



The Bulletin

The amenity society for
Putney & Roehampton

March 2013

Annual General Meeting Thursday 21 March 2013 at 7.30pm The Brewer Building, St Mary's Church, Putney Bridge

The AGM will be chaired by our President, Anthony Marshall.

Enclosed with, or attached to this bulletin, you will find all the papers you need for the AGM: the AGM agenda with 2012 annual report, and the Treasurer's report and 2012 accounts. Please bring them with you to the meeting at which elections of the Society's President and Vice-Presidents, Officers, Executive Committee, and Auditor will take place.

(Reminder: Nominations for the Executive Committee should be submitted to the Secretary by 15 March).

Do please come along and have your say on any of the agenda items.

Our **guest speaker** is **Lucy Neal** of **Transition Town Tooting** who will talk about **Playing For Time**, the transition book on the arts for which she has received Arts Council funding. Transition Towns are communities which choose to work together to build resilience in response to economic instability and environmental threats. Initiatives may include support for local independent shops and creative arts, community initiatives such as cultivation, business waste and local currency exchange.

The AGM will be followed by **refreshments** at the Putney Pantry café in the Brewer Building to which all those present are invited.

Come and join us!

You are invited to join a Society walk in Wandsworth Park on:

Saturday 16 March at 11am.

The theme is '**Springtime in the Park**' - and the Park will be looking good. But, could it look even better? Come and help us to think of fresh ideas for enhancing this valuable open space. See the Open Spaces Panel item on page 3.



Stop Press....

It has just come to our attention that Charing Cross Hospital will be demolished and replaced with a "specialist health and social care hospital" with no A&E services and the number of beds slashed from 500 to 60.

The new hospital will use only a small part of the current site - as little as one acre, or 3% of the space - with the remainder sold off to developers. Profit from the land sale will be used to help fund the new building.

This is bad news for those who use the hospital, especially the elderly, where there were good services. They've already lost Barnes Hospital, so it's a double whammy losing Charing Cross.

Forthcoming Events: dates for your diary

Tuesday, 12	March	Visit to The Charterhouse	2.15pm	(page 4)
Sunday, 10	March, 14 April	Car Boot Sales, Queen Marys Hospital	7.30am/8am	(page4)
Saturday 16	March	Springtime In the Park, Walk	11am	(page 3)
Thursday, 21	March	AGM, Brewer Building, St. Mary's	7.30pm	(page1)

FAIRBRIDGE GARDEN SOCIETY**Raising funds for The Prince's Trust**

Are you a keen gardener?

Or do you like visiting gardens?

PUBLIC EVENT: TALK

Date: Wednesday, 13 March. 6.30pm for 7pm

All Saints School, Bishop's Avenue, SW6 6ED

Ticket: £15.00 to include a glass of wine, nibbles and a £5.00 voucher for the Fulham Palace Garden Centre

The Fairbridge Garden Society was formed in 1993 to promote the Fulham Palace Garden Centre and raise funds for Fairbridge, the parent charity, which for many years has helped disadvantaged young people in inner cities. Fairbridge merged with The Prince's Trust in March 2011, and since then the profits, (about £30,000 p.a), are devoted to the Fairbridge Programme or *The Spirit of Fairbridge*, a sail training ship Trust, or other activities of The Prince's Trust.

It was also formed to provide a stimulating programme of events for discerning gardeners and it now covers a wide range of garden visits in London, day trips by coach, overnight visits to public and private gardens here and abroad. There are also lectures, arts visits, plant sales, and parties in May and in December.

They are friendly and welcoming to new members, and also to guests and non-members. Their programme for spring 2013 is on their website, www.fairbridgegardensociety.com, and the summer one will appear in April. Membership of the Fairbridge Garden Society is £25 per annum for a couple. Membership forms are available from the Fulham Palace Garden Centre, from the website or from the Membership Secretary on: **020 7736 7854**.

The next event they have thrown open to the public is an **illustrated talk** on **The Gardens at Highgrove** by head gardener Debs Goodenough, who will talk about the evolution of the garden, the organic principles and the famous wild flower meadows and arboretum. Details above. To book, call at the Garden Centre, email fpgc@princes-trust.org.uk or ring 020 7736 2640.

