on the Common

Paul McCue, Secret WW2 Learning Network

A talk and presentation on the M.I.5 London Reception Centre, located in the Royal Victoria Patriotic Building on Wandsworth Common during WW2.

- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill SW11 1JB • FREE
- Please book in advance: [hello@enablelc.org](mailto:hello@enablelc.org) (quote 'Heritage Festival' in the subject line)

### Wednesday 30th May – 2pm

#### Talk: Tooting Commons: from private to public ownership

Organised by the Tooting History Group

Tooting Commons went from private to public ownership in the 1870s. Hear about the demonstrations, court cases and public disobedience which resulted in the commons coming into the ownership of the Metropolitan Board of Works.

- Furzedown Project, 93 Moyser Rd, SW16 6SJ
- FREE • No booking required

### Wednesday 30th May – 6.30pm

#### Guided walk: Best of Battersea's Trees

Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture

Take in the historic and notable trees of Battersea Park.

- Meet at the Bandstand in the Park.
- Free • Please register interest by sending email to [hello@enablelc.org](mailto:hello@enablelc.org)

### Wednesday 30th May – 7.15pm

#### Talk: The Wandsworth Area as 18th Century Powerhouse

Organised by Agenda Services

The Wandsworth area was an economic and political powerhouse during the long 18th Century. This talk by Sean Creighton will examine aspects of this, including the Huguenots, the networks, the Clapham Sect and the Pitt Government.

- Wandsworth Town Library, 11 Garratt Lane SW18 4AQ
- FREE • No booking required

### Wednesday 30th May – 7.30pm

#### Talk: Putney Riverside Over the Centuries

Organised by Friends of Wandsworth Park

An illustrated presentation exploring the historic riverside from St Mary's Church to Point Pleasant including Wandsworth Park. Michael Bull, a lifetime Putney resident and member of the Wandsworth Historical Society, will share his memories of Putney and how it has changed over the decades.

- St. Mary's Church, Putney High Street SW15 1SN
- FREE • No booking required

#### Thursday 31st May – 11am-6pm

##### Family drop in session: Archaeology and Local History on Your Doorstep

*Organised by Wandsworth Historical Society*

Discover the history of the borough where you live using historic maps and by handling and identifying archaeological objects such as Roman pottery. Bring along anything interesting you have found in the ground!

- Wandsworth Town Library, 11 Garratt Lane SW18 4AQ
- FREE • No booking required

#### Thursday 31st May – 2-4pm

##### Drop in: Family Art

*Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture*

Explore the Grade 2\* heritage-listed open space and boating lake in Battersea Park. A tutor from Putney School of Art & Design will provide some guidance and materials for families to use.

- Meet outside the Pump House Gallery in Battersea Park to collect your materials.
- FREE • No booking required

#### Thursday 31st May – 4pm and 6pm

##### Guided Walk: the historic and notable graves of Putney Vale Cemetery

*Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture*

A guided, leisurely walk around the cemetery visiting many of the notable and historic graves. Please expect to walk about 1½ miles. Some steep inclines.

- Meet at the crematorium carpark at the top of the drive, SW15 3DZ
- FREE • Booking essential: [hello@enablelc.org](mailto:hello@enablelc.org) (quote 'Heritage Festival' in the subject line)

#### Thursday 31st May – 6.30pm

##### Guided Walk: Clapham in World War II

*Organised by the Clapham Society*

A walk along the south side of Clapham Common seeing how the war came to Clapham and the lasting effect it has had on our streets and the development of South London. Led by Derrick Johnson.

- Meet at Clapham Common Underground Station at 6.30pm
- FREE • No booking required

#### Thursday 31st May – 7.30pm

##### Performance: Black Heroes Soul Food Cafe

*Organised by the Black Heroes Foundation*

The Black Heroes Soul Food Café provides a creative space artistic expression celebrating Black Heroes. Please participate as an audience member or creative artist sharing your expression of celebration whether it be song, spoken word or visual art.

- Leilani Restaurant and Ashanti Lounge Bar, 14 Lavender Hill, Battersea, SW11 5RW
- £3 • Please book via Eventbrite: [www.Blackheroes.eventbrite.com](http://www.Blackheroes.eventbrite.com)

#### Friday 1st June – 2.30pm

##### Guided Walk: the Story of Putney Old Burial Ground

*Organised by Philip Evison*

Discover the 200-year story of Putney's historic burial ground (1763-1963). Learn details of some of the eminent people buried there and of the remaining tombs, four of them Grade II-listed.

