

BATTERSEA PARK
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BATTERSEA PARK WARD

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Upcoming Events

If there are any community events that you would like us to attend, please contact us (details above)

If you have not completed the **Spring Ward Survey**, here is the link:

These results will be used to help us identify the main issues within the ward of Battersea Park.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/BatterseaparkApril/>

SCAMS

USEFUL HELP

Try this **The Little Book of Big Scams - now in its Fourth Edition**

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/SysSiteAssets/media/downloads/central/advice/thames-valley/fraud/little-book-big-scams.pdf>

Or this

The Little Book of Crypto Crime is a crime prevention booklet designed to raise public awareness of digital asset crime, how to report offences and practical measures to keep yourself safe. It can be downloaded from

met.police.uk/littlemedia/#CryptoProtect

Or this, from Which

Below is a link to a new, very useful and free service run by Which. Get notices of the latest scam to your computer or mobile

<https://act.which.co.uk/page/103781/data/1?etracking.id=scam-alerts>

DOORSTEP THEFTS

Unfortunately, these are on the increase. Photos taken by video doorbells show quite blatant theft, often seconds after the item has been left on the doorstep.

These photos can be very useful to the police, and there have been convictions, but even better is to offer a safe collection point to the supplier; it could be a neighbour or even an off-site locker service.

What the Met say:

Here are some things you could do to reduce the risk of doorstep theft:

- **track your parcel to ensure you or someone else is at home for the delivery**
- **install a video doorbell; this can be connected to your mobile, so you are notified immediately of any delivery, and is easier to install than a full CCTV system.**
- **install a security light**
- **arrange for your parcel to be delivered to a trusted neighbour, or other family members who will be at home; if you live in a flat, is there a concierge who could accept the parcel for you?**
- **use an off-site locker service for frequent deliveries, or for expensive items; these parcel boxes are more likely to be in busy, safer locations - such as supermarkets - rather than secluded areas which could be targeted by thieves**

BATTERSEA PARK

The Parks & Events Police Service is responsible for policing 800 acres of the Borough's parks and open spaces. The Service aims and objectives focus on reassurance, deterrence, and enforcement and this includes education. The Parks Police work closely with the Metropolitan Police Service, the Council's Community Safety Team and Animal Welfare Service, and a variety of other enforcement agencies to ensure Public Spaces Protection Orders, Byelaws and other regulations are adhered to and to carry out targeted operations to deal with specific issues e.g., antisocial behaviour.

SAFETY IN THE PARK

Unfortunately, robbers continue to be opportunistic, and usually operate in small groups, and not just in the Park.

Remember the guidelines. Walk with other people at night. Do not use your 'phone, not even to keep it to hand.

FIRE SAFETY

Barbecues, including the smaller disposable types, are not allowed in the Park. This rule is even more important, following the number of wildfires in the UK.

Please ensure cigarette butts are safely disposed of. Even the smallest spark can start a nasty fire.

NITROUS OXIDE

It is now illegal to possess or sell nitrous oxide when you are unauthorized to do so. Under the new legislation, serial users could face up to two years in prison while those convicted of supplying it could face up to 14 years. At the recent SN Panel Meeting Inspect. Steve Biggs confirmed that very few NOX canisters were now seen in the Park. It was hoped this was due to the new laws and to the work done by Police and individuals to stamp out this danger.



PC Kalsoom Rachid and PC Lisa Endell – Wandsworth Parks Police

The Parks Police update their fleet with three new electric vehicles



Ferocious blaze as e-bike explodes at Sutton railway station

BBC April 8th 2024

Fire crews who were called to an e-bike fire at a railway station have described the "ferocious" blaze that could have had "tragic consequences".

The bike exploded at Sutton train station during rush hour on 21 March.

Station Officer Nigel McLachlan said the owner had bought the e-bike from an online marketplace four months previously, with no apparent issues since.

"This incident only serves to highlight that it is very important to get these products from a reputable high-street seller so you know [their] full history," he said.

"If items are bought from online marketplaces there is more risk it will be sold without the correct battery and charger, which can lead to a devastating fire."

E-bike and e-scooter fires are the fastest-growing fire risk in London: statistics indicate there have been at least 40 this year.

