



WANDSWORTH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2023



Programme of Events:

20th May – 11th June 2023



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EDUCATING WANDSWORTH

Many of the events of this year's festival focus on education in Wandsworth's 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.

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better.org.uk/wandsworth-heritage-service

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Search our catalogue: **calmview.eu/wandsworth/calmview**

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**

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Front cover: Ensham Street School, Tooting

Back cover: Programme for Elliot School Autumn Fair, 1972

THROUGHOUT THE FESTIVAL

Exhibition: Wandsworth Libraries – a home from home

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Explore our changing and evolving buildings through our archival photographic collection.

- Free
- Available during normal open hours
- Putney Library, 5-7 Disraeli Road, SW15 2DR

Exhibition: Wandsworth Borough Collection

Organised by the University of Roehampton

Discover treasures from Wandsworth Borough's collection of 14,000 historical objects.

- Free
- Available during normal open hours
- University Library, University of Roehampton, Roehampton Lane, SW15 5SZ

Videos: Our Libraries through Time

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Our friendly library staff take you on a virtual time-travelling tour of Battersea Library, Battersea Park Library, and Tooting Library.

- Available on Wandsworth Libraries YouTube page – [youtube.com/@WandsworthLibraries](https://www.youtube.com/@WandsworthLibraries)



Froebel Institute, Grove House, c1970s

SCHEDULED EVENTS

Poetry workshop: Women In and Out of Education

Organised by London Undercurrents

Join poets Hilaire and Joolz Sparkes who will share some of the gems they have found in the archive on the theme of women and education and will encourage you to produce your own creative responses. No previous experience of writing poetry is necessary. Suitable for adults.

- Saturday 20th May, 11.30am
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Booking required – contact heritage@gll.org

Walk: the Corruganza Boxmakers

Organised by Summerstown 182

A guided walk of the area near Wimbledon Stadium, followed by a plaque unveiling on Burtop Road Estate acknowledging ‘The Corruganza Boxmakers’ whose strike in 1908 was a key moment in the struggle for women’s rights in the workplace.

- Saturday 20th May, 2pm
- Free, but donations towards Summerstown plaques welcome
- Meet at Burmester House, Summerstown/Garratt Lane roundabout, SW17 0JL
- Book via Eventbrite – corruganza.eventbrite.co.uk

Walk: Down the Junction

Organised by the Battersea Society

Local historian Jeanne Rathbone leads a walk through the heart of Battersea looking at sites and survivors of some of our most iconic buildings. Images of demolished buildings and blue plaque recipients will be shared to enhance the experience.

- Sunday 21st May, 2pm
- Free
- Meet at the entrance of Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, SW11 5TN
- Booking required – contact events@batterseasociety.org.uk

Walk: Learning about our Local Flora

Organised by the South London Botanical Institute

A walk around St Mary’s Cemetery examining and celebrating the plants found therein. Led by Roy Vickery, local botanist, writer and former SLBI president.

- Monday 22nd May, 11am
- Free, though donations to South London Botanical Institute are welcome
- Meet at the Bolingbroke Grove entrance to St Mary’s Cemetery, SW11 1HE
- Booking not required – contact info@slbi.org.uk for further information

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 its churchyard provide a rich history of many of its long-departed residents.

- Monday 22nd May, 1.30pm
- Free, though donations welcome
- St Leonard's Church, Streatham High Road, SW16 1HS
- Book via Eventbrite – [eventbrite.co.uk/e/529372476327](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/529372476327)

Tour: Treasures of Whitelands College

Organised by the University of Roehampton

Enjoy a tour and visit to the archives of historic Whitelands College, which boasts stunning art and artefacts by artists including Edward Burne-Jones and John Ruskin, as well as fascinating photographs and paintings illustrating the college's 180-year history.

- Monday 22nd May, 2pm
- Free
- Meet at the reception of Whitelands College, Holybourne Avenue, SW15 4JD
- Booking required – contact gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk

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.

