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Find out who is set to thrill festivalgoers this year

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Help us to improve the environment

## It's summertime!

Mitcham Carnival, Wimbledon Cannizaro Park Festival and the tennis set to make this a pulsating summer in Merton

# We asked, you said, we did

## A regular update on how we've responded to your feedback

**We asked about residents with learning disabilities and their experiences of bullying.**

### **You said**

People with learning disabilities experienced bullying on public transport, particularly after school closing times.



### **We did**

Merton People First and the Learning Disability Service hosted a conference on bullying.

A strategy is now being formulated based on the conference to tackle bullying on public transport, which will focus on greater engagement with schools in Merton.

**We asked residents across Merton to identify concerns about their local area in a joint exercise with Groundwork Merton.**

### **You said**

Problems such as busy roads, health and anti-social behaviour were the main areas of concern.

### **We did**

Develop neighbourhood action plans that addressed local needs and concerns.

A number of neighbourhood action plans for wards including Phipps Bridge, Abbey and Lavender are now available, which focus on concerns residents have identified.

The plans also focus on the significance of local partnership working and how it helps residents.

For further information on the neighbourhood plans, please call Penny Leslie, Tenant Participation Partnerships Officer on 020 8545 4467 or email [penny.leslie@merton.gov.uk](mailto:penny.leslie@merton.gov.uk)

If you are interested in how Merton Council is performing, then you can keep up to date by looking at [www.merton.gov.uk/performance](http://www.merton.gov.uk/performance)

## Regeneration



**The Leader of Merton Council, Councillor David Williams, writes for My Merton.**

Regenerating the three main town centres in Merton is an important priority for the Council. Plans for the redevelopment of the car park beside Wimbledon Theatre (the P4 site) are being progressed, as well as discussions with the Wimbledon Community Centre in St George's Road.

In Morden, which has suffered decline for decades, a small group of councillors from Cannon Hill, Merton Park, Ravensbury and St Helier wards – which are most directly affected – have seen a set of options for future regeneration. The council owns a substantial part of the land opposite the underground but on long leases. We have also been in contact with potential developers and Tube Lines, who own the air rights above the track behind the station and the marshalling yards. In the meantime, the council continues to liaise with Transport for London (TfL) about removing the street clutter around the station and making the area more attractive, including carrying out related road works and pedestrianisation.

Consultation with members of the public has resulted in revised plans for the regeneration of Mitcham town centre. It is clear that there is a desire to maintain a sense of community and preserve the village-like features of the Cricket Green, Fair Green, Three Kings Pond and Common. Figge's Marsh is also an important public open space. The key to generating development interest is improving transport links. The most important of these is a new station at Eastfields and, in consultation with council officers, Network Rail are at an advanced stage of negotiating its implementation. This could be during 2007 and will be a major achievement after decades of talks and hopes.

**Councillor David T Williams JP  
Leader of the Council**

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# Mitcham Carnival

The Mitcham Carnival is back on Saturday 16 June, and hoping to attract an even bigger crowd this year with its music and dance themes.

People are invited to attend from midday onwards to catch this amazing parade, which sets off from Figge's Marsh and makes its way to Three Kings Piece.

The day will be packed with music, dance, Punch and Judy, shows from the Essex Dog Display Team, and shows from comedy strong duo – Tony and Amanda Brutus.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the parade. The various floats will be judged and the winners will be awarded prizes.

Why not go and see the Young's Brewery exhibition at the Wandle Industrial Museum in Mitcham as well?

To take part in the parade or to book a stall, please call 020 8545 4888, or email [mitchamcarnival@merton.gov.uk](mailto:mitchamcarnival@merton.gov.uk)

Mitcham Carnival 2006



## More places to pay

Residents can now make cash payments for Housing Rent, Service Charges, and Council Tax at shops offering the Pay-Point and Pay-Zone networks. This is in addition to the option of paying at a Post Office. Simply present a Rent Card or a bar-coded Council Tax payment slip to the retailer when making a payment. For further information, please call 020 8545 3547.

## Plan ahead

Although Merton Council is introducing a new system of charging for pre-application planning advice in respect of minor housing and commercial applications, you will still be able to receive free advice from the council after 1 April if you are thinking of simply carrying out extensions to your own house.

It will no longer be possible to obtain free advice on minor housing and commercial applications from the planning duty officer at Merton Link. However, Merton Council will be providing expert advice on such proposals and you are encouraged to get their advice before submitting your application.

For further details please go to [www.merton.gov.uk/living](http://www.merton.gov.uk/living) John Hill on 020 8545 3099.

## Canterbury Studios set to create an impact

Canterbury Studios, an attractive and affordable selection of studios aimed at creative businesses, will open in June. The four studios on St Helier Estate have been developed and refurbished by the Regeneration Partnerships Team.

Merton Council is keen

to encourage the growth of a thriving creative business community, and the Canterbury Studios are an integral part of this vision. For further information, please call 020 8545 3837 or email [regen.partners@merton.gov.uk](mailto:regen.partners@merton.gov.uk)





## Merton in Bloom

Green fingered enthusiasts are no doubt looking forward to entering the 2007 Merton in Bloom competition.

The categories to be contested once again are:

- Best front garden over 20 sqm
- Best front garden under 20 sqm
- Best balcony
- Best school wildlife garden

- Best wildlife garden
- Best bloomin pub
- Best floral allotment garden
- Best hanging basket
- Best commercial premises
- Best community garden

If you would like a Merton in Bloom application entry form, please call 020 8545 3677 or email [cliff.iles@merton.gov.uk](mailto:cliff.iles@merton.gov.uk)

## Housing matters for older people

A new free directory to help older people understand housing issues is available now.