London Fire Brigade has issued safety tips for users:

- Never block your escape route with anything - ideally store these items in a safe external location such as a garage or a shed
- Always use the correct charger
- Never modify or tamper with your battery
- Do not attempt to convert your bike yourself
- Let the battery cool before charging
- Unplug your charger once it's finished charging
- Fit alarms where you charge

BATTERSEA PARK WARD SN PANEL MEETINGS

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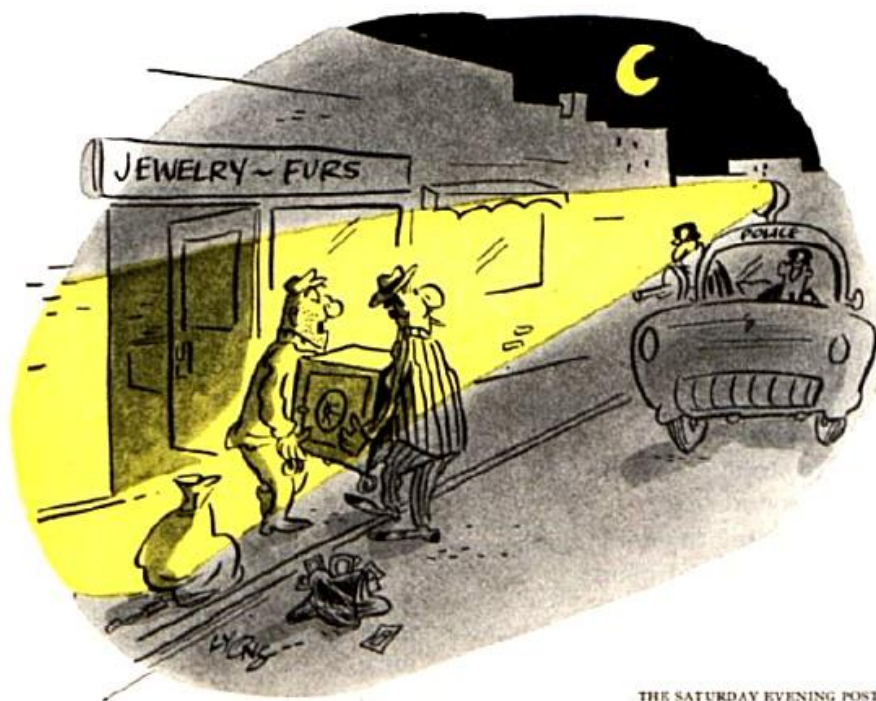
Did you know that your Safer Neighbourhood Panel (SNP) meets four times a year? There are currently 17 Community members on the Panel and at each meeting they receive information from the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) that look after our Ward as well as the Community Safety, Animal Welfare and Housing departments of the Council. The Panel is responsible for agreeing the local policing priorities for the three months until the next meeting.

Priorities for the next three months remain unchanged, as

- **Violence and robbery (focus on Doddington and Battersea Park)**
- **drug-related ASB (focus on Battersea Park)**
- **vehicle crime (focused on POW Drive and Battersea Park Road.)**

The next meeting of the Panel will be on July 17th, 2024, starting at 6.30pm

The synopsis of the meeting has not yet arrived. It will be included in the next Newsletter.



Just act nonchalant.



Have you joined Neighbourhood Watch?

Anyone can join Neighbourhood Watch (NW) as an individual member - and it's completely free. NW is an independent charity which helps to reduce the opportunity for, and fear of, crime. As an individual member you would become part of the biggest voluntary crime prevention movement in England and Wales. If you join,

you can choose whether or not to become part of a local group scheme, but that is entirely optional.

What are the benefits for individual members?

- Receive expert, easy-to-follow local and national crime prevention advice - direct to your email account.
- be consulted on your community opinions.
- manage your membership options and opt-in to police and other updates.
- remain an individual member even if you move home.
- NW members say they feel, and are, 'safer' in their community.

In Wandsworth, NW has established an Association to support and represent all the local NW schemes which had been somewhat in decline. The Association is now working closely with the Wandsworth Community Safety Team and the Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams to ensure that we can communicate quickly and easily with all the existing local NW coordinators throughout the Borough.

We are often asked, "Why do we need NW if we have a Safer Neighbourhood Panel?". Quite simply the answer is they do very different things - we need them both! Remember, your SNP only meets once every 3 months - Neighbourhood Watches are active every day of the year making our communities stronger and safer.

Over the coming months there will be a recruitment drive to increase individual membership and scheme registration including plans to provide street signage indicating NW areas. Across the whole of Wandsworth, we currently have over 700 individual members and 92 schemes with 3 more in the pipeline. There are only two registered schemes in Battersea Park Ward.

