

# WANDSWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2017

## PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

27<sup>th</sup> May - 11<sup>th</sup> June



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# WANDSWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2017

## REMEMBERING WANDSWORTH'S INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

This year's festival incorporates many events which focus on the multitude of industries which once dominated this borough. Showing where their traces still exist and contribute to the current built environment we enjoy today.



This programme of events has been brought together by:

## HERITAGE WANDSWORTH

The local history and historic environment partnership for the Borough of Wandsworth. For more information please contact [wandsworth.libraries@gll.org](mailto:wandsworth.libraries@gll.org)

## 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 please visit our website: [www.better.org.uk/archives](http://www.better.org.uk/archives)  
Historic Images Collection [www.boroughphotos.org/wandsworth](http://www.boroughphotos.org/wandsworth)

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, please contact [heritage@gll.org](mailto:heritage@gll.org) or **020 7223 2334**

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Front cover: Watney's Mill on the River Wandle at Wandsworth, G. Yates, 1826

Back cover: Wandsworth Gas Works, D.W. Bowes

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – 1-4pm**

**Drop in session: Your WW1 Ancestors**

*Organised by Summerstown182*

Genealogists and military historians will demonstrate how to research your First World War military ancestors. Attendees are invited to bring in any WW1 artefacts to learn more about their origin – medals, diaries, photos or postcards.

- Tooting Library, 75 Mitcham Road, Tooting SW17 9PD
- FREE • No booking required
- For more information contact: [rgbsimmons182@gmail.com](mailto:rgbsimmons182@gmail.com)

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – 2pm**

**Guided walk: Battersea Village**

*Organised by the Battersea Society*

Battersea Historian Sean Creighton will explore the history of Battersea Village, the Square and along the High Street, with its mix of industry, pubs, inns, parish church and public and charitable services.

- Meet at the steps of St Mary's Parish Church, SW11 3EN
- £5 • No booking required

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May – 11am**

**Guided walk: Historic Battersea**

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 pub, corner of Latchmere Rd/Battersea Park Rd
- £10 • Please book your place: [tonybelton@btconnect.com](mailto:tonybelton@btconnect.com) or **020 7223 1736**



Aluminium Plant and Vessel Co Ltd, fettling shop, c1910s

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 • No booking required

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2.30pm

#### Guided walk: Balham Town Centre

*Organised by the Balham Society*

John Rattray will lead this walk around Balham Town Centre and its immediate environs, covering some former industrial premises and sites as well as other historical and present-day features.

- Meet outside St Mary's Church, Balham High Road (just south of Balham Station)
- A collection will be taken (proceeds to the Balham Society)
- No booking required

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2-5pm

#### Family drop in session: Archaeology 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!

- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, Battersea SW11 1JB
- FREE • No booking required

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May – 8pm

#### Guided walk: Battersea Nocturne

Jon Newman will lead this walk among today's 'landmark' buildings of Battersea's riverside, looking for evidence of earlier industrial landmarks which dominate James Whistler's paintings and etchings from the 1870s and 1880s.

- Meet beside Whistler statue, north side of Battersea Bridge SW3
- £8 (includes pamphlet: 'James Whistler's Battersea')
- Please book your place: <https://batterseanocturne.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 6pm

#### Talk: Boom time (Town Hall Talks)

#### Followed by a tour of the building, 7pm

*Organised by BAC Moving Museum*

200 years ago the village of Battersea was still considered rural, and then the population exploded from 16,000 to 168,000 in just 70 years. We will explore the phenomenal social impact of the industrial boom on the lives of the people of Battersea.

- Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11 5TN
- FREE • Booking essential: **020 7223 2223** or [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk)

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May – 6.30pm

#### Discussion: Memories of Fiction: Children's Books

*Organised in association with University of Roehampton*

We invite you to discuss your memories of children's books, especially as material objects: their covers, their smell, their feel. Led by Ferelith Hordon (Children's Librarian) and Shelley Trower (Memories of Fiction project leader) and accompanied by a display from Wandsworth's collection of early children's books.

- Putney Library, 5/7 Disraeli Road, Putney SW15 2DR • FREE
- Please book your place: <https://memoriesofchildrensbooks.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 2-4pm

#### Family drop in session: Make a memory web

We are collecting memories and stories to make a giant web in our children's library – much like the human brain! Come along, tell us your stories about life in Balham, and pin them to our web.

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

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June – 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

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – 6.30pm

#### Talk: Up in Smoke: The Failed Dreams of Battersea Power Station

Author of a recently published history of Battersea Power Station, Peter Watts gives an illustrated talk on some of the many schemes proposed for the building since it was decommissioned, from a museum of Empire and Industry to a UK offshoot of Michael Jackson's Neverland.

- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, Battersea SW11 1JB
- FREE • No booking required

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 10.30am

#### Tour: Emanuel School

*Organised by Emanuel School Archives*

The Emanuel School Archivist will whisk you back to the days of the boarding school and orphanage. The School Archive will be open, featuring an exhibition remembering key moments from Emanuel School history.

