



# The Bulletin

July 2019



## Front garden competition – the Winners!

Congratulations to all 27 Putney residents that entered the garden competition – we were really impressed with the range and quality of entries from large formal gardens to guerrilla gardening around a street tree.

We were looking for a good use of space, environmentally friendly designs, including pollinator-friendly planting, gardens that had more than one season and gardens that had ways of accommodating parking while maintaining significant planting. Prizewinners included a formal garden with clever sequential planting, a window box vibrant with toning colours and many different plants, a really colourful use of a small front garden over several seasons and another which managed to combine parking and echiums.

### First prize winners:

- \* Mr & Mrs T Maroulakis, Dryburgh Road
- \* Marilyn Robinson Waller, Glendarvon Street

### Runners-up:

- \* Liz Bridge, Fawe Park Road
- \* Sam Dattar, Norroy Road

**Special mention** – the guerrilla garden under the cherry tree in Merivale Road.

We hope that more Putney residents will be encouraged to plant up their front gardens – not only for the good of the environment but to improve the experience of walking around our streets. Many thanks to our judges, Clare Savage, Fiona



Crumley and Sandi Bloomfield who bravely endured a very rainy day but still managed to enthuse about all the entries.



## Message from the Friends of Wandsworth Park

We are happy to report that we have finally been entrusted with the management of the **River Terrace** and had a Tea Party to celebrate its opening on the 9th June. It will now be opened between 7-9 am and closed sometime between 5-7 pm. We are opening and closing it with the support of volunteers. If anyone is able

to assist, please do get in touch. Evening closings are proving a bit more challenging, so if you can assist with that, we'd be most grateful, but any help is useful.

Many thanks.

**Pat Gross**, Chair, FoWP  
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# Buildings Panel

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Until a few hours before the Bulletin copy deadline, the Panel's big current concerns were all on Putney High Street where the inquiry into last year's refusal for the 'Levellers' site (*Putney High Street meets Putney Bridge Road*) starts on 18 June. John Horrocks and Robert Arguile will be there for the Society. The ten storey hotel application for the actual corner remains undecided so meanwhile the owners wanted to cover their buildings with a huge advertising hoarding on scaffolding. Wandsworth Council refused, but this too has been appealed.

Scaffolding is going up around the former WH Smith in preparation for an extra storey and development as offices – which we supported in preference to more flats. We understand that NatWest is likely to be relocating to the ground floor. We're waiting to see shopfront details and campaigning for a set back at the front (like the Metro bank) and for ATMs on Werter Road only, in order to reduce congestion at this popular bus stop.

We've known since at least 2012 that although the Alton Estate is half the age of most Putney homes, Wandsworth Council wants to pull down the centre of it and to rebuild twice as high. The planning application (*ref 2019/2516*) has at last arrived, two years late, just as this report was due. It's still only 'outline' about all of the critical public realm, but clear enough about proposing 1,100 flats in 'could be anywhere' blocks of up to 9 storeys.

As the biggest proposed change to Roehampton or Putney for a many years, this deserves a public meeting ahead of any response from the Society. We hoping to arrange this in Roehampton and soon, so watch the Society's website for this. Meanwhile the Council are offering presentations at Roehampton Library (*which is to be demolished*) on Monday 24 June from 10am till 1pm; Saturday July from 10am till 1pm; Wednesday July from 4 till 7pm. Get down there, look at the application on line, come to our meeting and comment please. The deadline is 22 July.

# Transport Panel

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The long awaited works to enhance Putney High Street are now expected to commence towards the end of August. This is somewhat later than the Council first envisaged as it has taken additional time to finalise designs and overcome various technical obstacles along the way.

The sudden closure of Hammersmith Bridge has inevitably caused great inconvenience for many members. While TfL has re-arranged certain bus routes and laid on extra capacity, residents in Roehampton still face great delays in getting to and from work. More on bus services needs to be done. The Society has passed on these concerns both to local councillors and our local GLA member and still await their response. A detailed engineer's report is expected in August which will hopefully set out what exactly are the next steps.