- Tuesday 23rd May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Meet opposite the Hope Pub, at the end of Nightingale Lane near the entrance to Wandsworth Common Station, SW17 7EG
- Booking required – contact thenightingales95@gmail.com

Talk and tour: Stories from the Post-Mortem Casebooks of St George's Hospital

Organised by St George's Hospital, University of London

Following on from last year's event, Archivist Dr Julia Ahvensalmi and Curator of the Museum of Human Diseases Dr Carol Shiels delve into another set of fascinating historical cases which reveal so much about the social and medical history of the time.

- Wednesday 24th May, 12pm
- Free
- Curve Lecture Theatre, St George's, University of London, Cranmer Terrace, SW17 0RE
- Book via Eventbrite – [SGULPostMortem.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sgul-post-mortem-casebooks-of-st-george-s-hospital-tickets-123456789012)

Tour: Historic Froebel College

Organised by the University of Roehampton

Enjoy a tour followed by a visit to the archives of Froebel College. Within the college grounds are delights including a Georgian mansion, a mausoleum and a lake, each with a story to tell. The Froebel Archive houses fascinating records documenting the college history and kindergarten movement in Britain since the 1870s. The tour will end at the Wandsworth Borough Collection exhibition in the University Library.

- Thursday 25th May, 2pm
- Free
- Meet at the entrance to Grove House by the crossroads of Clarence Lane and Roehampton Lane, University of Roehampton, Roehampton Lane, SW15 5PJ
- Booking required – contact gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk

Talk: the Battersea Crucible

Organised by the Royal College of Art

The Royal College of Art's Dr Peter Oakley invites you to participate in a discussion about his research on gold mining and assaying at heritage sites around the globe, including his encounters with Battersea crucibles.

- Thursday 25th May, 2pm
- Free
- The Royal College of Art, Dyson Building, 1 Hester Road, SW11 4AY
- Booking required – contact community@rca.ac.uk

Talk: Educating Wandsworth – the Birth of Inclusion?

Organised by the Battersea Society

Two pioneering educational institutions outside the mainstream had Battersea roots. Jeanne Rathbone tells the story of Linden Lodge School for the Blind, which educated the internationally acclaimed jazz musician George Shearing, while Sue Demont explains how Battersea resident Albert Mansbridge came to found the Workers' Educational Association.

- Thursday 25th May, 6.30pm for 7pm
- Free, light refreshments on sale
- St Mary's Church, Battersea Church Road, SW11 3NA
- Booking required – contact events@batterseasociety.org.uk

Walk: the Lost Museums of Wandsworth

Organised by the Wandsworth Museum Action Group

Wandsworth Museum started life in Putney Library, moved to the Old Court House in Garratt Lane and then to West Hill Library where it closed in 2015. On this walk, we will visit the sites linked to Wandsworth Museum and hear about the rise and fall of the Lost Museums of Wandsworth.

- Friday 26th May, 2pm
- Free
- Meet outside Putney Library, 5-7 Disraeli Road, SW15 2DR
- Booking not required

Talk: Battersea Channel live broadcast – the archaeology of this lost landscape

Organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society

Historic England's Mark Stevenson sheds light on the Battersea Channel, a former course of the river Thames which has yielded archaeological finds such as the Battersea Shield. Mark is currently working on a detailed study of the Channel and its archaeology.

- Friday 26th May, 8pm
- Free
- Friends Meeting House, 59 Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PT
- Booking not required

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

Organised by Emanuel School

An extensive tour of the buildings and grounds which whisks you back to the days of when Emanuel was a boarding school and orphanage. The School Archive will also be open and there will be an exhibition featuring key moments from Emanuel School's history.

- Saturday 27th May, 10am
- Free
- Emanuel School, Battersea Rise, SW11 1HS
- Booking encouraged – contact tony.jones@emanuel.org.uk



Wandsworth Libraries Library club flyer, c1970s

Walk: Walk the Lane

Organised by Summerstown182

A trip down Garratt Lane, surely one of south London's most historic routes, from Wandsworth to Tooting. The schools, factories, churches, Henry Prince estate, Gypsy/Traveller heritage of Wardley Street, King Khama and the barber's shop where they've been cutting hair for over 100 years!