- Meet in Emanuel School Library, Battersea Rise SW11 1HS
- Duration of tour approx. 75 mins
- FREE • No booking required

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 10am-5pm (closed 1-2pm)

#### Open Weekend: Wandsworth Prison Museum

The museum has re-opened in a brand new building. New displays cover the prison's 166 year history, telling the story of residents including Oscar Wilde, Ronnie Biggs, the Acid Bath Murderer, conscientious objectors, spies and traitors.

- Prison Museum, North Gate car park, Wandsworth Prison, Heathfield Rd SW18 3HR
- FREE • No booking required

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 11am & 3pm

#### Tour: Battersea Arts Centre building

The walls of Battersea Arts Centre are bursting with stories from the past 124 years. Each space has a tale to tell. Our volunteer guides welcome you on an intimate tour uncovering the rich layers of the building's history and share some of their own personal connections along the way.

- Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11 5TN
- FREE • Booking essential: [020 7223 2223](tel:02072232223) or [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk)

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 11am-1pm

#### Drop in session: Museum Collections Scratch: Guess the industrial object

Organised by BAC Moving Museum

Have a peek at some of the weird and wonderful objects that make up the Wandsworth Museum Collection. You can learn how to handle museum pieces and try your luck at guessing the industrial object.

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

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Wandsworth Town and the Wandle

Organised by Agenda Services

Sean Creighton explores the history of the civic, economic, industrial, residential and retail changes in the town and along the Wandle to its mouth with the Thames.

- Meet on corner of Mantle Court and Garratt Lane
- FREE • No booking required
- For more information contact: [sean.creighton1947@btinternet.com](mailto:sean.creighton1947@btinternet.com)

### Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: The Common Story

Organised by Tooting History Group in conjunction with the HLF-funded Tooting Common Heritage Project

This circular walk around part of Tooting Common will take in some of its famous landmarks including the lido and the mysterious fossil tree.

- Meet on the corner of Dr Johnson Avenue/Tooting Bec Road
- Duration of tour approx. 2 hours
- £6 (proceeds to the Tooting History Group)
- Please book your place: <https://tootingcommon.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 10am-12noon

#### Drop-in session: Scanning the Past: Tooting Bec Lido

Organised by South London Swimming Club

Do you have any old photographs of Tooting Bec Lido? Bring along your photos and memorabilia to this drop-in session where we'll copy them for our archive and return them to you. This event is part of the Tooting Common Heritage Project.

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

### Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – 11.30am

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

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

The textile industry along the Wandle Valley was introduced by the Huguenots in the 17th century and remained for the next 300 years. 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
- Duration of session 90 mins • FREE (donations welcome)
- Maximum 30 places available on a first come first served basis

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 7pm

#### Talk: Industries of Wandsworth, Battersea and Putney

Organised by the Putney Society

Historian Dorian Gerhold will cover the Borough's many and varied industries from the medieval period to the present, including those around the Wandle from the 17th century, Battersea's riverside from the 18th century, the many industrial pioneers and the recent decline.

- Community Church, Werter Road, Putney, SW15 2LL
- £3 • No booking required

### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June – 8pm

#### Talk: Bygone Streatham

Organised by the Streatham Society

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

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

### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm

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

Organised by the Clapham Society

Timothy Walker will lead this popular walk showing how the area 'twixt the commons' developed, first for merchants' villas and then for terraced housing.

- Meet at Clapham South tube station
- FREE • Please book your place: [tehwalker@uwclub.net](mailto:tehwalker@uwclub.net)



### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm

#### Talk: The Mills of the River Wandle

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

Mick Taylor will explore the River Wandle's long tradition of manufacturing and industry. In the early 1800s it was described as 'the hardest worked river for its size in the world,' with industries such as corn milling and calico printing punctuating the landscape.

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

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm

#### Talk: The Evolution of Clapham Junction Railway Station

Railway historian Steven Taylor will explore the symbiotic relationship between the station and its immediate environs from inception until the present day, detailing in particular the constant expansion of the station over its first 50 years. The talk will be illustrated from contemporary maps and photographs.

- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, Battersea SW11 1JB
- FREE • No booking required



Battersea Vestry joiners shop, c1890s

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm

#### Discussion: Memories of Fiction: Our Lives in Libraries

Organised in association with University of Roehampton

A discussion of our memories of libraries and what they mean to us, ranging from childhood to the present, from book groups to cuts and hopes for the future. Led by Alison Barton (librarian) and Shelley Trower (Memories of Fiction project leader).

- Balham Library, 16 Ramsden Road SW12 8QY
- FREE • Please book your place: <https://ourlivesinlibraries.eventbrite.co.uk>

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Grove House Estate

Organised by Froebel College, University of Roehampton

Within the grounds of this charming Georgian house are delightful follies, a lake, a Mausoleum and an ice house. The fascinating stories behind these historic monuments will be revealed during a walking tour of the grounds.

