



Wandsworth Heritage Festival

Programme of events: 23rd May – 14th June

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Wandsworth's Shops and High Streets

Many of our events this year focus on Wandsworth's shops and high streets, past and present.

This programme of events has been brought together by Heritage Wandsworth: the local history and historic environment partnership for the borough of Wandsworth.

Wandsworth Heritage Service

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

For more information including opening times and access to our service, please visit our website: better.org.uk/wandsworth-heritage-service

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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.

For access requirements relating to events which do not require advance booking and do not have contact details, please contact Heritage@gll.org or 020 7223 2334.

You can also contact us by the phone number above if you do not have internet access and require us to book events for you.



Badminton Road, c1912

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Front cover: E Bush & Son Butchers, Battersea

Throughout The Festival and Beyond:

Exhibition: Behind the Counter

Organised by photographer Steve Reeves

The small shop, once the heart of the community, is now a fast-vanishing part of British life. Despite this, small shopkeepers are resilient. They work longer hours to compete with the bigger chains and often have a personal connection with their customers. This project documents shopkeepers from Wandsworth and South London.

- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Venue is wheelchair accessible
- Throughout Wandsworth Heritage Festival during Battersea Library opening hours (please note the reference library which hosts the exhibition will close at 5pm on Tuesday 2nd June, Wednesday 3rd June, and Wednesday 10th June for Wandsworth Heritage Festival events)

Exhibition: Dorrett and Martin - The Photographic Chroniclers of Wandsworth Common

Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

In 1899, two leading photographers of the time, Harry Dorrett and Paul Martin entered into a partnership and bought a studio on Bellevue Road, Wandsworth Common. This exhibition displays some of the evocative images of Wandsworth Common that they produced over the following quarter of a century.

- Northcote Library, 150 Northcote Road, SW11 6RD
- Venue is wheelchair accessible
- Throughout Wandsworth Heritage Festival during Northcote Library opening hours

Self-guided tour: Tooting Historic Shops Trail

Organised by Tooting History Group

A chance to explore Tooting's rich history of shops using a self-guided walk from Tooting Bec to Tooting Broadway and round to Amen Corner. The trail will run throughout the festival. You will find historic images of Tooting's shops in today's shop windows and interiors.

- Throughout Wandsworth Heritage Festival (please note that historic images may not be visible outwith shop opening times)
- Full details at tootinghistory.org.uk

Project: Battersea's shops and businesses

Organised by Jeanne Rathbone and the Battersea Society

For the past year, local historian Jeanne Rathbone has been working with local businesses to put up shop window decals highlighting historical businesses trading in the same spot. Her heritage decals can be seen on the windows of businesses on Battersea High Street, Battersea Rise, Northcote Road, Lavender Hill, and Queenstown Road.

- Various streets in Battersea as listed above
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Scheduled Events:

Talk and Walk: Tooting Historic Shops Trail Launch

Organised by Tooting History Group

Tooting Historic Shops trail launches with your chance to hear a brief history of shops and shopping in Tooting and see some of the shops featured on the trail. There will also be a short walk following some of the trail. There will be a further walk on 25th May.

- Saturday 23rd May, 11am
- Free to members, £2 to non-members
- United Reformed Church, Rookstone Road, SW17 9NQ
- Booking not required – for further details, visit tootinghistory.org.uk

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

Organised by Emanuel School

An extensive tour of the buildings, interiors and grounds, whisking you back to the days when Emanuel was an orphanage and then a boarding school. The tour also features all the modern changes, architectural developments, and future plans.

- Saturday 23rd May, 11am
- Free
- Emanuel School, Battersea Rise, SW11 1HS (please meet at the security gate on the Spencer Park Bridge)
- Booking required – contact tony.jones@emanuel.org.uk



Arding and Hobbs, c1890

Walk: Remarkable Women of Putney

Organised by Gail Golding, Lambeth Tour Guide

This guided walk led by accredited guide Gail Golding celebrates often forgotten and side-lined stories about women with a connection to Putney. Discover how all these women overcame the obstacles placed in front of them with resilience, determination and courage.

- This walk is repeated on Friday 29th May.
- Sunday 24th May, 10.30am
- £10
- Meet outside Putney Station, High Street SW15 1RT
- Booking required via website – tinyurl.com/2x7fxska

Walk: Tooting Historic Shops

Organised by Tooting History Group

Tooting has had coffee shops, department stores and craft bakeries since Edwardian times. Led by Philip Bradley, this walk from Tooting Bec to Tooting Broadway along the Historic Shops trail will uncover the stories associated with those enterprises.