The directory gives information on housing issues affecting older people in the borough, details of options available, and lists local and national organisations and how they can help older people. Merton's Housing Strategy

Team has teamed up with Age Concern Merton and the voluntary group, Merton Seniors Forum, to produce a new directory called Housing Matters.

To get a free copy of Housing Matters, please call the Housing Strategy Team on 020 8545 3305 or Age Concern Merton on 020 8648 5792.

## Making Merton a better place to live

What issues or problems do you think Merton councillors should focus on to make Merton a better place to live?

Councillors on Merton's scrutiny panels will carry out a series of investigations on issues of local concern to find out how services can be improved and problems dealt with.

Now is your chance to let them know what you think they should be looking into. What issues affect

your life? What do you think the council should be focusing on? Which problems need to be approached from a new perspective?

If you want to suggest a topic for review, contact Kate Martyn, Scrutiny Manager on 020 8545 3857 or email [scrutiny@merton.gov.uk](mailto:scrutiny@merton.gov.uk)

Please note that these reviews cannot deal with complaints of an individual nature.

## Young voices run free

In March, children as young as 10 years of age were given the opportunity to grill senior managers and officers from the London Borough of Merton in a bid to find out how safe the streets of Merton really are.

This meeting, minuted and chaired by pupils from Merton's primary schools, was the quarterly sitting of Merton's Children's Council. Its purpose is to give children the platform

to voice their opinions freely on issues that affect their generation.

Cabinet Member for School Standards & Youth Engagements, Councillor Oonagh Moulton, said: "We are committed to listening to children and young people in the borough. Merton's Children's Council is an important way for children to have a clear voice on issues that affect them.



Children's Council



## School admissions

All schools in Merton have determined their admission arrangements for the 2008/09 intakes. Parents are able to view these arrangements at [www.merton.gov.uk/admissions/arrangements2008](http://www.merton.gov.uk/admissions/arrangements2008), or by email to [schoolsadmissions@merton.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissions@merton.gov.uk)

Parents are able to object to the Schools' Adjudicator if they feel they are unlawful, do not comply with the mandatory provisions of the Admissions Code of Practice 2007, or other provisions of regulation 9(1)(c)

of The School Admissions (Alteration and Variation of, and Objections to, Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2007.

If a parent wishes to object, they must do so by the end of June. They should be addressed to The Secretary to the Office of the Schools' Adjudicator, 3rd Floor, Vincent House, 2 Woodland Road, Darlington, DL3 7PJ.

For further information about school admission arrangements and objections, please call 020 8545 3267.



# Hot Flush!

AN OUTRAGEOUS NEW MUSICAL

*A Celebration of the wonderful world of HRT*

## Win group tickets to Hot Flush at New Wimbledon Theatre

Celebrating the wonderful world of HRT, the outrageous new musical *Hot Flush* hits New Wimbledon Theatre this June, boasting an all-star cast, fabulous new songs and sizzling choreography by *Strictly Come Dancing's* Brendan Cole. *My Merton* is giving away ten group tickets (for four people) so you can experience the perfect girls' night out!

Meet Myra, Sylvia, Helen and Jessica – who've all got problems, whether it's with their husbands, their lovers, a lack of passion or, in one case, too much of it! Share in the friendships, the secrets, the laughs and the tears of four ordinary women living extraordinary lives...

*Hot Flush* stars four sexy divas – *Sheila Ferguson* (*The Three Degrees*, *I'm A Celebrity*), *Rula Lenska* (*Celebrity Big Brother*), *Marti Webb* (*Evita*, *Tell Me On A Sunday*), *Rachel Izen* (*West End leading lady*) – and heart throb

*Sam Kane* (*Coronation Street*, *Brookside*). Send your answer and your name, address and phone number to *My Merton*, Communications, Second Floor, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX or email [mymerton@merton.gov.uk](mailto:mymerton@merton.gov.uk) by Friday 1 June.

For your chance to win one of ten group tickets to *Hot Flush*, simply answer the following question:

Sheila Ferguson was a member of which iconic band?

*Hot Flush* is on stage at New Wimbledon Theatre from Monday 11-Saturday 16 June. To book tickets, please call the box office on 0870 060 6646 or visit [www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk](http://www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk)

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to the five families who  
won a pair of tickets to  
see **One Flew Over The  
Cuckoo's Nest** or **The  
Rocky Horror Show** after  
correctly answering  
Shane Ritchie played  
Alfie Moon in  
**Eastenders**.

### Conditions:

The group tickets (for four people) are valid for any evening performance from Monday 11-Thursday 14 June only. They cannot be exchanged or transferred to another performance or production and there is no cash alternative.

# Eastfields Station update

Merton Council and Network Rail agreed in March that the name for the proposed new mainline station at Eastfields would be decided through a public consultation.

Residents were invited to submit possible names for the station by 30 April 2007.

A panel is currently considering the names put forward and a recommendation will then be made to Network Rail.

A public meeting to discuss the development of the station will be held once Network Rail has a fully

developed proposal. To make sure you are told when the meeting will take place, please contact Jonathan Lewis at Merton Council on 020 8545 3238 or by email to [jonathan.lewis@merton.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.lewis@merton.gov.uk).

As My Merton went to print, a planning application for Eastfields Station was expected. Once a planning application is submitted, it will be consulted on for a 21-day period, during which time you will have the opportunity to let Merton Council know what you think about it.



## Can you lend a helping hand?

Libraries in Merton are actively looking for volunteers to help support their service. Libraries are looking for people with some spare time that they can commit each week to help library members by offering help on computers or helping run activities.

