

## Solutions for Our Streets

Wandsworth Living Streets meeting, 7 October 2013

For those who don't know it, WLS is the local group of the national charity Living Streets; we seek to work as local residents towards safe, attractive and enjoyable streets across our borough. Our most recent meeting, 'Solutions – Ideas for How We Travel and Use our Streets', was a chance to showcase ideas that have been shown to work as ways to make our streets fit for people of all ages and levels of mobility. Four speakers explored the theme and were then followed by a lively and constructive Q&A session.

### **Making our town centres and shopping streets places where we want to spend time**

Putney resident and town planner Dave Irwin presented proposals for transforming Putney High Street. His ideas are a model of what can be done to make shopping streets in Wandsworth so attractive that we'll want to visit them on foot, helping local businesses to thrive. Perhaps surprisingly, only half the vehicles crossing Putney Bridge go through the High Street, providing Dave with an opportunity for a fresh look at how we allocate highway space within the high street. His message was that it's not about money; we can transform our high streets if we have the will to do so.

### **Boris Bikes about to arrive in Wandsworth**

Sean Conroy, of Transport for London's Barclays Cycle Hire Scheme, gave an update on the extension of 'Boris Bikes' to Wandsworth, prefacing his talk by pointing out the brand new docking station visible from the window of our meeting room. Tantalisingly, he was unable to divulge the launch date (though it is clearly still on track for December) but we all came away with a better idea of the thinking behind the scheme and practicalities – how much it costs (peanuts, compared to other forms of public transport) and when it operates (24/7). As a BCH scheme member since its 2010 launch, I look forward to seeing how it changes our streets and benefits all Wandsworth residents' health and quality of life – whether we use the scheme or not.

### **Car clubs**

Andy Flood, Senior Transport Planner at Wandsworth Council, updated us on the car clubs ZipCar and City Car Club which operate borough-wide. Launched in the borough in 2007 with 10 on-street parking spaces, car clubs – like Boris Bikes – are a way of providing informal access to vehicles (cars, in this case). For car-owners who may be considering whether they really need a car, car clubs have the advantage of removing the

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# Wandsworth on Film Walk

On a drear and chilly evening last May some 20 or so of us gathered in the bleak surroundings of the Wandsworth roundabout for a guided tour organised by Maria Horn, Wandsworth Council's Film Office Manager. The bleak surroundings were, however, appropriate, as the first location we were shown was Subway 1 of the roundabout, which was used in Stanley Kubrick's dark 1971 film *Clockwork Orange*, starring Malcolm McDowell. A small plaque above the subway commemorates its role in the film, although I suspect very few pedestrians note it.

Maria then introduced Al MacKay, a film location manager, who told us a few of the 'tricks of the trade'. Nearly all 'London' filming is within the M25 ring, and Al's job is to select some 20 to 40 possible locations for a TV show or film. Once chosen, 8–10 articulated lorries will be used to transport scenery, changing rooms, props, equipment, loos and – most importantly – canteens from location to location during filming. During the filming Al will liaise with the producer, crew and local residents should any problems arise, although information leaflets are provided well in advance to notify residents and, of course, as far as possible disruption is kept to the minimum. Filming tends to be intense and 12-hour days are common in six-week periods.

It was noted that nearby Trinity Road had been used in numerous films and car chases in such TV programmes as *The Sweeney*. We were also shown the area (since redeveloped) behind the Holiday Inn where Trevor Eve had appeared in *Waking the Dead*. Maria gave examples of other places in Wandsworth that are often used for filming. These include Tooting Bec Lido (commercials), Battersea Park (a recent One Direction video was filmed there) and Putney Vale Cemetery (e.g. *William and Mary* starring Martin Clunes).

We crossed over into Old York Road, narrowly avoiding the swarms of early evening cyclists, and passing Konnigans restaurant, frequently used as a film location. It has 'starred' in *East Enders*, *Prime Suspect*, *The Bill*, Gordon Ramsay's *F Word*, *New Tricks* (one of whose former stars, Alun Armstrong, lives nearby) and advertisements for, among others, Footlocker.

Next stop was Wandsworth Town Hall (we arrived shortly before the annual Mayor Making ceremony was about to start), used, inside and out, for many years for both film and TV work. This includes *Dirty Pretty Things*, *Spooks*, *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*, *Poirot*, the Kenny Everett biopic *Best Possible Taste*, *Death Defying Acts*, and, inevitably, *The Sweeney*! The Town Hall's Civic Suite has also appeared in countless commercials as well as such programmes as *This Morning*.