- Saturday 27th May, 2pm-5pm
- Free, but donations towards Summerstown182 plaques are welcome
- Meet outside the new Wandsworth Town Library, 9 Courthouse Way, SW18 4QG
- Book via Eventbrite – [walkthelane.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Open weekend: Wandsworth Prison Museum

Organised by Wandsworth Prison Museum

The prison history in over 450 photos and objects. Stories of staff, prisoners, escapes, and hangings. Featuring Oscar Wilde, acid bath murderer John Haigh, traitor William Joyce (Lord Haw Haw), and great train robber Ronnie Biggs.

- Saturday 27th May and Sunday 28th May, 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
- Free
- Wandsworth Prison Museum, North Gate Car Park, Heathfield Road, SW18 3HR
- Booking not required – contact wandsworthprisonmuseum@justice.gov.uk for further information

Tour: Henry Tate Gardens

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.

- Sunday 28th May, 2pm and 3pm
- Free, but donations welcome
- Meet at the lodge gates, Henry Tate Mews, Streatham Common North, SW16 3HA
- Book via Eventbrite for 2pm tour – [eventbrite.co.uk/e/529314292297](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/529314292297)
- Book via Eventbrite for 3pm tour – [eventbrite.co.uk/e/529370570627](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/529370570627)

Children's storytime: Journey through Time with Vlad the Flea!

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service and Reading Riddle

Children's author Kate Cunningham and her tiny creation Vlad take you on a journey to London during the Great Fire and beyond! Vlad's adventures show what it was like to live in a different era, including factual information as well as imaginative and fun storytelling!

- Monday 29th May, 4pm
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- No booking required



Putney High School pupils in gymnasium, c1890

Talk: Apprentices, Children and Labour in the Wandle Mills

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

From child labour to young apprentices, this talk explores child employment in the mills and works along the Wandle, as well as the practice of fathers working alongside their children.

- Monday 29th May, 6.30pm
- Free
- Earlsfield Library, 276 Magdalen Road, SW18 3NY
- Booking advised – contact heritage@gll.org

Children's craft: Battersea Doves

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Make a hanging peace dove based on Battersea's heraldic crest.

- Tuesday 30th May, 4pm
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- No booking required



Roehampton Children's Library, c1961

Drop in: History on Tap

Organised by the Spread Eagle Wandsworth Public House

Share your memories of our historic pub and help us build a digital archive of the Spread Eagle and surrounding areas. Also on display will be photographs from our own collections sent by previous landlords and regulars!

- Tuesday 30th May, 6pm-9pm
- Free
- Spread Eagle Wandsworth Public House, 69 Wandsworth High Street, SW18 2PT
- No booking required

Children's craft: Wandsworth Dragons

Organised by Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

Make a fire-breathing dragon based on Wandsworth's heraldic crest!

- Wednesday 31st May, 11am
- Free
- Balham Library, 16 Ramsden Road, SW12 8QY
- No booking required

Talk: An Uneducated Lady? Marjory Allen and the Adventure Playground Movement

Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

Sue Demont explores the life and times of Lady Allen of Hurtwood (1897-1976). Lady Allen's extraordinary career spanned horticulture, nursery education, children's films, children in care and, most significantly for Wandsworth, the Adventure Playground movement. The Lady Allen Adventure Playground for children with disabilities opened in the late 1970s.

- Wednesday 31st May, 6.30pm for 7pm
- Free, light refreshments on sale
- Naturescope, Wandsworth Common (off Dorlcote Road), SW18 3RT
- Booking required – contact history@wandsworthcommon.org

Tour and talk: A Modern University with Historic Foundations

Organised by the University of Roehampton

Enjoy a tour of the modern University of Roehampton campus. The tour will end with a talk about the Sacred Heart Chapel at Digby Stuart College and a visit to the archives of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

- Thursday 1st June, 2pm
- Free
- Meet at main entrance, University of Roehampton, Roehampton Lane, SW15 5PH
- Booking required – contact gilly.king@roehampton.ac.uk

Walk: Industrial Wandle

Organised by the Wandle Industrial Museum

Trace industrial heritage along the course of the River Wandle starting at Earlsfield and passing through Wandsworth to the Thames. Enjoy finding out about the historical mills along the way.