If you are interested in volunteering to support Merton's Library Service, please call Mike Warwick on 020 8545 3773.

There are also opportunities for volunteers to join Friends groups and various sports clubs across the borough. For further information, please call 020 8545 3677 or email [leisure@merton.gov.uk](mailto:leisure@merton.gov.uk)



## Reducing the fear of crime

Merton Council and Merton Police want you to help keep Merton the 4th safest borough in London.

Merton Council's fear of crime campaign was launched recently on High Path Estate.

It aims to heighten awareness of the fact that tackling crime and reducing the fear of crime in Merton is a collaborative effort between the council, police and members of the community.

Fear of crime is often higher in areas when it has poor lighting, dirty streets or graffiti. Merton Council alleviates this through its robust approach to each of these issues. This was evident in the recent Best Value

Performance Indicator (BVPI) survey results, which showed improved satisfaction ratings in Merton's street scene.

Attending the launch was Deputy Leader, Councillor Samantha George, who said:

"Reducing the fear of crime is a massive priority for Merton Council and Merton Police. The message that we want to get out to residents is that Merton is a safe place."

If you are concerned about crime, please phone Merton Police on 020 8649 1212, or visit [www.met.police.uk/merton](http://www.met.police.uk/merton) for information on your Safer Neighbourhoods team. Alternatively, please visit [www.safermerton.org.uk](http://www.safermerton.org.uk)

## Have your say on Merton's future

Merton Council is urging residents to offer their views on the Local Development Framework (LDF), which is a blueprint for Merton's development over the next 15 years.

The LDF will say:

- What open spaces will be protected
- How many houses and flats will be built in Merton
- How many of these should be affordable and where it should be built

- How the quality of building design is going to be improved in Merton
- Changes to the town centres and shopping areas
- How to reduce Merton's carbon emissions.

The LDF will go to public consultation during June and July. For further information, please call Plans and Projects on 020 8545 3041 or visit [www.merton.gov.uk/planning](http://www.merton.gov.uk/planning)



Merton's top entertainment festival is coming soon and promising to be one of the best ever.

# Wimbledon Cannizaro Park Festival

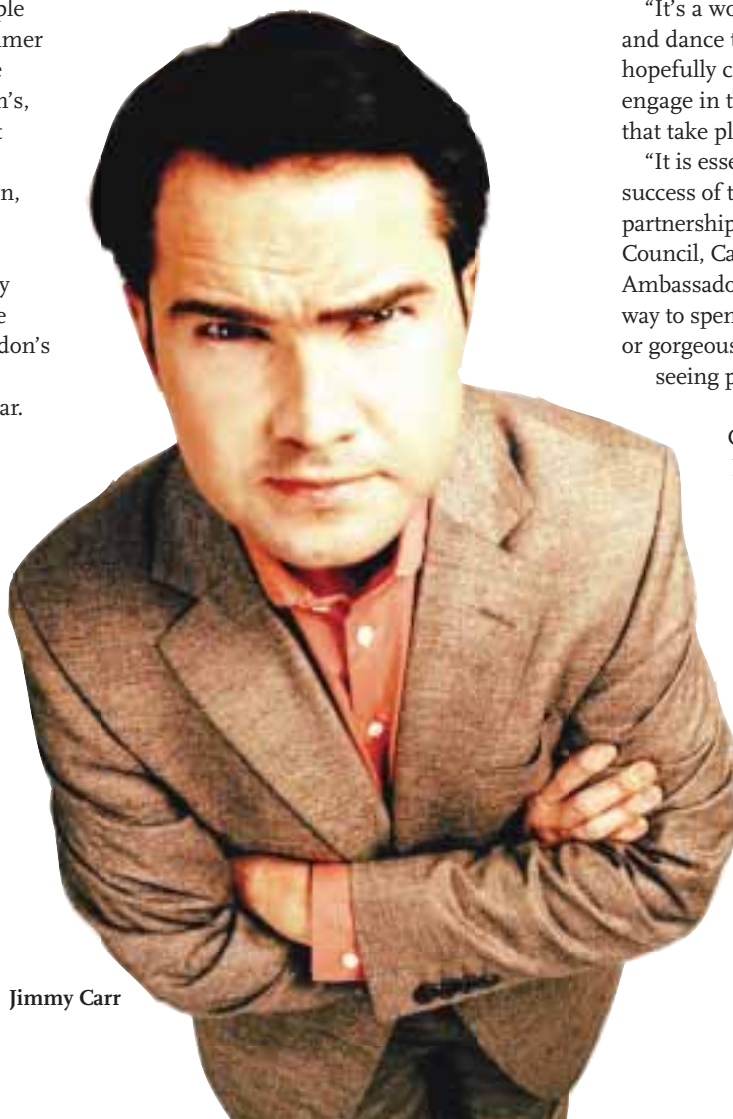
There are certain things people find synonymous with summer in London. Lazy days in the park, barbeques, cold Pimm's, and music concerts are just a few that Londoners will mention.

If you were to localise that to Merton, featuring high on the top of that list would be the annual Cannizaro Park Festival. A hedonistic blend of comedy acts, opera and diverse music acts, the Cannizaro Park Festival is one of London's major summer attractions and is the highlight of Merton's summer calendar.

Suzi Quatro, Jo Brand, Aled Jones and Jimmy Carr are just a taste of the exciting acts set to appear at Cannizaro Park this year between Saturday 14 July and Sunday 29 July.