On to 5 Garratt Lane, built in 1890 as the assembly room for the nearby Spread Eagle pub but operated as a cinema from 1908, becoming the Biograph Cinema shortly afterwards. Its former existence is

commemorated in a Green Plaque, and it is interesting to note that in 1912 it held a benefit screening for victims and survivors of the Titanic disaster.

Our penultimate stop was the recently revamped Southside Shopping Centre, where we met Caroline Anderson, its marketing co-ordinator. The Centre is frequently used for filming, which brings some income for the owners but, more importantly, adds something of interest for shoppers whilst raising the profile of the Centre. Programmes that have been filmed here include *Off their Rockers*, *Inspirational Jokers* and *Street Dance*.

The walk ended at the Ram Brewery site, which I had to miss. It too offered, I am told, some surprises. Behind the now rather gloomy exteriors are to be found serried ranks of glistening *Master Chef* TV kitchen studios. The brewery's closure has enabled further use of the site for filming – but happily there is also still a little brewing going on, and at this point other Society members joined the 'walkers' to enjoy the product in a bar displaying mementoes of the brewery and of the Young family who established it.

All in all a very enjoyable evening, and our grateful thanks to Maria, Al and Caroline for arranging it. I gather that the Society hopes to organise another film walk in the future.

Gordon Macniven

## Keep It Clean! A Grubby History of Wandsworth and London

Wandsworth Museum, until 25 January 2014

Just how dirty were the Tudors? Which disease washed down the Thames and killed thousands of Londoners in the 1830s? How much rubbish does Wandsworth generate every second?

Discover the answers to these grimy questions and how our ancestors kept themselves and their homes clean. Keep It Clean! presents highlights – and many lowlights – from the fascinating history of sanitation and hygiene in London, with a particular focus on the Borough of Wandsworth. For further information see [www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk](http://www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk).



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# Wandsworth Society

November 2013

## Whither WandSoc?

In July this year seven WandSoc members met to discuss ideas on how to attract more, particularly younger, members to the Society. A basic premise was, of course, whether the Society should continue; we have had some successes (Ram Brewery, soirées, some extremely interesting walks and talks) and some failures (Ram Brewery again, falling numbers and an ageing fan base). We proceeded however, on the understanding that continuation would be a Good Thing.

First thoughts were on the possibilities of using modern technology, that is the use of emails and the website. Both of these suggestions are works in progress, with exec. members in favour of updating both the webpage and the email details of present members. Further relevant suggestions included the mention of WandSoc online at Streetlife, and leafleting at local events and venues such as Living Streets, civic societies or churches.

We certainly agreed on the need to publicise ourselves: local issues are frequently the entry point for Wandsworth residents, so open meetings are vital, plus someone to collate local events, such as Wandle clean-up days, for the newsletter. We thought too that local notice boards (Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Brightside, schools) could reach possible new members.

The remit of this meeting was to brainstorm; so far we are still at the ideas stage – but we are grateful for all your ideas, or perhaps someone out there would like to be our marketing manager? Do let us know!

Linda Ulrich

## Could You Help Spread the Word About the Society?

The Wandsworth Society is looking for a Publicity Officer/ Marketing Manager, can you help? We need to encourage more people who believe in their local area to join us, to attend our events and to support the good work that the Society does in Wandsworth.

If you think this is something that you could do please contact Philip Whyte, [philip.whyte@fraserwhyte.co.uk](mailto:philip.whyte@fraserwhyte.co.uk).

# Planning Matters

## The Ram Brewery

By the time you read this summer will be well and truly over, although as I write late September is beautifully Indian and July seems an age ago. It may therefore be difficult or unpleasant to cast your mind back to the tragedy of late July – the special Planning Applications Committee meeting on 23 July.

The first item on the agenda was the application to redevelop the Ram Brewery site. It was not unexpected that the application was approved, but it was immensely depressing. The Society strongly opposed the proposed scheme, principally because there was too much of it, and particularly because much of it was too high and a part of it was excessively high.

There was much that was welcome in the proposed redevelopment. The site was opened up, the river was made accessible, the brewery buildings were to be renovated, but a 36-storey tower is too high a price to pay for such benefits, which would inevitably form part of any development of the site.