- Monday 25th May, 2pm
- Free
- Meet outside Tooting Bec Station, SW17 7AA
- Booking not required – for further details, visit tootinghistory.org.uk



Harry Cusden's Christmas display, Tooting, 1926

Drop in: Meet the Archaeologist

Organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society

Archaeologist Pamela Greenwood shares some of the archaeological finds found in Wandsworth. From prehistoric flints and Roman pottery to a protective witch bottle and clay pipes and everything else in between. Handling is encouraged. This is a family-friendly event where children and adults of all ages are welcome!

- Tuesday 26th May, 11am
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Walk: Tooting Bec Common's Heritage Trees

Organised by the Friends of Tooting Common

An exploration of the Common's rich variety of native and planted trees led by botanist and folklorist Roy Vickery, who is currently compiling the Plant Lore archive (plant-lore.com).

- Tuesday 26th May, 11am
- £6
- Meet at the junction of Emmanuel Road and Rastell Avenue, SW12 0HP
- Booking not required – contact fortcinformation@gmail.com for further information

Talk: 160 Years of Bellevue Road

Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

From drapers to dog groomers, from umbrella making to spa treatments, come and hear about the changing face of Wandsworth Common's 'high street'.

- Tuesday 26th May, 7pm (doors open at 6.30pm)
- Free
- Naturescope, off Dorlcote Road, SW18 3RT
- Booking required – contact history@wandsworthcommon.org

Open Church: All Saints' Putney

Organised by All Saints' Putney

While the outside of All Saints' Church may be modest, the decorative interior is a revelation. Designed by architect G E Street, it is unique in London having all its windows designed by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones.

- Wednesday 27th May, 10am-2pm drop in, tour at 12pm
- Free, but donations to the church are welcome
- All Saints' Church, Putney Common, SW15 1HL
- Booking not required
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Walk: Herbal Heritage

Organised by Roy Vickery

Discover the traditional uses of native plants found in Battersea Park with botanist and folklorist Roy Vickery, who is currently compiling the Plant Lore archive (plant-lore.com).

- Wednesday 27th May, 11am
 - Free
 - Meet at Chelsea Bridge entrance of Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ
 - Booking required – contact roy@plant-lore.com
 - This walk is accessible for wheelchair users
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Talk: From Daily Shopping Basket to Home Delivery – how food shopping has evolved

Organised by the Wandsworth Society

This talk by Caroline Pook tells the story of how food shopping patterns have changed over the postwar period and the consequent impact on the townscape of Wandsworth.

- Wednesday 27th May, 8pm
- Free
- West Side Church Hall, corner of Melody Road and All Farthing Lane, SW18 2QQ
- Booking not required
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Talk: Liberty Mills

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

Local Historian John Sheridan sheds light on Liberty's flagship store and their textile print works on the river Wandle, taking you on a whistlestop tour of Arthur Liberty's life and times.

- Thursday 28th May, 6pm
- Free
- Earlsfield Library, 276 Magdalen Road, SW18 3NY
- Booking required – contact Heritage@gll.org
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Walk: Remarkable Women of Putney

Organised by Gail Golding, Lambeth Tour Guide

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- Friday 29th May, 10.30am
- £10
- Meet outside Putney Station, High Street SW15 1RT
- Booking required via website – tinyurl.com/bdcvh93b

Talk: The Changing Faces of Wandsworth – From Industry to Homes

Organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society and the Wandle Industrial Museum

This talk from Mick Taylor, Curator of the Wandle Industrial Museum, focusses on the Surrey Iron Railway, the many mills, breweries and industrial archaeology along the river Wandle.

- Friday 29th May, 8pm
 - Free
 - Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PT
 - Booking not required
 - Venue is wheelchair accessible
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12 new Wandsworth Green Plaques

This year, twelve Wandsworth Green Plaques have been made possible by the National Lottery Heritage Fund as part of our year of London Borough of Culture. They were nominated by members of the community. So far, these are as follows:

Chad Varah – founder of the Samaritans, situated outside his former home, **68 North Side Wandsworth Common**.

Tooting Bec Asylum – now housing, little remains of the hospital in which many lives – both of physicians and patients - were lived. This plaque, nominated by the Tooting History Group and situated at **Heritage Park, Tooting**, forms an important memorial to those people.