The secret to the success of Cannizaro is without doubt the superb acts that the festival organisers book for the festival, as Councillor Maurice Groves, Merton Council's Cabinet Member for Community Services explained:

"This will be my second year as cabinet member for the Cannizaro Park Festival, and if last year is anything to go on, I am really looking forward to Cannizaro 2007.



Jimmy Carr

"It's a wonderful fusion of music, comedy and dance that will appeal to many and hopefully convert people who don't normally engage in the many arts and cultural events that take place across the borough.

"It is essential to add that the secret to the success of the festival lies in the fantastic partnership work that exists between Merton Council, Cannizaro Event Limited and the Ambassador Theatre Group. It is a wonderful way to spend those balmy summer evenings or gorgeous summer days. I look forward to seeing people there."

Peter Beckwith, Chairman of Cannizaro Event Ltd also made clear his aspirations for this year's festival:

"Wimbledon Cannizaro Park Festival 2007 promises to be one of the most exciting outdoor festivals in the UK this summer with top quality comedy, opera, theatre and music. We are delighted to have on board New Wimbledon Theatre, part of the Ambassador Theatre Group, which will provide first-class experience of the theatre industry to the festival."

My Merton is delighted to be able to publish a full list of the acts set to perform at the 2007 Cannizaro Park Festival – also see What's on, page 20.





Lazy summer days



Jo Brand



Aled Jones



La Bohème

## WHAT'S ON AT WIMBLEDON CANNIZARO PARK FESTIVAL

CS = Covered Stadium Seating  
GA = General Admission

### THE COMEDY STORE PLAYERS

Saturday 14 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £24 (CS), £18 (GA)

### SUZI QUATRO

Sunday 15 July, 8pm  
For ticket information, please contact the box office.



Suzi Quatro

### JO BRAND

Tuesday 17 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £20 (CS), £14 (GA).  
Suitable for ages 16 and over

### GARDEN OPERA - LA BOHÈME

Wednesday 18 July, 7.30pm  
Tickets: £26 (CS), £20 (GA)

### JONGLEURS COMEDY

Thursday 19 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £18 (CS), £12 (GA)

### THE HOLLIES

Friday 20 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £24 (CS), £18 (GA)

### HUMPHREY LYTTTELTON

Sunday 22 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £20 (CS), £14 (GA)

### ALED JONES AND THE WIMBLEDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Monday 23 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £26 (CS), £20 (GA)

### REDUCED SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Wednesday 25 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £20 (CS), £14 (GA)

### MUSICALS AT THE PROMS

Friday 27 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £25 (CS), £19 (GA)

### JIMMY CARR

Sunday 29 July, 8pm  
Tickets: £25 (CS), £19 (GA).  
Suitable for ages 16 and over

### Booking tickets

To book tickets, please contact the box office on 0870 060 2512 (booking fee applies) or book in person at New Wimbledon Theatre, The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1QG, Monday to Sunday between 10am and 6pm.

To book online, please visit [www.cannizaroparkfestival.com](http://www.cannizaroparkfestival.com)



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- 1. Pottery classes in the Wheel House
- 2. Merton Abbey Mills invites you in
- 3. Lunchtime performances
- 4. Vegetable stall
- 5. Charlie's rock shop
- 6. Waterwheel



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# Merton Abbey Mills

This issue we get the inside track on Merton Abbey Mills.

Lying in the heart of the borough, Merton Abbey Mills prides itself as London's Alternative Market, specialising in arts and crafts on the site of the old Liberty buildings. It's the perfect summer atmosphere with live music, good food and fine art next to the river Wandle.

The fully restored waterwheel is in motion every weekend when the market is open. It now powers a pottery wheel in the Wheelhouse, where Stephen Llewellyn set a personal record of creating 737 pots in 8 hours to raise money for the Royal Marsden charity.

There are pottery classes available on the weekends. Marcella Adamicova of Wimbledon has been coming to use one of the potter's wheels at the Wheelhouse for five months.

"I discovered it by accident and I enrolled straight away. It's good because you can book for a session or just come when you can and the teachers are really nice too. It's really relaxing."

The Colourhouse Theatre is a children's theatre based in the oldest building in Merton Abbey Mills. The theatre building is believed to be the only remains of the medieval Merton Priory surviving above ground. The ruins of the priory's Chapterhouse lie beneath Merantun Way. They are open to the public on special occasions and display some of the relics unearthed by the Museum of London Archaeological Service in 1988.

Merton Abbey Mills is the ideal place to start shopping for something a little bit different. If you are looking for a unique gift, there is handmade jewellery, paints, crafts and furniture.

Charlie's Rock Shop has been a favourite at Merton Abbey Mills for 18 years. It sells rocks, minerals, crystals and fossils "from small ammonites to lizards". It has a clairvoyant, Cassandra Eason, who visits regularly.

Surrey Strings sells, rents and repairs stringed instruments. Its sister company Abbey Music School offers one-to-one and group tuition, festivals, craft fairs, workshops, after school clubs and classes. Classes include banjo, harmonica, guitar, salsa, toddler workshops and DJ workshops.

Merton artist Nick Benjamin shares a store with jewellery designer Karen Young. Nick specialises in oil paintings with a twist. "I paint only using my fingers, not using any brushes."

Arttes4Kids is run by Dutch artist Tess Verheij as a workshop for children to express their creativity.

Georgia Chisnall celebrated her ninth birthday with painting and facepaint at Arttes4Kids. Her father, Paul Chisnall said: "We come to Abbey Mills quite often and

"We come to Abbey Mills quite often and we just think it's a great idea for children's birthday parties."

we just think it's a great idea for children's birthday parties. It's creative, it's fun and they're having a good time."