We do not believe that a 'landmark' tall building is necessary to achieve the restoration of the listed brewery buildings or to bring about the regeneration of the town centre. If the approved development is built the tall building will not be

*a striking new landmark building that will be the embodiment of the regeneration process and will signal the public spaces and other publicly accessible facilities that make up a new town centre destination*

as was claimed in the officers' report to the planning committee, it will date soon enough, and as to being a signal to the town centre 'destination' – well we could probably find our way there without a 36-storey landmark, we have managed so far.

## Skydec

This old chestnut continues to rumble on. Quite why the inordinate delay has occurred we would love to know. We were sent a programme for the rebuilding of the roof to meet the requirements of the enforcement notice in July. It indicated the construction of the new roof should begin at the beginning of November at the earliest or February 2014 at the latest. Our correspondent, who continues to grind his teeth at the sight of the building, retains a glimmer of hope, but remains despondent about anything being done to the building, ever!

## Extensions

We have had continued correspondence with the Council about the policy that applies in the interpretation of the rules for rear and upward extensions. It appears that the Council seems to wish to turn a 'blind eye' to the legislation. This could be because the planning department is under severe pressure dealing with matters that require more detailed consideration than the 'lowly small rear extensions' where the only people to be affected are the immediate neighbours. There appears to be little concern for the detrimental effect such building has.

## Former Trinity Cars site, Wandsworth Common North Side

This site has stood empty and unloved for the last three years following the grant of a consent for a four-star hotel. The best laid plans of mice and developers! The building has fallen into very bad repair and recently the roof has been removed. A new application, no. 2013/3920, has been submitted to the Council for a new residential building (which it really should have been in the first place). Could you have seen any of your four-star friends coming up from Clapham Junction with suitcases on the buses? We are considering the plans submitted and will make comments to the Council.

## New advertisement displays

Seven applications have been submitted recently to the Council for free-standing advertising display panels in various locations in the borough; five of them by Wandsworth to itself. The one proposed on the bridge over Trinity Road just south of the Wandsworth roundabout is very contentious as it could have an adverse effect on the Common. Do we want Wandsworth turned into something like Las Vegas (I exaggerate just a bit) but this proposal is for illuminated signs across the bridges in both directions. We will be making representations and would appreciate comment from any member of the Society.

## Springfield NHS Hospital Trust

Following the grant of consent we are advised that the Trust are working up their plans but have been delayed in implementation as all government-funded bodies have suffered financial cut-backs. We are seeking a meeting with the Trust to get an up-to-date programme and progress report.

## Thames Tunnel

This matter continues to wind its way through the mass of legislation involved with a project of this type. The Planning Group will be making further representations to the Planning Inspectorate appointed to deal with the application. Although there appears to be something of a move towards a different solution, the Society is not hopeful of reconsideration by the Government or Thames Water. There is likely to be significant disruption in the areas directly affected by construction for the term of the project, which is estimated to be five years from a start in 2016.

## Local plans and the planning process

The Council have been undertaking yet another review of the local plans and the soundness of the process as required by Central Government. We are impressed with the way the officers have dealt with the requirements that we believe are unnecessary. Among other considerations with which we have been involved are the revisions to the local views, Heritage at Risk and proposals for changes of use, particularly from commercial to residential.

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# How Green Is Our Valley?

*A personal view of the Wandle Valley Forum Seminar, June 2013*

On a glorious summer morning I made my way via the sweet-scented blossom along the River Wandle to the Mitcham Hub to learn more about what was happening along the Wandle these days. There I joined a friendly bunch of people from various points along the route of the river to be welcomed by our Bruce St Julian-Bown, Chair of the Wandle Forum, and Angela Gorman of the Environment Agency. They gave us a potted history:

- 1910 Wandle Valley first acknowledged as a public amenity
- 2000 Wandle (charitable) Trust formed to improve the river quality
- 2004 initiative with Groundwork started: landscaping (e.g. Wandle Park at Colliers Wood) and Wandle Valley Green Ribbon initiated (funded by EU)
- 2008 Wandle Valley Vision published, started by Mayor's Office, Wandle Trust and many other national bodies, the seed of the Regional Park concept

Wandle Valley Forum, hosting the seminar, is made up of community groups and individuals and has two places on the Regional Park Development Board. The Forum links interested parties along the length of the Wandle.