What are the benefits of joining or starting a local Scheme?

- Join in/oranise with local activities - street parties, litter picking etc.
- feel a greater sense of belonging and connection to a tighter knit community
- improve relationships with local police and other local organisations
- look out for your neighbours
- resolve local issues with others in your NW group

- free public liability insurance for registered groups which organise events
- benefit from the support of the NW Association - in purchasing road signs/window stickers etc.

WANDSWORTH COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE



The Animal Welfare Service (AWS) (previously known as the Dog Control Service) comprises of 4 staff, who operate a shift system covering the borough from 7.00am to 9pm Monday to Friday. **Outside of these hours** there is a call out service to attend to captive stray dogs only. The service also covers the borough of Richmond, but for captive stray dogs only on 020 8871 7490.

There are 3 Patrolling officers who are each responsible for a number of wards.

Lisa Martin is currently the officer responsible for the Battersea Park Ward

WANDSWORTH COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE

All general or routine enquiries and complaints should initially be directed to the general AWS contacts below.

The manager is Mark Callis Tel :020 8871 7132

Useful contacts:

AWS email: animalwelfare@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

AWS tel: 020 8871 7606. Or for urgent calls 07860 534733

Web Page: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/dogs

Out of hours for captive stray dogs call 020 8871 7490.

EPT e-mail: parkspolice@wandsworth.gov.uk

EPT Tel :020 8871 7532

Message from Lisa Martin: If any residents are experiencing issues with dogs that they can contact us directly in confidence.

Wild boar sniff out and destroy stash of cocaine worth £17,000 in Italy

Independent 13th November 2019

Wild boar in Tuscany are believed to be responsible for destroying a £17,000 stash of cocaine hidden by drug dealers.

The gang discovered that a stash of cocaine they had buried in the woods near Montepulciano had been trampled by a herd of the wild pigs.

Boars managed to rip open the waterproof packages and scatter around the powder around the forest.

The unconventional drug bust came to light when police tapped the telephones of a suspected drug trafficking gang - an Italian and three Albanians – and heard one of the dealers complain about the loss.

Cocaine had been hidden in jars buried in wooded areas and, according to one of the gang members, a boar had stomped the ground where a jar had been buried and damaged the container and its contents.

It is *reported by IL Tirreno* in Italy that the gang were allegedly selling around 2kg of cocaine every month at bars and nightclubs in and around the city of Arezzo in Tuscany, as well as in nearby Siena.

The four were believed to be active in the area between September 2018 and March 2019 and traded around two kilograms of pure 80-85 per cent cocaine on a monthly basis, charging between 80-100 euros per gram.

All four alleged dealers were arrested and face charges of drug trafficking.

The investigation into the gang's affairs was launched by Italian authorities after the murder of a 21-year-old Albanian national killed in May 2019.

Two million boar are estimated to roam Italy, double the number in 2015, according to Coldiretti, the country's largest farmers' association, which claims the government has never taken measures to properly control their population.

Police Pig Luise of Lower Saxony Police in the 1980s.



It started as a private experiment by Lower Saxony State police K9 trainer, who got himself a female wild boar piglet from a forester friend. The K9 trainer had read about French farmers using trained pigs to search for truffles.

He raised Luise with the search dogs and trained her to recognise several kinds of drugs and explosives.

She had a very good nose, e.g. finding a stick of dynamite under a manure heap, but she was too big to be used for searches inside houses or cars. But she excelled at area searches, e.g. to find a buried explosives or drugs stash in fields or forests. Unlike dogs, which loose concentration after about 20 minutes, she would go on sniffing and rooting until she found the stash.

There was a problem though. Police top brass were not amused about the “pig with the pig” and refused to make her official. But a petition with the state government forced them to take Luise on the police payroll.

She also did a lot of PR events.

When her handler retired in the 1990s, she retired as well and lived for the rest of her life in a wildlife sanctuary, where she had several piglets. Eventually she passed away.



Homer Simpson hash recovered in Battersea Park Road

4th April *Wandsworth Guardian*

Amy Clarke@AmyClarke1998 Multimedia Reporter

Police stopped and arrested a suspect who was the driver of a vehicle on Battersea Park Road.

Hash is made from the resin of the buds of the cannabis plant, which is then compressed into a sticky brown substance and can be smoked.