Bob Marley – While Bob Marley himself needs little introduction, relatively few people knew he was a regular at football training in Battersea Park! This has changed thanks to this plaque (in conjunction with Nubian Jak Community Trust) which can be found in on the **cricket pavillion in Battersea Park**.

Mabel Digby and Janet Stuart - Mabel Digby RSCJ (1835-1911) and Janet Erskine Stuart RSCJ (1857-1914) were remarkable women and leaders in the field of education. This plaque is situated near **Digby Stuart Chapel, Roehampton**.

Frances Margaret Taylor – Frances Margaret Taylor (1832-1900) was a religious sister, philanthropist, writer, and founding Sister of the order of the Poor Servants of the Mother of God. This plaque commemorates her life and work and is situated outside **St Mary's Convent, Roehampton**.

Covent Garden Market – This plaque was funded by Covent Garden Market themselves, commemorating their fifty years in Battersea. It is situated on the exterior of **Covent Garden Market**.

Shapurji Saklatvala – Saklatvala (1874-1936) was an anti-imperialist campaigner for Indian and Irish independence. He was Labour's first MP and was elected to represent Battersea in 1922. This plaque (in conjunction with the Nubian Jak Community Trust) is situated on **Battersea Labour Party Headquarters, Battersea**.

Yvonne Carr - Yvonne Carr was a housing manager and campaigner who worked for the Patmore Estate in Wandsworth. The Yvonne Carr centre exists because of Yvonne's tireless campaigning and was named after her following her sudden death shortly before it officially opened. This plaque is situated on the **Yvonne Carr Centre, Battersea**.

Hanna and Patrick Barrington – Hanna Barrington (1918-2018) was a communist activist born in Vienna. Patrick Barrington (1931-2020) was an artist born in Guyana. Their plaque is situated at **77 Dorothy Road, Battersea**.

Doreen Evans – Doreen Evans (1916-1982) was a racing driver, and her family ran the Bellevue Garage. This plaque is on the site of the garage at the corner of **Bellevue Road and Althorpe Road**.

The Fazl Mosque – the Fazl Mosque was the first purpose-built mosque in London. The plaque is situated on the wall surrounding the **Fazl Mosque, Southfields**.

We are still looking for one more plaque to fund – this will represent Global Majority history in the borough. If you have any ideas, please get in touch with **Heritage@gll.org**.





Marsha de Cordova MP and High Commissioner of Jamaica Alexander Williams (photo by Sian O'Connor)



Yvonne Carr plaque unveiling

Tour: The Chapel of St Mary's Convent, Roehampton

Organised by the archivist, St Mary's Convent, Brentford

St Mary's Convent was built by an order of Catholic Sisters, the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, between 1876-1903. The guided tour comprises the chapel, vestibule and gallery with beautiful frescoes by Sr Mary Tommaso SMG.

- Saturday 30th May, 10am and 2pm
- Free
- St Mary's Convent, High Street, Roehampton, SW15 4HJ
(meet outside the blue entrance door behind the small railing)
- Booking required – contact paul.shaw@psmgs.org.uk

Tour and Tutored Tasting: Sambrook's Heritage 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 493 years of continuous brewing on site as well as beer production in general.

- Saturday 30th May, 11am and 1pm
- £25
- Sambrook's Brewery Shop, 1 Bellwether Lane, SW18 1UD
- Booking required via website – sevenrooms.com/events/sambrooksbrewerytap
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Plaque unveiling: the Bransons

Organised by the Battersea Society

Clive Branson (1907-1944) was an artist, and his wife Noreen (1910-2003) was a historian. Both were communist activists, and they brought up Rosa (1933-) an artist. All welcome to the unveiling of this plaque which commemorates their life and work.

- Saturday 30th May, 12pm
- Free
- Outside 310 Battersea Park Road, SW11 3BU
- Booking not required

Walk: 160 Years of Bellevue Road

Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

From drapers to dog groomers, from umbrella making to spa treatments, come and explore the changing face of Wandsworth Common's 'high street'.

- Saturday 30th May, 2pm
 - Free
 - Meet opposite the Hope public house, 1 Bellevue Road, SW17 7EG
 - Booking required – contact history@wandsworthcommon.org
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Tour: Henry Tate Gardens

Organised by the Streatham Society

Park Hill was built in c1830 by William Leaf, a banker and silk merchant, and later occupied by the sugar magnate Henry Tate who opened his gallery here to the public once a year. View Tate's Grade II* listed mansion Park Hill (exterior only) and explore the historic garden.