- Thursday 1st June, 2pm
- Free
- Meet at Earlsfield Station, Garratt Lane, SW18 3NY
- Booking required – contact john.sheridan08@gmail.com

Tour: Ram Brewery Heritage Centre

Organised by Sambrook's Brewery

Brewer John Hatch will lead a tour detailing the history of the site since 1533 and the story of brewing in London. Price includes tutored tastings.

- Thursday 1st June, 7pm
- £15
- Sambrook's Heritage Centre, 42 Ram Street, SW18 1UR
- Booking required – contact john@sambooksbrewery.co.uk



Children 'cooling their tootsies' on Wandsworth Common

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- Friday 2nd June, 10am
- Free
- Tooting Library, 75 Mitcham Road, SW17 9PD
- No booking required

Family drop in session: Archaeology on your Doorstep

Organised by the Wandsworth Historical Society

Discover the history of where you live with archaeologist, Pamela Greenwood, who will help you identify archaeological objects such as Roman pottery. Bring anything interesting you have found in the ground!

- Friday 2nd June, 1pm-4pm
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- No booking required



Franciscan School Puppety Group, 1953



West Hill School Production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', c1955

Walk: All You Need is Peace, Love & Flower to the People

Organised by Summerstown182

60 years after The Beatles played at Tooting Granada, this fascinating guided walk explores the area's astounding musical heritage including notable landmarks associated with Marc Bolan, MIA, UK Subs and a reggae recording studio.

- Friday 2nd June, 6pm
- Free, but donations towards Summerstown182 plaques are welcome
- Meet at the statue in front of Tooting Broadway Tube station, SW17 0SU
- Book via Eventbrite – [flowertothepeople.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Walk: the Lost Nursery of Blooming Tooting

Organised by Summerstown182

Discover the site of the renowned Rollissons' 'Tooting Nursery', its hothouses and aquatic plantations, where telegraph cucumbers, Cape heaths and exotic orchids drew the attention of gardeners and collectors all over Europe.

- Saturday 3rd June, 2pm
- Free, but donations towards Summerstown182 plaques are welcome
- Meet at the statue in front of Tooting Broadway Tube station, SW17 0SU
- Book via Eventbrite – [lostonursery.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

Guided tour and exhibition: Wandsworth Borough Collection

Organised by the University of Roehampton

Discover treasures from Wandsworth Borough's Collection of 14,000 historical objects and images on display at the University of Roehampton through a guided tour of the exhibition by its curator, Dr Dustin Frazier Wood.

- Sunday 4th June, 2pm-4pm
- Free
- University Library, University of Roehampton, Roehampton Lane, SW15 5SZ
- Booking required – contact emily.walsh@roehampton.ac.uk

Guided walk: 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 5th June, 6.30pm
- Free
- Meet outside Clapham South Tube Station, Balham Hill, SW12 9DU
- Booking required – contact tehwalker@uwclub.net



Bec School Tooting boys looking at stained glass window, 1955

Film screening: Common Memories – life in and around Wandsworth Common

Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

Discover what life in and around the Common was like over a 50 year period from the 1930s to the 1980s in this fascinating film in which long-term and previous residents share their memories and provide a unique insight into how much our locality has changed.

- Tuesday 6th June, 6.30pm for 7pm
- Free
- Emanuel School, Battersea Rise, SW11 1HS
- Booking required – history@wandsworthcommon.org

Talk: the Life and Times of Alfred Carver, Master of Dulwich College 1858-1883

Organised by the Streatham Society

An illustrated talk by Dr Joe Spence and Dr Nick Black of Dulwich College. Alfred Carver lived at 'Lynnhurst', Streatham Common and married Eliza Peek at St Leonard's Church. The talk will cover Carver as an education innovator and the man himself and his family in the South London of his time.

- Tuesday 6th June, 7.30pm
- Free
- St Leonard's Church, Streatham High Road, SW16 1HS
- Booking not required

Talk and book signing: Little River, Dr Velma McClymont

Organised by WomanzVue publishers

Dr Velma McClymont is a writer and the publishing director of WomanzVue. Also known as author Kate Elizabeth Ernest, she has published four books for children, including *Birds in the Wilderness* (1995), which tells the story of the Windrush children. Born in rural Jamaica, Velma grew up in Battersea in the 1960s and 1970s. Her talk will focus on her new historical novel, *Little River* (1731-1812), which spans between Jamaica, Scotland and Africa, as well as her childhood in Battersea.