A spokesperson for Wandsworth Police said: “D’oh!

“The search of the vehicle found 11 uncut bricks of hash; each brick was branded with a sticker of ‘Homer Simpson’.

“The driver was arrested for Possession with intent to supply Class B.”

The following cutting is from the London Police News February 5th 1870

Although the event took place in Crediton, Devon.

A YOUNG LADY ATTACKED BY A CAT.

(SUBJECT OF ILLUSTRATION.)

On Saturday night last, Priscilla, second daughter of Cuthbert Lenthwaite, Esq., of Crediton, was the victim of an attack of an exceptional character. It appears that the young lady in question had retired to rest a few minutes after eleven. Soon after this she was sleeping soundly. Her slumbers, however, were disturbed by tormenting dreams. She felt an oppressive weight on her chest, strange unearthly sounds rung in her ears, and frightful visions floated before her. She awoke—when, to her dismay and horror, she beheld a large black cat with back erect and lurid eyes, which peered into her own, seated on her chest. The animal sent forth a series of cries, at the same time biting and tearing the bed-clothes with ungovernable fury. Miss Lenthwaite uttered a piercing shriek, and then fainted. Her father and a female domestic here arrived, and hastened to her assistance. The cat did not seem disposed to move from its position, but maintained an aspect which was at once threatening and alarming. Mr. Lenthwaite armed himself with a cloth-yard staff, with which he struck the infuriated animal, who thereupon sprang from the bed and flew into an adjacent room, which had been for a long time unoccupied. The door of this room was closed, and the cat was made prisoner. It was shot on the following day, as it transpired that the animal was suffering from hydrophobia. Miss Lenthwaite is at present in a very low and depressed state. The shock to the system has been so great that doubts are entertained respecting her ultimate recovery, and it is feared her mind is affected.



John Paul Ekins, Pianist, lives in Battersea Park Ward. Now with well over 4500 subscribers. Warsaw Concerto at RAH over 44,000 views.

JP's recording sessions with Henry Chandler, of the Beethoven Violin Sonatas, are now completed.

[For his on-line concerts, link below:](#)

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy_pDhka

TO MAKE YOU SMILE

Romesh Ranganathan. In the animal kingdom, what "w" is a winged insect that lives in a nest known as a vespiary?

Contestant (celebrity dancer): Lion

Bradley Walsh (*The Chase, ITV*) What was the name of the Mitford sisters' only brother?

Contestant: Emily

Bradley Walsh: What is the most easterly county in England?

Contestant: Cornwall.

Bradley Walsh: DXB is the code for which Middle Eastern Airport?

Contestant: East Midlands

Richard Osman (House of Games) How many countries border Austria?

Contestant: 30

Now, don't get too smug. Apparently quite a few people were caught out by Cyril Richert's article in his Clapham Junction Insider Newsletter of April 1st last, regarding a planning application for a 100 m. platform tower shaped like a stick of asparagus built on the site of a pub on the corner of Falcon Road and Battersea Park Road to celebrate Battersea's past as a grower of celery. Still unsure? Look at the date.

A new landmark is being proposed for the corner of Falcon Road/Battersea Park Road



A proposal has been unveiled for a new landmark at the site of the Asparagus pub, located at the intersection of Falcon Road and Battersea Park Road. Architects drew inspiration from the historical significance of asparagus in the Battersea area, intending as a tribute to this crop.

The new owners of the site have disclosed plans to redevelop the location of the local pub, Asparagus, into a 100-meter platform tower at the corner of Falcon Road and Battersea Park Road.

During the 18th and 19th centuries, Battersea gained renown for its asparagus production, alongside cabbage, beans, melons, and lavender, due to the favourable conditions of well-drained soil and natural springs along the Thames estuary. Asparagus became emblematic of the parish, traded in bundles known as “Battersea Bundles.”

The architects explained:

“Inspired by the graceful form and resilience of the asparagus plant, the design of the tower embraces sleek lines and organic shapes, reminiscent of the plant’s elegant stalks and delicate tips. The structure’s exterior will feature a dynamic facade that mimics the texture and hues of asparagus, creating a visually stunning focal point that seamlessly integrates with the surrounding landscape.”