- Sunday 31st May, 2pm and 3pm
- £5
- Meet at the lodge gates, Henry Tate Mews, Streatham Common North, SW16 3HA
- Booking required via website – tinyurl.com/Streatham-tickets



Balham Continental Market, corner of Shipka Road, Balham, c1930s



New Covent Garden flower market, c1980s

Walk: Queer Battersea: Performance, Protest and Pleasure

Organised by Nick Collinson (aka The Urban Rambler)

Queer historian Nick Collinson reveals Battersea's hidden LGBTQIA+ past – stories of drag glamour, public scandal, secret encounters and hard-won community forged in unexpected places. This walk is part of the National Lottery Heritage Funded 'Queer Wandsworth Heritage' project.

- Monday 1st June, 2pm
- Free
- Meeting point – given on booking
- Booking required via website – theurbanrambler.squarespace.com/queer-battersea-walking-tour



Earlsfield Station, c1910s



Tooting High Street, c1970s

Bowley's
ESTABLISHED 1744

“Olde English”



Leaflet for Bowley's paint, c1930s

Talk: Northcote Road – from Lumber Yard to Coffee Shop

Organised by Carol Rahn and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

This talk by Carol charts the changing retail landscape of our own Northcote Road over the past century. That history informs a broader view of the impact of technology, government policy and everyday life on the past and future of the high street.

- Monday 1st June, 6.30pm for 7pm
- Free
- Northcote Library community hall, 150 Northcote Road, SW11 6RD
- Booking required – contact Heritage@gll.org
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Walk: Pavement Prowl

Organised by Roy Vickery

An exploration of ‘weeds’ growing on pavements around the Battersea Arts Centre, and the folklore and uses associated with them. Led by botanist and folklorist Roy Vickery, who is currently compiling the Plant Lore archive (plant-lore.com).

- Tuesday 2nd June, 11am
- Free
- Meet outside the Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SW11 5TN
- Booking required – contact roy@plant-lore.com
- This walk is suitable for wheelchair users

Talk: The Changing Fortunes of Arding & Hobbs

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

Editor of The Wandsworth Historian, Neil Robson, invites you to peek behind the curtains of what was once ‘South London’s finest drapery house’, tracking its rise and fall along the way.

- Tuesday 2nd June, 6pm
- Free
- Battersea Library (reference library), 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Booking required – contact Heritage@gll.org
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Talk: Listen to the Woman with the Basket! Caroline Ganley and the Co-operative Movement

Organised by the Battersea Society and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

For much of the 20th century the Co-op was the go-to food shop in Battersea and Wandsworth. This talk from historian Dr Sue Demont focuses on the work of Caroline Ganley, who rose from Battersea activist to become the first female President of the huge London Co-operative Society.

- Wednesday 3rd June, 6pm
 - Free
 - Battersea Library (reference library), 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
 - Booking required – contact Heritage@gll.org
 - Venue is wheelchair accessible
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Talk: The History of the Ram Brewery

Organised by Sambrook's Brewery

A very personal interpretation of the history of the Ram Brewery site from 1533 to 2021 by John Hatch who has brewed at The Ram since 1988.

- Thursday 4th June, 6pm
- Free
- Sambrook's Brewery (the Stack Room), 1 Bellwether Lane, SW18 1UD
- Booking required via website – sevenrooms.com/events/sambrooksbrewerytap
- Venue is wheelchair accessible, but please state this is required when booking to ensure staff are available to operate the lift

Walk: Mostly Medical

Organised by the Clapham Society

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

- Friday 5th June, 6.30pm
- Free
- Meet opposite the Hope public house at the end of Nightingale Lane near the entrance to Wandsworth Common Station, SW17 7EG
- Booking required – contact thenightingales95@gmail.com

Open Church: All Saints' Putney

Organised by All Saints' Putney

While the outside of All Saints' Church may be modest, the decorative interior is a revelation. Designed by architect G E Street, it is unique in London having all its windows designed by William Morris and Edward Burne-Jones.