- Meet next to Daley Thompson fitness centre, 215 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, SW15 6SY
- FREE • Booking required: 07981 898961 or [philipevison0@gmail.com](mailto:philipevison0@gmail.com)

#### Friday 1st June – 6.30pm

##### Talk: Wandsworth Common Railway Station: the station with an arcane past

*Organised by Steven Taylor and Wandsworth Heritage Service*

Railway historian Steven Taylor shares his fascinating research illustrated with copious photographs and maps he has discovered along the way. His quest began with a photograph showing an incarnation of the station that had never been previously recorded.

- Balham Library 16 Ramsden Road SW12 8QY
- FREE • No booking required

#### Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June – 10am-1pm & 2-5pm

##### Exhibition: Wandsworth Prison Museum Open Weekend

*Organised by Wandsworth Prison Museum*

The history of Wandsworth Prison displayed in over 400 objects. Stories of staff, prisoners, escapes, and hangings. Features Oscar Wilde, Acid Bath Murderer John Haigh, Train Robber Ronnie Biggs, and James Earl Ray.

- Prison Museum, North gate car park, HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road SW18 3HR
- FREE • No booking required.

#### Saturday 2nd June – 10am

##### Guided walk: Woodfield Plants: natives, guests, and invaders

*Organised by the Woodfield Project*

Roy Vickery of the South London Botanic Institute will lead the walk. He will identify plants on the Woodfield Ground and the neighbouring fringe of Tooting Bec Common, and discuss their history and lore.

- Meet at Woodfield Pavilion (accessed via Tooting Bec Common or footpath at 16A Abbotswood Road, SW16 1AP) • FREE
- No booking required – for further information contact: [thewoodfieldproject@gmail.com](mailto:thewoodfieldproject@gmail.com)

#### Saturday 2nd June – 11am

##### Guided walk: A Historical Walking Tour of Emanuel School and its Grounds

*Organised by Emanuel School Archives*

This 90 minute tour of the buildings and grounds will whisk you back to the days of the boarding school and orphanage. The School Archive will also be open.

- Emanuel School, Battersea Rise, SW11 1HS (Entry via Bridge on Spencer Park) • FREE
- No booking required – for further details contact: [tony.jones@emanuel.org.uk](mailto:tony.jones@emanuel.org.uk) or 020 8875 6959



### Saturday 2nd June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Battersea Park

Organised by the Battersea Society and Friends of Battersea Park

Frances Radcliffe, Chair of the Friends of Battersea Park, will explore Battersea Park's rich history, pointing out items of specific historical or botanical significance.

- Meet inside Albert Gate by the entrance to the car park
- £5 • No booking required

### Sunday 3rd June – 10.30am

#### Guided walk: Putney Heath: history and health

Organised by Roehampton Forum

A walk across Putney Heath and Wimbledon Common, noting the historical features from Roehampton to the Richardson Evans Memorial Playing Fields and Asda, via the Windmill.

Led by John Horrocks, former Commons Conservator.

- Shell petrol station, 237-239 Roehampton Lane SW15 4LB
- FREE • No booking required



Battersea Park funfair 1960s

### Sunday 3rd June – 11.30am

#### Talk and Workshop: Textile Printing in the Wandle Valley

Organised by Wandle Industrial Museum

The textile industry along the Wandle Valley was introduced by the Huguenots in the 17th century. You will have the opportunity to learn about the traditional technique of block printing and the chance to produce your own print.

- Wandle Industrial Museum, Vestry Hall Annexe, London Road, Mitcham CR4 3UD
- FREE (donations welcome) • Duration: 90 mins
- Please book in advance: [Office@wandle.org](mailto:Office@wandle.org) or 020 8648 0127

### Monday 4th June - 6.30pm

#### Talk: War Comes Home: growing up in wartime Battersea

Organised by the War Comes Home volunteer committee

What was Battersea like during World War II? This talk shares highlights of filmed interviews with men and women recounting their childhood experiences here. It is a fascinating story of disrupted schooling, the terrors of bombing and astonishing independence.

- Christ Church & St. Stephen, 38 Cabul Rd, Battersea SW11 2PN
- FREE • Refreshments available to purchase • No booking required
- For more information see Eventbrite: <https://warcomeshome4june.eventbrite.com>

### Monday 4th June – 7.30pm

#### Talk: Thomas Cromwell and his family in Putney and Wandsworth

Organised by Wandsworth Historical Society

Thomas Cromwell, Henry VIII's right-hand man, grew up in Putney at the mercy of his violent father, Walter, according to historians and novelists. But groundbreaking research by WHS chairman, Dorian Gerhold, paints a very different picture of Cromwell family life.