- Wednesday 7th June, 6.30pm
- Free
- Battersea Library, 265 Lavender Hill, SW11 1JB
- Booking advised – contact heritage@gll.org

Talk: Victorian Mentors: the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability and its link with Charles Dickens, Florence Nightingale, and other celebrities of the nineteenth century

Organised by the Royal Hospital for Neuro-disability

Nineteenth-century figures such as Florence Nightingale and Charles Dickens were the educators and political influencers of their day. This talk gives an overview of their impact on social reform and, specifically, what inspired them to help the RHN's cause in its early years.

- Thursday 8th June, 1pm
- Free
- This will be an online event
- Book via Eventbrite – [RHNvictorianmentors.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rhn-victorian-mentors)

Talk and exhibition: Cherishing Froebelian Heritage in Early Childhood Research and Practice

Organised by the University of Roehampton

The Early Childhood Studies team invites present, past and future students and colleagues, parents and children to celebrate our Froebelian heritage within the beautiful grounds of Froebel College. We will discuss young children's rights, development and opportunities in society.

- Thursday 8th June, 5.30pm
- Free
- The Portrait Room, Grove House, Froebel College, University of Roehampton, SW15 5PJ
- Book via Eventbrite – [froebelcollegecherish.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/froebel-college-cherish)



Children with sheep on Wandsworth Common



Children in Sellincourt Road School dancing round the maypole

Wandsworth Green Plaque unveiling: the Diederichs Duval family

Organised by the Battersea Society and Wandsworth Libraries & Heritage Service

The Diederichs Duval family campaigned for universal suffrage and lived in 97 Lavender Sweep from 1884-1906. Learn more about them at the unveiling of a historic Wandsworth Green Plaque commemorating their work.

- Friday 9th June, 1pm
- Free
- Meet outside 97 Lavender Sweep, SW11 1EA
- Booking not required

Black Heroes Foundation Soul Food Café

Organised by the Black Heroes Foundation

The Black Heroes Soul Food Café provides a creative space for inclusive artistic expression celebrating Black Heroes and exploring the historical and contemporary presence of Black Britons in the community. Join us for an evening of music, dance, and drama.

- Friday 9th June, 7.30pm
- Free
- This will be an online event
- Booking required – blackheroesfoundation.org/the-cafe/

Walk: the Story of a Street

Organised by Summerstown182

Through the 1921 Census, this walk shines a light on the early residents of Keble Street and a community decimated after the First World War. A road bounded by five pubs, laundries, the box factory and St Mary's Church.

- Saturday 10th June, 2pm
- Free, but donations towards Summerstown182 plaques are welcome

- Meet at Burmester House, Summerstown/Garratt Lane roundabout, SW17 0JL
- Book via Eventbrite – [storyofastreet.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/storyofastreet)

Tour: Fitzhugh Estate

Organised by the Friends of Wandsworth Common

Curator and photographer Sharon O’Neill will take you on a tour of this 1950’s modernist estate designed by the London County Council under Sir John Leslie Martin, principal architect of the Royal Festival Hall. The tour will highlight the key modernist design elements of the estate including the interior of one of the flats.

- Saturday 10th June, 2pm
- Free
- Meet at the main entrance of Fitzhugh Grove Estate, SW18 3SA
- Booking required as spaces are strictly limited – contact history@wandsworthcommon.org

Walk: a Stroll around Battersea Park

Organised by the Friends of Battersea Park

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

- Sunday 11th June, 2pm
- £5 donation to Friends of Battersea Park welcome
- Meet at Albert Gate, Albert Bridge Road, SW11 4JN
- Booking required – contact fhradcliffe@gmail.com



Garratt Lane Schools, c1910s

Autumn Fair

Elliott School, Putney



Saturday 7th October 2.30
Admission 5p

Back cover: Programme for Elliot School Autumn Fair, 1972

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