The next speaker was Peter Wilkinson, CEO of the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust, a charitable company comprising representatives from Natural England, the Environment Agency, the National Trust, the Wandle Trust, Mitcham Conservators and South London business. Peter explained that since the Lee Valley is still receiving a levy from all London boroughs this money cannot be claimed by the four boroughs of the Wandle Valley. Thus it was necessary to apply for Lottery funding to further the development of The Vision – at which point he introduced Stephen Crabtree who had masterminded the bid for Heritage Lottery funding. And Stephen announced that £1.93m had been granted! Hooray! The Wandle Regional Park will happen!

Wandle Gateways and Wandle Trail improvements will need £493,000 a year to be spent in Croydon, Sutton, Merton and Wandsworth; there are two projects in Croydon, one of which is Waddon Gateway; re-energising of the Heritage and Culture Group, Sustrans and Wandle Trail Gateways; conversion of the Infrastructure Levy to link Green with Growth.

Some 70,000 people live within 20 minutes of the Regional Park and increased community awareness is of cardinal importance. Plans are underway for: oral history/theatre; access and learning needs at King George's Park; Gateways – ten approximately to draw attention to less obvious access points; a trout in the

classroom project (eggs grow in tanks, children put grown trout into the Wandle, taking a kind of ownership); Environment Agency training volunteers to recognise problems and filter them to the Agency; also Piscators for eel monitoring etc. The Wandle Valley Trust will be busy.

We then stopped for a wonderful curry lunch brought in for us and eaten in the sunshine and then came more excitement in the second half!

John Hawkes of Merton Priory Trust, talked about the 899-year-old Chapter House: Thomas Beckett having been educated at the Augustinian Priory that established Merton College Oxford; the Statutes of Merton were promulgated there under Henry III, laying the foundations for present-day English law; the Priory was completely stripped by Henry VIII to build Nonsuch Palace, subsequently destroyed. But Heritage money is now available to create new and more apparent access to an improved Museum! What a day!

The next talk was on the 'Sleeping Giant of Ornithological World'. Peter Alfrey, a Hackbridge-based ornithologist described the 400 acres of nature reserve planned once landfill at Beddington is completed. The public will eventually have limited access and crops such as lavender and bird feed and perhaps grazing established. Hackbridge, said Peter, is 25% green space and the hope is to integrate the village with the Wandle through 'green corridors', verges, gardens public and private – all part of the Regional Park ultimately with a Neighbourhood Trust as well as an official body. Already the landfill plus Beddington Sewage Farm attract an extraordinary variety of birds, so in essence the Nature Reserve is already happening.

Architect Taus Larsen of Zed Factory talked of advances in home design over the ten years since their BedZed estate was built, which is still their home. Members may recall a presentation by Bill Dunster, who founded ZedFactory in 1999. The practice specialises in evolving a contemporary zero carbon-rated vernacular and continues to design projects in the UK and overseas using recycled/reclaimed materials.

Finally, Bruce explained his idea for a Wandle Green-Tec Valley. Let's build on what we have already: BedZed, the National Trust Green Centre in Morden Hall Park with an Archimedes Screw, the Water Mill at Merton, at least seven wind turbines, hydropower at Merton Abbey Mills, Morden Hall café's heat pumps from the ground, a solar-powered school and methane capture at Hackbridge. Let the Wandle Valley be a really Green Valley!

I walked back to Colliers Wood along the swiftly flowing river, the elderflowers never so strongly perfumed as this year and anything seemed possible!

Valerie Taylor

# Magical Michaelmas Soirée

29 September

Our second Soirée at 14 Patten Road was an evening of great enjoyment for all concerned, multi-talented performers and packed-to-the-rafters audience alike.

Our warm and welcoming hosts, Stefan and Arjan Byron, had devised the first half of the evening, which they entitled *The Fall of Granada*. This illustrated in music the progression from delight at the establishment of the Moorish Kingdom of Granada (whose millennial year 2013 happens to be) to disillusionment and sorrow at its final passing in 1492, with the Reconquista by the Catholic Monarchs Ferdinand and Isabella, and the expulsion of the Jews and Muslims who had for centuries lived in tolerant and artistic harmony with their Christian hosts.