Communication at Putney Station, on occasion, still leaves much to be desired. Whenever there are

major delays such as over running engineering works, there is often a failure to let incoming pedestrians know until they have checked through the barrier to join the crowds on the concourse. The Society has asked councillors to raise this with SWR. Again, we await their response. One solution might be to have a member of station staff positioned on the High Street side of the barrier to inform customers before they check through so they can decide whether to make alternative travel plans. Finally, Heathrow has just launched a consultation, which will run until 13 September, on their proposed expansion plans. There will be an opportunity to view the scheme on Tuesday 2 July at Wandsworth Town Hall (*Civic Suite*) from 2pm-8pm. If you miss this then there is another chance in Wimbledon (*17 August*) and Richmond (*28th August*). For more details look at [aec.heathrowconsultation.com](http://aec.heathrowconsultation.com). Please let us know your opinions.

## FUTURE PANEL MEETINGS

All members welcome, but please contact Convenor if new to the panel to check if there is sufficient space.

### COMMUNITY:

**18 July**  
at 6 Norroy Road,  
SW15 1PF (18.30)

### Co-convenors:

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### TRANSPORT:

**13 August**  
46 Disraeli Road,  
SW15 2DS (19.30)

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### BUILDINGS:

**3 July**, at 8 Fawe Park  
Road (19.00)  
**7 August**, at 154 Putney  
High Street, SW15 1RS  
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### OPEN SPACES:

**4 July, 1 August**  
at 28 Howards Lane,  
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# Community Panel

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## Fundraising for a local reablement facility

Regenerate RISE (Reaching the Isolated Elderly) is currently raising money for its proposed Rise Reablement Centre to help alleviate the bed-blocking crisis and to provide a safe stepping-stone back to living at home. Their centre in Felsham Road has been working with the isolated elderly for many years. They are now fundraising to build a 10-bed unit over the Platt Centre, which will be a modern intermediate care centre dedicated to supporting older people to return to the community. This is a much needed facility and is expected to be in high demand. They received planning permission in 2017, and have raised 47% of their funding target of £1.26M. The Putney Society is donating £500 toward this project and will donate a further sum towards fitting out the unit in 2020/21. To read more about the work of Regenerate Rise and their fundraising campaign go to [https://www.regenerate-rise.co.uk/reablement .php](https://www.regenerate-rise.co.uk/reablement.php).

They have a Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/regeneraterise>

There is a 'Help through Hardship Crisis' conference on 10 July hosted by Wandsworth Community Empowerment Network and Citizens Advice. It is at the Balham Seventh Day Adventist Church (SW17 8AD) on 10 July, from 9am to 1pm. The theme of the conference is Advice and Change, and they'll be looking at how social welfare advice changes lives and how we can work to change the legal framework. There will be a workshop facilitated by the Public Law Project helping to identify when and how we can use legal challenges to address decisions that seem unfair, and how we can continue to work together to effect change for local people experiencing hardship and crisis. You can book your free place using Eventbrite and feel free to contact the Chief Executive, Mary-Ann Foxwell on 0203 559 2009 or by email to mary-ann.foxwell@cawandsworth.org

# Open Spaces Panel

**Convenor:** Judith Chegwidden  
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The Royal Parks are carrying out a consultation on future traffic movements through their parks – including Richmond Park. The new Movement Strategy will set a long-term vision for how park visitors will move within, access and subsequently experience the parks. The strategy will include a comprehensive exploration of all movement and access related issues and opportunities that are relevant to the parks both now and into the foreseeable future. This will include (but is not limited to) increasing safety for all park users, reducing the impact of vehicle-based traffic and reducing conflict between different modes. At this stage they are asking for input from all with an interest in the way that traffic affects the parks.

To read more and have your say go to <https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the->

[parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy](https://www.royalparks.org.uk/managing-the-parks/park-strategies/the-royal-parks-transport-and-movement-strategy)

Local residents have worked with JC Decaux (*the owners of the site beneath the LED advertising hoarding*) to landscape the area on the corner of Charlwood Road and Upper Richmond Road. This is a great initiative – but sadly some plants have already been stolen and the company are now thinking of installing CCTV. If you live near this corner please keep an eye open and if you see anyone stealing plants, please contact [tim.mack@talk21.com](mailto:tim.mack@talk21.com)

In early July we have scheduled a meeting with the tree officer at Enable to discuss how the Society can help maintain newly planted trees. We will also seek to learn more about the council's pruning schedules.