- Meet in the main entrance of Grove House, University of Roehampton, Roehampton Lane SW15 5PJ • Duration of tour approx. 90 mins
- FREE • Please book your place: [gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk](mailto:gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk) or 020 8392 3514

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 6.30pm

#### Guided walk: The life and locations of Corporal Ted "Tiny" Foster VC

Organised by Enable Leisure & Culture and Summerstown 182

A presentation by Paul McCue on the life and service of V.C. Cross recipient Corporal Ted Foster of the 13th (Service) Battalion (Wandsworth), East Surrey Regiment. Followed by a guided walk of approx. 1 hr. led by Geoff Simmons, visiting the locations of Foster's life, work and final resting place.

- Chapel of Rest, Streatham Cemetery, Garratt Lane SW17 0LT
- £5 • Please book your place: [jhoss-webster@enablelc.org](mailto:jhoss-webster@enablelc.org)

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 7 for 7.30pm

#### Talk: Living between the lines: how the railways shaped Battersea and Wandsworth

Organised by the Battersea Society

Have you ever wondered why Wandsworth Common is one of the most dissected pieces of open space in London, or why three sets of railway lines 'twist and throttle the neck of Battersea's Queenstown Road'? Dr. Sue Demont will explore how the railways transformed and defined the borough we live in today.

- St Mary's Parish Church, Battersea Church Road SW11 3NA
- £5 including a glass of wine • No booking required

### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June – 7.45 for 8pm

#### Talk: Wireless Industry in the 1930s

Organised by the Wandsworth Society

Dr Tom Going (whose Festival event last year discussed the Columbia Graphophone factory, Earlsfield) will tell the story, drawing on archive photos, of working life in a 'wireless' (radio) factory - there were many such in the 1930s, including several in the borough.

- West Side Church, Wandsworth, SW18 2QQ
- FREE • Refreshments available • No booking required

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 11am-2pm

#### Drop in session: Industry in the Archives

A selection of archive material relating to Wandsworth's industrial history will be on display in the search room. Heritage Service staff will be available to talk to about the borough's archive collection.

- Wandsworth Heritage Service, First Floor, Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill SW11 1JB
- FREE • No booking required

### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 6pm

#### Talk: Shapurji Saklatvala: Battersea's (Reluctantly) Stalinist MP

Labour Party member and communist Saklatvala represented Battersea North throughout the 1920s as Britain's third Asian parliamentarian. Daniel Edmonds' talk uses new research to examine his role in the Indian independence movement and the tensions created by his party allegiances.

- Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill SW11 5TN
- FREE • Please book your place: [020 7223 2223](tel:02072232223) or at [www.bac.org.uk](http://www.bac.org.uk)

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: The Industry of Garratt Lane

*Organised by Summerstown182*

A follow-up walk to last year's 'Historic Earlsfield' including the stretch from Mapleton Road, Wandsworth up to the Anglo American Laundry in Summerstown, highlighting the various industries which used to make up this area.

- Meet at the junction of Mapleton Road and Garratt Lane
- £5 • Please book your place: [rgbsimmons182@gmail.com](mailto:rgbsimmons182@gmail.com)

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June – 2pm

#### Guided walk: Battersea Park

*Organised by Friends of Battersea Park and the Battersea Society*

On this walk you will hear the stories behind some of the park's remarkable features.

- Meet at Sun Gate at junction of Albert Bridge Road and Prince of Wales Drive
- Duration of walk approx. 90 mins • No booking required
- £5 (proceeds to Friends of Battersea Park and the Battersea Society)

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 11am

#### Guided walk: Stirrings from the South: the Battersea 4

By the 1890s, Battersea was notorious for overcrowding, poverty, criminality and hopelessness. David Rosenberg, author of 'Rebel Footprints' will lead this walk recounting the four 'tribunes of the people' who each attempted in their own way to turn the lives of Battersea people around.

- Meet at Church of the Nazarene, 2 Grant Road, Battersea SW11 2NU
- Duration of walk approx. 2 hrs 30 mins
- £8 • No booking required

## EXHIBITIONS

### Over the Road

*Organised by Spare Tyre*

Discover the diverse stories of 15 extraordinary women from Roehampton, from the 18th Century to the present day.

- Putney Library, 5/7 Disraeli Road, Putney SW15 2DR
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June during library opening hours
- FREE

### The Priory Tunnels

A series of interwoven stories from the Tooting Commons area, encompassing folklore, social and cultural narratives.

- Wandsworth Town Library, 11 Garratt Lane SW18 4AQ
- During library opening hours throughout the festival
- FREE

### Between Dog and Wolf: A South London Twilight

A collaboration between writer Jon Newman and artist David Western that uncovers the histories of three areas of South London: Battersea, Herne Hill and the Brighton Road.

- Morley Gallery, 61 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7HT
- 9<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June • Weekdays 11am-6pm, Saturday 12-4pm
- FREE



Battersea Power Station, c.1937



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