Beyond its specific design, the building is envisioned as a multifunctional space featuring upper floors tailored for coworking spaces topped by a sleek tower housing a dynamic array of amenities. These include a viewing platform adorned with rotating pods, a sophisticated restaurant, an elegant cocktail bar, and a publicly accessible rooftop terrace offering sweeping panoramic vistas of the surrounding area.

Developers view this as an ambitious opportunity to establish a landmark serving as a gateway to Clapham Junction, completing the comprehensive redevelopment of the area extending to Battersea High Street, which has experienced some decline in recent years.

The developers said:

“As a symbol of innovation and renewal, the asparagus-inspired tower will not only redefine the skyline of Clapham Junction but also reinvigorate the community, serving as a beacon of progress and pride for generations to come.”

According to the developer’s own survey, the proposal has received positive feedback from the local community during initial consultation.

WASTE NOT WANT NOT

ABOUT US

Waste Not Want Not Battersea has been in operation since 2017 and is the first project in Battersea to collect surplus food from nearby markets and distribute it through local community and youth centres.

We have built relationships with traders in New Covent Garden Market and other local retailers and save around 1000kg+ of food every week from ending up in the bin.



We love food and respect the whole process that goes into growing it and getting it from the source to our plates. We are dedicated to ensuring that perfectly edible and nutritious food does not become waste and instead is channelled for the benefit of local community.

Our sessions are open to anyone who would benefit from nutritious food and a chance to meet others in their local community. We work to promote an inclusive community environment, where nobody has to prove their need.

We are all about:

- Creating a respectful approach to food and a greater understanding of our throw-away culture
- Promoting sharing and supportive practices in local community
- Building community cohesion and a sense of belonging through meaningful and rewarding dedication to healthy food and human relationships

For more information on all the wonderful work they do, visit their website:

<https://www.wastenotwantnot-battersea.org/>

LIVING STREETS: The UK Charity for Everyday Walking

Find out more on

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

Living Streets is the champion of clear, clutter-free pavements.

Next year, we plan to work harder than ever to put an end to dangerous pavement parking, so everyone can walk or wheel safely in their neighbourhood.

Why join us?

1. We have the history. We have led the campaign to end pavement parking for decades. Five of them. And we have never stopped. [Read more on our blog.](#)

2. The time is now. We know what momentum looks like - and right now, we have it like never before.

Scotland has introduced a law against it. Wales has committed to regulate it. And England have consulted on banning it.

These are all huge wins in themselves, wins Living Streets and our members have helped achieve.

3. We listen. We build our campaigning around real stories, like the 2,000 supporters who sent us their story last summer.

4. We build consensus. We work in coalition with active travel, transport and disability organisations focused on tackling all obstructions that make our pavements dangerous, especially for disabled people and older adults.

5. And all of this means we know what do next

We will continue to put pressure on the Scottish Government to properly implement its law on pavement parking as early as possible.

We will hold the Welsh Government to its promise to give councils powers to crack down on pavement parking.

We will continue to press the Department for Transport to publish its consultation results.

And we will continue to support our Local Groups to speak up for pavements and streets where they live.

This is how we win. Please support our campaign to end pavement parking for good. [Join us.](#)

If you want to protect pavements for people, there has never been a more important time to join the UK charity for everyday walking.

BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

COUNCILLORS AND MP.

Marsha De Cordova, MP marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk
(020) 7924 1973 House of Commons, SW1A 0AA

Message from Marsha:

I hold surgeries on alternate Thursdays in Battersea. If you would like to book a surgery appointment, please email me at marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk.

Or ring 020 7924 1973

Surgeries are often booked over a month in advance. If you need more immediate help, my casework team will be able to help via the same email address.

Councillor surgeries

Battersea Park and Nine Elms wards:

Battersea Park Library First and third Sat of the month

309 Battersea Park Rd 11 a.m. to noon.

Or please ring or email for help.

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MAURICE MCLEOD is Chair of the Licensing Committee, its Sub Committee, and the Regulatory Licensing Committee.

He is also on the Housing Committee (Deputy Chair)

He is on several outside bodies: The Borough Residents Forum, the Safer Neighbourhood Board, and the Eastern Area Housing Panel.

JULIANA ANNAN is Chair of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education.

Other Committees: Children's Committee, Grants Sub-Committee, Licensing Committee and Sub-Committee, the Health Committee

As well as her role as councillor, Cllr Annan runs a business, Agoe Empowerment Network, that supports residents with English as a second language to settle into the community and is co-founder of Support4Support Community Project Ltd, which helps underprivileged women and families from disadvantaged backgrounds.