Through the accomplished and exquisitely sensitive singing of Arjan Byron, soprano, Katya Davidson, mezzo-soprano, and Alan Young, tenor and Hispanist, accompanied by Stefan Byron on his grand piano, we enjoyed, first, paens of love and joy from the 13th to 15th centuries, followed by a nostalgic modern tribute to those times in Granados' meltingly sumptuous piano solo 'The Maiden and the Nightingale'. Then the mood darkened, with plangent songs of loss and regret – lovely wistful music, sung with moving tenderness by Katya and Arjan, and rounded off with a stirring *cante jondo* from Alan: 'Adio Granada'. Stefan interspersed these songs with further characterful references from Granados – two of his *Danzas Espanolas*.

After our familiar sociable interval we reconvened in the gracious Byron drawing room and moved from Moorish Spain to Elizabethan England for, first, a group of four-part songs by Tallis, Morley, Gibbons, et al., charmingly and skilfully performed by an a cappella group, some of whose faces and names were well known to us – Julie Harrison (alto), Stephen Miles (tenor) and Mark Wilkinson (bass) – now joined by Liz Morrell (soprano), and directed by Terry Hogan. They gave us also a cheeky, jolly French round, 'Il est bel et bon', then Liz picked up her descant recorder (a sweet bright instrument too rarely heard), Terry sat down to the piano, and they treated us to a trio of witty, jazzy contemporary 'Recipes' by Alan Bullard: 'Coffee and Croissants', 'Barbecue Blues', and 'Prawn Paella' – great fun!

Then the a cappella group moved into the 20th century with four songs of varied mood – respectively joyous, romantic, comic and pensive – by Finzi, Elgar, Frederick Bridge and Sullivan, whose 'The Long Day Closes' ended a programme of truly rich delight – all too short an evening for this listener! But musically it was a substantial and satisfying one, and we are very grateful indeed to Stefan and Arjan for sharing their talents and their home with us. Thank you.

Wendy Cater

## Open Your Eyes

A Talk on Biodiversity and Wildlife in Wandsworth  
19 September

Valerie Selby, Principal Parks Officer (Biodiversity and Parks Development) for Wandsworth Council, enthusiastically guided us through parks, wetlands, acid grassland and rivers – all parts of our Wandsworth heritage.

A 'full house' listened with attention to a detail-packed talk on the diversity of wildlife habitats that surround us and affect our daily lives, whether we are aware of it or not. We were treated to a 'gallop' through the environment from our own Wandle, central to the borough, to some of the lesser known areas, all of which are contributing to and enlivening our surroundings.

We are fortunate to have such a dedicated worker as Valerie, to speak and work for us in identifying what is needed, finding ways in which to carry it out and, most importantly, listing areas where local consultation can provide a strong platform for the exchange of ideas, ensuring that our heritage is preserved and protected.

Valerie fielded a wide variety of questions, from bats and badgers to peregrines at Battersea Power Station. We were urged to look up GiCL (Greenspace information for Central London: [www.gicl.org.uk](http://www.gicl.org.uk)) and be guided by the sage advice offered. Keep your eyes open and note down the time, place and details of what you see and hear – your contributions will be welcome. Thank you Valerie, for such an entertaining and informative evening.

Trevor Grubb

## Wandsworth Historian

This year the Wandsworth Historical Society is celebrating its very own diamond jubilee with a bumper issue of its journal. This contains not only a number of interesting and erudite articles on such varied subjects as a 17th-century Putney charity that ran until the 1950s, an assessment of Wandsworth's meritocrats and the account of a young Battersea lad of the 1930s, but as a bonus there is a celebratory supplement, 'Wandsworth in 1898', reproducing delightfully illustrated pages from *The London Argus* of that year. For further details see the Society's website, [www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk](http://www.wandsworthhistory.org.uk).



# Wandsworth in London

## Grounds for Optimism: Designing Resilient Landscapes in London

Garden Museum, Lambeth, 6 November, 6.30 – 8 pm

A talk at the Garden Museum, Lambeth, by representatives from J & L Gibbons, the winners of the Vauxhall Missing Link competition to landscape the Vauxhall area of the Nine Elms redevelopment. For tickets and further information see [www.gardenmuseum.org.uk](http://www.gardenmuseum.org.uk).

## Midwinter Masterpieces

All Saints Church, Wandsworth High Street, Friday 13 December, 3.30 pm

Scenes from the operatic repertoire, a concert by students at the National Opera Studio. Tickets are free, no booking required, see [www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk](http://www.nationaloperastudio.org.uk)

## An American in London: Whistler and the Thames

Dulwich Picture Gallery, until 12 January 2014

Whistler first arrived in London in 1859 and this major exhibition devoted to the American-born artist will include an array of paintings of Chelsea and the River Thames, together with prints and rarely seen drawings, watercolours and pastels. [www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk](http://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk).