**WANDSWORTH MUSEUM****Modern Masters in Print:****Matisse, Picasso, Dalí and Warhol**

9 March - 21 April 2013 at Wandsworth Museum

For six weeks only, Wandsworth Museum explores the printed work of four of the 20th century's greatest artists: Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dalí and Andy Warhol.

Visitors will be able to view over fifty stunning artworks drawn from the Victoria and Albert Museum's collections, including Picasso's *Le Repas Frugal* and three versions of Warhol's *Marilyn*, in this touring exhibition's only London stop.

Each artist used the print in his own way. For example, for Dalí, printmaking was an exercise in experimentation, and through it he developed many imaginative new processes. Warhol's prints were his primary means of expression and central to his body of work. His screen-prints, based on mass-produced images, challenged the concept of the 'original' print.

Together these artists spanned a 75-year period that saw the birth of the modern age. They covered a wide range of techniques, and their work represents one of the most creative and diverse periods of printmaking in the history of western art.

Exhibition organised by the V&A Museum, London.

Tie-in event: Printing Techniques Family Fun Workshops, Wed 10 & Thurs 11 April, 1.30-3.30pm. Try your hand at a range of printing techniques, from block printing to collagraphs. £3/child, accompanying adults free. Suitable for children aged 3+.

Wandsworth Museum, 38 West Hill, Wandsworth, London SW181RX T: 020 8870 6060

E: : contact@wandsworthmuseum.co.uk

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL!

For those paying by cheque please send a cheque made out to: **The Putney Society** for **£11** (for e-bulletin) or **£13.50** (for postal bulletin) to me at the address below. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated!

Bob Bowmer, 17 Felsham Road SW15 1AY



News from the Panels:
 Members are invited to attend panel meetings and raise issues they feel need to be discussed. However, since space is limited in people's houses please contact convenor in advance.

Open Spaces Panel

Convenor: John Horrocks (020 8789 2956)

Springtime in the Park

This is an invitation to **you** to join the Society's Open Spaces Panel regulars on a walk in **Wandsworth Park** on **Saturday 16 March at 11am**. We meet at the archway entrance to the Park at the eastern end of Deodar Road and will set out for a leisurely walk, clockwise, around the Park. We will be discussing a variety of issues which may be of concern to those who know the Park well. How can the Park be enhanced? What changes would **you** suggest for the Park? We will be noting down all the ideas raised and will then prepare a report, to be presented, in due course, to the borough council. Please come and help us in this task - to make one of Putney's important amenities even better!

Putting for Putney?

The council is proposing to lease off the area in Wandsworth Park which used to be, until a few years ago, a bowling green, together with the adjoining pavilion, which has been used as a café over recent years (but which closed after a fire). The leased area would go to a new operator to run a new café in the pavilion and to lay out a putting green on the former bowling green lawn area - to be run by the café operator. This is an interesting idea and, presumably, the council is expecting to make a profit out of the deal. How many pent-up putters are there in Putney, one might wonder? The would-be café operator hopes we will all want to have a go - after all, where-else can you go to putt in Putney?

We promise to publicise the opening of the new putting green when we have the full details. Watch out for news in a future Bulletin.

Our Summer Coach Outing

Arrangements are falling into place for the Society's Summer coach outing - to be held on **Wednesday 10 July**. We will start out from the bottom of Gwendolen Avenue at 9.30am, as usual. Back at about 6.30pm. Note the date in your diary. More details in the next Bulletin.

Community Panel

Convenor: Victoria Diamond (07746 022654)

The Community Panel is looking for new members. If you can spare one evening a month to join us to discuss local community issues, then do come along. All ages welcome!

We are currently working on Mayor of London's **Police** Consultation, but individuals can contribute too:

<http://www.london.gov.uk/priorities/policing-and-crime/community-engagement>

We will be losing the front desk of the Police Shop in Jubilee House, but it has been suggested the police will keep a presence elsewhere. As yet we haven't heard where.

We have heard about the closure of many of the **One O'clock Clubs**, which is going to be a great loss to many with small children. From September this year the Council has to find 894 childcare places for disadvantaged 2 year olds, rising to 1,400 extra places by 2014. This is an obligation imposed by the Government. Wandsworth Council says this is why it has to change the use of the One O'Clock Club buildings. They claim they have no choice - they are simply the only available suitable spaces for the 2 year olds. Funding for the Clubs has effectively disappeared, as the government will now pay the money directly to nurseries providing places for this age group.