- Saturday 6th June, 10am-2pm drop in, tour at 12pm
- Free, donations to the church are welcome
- All Saints' Church, Putney Common, SW15 1HL
- Booking not required
- venue is wheelchair accessible



Kirpal Nagpal, KNG Designs in Tooting, c2022

© Steve Reeves



Arding and Hobbs, Furnishing Drapery Dept and Post Office, c1911

Talk: At Home in Roehampton – Ibstock School

Organised by Ibstock School

The Froebel Demonstration School moved to Roehampton, to Ibstock Place House, on 2 October 1946, after their evacuation to Hertfordshire during WW2. This talk will discuss the history of the School, particularly focusing on how they settled into Roehampton in this era, with changing ideas in education and the family pervading. The talk will focus on the relationship between School and notions of 'home' in this era. Attendees will have a chance to explore our School Museum, enjoy some nibbles, and participate in a short tour around the campus.

- Saturday 6th June, 1pm
- Free
- Ibstock School, Clarence Lane, SW15 5PY
- Booking required – contact aplatt@ibstockplaceschool.co.uk

Walk: The Wonder of Wandsworth

Organised by Geoff Simmons, Summerstown182

Can anywhere in Britain have changed so much as Wandsworth town centre?! Much maligned for its one-way system, 'architectural disasters' and high-rise development, this walk shines a light on a fascinating area packed with interest and an extraordinary history.

- Saturday 6th June, 2pm
- £11.55
- Meet outside Wandsworth Town Library, 9 Courthouse Way, SW18 4QG
- Booking required via eventbrite – [thewonderofwandsworth.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/the-wonder-of-wandsworth)

Walk: Streatham – the West End of South London

Organised by the Streatham Society

A walk along Streatham High Road and Streatham Hill led by Robert Doyle. Robert will be talking about how 1930s Streatham came to have a greater variety of shopping and entertainment than anywhere else south of the Thames.

- Sunday 7th June, 11am
- £5
- Meet outside the Manor Arms public house, SW16 6LQ
- Booking required via website – tinyurl.com/Streatham-tickets

Walk: Walk the Lane – the evolution of Earlsfield

Organised by Geoff Simmons, Summerstown182

A guided walk along an absorbing stretch of Garratt Lane – shadowing the River Wandle along one of south London's most historic routes, exploring how its factories, radical housing estates and costermongers shaped the growth of Earlsfield.

- Sunday 7th June, 2pm
- £11.55
- Meet outside Wandsworth Town Library, 9 Courthouse Way, SW18 4QG
- Booking required via eventbrite – earlsfieldwalkthelane.eventbrite.co.uk

Walk: Balham High Road

Organised by the Balham Society

A walk, conducted by John Rattray for the Balham Society, outlining the history of Balham High Road and its role in the town centre, and describing some of its many shops and other outlets past and present.

- Sunday 7th June, 2.30pm
- Free, Donations to the Balham Society welcome
- Meet outside Du Cane Court, Balham High Road, SW17 7JN
- Booking not required – for further information, contact balhamsociety@gmail.com

Tour: St Leonard's Church

Organised by the Streatham Society

Explore the 'dead-centre' of Streatham with resident, local historian, and writer John Brown. Despite the rebuilds, 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.

- Monday 8th June, 1pm
 - £5 donation which is given to St Leonard's Church
 - St Leonard's Church, Streatham High Road, SW16 1HS
 - Booking required via website – tinyurl.com/Streatham-tickets
 - Please note entry to the crypt and bell tower is via a steep spiral staircase
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The Old Bull and shops, Wandsworth High Street, 1898



Putney High Street, c1890s



Staff from John Arnold Taylor Baker, Furzedown Market, Tooting, c1910s



U B Barnes & Sons, Bakers, Battersea, c1910s

Walk: Twixt the Commons – the 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 8th June, 6.30pm
- Free
- Meet outside Clapham South tube Station, Balham Hill, SW12 9DU
- Booking required via email – tehwalker@uwclub.net

Open Church: All Saints' Putney

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- Tuesday 9th June, 10am-2pm drop in, tour at 12pm
- Free, donations to the church are welcome
- All Saints' Church, Putney Common, SW15 1HL
- Booking not required
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Talk: Tooting's Historic Shops

Organised by The Tooting History Group

Delve deeper into some of the histories uncovered by the Tooting History Group in their research for their self-guided trail in this illustrated talk by Philip Bradley.