If all the excitement gets too much for you, relax at the William Morris pub, set on the original site of William Morris's printing works overlooking the river Wandle.

Upcoming events at Merton Abbey Mills include the Wandle Valley Festival and Abbeyfest. See What's On for more details or visit [www.wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk](http://www.wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk) and [www.abbeyfest.co.uk](http://www.abbeyfest.co.uk)



Thank you for taking part in last year's My Merton Readers' survey. Please take a few minutes to give your thoughts and impressions in this year's survey. It is designed to achieve a better understanding of how we can improve My Merton for you. As a thank you, everyone who responds will be placed into a free draw with one person winning £50 in Marks and Spencer gift vouchers.



# The survey

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- Very easy
- Quite easy
- OK
- Hard
- Very hard

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- Fairly useful
- Not very useful
- Not at all useful

**7. How much of My Merton do you read?**

- All
- Most
- Less than half
- Just a glance

**8. What is your overall rating of My Merton?**

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- OK
- Poor
- Very poor

**9. Does My Merton help you to understand the council's business objectives?**

- Yes
- No

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Is good value	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helps me to find out about community services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reports local issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is a topical publication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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- Community news
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- We asked, you said, we did
- Inside track
- Working life
- Your environment
- History
- Five minutes with...
- What's on
- Other...

**13. Your age**

- 18
- 18-29
- 30-49
- 50-69
- 70+

**DETAILS**

What is your postcode?

What is your name?

Phone number?

(This will only be used if you win the prize draw)

For a chance to have your say please pull out these pages and return by Friday 1 June 2007 to: My Merton Communications, Second Floor, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, SM4 5DX

Alternatively you can complete the survey online at our web page: [www.merton.gov.uk/mymerton](http://www.merton.gov.uk/mymerton)



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**MERTON SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP IMPROVED**  
**DUNDONALD**  
**WIN TICKETS FOR NIGHTS**

# workinglife

## My Merton meets Zoey O' Brien, a community development officer based at High Path.

**Z**oey O'Brien is a community development officer at High Path Community Resource Centre in Merton. She has worked in the borough since 1996, firstly as a day care assistant at the Jan Malinowski Centre, before moving to her current post three years ago.

"If you want the truth, I have actually been working with Merton Council since I was six," laughs Zoey. "Both my parents were Merton Youth Workers, so I would come to centres with them and play table tennis and badminton with adults with disabilities. I enjoyed it so much that I even got my friends down to help too." A number of the people that she works with at the centre can actually remember her as a child.

The service users who attend High Path can participate in activities ranging from trips to the bowling alley to cooking to a media group that make videos. "I enjoy coming here because I get to meet a lot of people and do a lot of activities," explains 70-year-old service user Roy Simpson. Roy plays a very important role at High Path. He is the co-chair of the Learning Disability Partnership Board, and plays an active part in the Speak Out Group, Client Committee and Merton People First. Each of these groups was set up to ensure that people with a learning disability have their say on issues that affect their community and their services in Merton.

High Path Community Resource Centre is committed to equal opportunities and promoting diversity. The centre aims to combat disadvantages and provide a forum to celebrate diversity and embrace 'differences' across race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, disability and age.

The centre's integrated range of facilities is designed to encourage each person to realise their potential, make informed choices and take more control of their lives.

Zoey's role is essentially to help and support adults with learning disabilities become more involved and integrated in the community.

"I try to encourage our clients to access parts of everyday life such as going to the gym or eating at a restaurant. Doing these activities gives them

more confidence and the desire to want to do more."

To get a better understanding of the needs of her clients, Zoey does a number of surveys a year to find out what they want from life. "On one occasion the clients wanted to do tai chi, so I found an instructor and sourced a venue. If it can't be done in Merton, I'll contact the nearest borough to find out if they can help. I'm a practical person and if I see an opportunity to do something worthwhile I'll do my best to make it happen."

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A number of additional services are run from High Path, including: the Community Outreach Team, Merton's employment advisor, the College leavers' group, the Shaw Trust and the Community Hairdresser. The centre is also used in the evenings by the Uptown Youth Club, the Merton P.H.A.B Club, the Police and Safer Neighbourhood Wardens.

"I can't explain in words how much I enjoy my role and working here at High Path. This resource centre is open to everybody; we even have our own hairdresser. Our clients are always active in showing people around and make everybody feel comfortable. Visitors get to see that adults living with disabilities are people too, with their own dreams and aspirations and that they have a place in the community. It's great when a project happens because the clients get a feeling of achievement and I feel really fulfilled."

For further information, please contact the High Path Community Resource Centre on 020 8241 2233.



Roy Simpson and Zoey O'Brien



Zoey O'Brien

# Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2007

Find out about what Merton Council is doing behind the scenes of one of Britain's busiest sporting events.

**T**he Wimbledon Tennis Championships is a worldwide event that is seen by millions of people around the world. It is one of the most famous occasions in the worldwide sporting calendar.

With the 2007 Championships on the horizon, My Merton offers a candid overview of exactly how much work is involved in keeping things ticking over during this famous fortnight.

## Cleaning up

- An average of five tonnes of rubbish is collected each day from outside the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) teams about ten tonnes a day in the first week.
- Street-cleansing teams will be working from 6am to 10pm to cope with the extra demand.
- Merton Council cleans the temporary toilets with their gully-cleaning machines at least twice daily and vehicle street sweepers clean the surrounding roads.
- 6km of roads outside the AELTC receive extra sweeping.
- Street Management Helpline: 020 8274 4902

## Traffic management and parking

- Merton Council controls the movement, parking and enforcement of traffic in the area around the AELTC to prevent traffic congestion during the fortnight.
- Parking Services: 020 8545 3465

## Ticket sales

- Merton Council works with the police during the tennis fortnight to reduce the sale of tickets illegally to visitors to the tennis, and to prevent illegal street trading.
- Trading Standards: 020 8545 4018

## Environmental health (commercial)

Wimbledon is the largest single outdoor catering operation in the UK. Over 500,000 people visit each year seeking a wide range of refreshments to satisfy different tastes and budgets.

