

Friday 24 June 2011  
A visit to  
**STRAWBERRY HILL**

Horace Walpole's 18th century Gothic Castle is famous as a fine, possibly the finest, example of Georgian Gothic revival architecture. It also inspired the first gothic novel  
*The Castle of Otranto*

The tour starts at 11.00 prompt, so we shall meet at the entrance to the house at 10.45.  
Tickets are £12.50, payable in cash on the day (please have the right money ready).

This tour is for a maximum of 20 people on a "first come first served" basis.  
To reserve a place contact Valerie Taylor, vytprojects@aol.com, or call 8767 3814.



The café will not be open as the house is not open to the public on that day, so bring a packed lunch to eat in the grounds (or in the café area if the weather is inclement).

Parking is limited, so travel by train is recommended. Trains from Clapham Junction, Wandsworth Town and Putney go direct to Strawberry Hill Station, from where the house is a ten-minute walk.

And if that were not all, Alan Fennell will be on hand to lead a walk back along the Thames, for any who wish to join him.

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## Wandsworth Museum Garden Competition

Prizewinning design announcement  
11.00 Thursday 28 June

Longstaffe's Café, Wandsworth Museum, West Hill

The Friends of Wandsworth Museum competition for a garden design for the Museum attracted considerable attention from recent graduates from gardening schools and colleges. Standards were very high and the entries were reduced to four semi-finalists from which two finalists were chosen.

All Wandsworth Society members are cordially invited to the event, where they will be able to see the winning design, which features lavender plantings reflecting Wandsworth's heritage, a historic milestone, circular paths and a public picnic area.

Bring a friend and combine the jollifications with  
a visit to the Museum!

Further information from Sheila Allen at sheila@harrisonallen.co.uk

# Wandsworth Society

May 2011

**WHOOPS!**

In an attempt to avoid the confusion that has been caused in the past by the occasional mistake with the day of the week not matching the date, possibly not giving the time – that sort of thing, there was no date, time, or indeed venue, given for John Gimlette's talk in the last newsletter.

Now you may be forgiven for thinking this was some kind of marketing strategy to test who pays attention, or possibly an initiative test. The talk after all is about an adventure in South America, boldly going – could Society members track down an ambiguous meeting somewhere in darkest Wandsworth, a test of their mettle, it could have been interesting.

Would that this was true, and thank you for thinking that. However ...

The Editorial Board and non-executive director(s) would like to thank the person who tactfully pointed out the omission (or was the word 'plonker' used, one blots out such unhappy events) and point out that all the essential information was provided on the previous flyer.

And, for the avoidance of doubt –

**Thursday 19 May 2011**  
7.45 for 8.00

West Side Church, at the corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane SW18 2QQ

## A journey through the Guianas

John Gimlette talks about his three-month journey in The Guianas – some of the wildest, weirdest and most beautiful lands in South America, and the subject of his new book

## Wild Coast: Travels on South America's Untamed Edge



Between the Orinoco and the Amazon lies a fabulous, forested land, barely explored. Much of Guiana seldom sees sunlight, and new species are often tumbling out of the dark. Shunned by the conquistadors, it was left to others to carve into colonies. Guyana, Suriname and Guyane Française are what remain of their contest, and the 400 years of struggle that followed.

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## Tour a brewery

It's not Young – but it is new, and – it's brewed in Wandsworth, you've drunk it (well now would be a good time to start) come and see it made ... a brewery tour and tasting at

## Sambrook's Brewery

Thursday 2 June

meet at 6.45 for the 7.00 tour.  
£10 per person – book a place with Jenny Massey 8874 6579  
Jennyafmassey@aol.com

The tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes two pints of Sambrook's ales over the course of the visit.

Sambrook's Brewery  
Unit 1 & 2 Yelverton Road  
Battersea SW11 3QG

This tour is part of the Wandsworth Heritage Festival

## The Summer Soirée

Sunday 12th June, 6.30 for 7.00.

at 4 Patten Road, SW18 3RH

The musical fare will be provided by the *Ceruti Ensemble* led by *Peter Nall* (son-in-law of our hosts *David and Elizabeth Ward*).

The fare will be provided by the audience (when booking please state whether your contribution will be sweet or savoury).

The programme

6.30 ~ drinks in the garden

7.00 ~ the first part of the concert will be the String Quintet in G minor, K.515, by *Mozart* – considered by many to be one of his supreme achievements.

7.45 ~ supper interval

8.45 ~ the second part of the concert will be a *Haydn* quartet, to send us all home smiling.

Tickets, which include a glass of wine, at £15 (£12 for concessions), are available from the Wards on 020 8874 4938 or [davidwb.ward@virgin.net](mailto:davidwb.ward@virgin.net)

## Thursday June 16

7.45 for 8.00 at West Side Church, Melody Road, SW18 2QQ

## Wandsworth Council's Environmental Policy

a talk by  
Ewan Delaney

As Senior Policy Analyst (Sustainability), Wandsworth Borough Council, Ewan Delaney will describe what the department does, who is responsible for which aspect of the Council's work to improve the environment, and what the aims of the Council are.

We are delighted that Cllr Sarah McDermott, Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture will also be present to explain how the Council's policy decisions are made and to answer questions.



6 – 22 May

## Artist-led, home grown

Wandsworth Arts Festival

It's time to celebrate arts in Wandsworth again, with a programme packed with events and activities to excite your senses and dazzle your mind. From theatre to visual art to film, photography, poetry and music there is something for everyone, as well as plenty of opportunities to get your hands on and have a try.

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

## Thursday 12 May

1.30 – 4.00

an invitation from

Wandsworth Environment Forum to

Explore how your business or community organisation can respond to the low carbon challenge

at

The Performance Studio South Thames College

Wandsworth High Street London SW18 2PP

## 28 May – 12 June

## Wandsworth Heritage Festival

In response to increasing public interest in local history, the 2011 Wandsworth Heritage Festival is co-ordinating a series of events across the borough that tell the story of the development of the area. A new body, Heritage Wandsworth, was established last year to bring together organisations with an interest in the history, natural heritage and built environment of Wandsworth and has been closely involved in planning this year's festival and in encouraging new activities to celebrate the heritage of the borough.

For further information please go to [wandsworth.gov.uk/download/4343/programme\\_of\\_events](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/download/4343/programme_of_events)

## Saturday 16 July

A date for your diary, the Society's 40th Anniversary Party – details later!

To find out about the Wandsworth Society please visit our website

<http://wandsworthsociety.org.uk/>