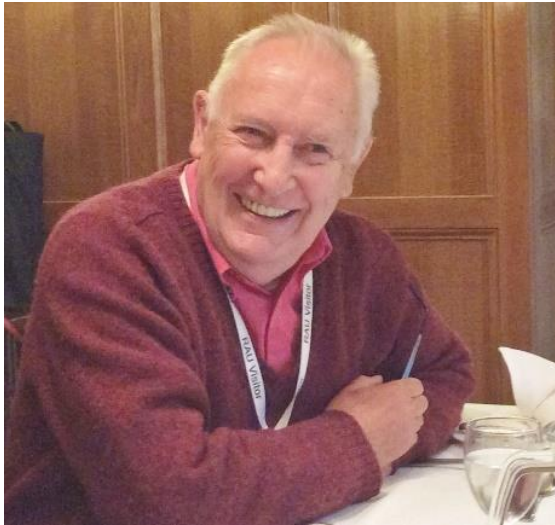
She holds a diploma in Adult Health and Social Care. She has worked at several hospitals, including the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability, St George Hospital and Queen Mary Hospital, and has worked as an administrator for the children and young people department at University College London Hospital.

TONY BELTON is Chair of the Planning Applications Committee, and also sits on the Transport Committee. He is the Deputy Chair of the Finance and General Purposes Committees.

He is on two outside bodies: Battersea United Charities and the Wandsworth (Conservation Area) Advisory Committee.

He also produces an interesting monthly newsletter. Latest edition see below. If you would like to go on his mailing list, please email him.

[Councillor Tony Belton's Battersea April 2024, Newsletter \(# 178\)](#)



March began (for me, in Council terms,) with the **North East Surrey Crematorium Board** of which I am a board member, on 5th March. Why - North East Surrey? Because, Battersea Borough Council bought the land for a large cemetery, somewhere cheap between Raynes Park and Merton in the early twentieth century. The crematorium was built for use by Wandsworth, Sutton and Merton Councils - and hence the name - North East Surrey. Not much happened at the Board meeting.

1. Much the same could be said for the **Council Meeting**, which took place on 6th March. Its main purpose was formally to rubber stamp the Council Tax agreed at the February Finance Committee. However, there was some discussion of the state of our roads and pavements, which for some years have been



deteriorating at a faster rate than we have been repairing them. I am pleased to say that we were able to announce a mutli-million pound plan to do the necessary repairs and maintenance to tackle this problem - how is this for example in affluent Anhalt Road?

On the 13th March, Penny and I were off to the **Battersea Arts Centre (BAC)** to see ***The Seven Deadly Sins***, but first,

an **Accordion Concerto** - yes a concerto for an accordion - violins obviously, organs of course, but had you ever heard of an accordion concerto? It was brilliant, interesting, fun but I'm not sure that this work is sufficient to raise the reputation of the accordion. On the other hand, **Kurt Weill and Bertolt Brecht's** reputations are assured - they were both émigrés from Nazi Germany, Weill because he



was Jewish and Brecht because he was a Marxist. Weill's ***The Seven Deadly Sins*** is described as a sung ballet with German words written by Bertolt Brecht and sung here in translation by Danielle de Niese (pictured). It is the dramatic and harrowing story of a young woman, exploited by her family and torn between money and morality.

The **Planning (PAC) Applications Committee** was held on the 19th March. There were only four applications to be considered. One was a purely technical event and the second of no great consequence nor contention. However, we did approve the

development of a school unit in central Tooting, and then, after a near three-hour debate, we rejected an application to develop **449 residential units on Springfield Hospital** land. It was a close decision; in my view the wrong one; but what concerned me most was the mechanical, clearly "whipped" votes of the Tory members. PAC has a quasi-judicial function. It relies upon the individual judgements of its members. It is NOT whipped, although naturally *most* Tory and *most* Labour councillors vote the same way as their party colleagues - but on this occasion, Tory councillor votes were very suspiciously both uniform and predictable. (For the record: As the Chair of PAC, I do not discuss decisions before the meeting but the way I voted on this issue is now a matter of public record.)