Merton's Environmental Health Commercial Team is responsible for enforcing Food Safety and Staff Health and Safety at the Championships.

Over 1,000 catering staff are required to operate the catering outlets and quantities of food and drink served are enormous. Some examples are:

- 23 tonnes of strawberries – over a million strawberries
- 18 tonnes of smoked and fresh salmon
- 90,000 pints of draught beer and lager
- 12,000 bottles of champagne
- 100,000 sandwiches
- 143,000 ice creams
- 300,000 cups of tea.
- Environmental Health: 020 8545 3024

In addition over 100,000 lunches are served as well as 20,000 meals for the catering company's own staff.

- Environmental Health Officers inspect the catering units on the site and those trading outside.
- Outside the grounds, officers must use their enforcement powers if they find problems. Over the last five years there has been a steady improvement in standards at the club.

## Trading standards

Trading Standards officers provide advice and assistance to the club on a wide range of issues including:

- Weights and measures
- Price marking
- Trade descriptions
- Trade marks
- All food outlets and bars are visited to ensure that correct price information is being given, and all the beer meters and spirit measures are tested to ensure that visitors receive a full measure.
- Officers check for counterfeit goods in and around the ground throughout the Championships.
- Trading Standards: 020 8545 4018

## Dog warden

Merton Council's Dog Warden patrols the car park created in nearby Wimbledon Park to make sure no owners have left their pets in the car without adequate ventilation, shade and water.

- Dog warden: 020 8545 4118

## Ball boys and ball girls

Merton schools provide ball boys and ball girls.



Whether your family has lived in the area for generations, or you have just moved here, we tell you how to track down your forebears

myhistory

# Trace your family tree

Since the success of hit TV programme, *Who Do You Think You Are*, more people than ever want to trace their ancestral roots. My Merton here provides a brief guide to getting started on this fascinating voyage of discovery.

Begin with what you know already. Write down the full names and dates of birth of everybody in your immediate family. Your task is then to work backwards methodically, generation by generation. Make sure you talk to your relatives about what you are doing; somebody in your family might have already done some research that could save you a lot of time.

## Clues at home

Try to collect all the birth, death and marriage certificates that people hold.

These reveal information that will help you delve further back. If you have a parent's birth certificate, for example, you can find out their mother's maiden name. If you don't have certificates you can get them from the General Register Office. Find out how on their website: [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk) Registration started in England in July 1837. To go further back than this you need to use parish records. See [www.familyrecords.gov.uk/topics/religion.atm](http://www.familyrecords.gov.uk/topics/religion.atm) for more on this. If the event occurred abroad, there are separate indexes that you need to search. See: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/familyhistory](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/familyhistory)

The family attic might contain other documents that could prove helpful. Old diaries and letters might reveal geographical locations useful for basing your research around.



The Dutriez family from Mitcham, 1913

Photographs will give you an idea of what your relatives looked like. Can you see a family resemblance?

## ENGLAND EXPECTS

One of the best ways to piece your family tree together is using military records. Sadly, perhaps the best resource for this is the Commonwealth War Graves Commission database, which documents the names, burials and commemorations of the dead from the two world wars. See: [www.cwgc.org](http://www.cwgc.org)

Did one of your ancestors fight alongside Admiral Nelson at Trafalgar? When Nelson left his Merton residence for the last time in 1805, leaving "all which I hold dear in this World to go to Service my King and Country", did someone from your family go with him? You can find out if a relative fought in this famous battle by visiting: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/trafalgarancestors/](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/trafalgarancestors/)



Admiral Nelson

## Family memories

The best resources are of course family members themselves. Older relatives will be able to give you dates, names and places that you might never have heard of. You might want to record them speaking, but make sure they are comfortable about this first. It's also good to have a list of questions to ask before you speak with them, but try not to dwell on a subject that might be painful to remember. You can cross-reference stories from different people and use the information to build up a picture of your family. You can try showing people the results of your research in the hope that it will jog more memories.





### Census returns

The Government has carried out a population census every ten years since 1801. The information in a census is extremely revealing, and they are invaluable tools for the family historian. The personal nature of the census returns means that they are closed for 100 years. The latest census you can read now is from 1901. You can search them all by name on the National Archives website: [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/census](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/census)

You can find a householder's name, age, occupation, and most significantly, their place of birth. Is there a branch of your family nearby, just waiting to be discovered? It may be possible to learn about the social status of your relatives from their housing. To find someone in particular, depending on how common

your surname is, it helps if you know details like their age and where they lived.

### Immigration records

Many people in Merton will have relatives who moved to the UK from abroad. If this is the case, you can still research your family tree by visiting the National Archives in Kew to look at their immigration records. You can also visit [www.movinghere.org.uk](http://www.movinghere.org.uk) for more on migration to England.

Try not to be daunted by the number of official records available; most of them have been digitised and are now available on the internet. It is important, however, to write down everything that you find out. You can download genealogy software from the internet or simply draw your own family tree chart.