- St Mary's Church, Putney High Street, SW15 1SN • £5 (proceeds to WHS)
- Please book via Eventbrite: <https://thomascromwell.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Monday June 4th – 8pm

#### Talk: Bygone Streatham

Organised by the Streatham Society

A look at Victorian and Edwardian Streatham with local historian and author John W. Brown. His well-illustrated and informative talk will look at the people, places, buildings and events that characterised Streatham during this period.

- Woodlawns Centre, 16 Leigham Court Road, Streatham SW16 2PJ.
- FREE • No booking required

### Tuesday 5th June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Hidden Heritage: the wildlife wonders of the Wandle

Organised by Enable Leisure and Culture

Take a walk upstream from the mouth of the River Wandle to King Georges Park to learn more about the wildlife on the river and measures to enhance habitats.

- Meet at the junction of The Causeway & Smugglers Way / Enterprise Way where the footpath crosses the river
- Free • No booking required

### Tuesday 5th June – 6.30pm

#### Guided walk: Development of a Victorian Suburb

Organised by the Clapham Society

A walk 'twixt the Commons to help understand how the area was developed by a series of speculative builders as the older houses were knocked down. Led by Timothy Walker.

- Meet at Clapham South Underground Station
- FREE • No booking required

### Wednesday 6th June – 10.30am-2.30pm

#### Drop in session: Scything Taster Session

Organised by the Tooting Common Heritage Project in partnership with ideverdeUK

Come along for a taster session in the art of scything, a traditional grassland management technique used for centuries in England and with origins dating back to 500 B.C. Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for the outdoors and weather.

- On Tooting Common next to the Staff Yard at the junction of Dr Johnson Avenue / Hillbury Road • FREE • No booking required
- For further information contact: [TCHP@Wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:TCHP@Wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Wednesday 6th June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Historic walk around the Grove House Estate, Froebel College

Organised by Gilly King, History and Heritage Advisor, University of Roehampton

Froebel College is a constituent College of the University of Roehampton. Within the grounds of this charming Georgian house are delightful follies, a lake, a Mausoleum and an ice house. The stories behind these historic monuments are fascinating.

- Meet at the main entrance of Froebel College, University of Roehampton, junction of Roehampton Lane & Clarence Lane, Roehampton SW15 5PJ • Duration of tour: approx. 90 mins • FREE • Please book in advance: [gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk) or 020 8392 3514

### Wednesday 6th June – 6.45pm

#### Talk: A Walk in the Park

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries

Public parks are such a cherished part of everyday life, you might be forgiven for thinking they have always been there. Acclaimed author Travis Elborough traces their extraordinary history in an illustrated talk based on his book 'A Walk in the Park.'

- Putney Library, 5-7 Disraeli Road SW15 2DR
- FREE • Please book in advance: [Charlene.Coleman@gll.org](mailto:Charlene.Coleman@gll.org) or 020 8780 3085

### Wednesday 6th June – 8pm for 8.15pm

#### Talk: Capability Brown's Wimbledon Park, then and now

Organised by the Wandsworth Society

Dave Dawson has researched the history of this fine 18th century landscaped park. Hear how it came to be, was eroded by London's spread - and how the valuable, but at risk, remaining part became a Grade II\* Heritage Landscape.

- The Nature Centre, off Dorlcote Road, Wandsworth SW18 3RT
- FREE • Refreshments available to purchase • No booking required

### Thursday 7th June – 10.30am

#### Guided walk: Putney Lower Common: understanding its history

Organised by the Putney Society

Peter Haldane, the Wimbledon & Putney Commons Conservators' Conservation & Engagement Officer, will lead this walk, explaining how the Common has developed from the days when it belonged to the Lord of the Manor, Lord Spencer.

- Meet on the Lower Richmond Road at the junction with Comondale - by the 22 bus stop
- FREE • No booking required

### Thursday 7th June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Wildlife Walk on the Common

Organised by the Tooting Common Heritage Project

A wildlife walk focusing on habitat restoration on Tooting Common. Please wear clothing and footwear suitable for the outdoors and weather. The event will involve walking on uneven surfaces and crossing roads and cycle paths.

- Meet at Tooting Bec Common Café, SW12 9HJ
- FREE • No booking required • For further information contact: [TCHP@Wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:TCHP@Wandsworth.gov.uk)

### Thursday 7th June – 2.30pm

#### Guided walk: Uncovering the Falcon Brook

Organised by Jon Newman

Follow the largely forgotten and completely underground Falcon Brook's lower course, from close by Wandsworth Common to its former mouth into the Thames at Battersea. Hear about the river's history and previous uses along the way.