There are some complaints about the **new Post Office**, and we are going to be finding out more information on this matter. It seems to be very small, the staff continue to ask if we want all the other services, when all we've asked for is a stamp, thus causing delays and queues. The lack of a post box has also been mentioned!

On 23 May we will be hosting a **Members' Meeting on Fraud** and we hope to cover all aspects of that rather interesting topic.

Letters for Bulletin:
Maximum 150 words. By email to Bulletin Editor, or hard copy to Chairman, details page 4. Thank you.

NEXT PANEL MEETINGS				
Buildings	March 13 April 10	Wednesday ditto	Sainsbury's, Werter Rd	7pm
Transport	March 5 April 2	Tuesday	9 Charlwood Rd 11 Werter Rd	7.30pm
Open Spaces	March 7 April 4	Thursday	54 Festing Rd 71 Festing Rd	8pm
Community	March 14 April 11	Thursday ditto	6 Norroy Road	8.15pm



Buildings Panel

Convenor: Andrew Catto (020 8785 0077)

The Buildings Panel's main role is to respond on behalf of the Society's members to proposals for development that could change the quality of life in Putney. You might think that in hard times there would not be that many, and whilst there are fewer than a couple of years ago, there are still plenty of very big schemes to keep us, and you busy. We can write for the Society, but for real effect the Town Hall needs to see letters or emails from lots of you.

There's still time to object to the scheme to make Putney Pier four times as big (application number 2012/6004), which we hope will get refused. Time too to comment on the revived scheme for the Ram Brewery (2012/5286), now with a 34 storey tower which will stand in line with Disraeli Road, Putney Bridge Road and others both sides of the High Street. Plans for flats in Oakhill Road (2013/0395) are just in, which appear taller than we had been led to believe in an earlier consultation. Follow the link to 'Find a Planning Application' on the front page of Wandsworth Council's website to have your say: <http://www3.wandsworth.gov.uk/gis/search/Search.aspx>

Later this week we will see a preview of the scheme for developing the land Wandsworth sold to fund work at Elliott School. We are still waiting for details of the next attempt to build a school on the Putney Hospital site. At a smaller scale we are lobbying for better cycle provision as part of the works now started at Putney Exchange, and with Justine Greening to get SW Trains to improve the frontage and ticketing hall of Putney mainline station to go with the new lifts and stairs now being installed by Network Rail.

We are working with several expert speakers on the members' meeting for 18 April which will show you how to be greener, more efficient, and cut your energy bills at home.

NEW MEMBERS:

Robert Arguile, Burstock Road; Mr and Mrs Luckham, Quill Lane; Sarah Bunch, Disraeli Road; Clive Simmons, Swinburne Road;

Teresa Sanminiatelli, Chelverton Road; Fiona Kirkpatrick, Westhorpe Road; Zofia McMahon, Disraeli Road.

Annie Zezima, Strathan Close SW18; Lisa Drabble, Cortis Road; Sheila Roe, Montserrat Road

Transport Panel

Convenor: Hugh Samuel (0208 788 3328)

No new issues have arisen recently, but the panel's main concern is to follow up after last month's successful members' meeting on improving Putney High Street. David Irwin, a town planner and member of the panel, presented his far-reaching proposals for the High Street to a generally enthusiastic audience. We shall be pressing the Council for their reactions. Our other concern is getting The Exchange to provide some cycle parking in compliance with recent planning permission. Meanwhile the works at Putney Station are getting underway.

Also we await with bated breath, the launch of a website on which you can record problems with the bus services to Roehampton. More on this next month – we hope.

Car boot sales at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton

Second Sunday of the month

Next sale 10 March then 14 April

Vendors from 7.30 am. Buyers from 8.00 am

£10 a car £15 a large van.

£1 parking for buyers (proceeds to charity)

W: www.qmhfrienscarboot.co.uk



A FEW TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

VISIT TO THE CHARTERHOUSE

Date: Tuesday 12 March Ticket: £10.00 per person Time: 2.15pm Duration: 1 1/4 hours.

Please send a SAE together with your name, phone number and email address, together with a cheque for £10.00 made payable to: 'The Putney Society', to: Maureen Howley, 1 Elystan Court, 121 Howards Lane, London SW15 6QH. Thank you.

PUTNEY SOCIETY WEBSITE:

Don't forget that some issues are covered at greater length on our website. Address below.

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