The local studies section at Morden Library also has a range of genealogical resources including trade directories, electoral registers, maps, periodicals and local census records. If you have a family history enquiry you can call them on 020 8545 3239. You can get copies of birth, marriage and death certificates for events which took place in Merton from 1837 onwards from Merton Registry Office in Morden. See [www.merton.gov.uk/register](http://www.merton.gov.uk/register).

The National Archives in Kew and the Family Record Centre in Islington are the places to visit if you want to take your research further. You can also join a local family history society so you can share your problems and receive help with your research. To find your nearest society visit [www.ffhs.org.uk](http://www.ffhs.org.uk)

**For more information about Merton's history visit our website**

[www.merton.gov.uk/history](http://www.merton.gov.uk/history)



Recycle Now Week starts in June. My Merton wants you to get involved and help improve the environment, and even win a prize!

# Recycle Now week 2007

The council is once again preparing for the annual Recycle Now Week. Each year, we have supported the national event with various local activities, with this year being no exception.

Last year we spoke to over 500 residents about recycling and composting in Merton, and now 25% of household waste in Merton is recycled.

This year residents in flats can benefit from communal recycling facilities as part of the council's recycling from flats scheme. You also have the use of two Reuse and Recycling Centres, where household waste can be separated out for recycling. Our Neighbourhood Recycling Centres were also refurbished this year, making them smarter and easier to use with colour-coded signs. Due to popular demand, we have introduced facilities for residents to recycle bottles at their local neighbourhood site.

Please do not forget that green waste can be composted at the Reuse and Recycling Centres or at home using one of Merton's subsidised compost bins. We can also collect green garden waste from your home for composting. The waste needs to be in special clear sacks. You can get two of these reusable sacks from any library if you take a recent council tax statement with you.

We have not forgotten schools during Recycle Now Week. Pupils will be treated to entertainment from 'Bozo and Zizzi' the clowns of BZents theatre group. They provide great entertainment with an educational message to help children learn their 'three Rs': reduce, reuse and recycle.



Our Environmental Development Team will be doing a tour of the borough during Recycle Now Week to raise awareness of how to recycle and compost.

Come and join us at one of the locations listed to find out more about recycling and how you can help better our environment. You could also win some recycled prizes. We hope to see you there!

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Date	Location	Time
Mon 4 June	Raynes Park Library, Approach Road, Raynes Park	1.30pm-6pm
	Partnership area, Civic Centre, Morden	9am-5pm
Tue 5 June	Outside Civic Centre, Morden,	10am-3pm
	Partnership area, Civic Centre, Morden	9am-5pm
Wed 6 June	Mitcham town centre, by the clock tower and market	10am-3pm
	Partnership area, Civic Centre, Morden	9am-5pm
Thu 7 June	Wimbledon Broadway Piazza, Wimbledon	12pm-8pm
	Partnership area, Civic Centre, Morden	9am-5pm
Fri 8 June	Savacentre foyer, Colliers Wood	9am-5pm
	Partnership area, Civic Centre, Morden	9am-5pm

We will also be at Mitcham Carnival on Saturday 16 June. For more information about recycling in Merton please go to [www.merton.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.merton.gov.uk/recycling) or call the waste helpline: 020 8274 4902.

# what's on

Your comprehensive guide to what's happening in Merton. [www.merton.gov.uk/events](http://www.merton.gov.uk/events)

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## Arts and Entertainment

### Le Grand Cirque

A breathtaking and heart pounding spectacle that will astound you.

Tuesday 5 June – Saturday 9 June, Tuesday – Thursday evenings 7.30pm, Wednesday 2.30pm, Friday 5pm and 8pm, Saturday 2.30pm and 8pm.

From £9  
New Wimbledon Theatre  
0870 060 6646  
[www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk](http://www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk)



### Hill Singers' Summer Concert

A concert of madrigals and songs featuring English madrigal arrangements of works by Gershwin and Cole Porter.

Saturday 9 June, 8pm  
£9 or £7 (concessions) on the door or £8 in advance.  
St Matthew's Church,  
Durham Road, Raynes Park.  
[www.hillsingers.co.uk](http://www.hillsingers.co.uk)

### Morden Park Choral Society

Summer concert of very light-hearted music  
Saturday 9 June, 7.30pm  
St John the Divine,  
High Path, Merton  
£5, concession £4  
020 8648 6445

### Royal Philharmonic Orchestra presents: John Lill

Sunday 10 June, 7pm  
A Tchaikovsky gala concert featuring three of the Russian master's greatest works. Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture, the ever-popular Piano Concerto No.1

and the emotive Symphony No.6 'Pathetique'. Conductor Owain Arwel Hughes.  
New Wimbledon Theatre  
0870 060 6646 [www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk](http://www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk)

### Hot Flush!

Sheila Ferguson, Rula Lenska, Marti Webb and Sam Kane star in an outrageous new musical.  
11 – 14 June, 7.30pm,  
15 – 16 June, 6pm and 9pm.  
Tickets from £8.  
New Wimbledon Theatre  
0870 060 6646 [www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk](http://www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk)

### Gerard Le Feuvre - two concerts

An afternoon interactive children's concert – bring a teddy. And an evening of well known classical music featuring Gerard Le Feuvre and the Kings Chamber Orchestra  
Saturday 16 June, 3pm  
St Luke's Church, Ryfold Road, Wimbledon Park  
[www.wimbledonchurch.co.uk](http://www.wimbledonchurch.co.uk)

### Wimbledon Symphony Summer Concert

A concert of Stravinsky, Britten, Elgar and Beethoven's Piano Concerto no 1 with Kerem Hasan – a young and very talented local pianist, and winner of the prestigious London International Music Competition  
Saturday 30 June, 7.30pm  
£12, concessions £9  
St Matthews Church,  
Durham Road, Raynes Park