This time of the year is dominated, for those with sporting inclinations, by two traditional events, the culmination of the Six Nations Rugby Championship and the Boat Race (the National and the finale of the soccer season come in the next two months). For Oxonians, like me, the least said about the Boat Race the better but, just, maybe the E-coli scandal surrounding the event, might force change on the water industry -



and about time too! And I have little to say about the Six Nations but talking rugby gives me an excuse to show a picture of Battersea Labour Party's new organiser pursuing her sport on a typically

muddy north London pitch - she's the one with the large white gum shield! **Good rucking, Zara!**

In the third week of February, the Labour Group had its two-evening, two-part Annual General Meeting. **Simon Hogg** was re-elected as Group and, therefore, **Council Leader**. We elected **Sana Jafri** as our nominee for the Mayor Making at the Council's annual Mayor Making. and Jamie Colclough as the new Chair of the Environment Committee. Unfortunately, we also had a resignation from a West Putney councillor, who decided after six years to call it a day.

On the 21st February, I chaired the **Wandsworth Planning Forum**, which is a twice-yearly discussion forum between the main planning societies, the Battersea Society, the Wandsworth Society, the Putney Society, the Clapham Junction Action Group and organisations like the RIBA and the Council. It was not dramatic; I can't think of any notable decisions; but it was a very useful exchange of views, confirming our intention to do the best for the Wandsworth environment.

On the 23rd March, Penny and I went to the splendid **St. Ann's Church** on St. Ann's Hill for a performance of **Handel's Messiah** by the South West London Choral Society and the Otranto Chamber Orchestra. It was spectacular, even if that is a ludicrous adjective to apply to an audio event! As the choir reached



the climax of the Hallelujah Chorus and perhaps even more spectacularly the final Amen Chorus, I could feel just why choral societies are so popular in today's individualised culture - they are clearly, at their best, magnificent collective celebrations. We were totally wowed.

On 27th February, I had the **Conservation and Heritage Advisory Committee (CHAC)**. This may seem like a niche interest, but it does important work - for those interested in our history. I was happy to say that work



had started on **St, Mark's Vestry School** in Battersea Rise - had you noticed? The school was built in the 1860s, just before the introduction of free, compulsory education in 1870, and is one of the last remaining vestry school buildings left. Not long ago, the roof was bust, the walls were cracked and the windows broken, but now it is on the way to being the home of a small, but obviously a very professional architect's practice.

One other thing that I learned at CHAC was that there is an **original eighteenth-century cottage** on Clapham Common Northside. Did you know? I hadn't even noticed despite having lived here a mere - well many years! It is not a particularly notable building but/and it is probably the



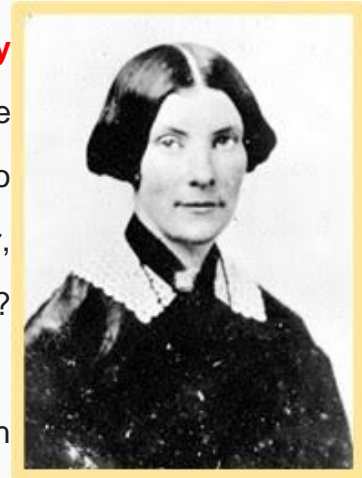
only pre-1800 building in Wandsworth that is neither protected nor listed. Should it be? Here it is - what do you think?

My programme for April?

1. On 1st April, we are off to see a performance of **Nye** (Aneurin Bevan, creator of the NHS in 1948) at the **National Theatre**.
2. On 4th April I have a special **Finance Committee** convened by the Tory councillors. Masochistically, the Tories seem to want to argue about how Labour has been handling the Council's finances. Odd given that we have just announced successive Council Tax "freezes".
3. The **Planning Applications Committee** is on 24th April.
4. And that seems to be that for formal Council events but I guess that there will be plenty of activity going on as we build towards the **Mayoral and GLA elections** on 2nd May and on the **West Putney by-election** also to be held on 2nd May.

Did you know?

Last month I asked, given that the **International Day of Women was on 8th March** who could name the woman (born in Huntingdon; died in Biggleswade), who founded which major Battersea institution, without ever, as far as we know, visiting the borough?



Two or three people emailed me with the answer, which was **Mary Tealby (1801-1865)**, a "kindly woman", who took pity on a stray dog, where she lived in Islington and ended up looking after several dogs in her scullery before founding a dogs' home (1860), which moved to Battersea in 1871.

And this month?

Earlier in this letter I write about an eighteenth-century building on Clapham Common Northside, which I did not know about. So, I wonder just how many surviving **pre-nineteenth century buildings or structures** in Battersea you/we can name? I will be really interested in seeing the result and how many of us can name 10, 15 ...?