- Wandsworth Common Station SW12 8NL
- Duration approx. 1½ hours
- FREE • Please book via Eventbrite: [https://falcon\\_brook\\_walk.eventbrite.co.uk](https://falcon_brook_walk.eventbrite.co.uk)



Wandsworth Common c.1900

#### Thursday 7th June - 7pm for 7.30pm

##### Talk: The story of Battersea Park, an ever changing landscape

Organised by Battersea Society and the Friends of Battersea Park

Battersea Park has seen two World Wars, the Festival of Britain, and periods of decline and restoration. Join Jennifer Ullman to hear about the rich history of this much loved London landmark and learn how our times are leaving their mark.

- St Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road SW11 3EN
- £5 • No booking required

#### Thursday 7th, Friday 8th & Saturday 9th June – 2.30pm & 7pm

##### Experimental performance: Common Salt

Organised by the Battersea Arts Centre

'Common Salt' explores lucre, enclosures and borders: the economic and social stories of trade. Developed over 3 years of research into the colonial and geographical history of England and India, the work resonates with our contemporary times.

- Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11 5TN
- £5 • Please book via [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk) or 020 7223 2223

#### Friday 8th June – 2pm

##### Talk: Pets in the Lives of Twentieth Century Londoners

Organised by Royal Holloway University of London in partnership with Wandsworth Heritage Service

This talk by Dr Rebecca Preston will explore changes in pet keeping in the twentieth century and, by looking at the diaries of local resident Florence Turtle, the place of companion animals in Londoners' busy home, work and social lives.

- Putney Library, 5/7 Disraeli Road, Putney SW15 2DR
- FREE • Please book in advance: [Charlene.Coleman@gll.org](mailto:Charlene.Coleman@gll.org) or 020 8780 3085

#### Friday 8th June – 6.30pm

##### Talk: Calico People of the Wandle Valley

Organised by Wandle Industrial Museum

Mick Taylor will look at the rise and fall of the River Wandle's Calico industries, and the people associated during its 300 year history. Covering the Wandsworth Huguenots, the factory workers, William Morris, and Liberty's.

- Earlsfield Library, 276 Magdalen Road SW18 3NY
- FREE • No booking required

#### Saturday 9th June – 2.30-4.30pm

##### Guided Walk: the Tooting Common Story

Organised by the Tooting History Group

A leisurely walk exploring some of the extraordinary events and people that have created the Common we know and love today.

- Meet at the drinking fountain, corner of Tooting Bec Road/Dr Johnson Avenue
- £6 including refreshments • Please book via Eventbrite: <https://tcwalk.eventbrite.co.uk>

#### Sunday 10th June – 10am

##### Talk: From Lake to Lido: the story of Tooting Bec lido

Organised by South London Swimming Club

AJanet Smith will look back at 112 years of the lido and the SLSC with the help of the club's newly created digital archive. Please bring along any historic photos of the lido for on-the-spot scanning.

- Tooting Bec Lido Pavilion, Tooting Bec Road SW16 1RU
- FREE • No booking required

#### Sunday 10th June – 2pm

##### Guided walk: Significant Women of Lavender Hill

Organised by the Battersea Society

Led by Jeanne Rathbone. Featuring Jeanie Nassau, 1st woman civil servant; Charlotte Despard, socialist suffragette; Caroline Ganley MP; Marie Spartali, Pre-Raphaelite artist; Deaconess Isabelle Gilmore; Laura Barton, composer; Pamela Hansford Johnson, Author.

- Outside Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11 5TN
- £5 • No booking required

## EXHIBITIONS

#### Pets in the Archives

Produced by the AHRC-funded Pets and Family Life Project at Royal Holloway, University of London, and the University of Manchester

The display focusses on the diary of late Putney resident, Florence Turtle, and her pets and is part of a project that explores how pets became such an important part of British homes and families.

- Putney Library, 5/7 Disraeli Road, Putney SW15 2DR
- During library opening hours throughout the festival • FREE

#### A Walk in the Park

Produced by Royal Photographic Society, London Region

Photographs taken as part of the RPS's Breathing London Project, a London-wide photo project to capture the diversity of London's public green and open spaces – the lungs of the City – over the course of a year.

- Putney Library, 5/7 Disraeli Road, Putney SW15 2DR
- During library opening hours throughout the festival • FREE





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