- Tuesday 9th June, 7.30pm
- Members free, suggested donation £2 for non-members
- United Reform Church, Rookstone Road, SW17 9NQ
- Booking not required
- Venue is wheelchair accessible



Garratt Lane, H W
Pickrell shop, No 340

Talk: A Modest Commission – Pamela Coleman Smith and the Rider Waite Tarot

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Archivist Emma Anthony was delighted to find out from a researcher that artist Pamela Coleman Smith lived in Battersea while designing the world's most famous tarot deck. The Rider Waite Tarot, named after its publishers, was wildly successful. Yet its artist was paid little and died leaving debt. Join Emma in delving into Coleman Smith's life in Battersea and beyond.

- Wednesday 10th June, 6pm
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Booking required – contact Heritage@gll.org
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Walk: Queer Putney: Art, Activism and Affection

Organised by Nick Collinson (aka The Urban Rambler)

Queer historian Nick Collinson reveals Putney's hidden LGBTQIA+ past – from literary rebels and artistic partnerships to music hall stages, 90s dancefloors and the formation of chosen families amid hostility and change. This walk is part of the National Lottery Heritage Funded 'Queer Wandsworth Heritage' project.

- Thursday 11th June, 2pm
- Free
- Meeting point – given on booking
- Booking required via website – theurbanrambler.squarespace.com/queer-putney-walking-tour

Film screening and Q&A: A Legacy of Care – 170 years at the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

Organised by the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

Patients' voices, past and present, are at the heart of this documentary film which includes a mixture of archival materials, interviews, and personal stories which capture the everyday and the extraordinary moments of life at the RHN.

- Thursday 11th June, 6pm
- Free
- Putney Library, 5-7 Disraeli Road, SW15 2DR
- Booking required – contact Heritage@gll.org
- Venue is wheelchair accessible

Walk: Industrial Wandle

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

Local historian John Sheridan leads this walk from Earlsfield Station to the mouth of the river Wandle taking in the sites of mills and factories dating from the Domesday Book onwards along the way.

- Friday 12th June, 12pm
- Free
- Meet at Earlsfield Station, Garratt Lane, SW18 3NY
- Booking required – contact john.sheridan08@gmail.com

Plaque unveiling: Christina Bloom

Organised by the Streatham Society

All welcome at the unveiling of a plaque commemorating photographer Christina Bloom, known for her photographs of the women's suffrage movement. The unveiling will be conducted by Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Marissa Roth.

- Friday 12th June, 1pm
- Free
- Outside 87 Streatham Hill, SW2 4UB
- Booking required via website - tinyurl.com/Streatham-tickets

Open weekend: Wandsworth Prison Museum

Organised by the Wandsworth Prison Museum

The prison's history in over 470 objects. Featuring Oscar Wilde, Jack the Ripper, acid bath murderer John Haigh, the Kray twins, traitor William Joyce (Lord Haw Haw) and great train robber Ronnie Biggs.

- Saturday 13th June and Sunday 14th June, 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
- Free
- Wandsworth Prison Museum, North Gate Car Park, HMP Wandsworth, Heathfield Road, SW18 3HR (please note: the museum is not inside the prison)
- Booking not required



Walk: The Making of Planet Tooting

Organised by Geoff Simmons, Summerstown182

A Guided Walk to experience the unique energy of the culinary capital of south London – one of its most vibrant and visited collection of markets, restaurants and shops, shaped by the contribution of generations of migration.

- Saturday 13th June, 2pm
- £11.55
- Meet outside Tooting Broadway tube station, Tooting High Street, SW17 0SU
- Booking required via eventbrite – [makingplanettooting.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/organization/makingplanettooting)

Walk: Ethel and Ernest's circuit of Southfields

Organised by Geoff Simmons, Summerstown182

Warm up for the tennis and discover the fascinating area between Fazl Mosque and Wimbledon Park, with this delightful ramble in the hands of Ethel and Ernest, parents of Raymond Briggs, immortalised in his 1996 book and evocative 2016 animated film.

- Sunday 14th June, 2pm
- £11.55
- Meet outside Wimbledon Park tube station, Arthur Road, SW19 7HX
- Booking required – [ethelandernestsouthfields.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/organization/ethelandernestsouthfields)

Walk: A Stroll Around Battersea Park

Organised by the Friends of Battersea Park

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

- Sunday 14th June, 2pm
- £5 donation to the Friends of Battersea Park
- Meet inside Rosery Gate, SW11 4BQ
- Booking required – contact fhradcliffe@gmail.com



*Hildreth Street,
Balham, c1970'*



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