Tony's May newsletter arrived as this Newsletter was being distributed. It will be included in the next Newsletter.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, IN PARTICULAR, NOISE.

WBC Noise Control 0208 871 6127 Hours of Operation Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

Thursday (Day time) 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

Thursday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs

Friday 20.00 - 03.00 hrs

Saturday 13.00 - 03.00 hrs

Sunday (Day time) 09.00 - 04.00 hrs

Sunday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs

Emergency Control will take the call and pass it on to the Noise Officer who will then telephone the complainant for confirmation, and to arrange a visit to the area of the home, to assess the noise, and make a report.

020 8871 6127

Please **do not** report a nuisance using the above telephone number or online form if you live on a council housing estate, as there is separate guidance for this. **Use 020 8871 7490.** (Joint Control Centre) Editor has been told it is super-fast!

RECYCLING

<http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling>

Unsure? See below.

YES:

Paper, card, cardboard. **Please note:** Large boxes should be taken apart or cut into smaller pieces. It is surprising how many people ignore this instruction, then wonder why their large boxes are not taken away. Not only that but putting complete boxes in the hutches results in blocking the hutches for everyone else.

Clean Glass bottles and jars. Clean Metal tins, cans, aerosols

Clean Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays. Clean Cartons/Tetrapak

In the past few days your Editor has pulled from the recycling bins: a microwave oven, a new handbag, a pillow, a unopened box of iced-donuts, heavy duty workwear (this last in excellent clean almost new condition and wrapped in a bag so that she was able to put it in the Traid Collection Box) and three Co-op plastic baskets, which she returned to the shop.

NO:

No: Food waste (well wrapped up, and put in the household waste, please) nappies, polystyrene, electrical and cables, DIY material, foil.

No Shredded paper. (It clogs up the sorting machines)

No to batteries. Most supermarkets have a recycling point for these.

No dog faeces

NO to Nitrous Oxide Canisters, should you find any. Take them to Smugglers Way where they have a locked “cage” for them. It might be useful if you were to drop an email to the SNT to say where they were found. **Do not put any batteries or vapes in the rubbish or recycling bins. Most supermarkets have a collection point.**

Decent clothing and textiles can be put in a TRAIID container.

Other metal and wood can be recycled at **Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre. See above.**

Water Leaks and Gas Escapes

Do not assume that someone else has phoned it in.

Please do not report these to the Council. The following free phone numbers should be used to report leaks.

WATER: 0800 714614

GAS: 0800 111999

All utility companies have to prioritise works across our borough as well as other boroughs in south London. The On-Street Services team actively

monitors works on the public highway and works with utility companies to minimise disruption as much as possible.

For instance, via their telephone number, or Mr Don Ogunyemi on Tel No 020 8871 6712, Fax 020 8871 3174, E-mail dogunyemi@wandsworth.gov.uk.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Safer Neighbourhood Team	(020) 8247 8691/07407 492 357 batterseapark@met.police.uk
Panel Chair	Jan Forbes BatterseaParkWardSNP@gmail.com
Panel Secretary	Joanna Leonard BatterseaParkWardSNP@gmail.com
Panel Magazine	susan.brightonrock@gmail.com (020) 7228 2781
Animal Welfare Services	020 8871 7606. If urgent: 07860 534733
Parks Police	Emergencies - 999/Non-emergency incidents 101
Parks Police patrolling -	07500 959442
Parks Police General Enquiries –	(020) 8871 7532
Community Safety,	
Stacey Hilton	Stacey.Hilton@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
Stacey is covering Nine Elms and Shaftesbury & Queenstown as well as Battersea Park	
Immobilise:	www.Immobilise.com
Action Line (for fraud)	http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/
Anti-Terrorist Hotline	0800 789 321
Noise Line (24/7)	(020) 8871 6127
Streetlink & rough sleepers	0300 500 0914 or visit streetlink.org.uk .
Housing, John Thompson,	(020) 8871 8342
Marsha De Cordova, MP	marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk

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(020) 8871 8043

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Graffiti Line^{24/7}

(020) 8871 6127

Steve Diamond, Deputy Economic Development Officer,

SDiamond@wandsworth.gov.uk (020) 8871 6205

Potholes and other repairs link

https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&ebz=1_1502354301755&ebd=0&ebz=1_1502354301755