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# An alternative to delivery vans?

The rise and rise of on-line shopping has led to a concomitant increase in the number of delivery vans on our streets. Is there a more environmentally friendly alternative? Earlier this month two Coop cargo bikes were spotted delivering in West Putney. The food retailer has teamed up with ecargobikes.com to offer shoppers zero emission grocery deliveries in some areas of London. Sainsbury's are also trialling e-bike deliveries elsewhere in south London.

DPD are reported to be developing a new type of e-bike while Hermes and DHL have introduced them in northern Europe. Should we be pressing



Amazon and the other major on-line retailers to use e-bikes for deliveries in all major UK towns?

Family cargo bikes are also a good solution for reducing the environmental impact of the school run – many are now available with e-assist.

## Old clothes or other textiles not good enough for the charity shop? Here is the solution.

In the UK we send around 350,000t of clothing, worth £140million, to landfill every year – but it is really easy to recycle old textiles. There are six TR Aid bins for recycled clothes around Putney including one at the junction of Balmuir Gardens and the Upper Richmond Road and one on the corner of Charlwood Road. The textile bin at the Wandsworth tip is bigger and can take curtains as well as clothes, bags, belts and paired shoes (see pic). Many

shops, including Marks and Spencer and H&M also have bins for recycled clothes.



## Prizes for local artists

The Putney Society sponsored four prizes at the annual student exhibition at Putney School of Art and Design. There were some excellent entries on display on the walls all over the art school. Prize winners were as follows:

- Ceramic Sculpture: **Gillian Brett**
- Pottery Handbuilding: **Mary Newstead**
- Portrait: **Janet Hillier**
- Children (7-13 years): **Calder Tillinghast**

Our congratulations to the winners. The newly elected Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper, handed out the prizes and mingled with students and teachers at the party that followed.



## Dates for your Diary

If you have an event you would like us to list please contact: [chair@putney.society.org.uk](mailto:chair@putney.society.org.uk)

### Summer activity on Wimbledon and Putney Commons

Summer Evening Walk on Putney Common with the Senior Management Team

**10 July 2019 from 7.00pm**  
**Putney Lower Common**

**Location:** Meet at the Ranger's Compound, Putney Lower Common. Situated at the junction of Lower Richmond Road and Queen's Ride.

**Free** - but donations gratefully accepted. Booking: Booking is preferred but not essential: <https://www.wpcc.org.uk/things-to-do/events/profile/summer-evening-walk-with-the-senior-management-team>

### Butterfly and Dragonfly Walk on Wimbledon Common

**28 July 2019 (Check time when booking)**  
**Meeting at Ranger's Office**

Join our local experts for a walk around the Commons to learn about the Dragonflies, Damselflies and Butterflies we have here on the Commons. The walk will take approximately 2 hours and a pair of binoculars is recommended.

**Free** - but donations gratefully accepted. Please book at <https://www.wpcc.org.uk/things-to-do/events/profile/butterfly-and-dragonfly-walk>

### Friends of Putney Library AGM – plus talk about Local Literacy Charity

**17 July at 6.30pm, Putney Library**

Illustrated talk by Theresa Harris on the work of Learn to Love to Read.

Free but please book by emailing [Charlene.coleman@gll.org](mailto:Charlene.coleman@gll.org)

### Raising money for Zimbabwean orphanage

**27 July at 7:30pm**, the Charity Symphony Orchestra will be returning to St. Mary's Church on Putney High Street to raise money for the Vulindlela Guardians, who help run an orphanage in Zimbabwe.

The programme will include excerpts from Carmen by Bizet, Dvorak's Slavonic Rhapsody No. 1 and Brahms' Symphony No. 4.

**Tickets are £12 and £10** and are available on the door.