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cost and other burdens (parking, insurance, excise duty . . .) of ownership. From a Living Streets perspective, car clubs are a welcome addition to local transport options since, as Andy explained, residents switching from ownership to car-club membership reduce their car use; they also mean that our streets are less cluttered with only occasionally used private vehicles. To date, car clubs are still a small player in Wandsworth's transport mix, with 84 on-street and 55 off-street parking spaces across the borough. The business model for car clubs is clearly still evolving, with Car2Go seeking to become the 'new kid on the car club block' – this would allow pay-and-go driving for one-way trips, which could be just the thing you're looking for if you are planning to buy bulky items and feel the need to drive a car to get them home.

### Humanising the streets where we live

For most of us, the street we know best is the one that greets us when we step out of our homes. Tooting resident Jon Irwin, co-Chair of Wandsworth Environment Forum, has pioneered several new ideas for our streets. One is to put attractive planters, filled with flowers and shrubs, at strategic positions on a residential street in order to slow vehicles down, stop rat running, and give the street back its core function as a 'place' where local residents can walk and cycle safely and enjoyably, rather than simply a conduit for motor traffic. Jon's key message was 'we know what we're doing now isn't working; so why not change things a bit – try it and see?' After all, as the old management saying goes: 'Keep doing what you're doing, keep getting what you're getting'. Experimental traffic orders mean that we can try innovative schemes – and if they don't work, we revert to the way things are now, or try something different.

If you'd like to get involved in helping make our streets safer, more attractive and enjoyable, do get in touch: join our email list by contacting WLS Secretary Robert Molteno ([robert.molteno@googlemail.com](mailto:robert.molteno@googlemail.com)) or Susie Morrow ([wls@semorrow.com](mailto:wls@semorrow.com)), find out more about us at <http://wandsworthlivingstreets.org/> or follow us on Twitter @WandsLS  
Susie Morrow (Chair, Wandsworth Living Streets)

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### Assorted other matters

We have kept an eye on what is going on at Vauxhall, but as this is not directly within our 'area' can only comment informally. We are concerned that there appears to be no real co-ordination of the plans for overall redevelopment with sites being dealt with on a piecemeal basis. A promised green corridor between the new developments looks optimistic in implementation, as inevitably changes will be required over the course of time. Cranes are in evidence and Manhattan-on-Thames comes that much closer. Trees and green open spaces are of great concern, and we have recently been in touch with the Council on various matters.

We are trying to arrange a meeting with other amenity societies in the area as we feel that a greater co-ordination may help persuade the Council to consider views put forward with more depth. Please let us know if you have any matters that you wish the planning group to investigate, Philip Whyte, as the leader of this group will be pleased to hear from you.  
Philip Whyte

## Come to the Society's Christmas Party!

St Anne's Church Hall, St Anne's Hill, SW18 2RS  
Saturday, 7 December, 7.30

### Music by the Bluegrass–Old Time Influenced Band **Hatful of Rain** British Folk with Appalachian Roots

'Hauntingly beautiful . . . I love it' – Bob Harris, Radio 2  
'They are very, very good indeed' – Mike Harding, Radio 2  
£10/head includes buffet supper and a glass of wine  
(cash on arrival please)  
Early booking recommended to Valerie  
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Thursday, 14 November

7.45 for 8 pm, West Side Church, at the corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane

### **The Green Plaques of Wandsworth**

Wandsworth Council initiated the scheme in 2007/08 to provide a way to commemorate famous people or places in the borough not covered by the English Heritage Blue Plaque Scheme. Now plaques are being steadily unveiled in all parts of the borough. Andrew Green, Head of Library and Heritage, Wandsworth, GLL Ltd, will expound and illustrate.

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Thursday 16 January 2014

7.45 for 8 pm, West Side Church, at the corner of Melody Road and Allfarthing Lane

### **Health and Wellbeing in Wandsworth**

A talk by Councillor James Maddan, Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health, Wandsworth Council. There will be an opportunity for questions afterwards.

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Date for your Diary: Thursday, 13 February, Ron Elam will give an illustrated talk about his collection of vintage postcards of Wandsworth.