### An evening of Viennese music

West Barnes Singers perform works by the great Viennese composers  
Saturday 30 June, 7.30pm  
£8, £6 concession and £3 children  
Trinity Church, Mansell Road, Wimbledon  
[www.westbarnessingers.co.uk](http://www.westbarnessingers.co.uk)

### Merton Music Foundation Gala Concert

This is an opportunity to hear all the bands and orchestras run by the Merton Music Foundation, including the highly acclaimed Merton Youth Jazz Orchestra and Merton Youth Concert Band.  
Sunday 8 July  
Fairfield Halls,  
Park Lane, Croydon  
020 8640 5446  
[www.mmf.org.uk](http://www.mmf.org.uk)

### Marryat Players Concert

Chamber Orchestra for Young Musicians  
Thursday 19 July, 7.30pm  
Free  
The Great Hall, King's College School, Southside, Wimbledon Common  
[www.marryatplayers.com](http://www.marryatplayers.com)

### Painting Marathon

All welcome to take part in painting for Rainbow Trust, charity supporting terminally ill children. Painting will be followed by an auction of everything painted during the day. Facepainting also available.  
Sunday 29 July, 10am – 3.30pm, 4pm auction.  
£10 approx  
Merton Abbey Mills  
020 8543 6616  
[www.arttes.co.uk](http://www.arttes.co.uk)

## Walks, talks, fairs and markets

### Funday and Car Boot Fair

Funday starts 10am, Car Boot starts 7.30am – your chance to grab some great bargains. Vehicle entrance opposite Travis Perkins, Morden Road.  
Monday 28 May, 8.30am – 6pm  
Cars £8, vans £12  
Ravensbury Park, Morden Road, Mitcham, CR4 4DA  
[www.wimbledonlions.org.uk](http://www.wimbledonlions.org.uk)

## staying in?

Here's a selection of what's new in Merton's libraries:

### MM'S BOOK CHOICE

#### Giles Chapman: Top Gear: My dad had one of those

Good old Dad and his good old Dad's car. Spanning the 1950s to the 80s, this book is a celebration of the heyday of the Dad car.



From much loved family workhorses like the Ford Cortina and Vauxhall Viva to the rakish excitement and playground kudos of the Rover 3500 and Citroen CX, all the great Dad cars are here.

#### Other new books

##### Fiction:

Michael Connelly: *The Overlook*, Janet Evanovich: *Lean Mean Thirteen*, Susanna Gregory: *To Kill or Cure*, Dean Koontz: *The Good Guy*, Penelope Lively: *Consequences*, James Patterson: *The Quickie*, Rosie Thomas: *Constance*

##### Non-Fiction:

Giles Baxter: *Don't miss a ball: 50 years of test match special*, Terry Denby: *Spoilt: An East End childhood*, Anton Gill: *Empire's Children* (TV tie-in), Ferzanna Riley: *Unbroken Spirit*, Nick Ward and Sinead O'Brien: *Left for dead: the untold story of the Fastnet disaster*

### MM'S FILM CHOICE

#### Charlotte's Web

The film adaptation of E B White's classic children's novel, *Charlotte's Web* features an all-star cast of voices from Julia Roberts as the spider Charlotte, to Steve Buscemi, John Cleese and Oprah Winfrey. Child star Dakota Fanning plays Fern, the young girl who rescues Wilbur and he becomes the newest addition to the barnyard, although his days may be numbered.



#### Other new DVDs:

*Babel* (2006 Cannes Winner), *Bobby*, *The Pursuit of Happiness*, *Tractor Tom: Baa Baa Tom Sheep* and other stories

KEY: ■ COLLIERS WOOD ■ MITCHAM ■ MORDEN ■ RAYNES PARK ■ WIMBLETON/MERTON

## Wimbledon Cannizaro Park Festival

Sat 14 - Sun 29  
July 2007  
0870 060 2512

[www.cannizaroparkfestival.co.uk](http://www.cannizaroparkfestival.co.uk)  
Cannizaro Park,  
West Side,  
Wimbledon Common,  
SW19 4UE

(CS) Covered stadium seating  
(GA) General admission

### The Comedy Store Players

Saturday 14 July, 8pm  
The inspiration behind the classic TV show *Whose Line Is It Anyway?*, returns to Cannizaro. The players are Josie Lawrence, Paul Merton, Neil Mullarkey, Lee Simpson, Andy Smart, Jim Sweeney and Richard Branch (cast to be confirmed).  
Tickets: £24 (CS), £18 (GA)

### Suzi Quatro

Sunday 15 July, 8pm  
For ticket information, please contact the box office.



### Jo Brand

Tuesday 17 July, 8pm  
Britain's best female stand-up takes to the Cannizaro stage in her hilarious brand new show. Supported by Andy Robinson.  
Tickets: £20 (CS), £14 (GA). Suitable for ages 16 and over

### Garden Opera - La Boheme

Wednesday 18 July, 7.30pm  
Puccini's emotionally charged and ravishingly beautiful opera, which never fails to enthral its audience. Sung in Amanda Holden's renowned English translation.  
Tickets: £26 (CS), £20 (GA)

### Jongleurs Comedy

Thursday 19 July, 8pm  
Back by popular demand, Jongleurs, the name which helped launch the careers of Graham Norton, Jack Dee and many more, presents the biggest and funniest stars from the comedy circuit.  
Tickets: £18 (CS), £12 (GA)

### The Hollies

Friday 20 July, 8pm  
One of the original classic bands of the 60s perform some of their greatest hits including *Air That I Breathe*, *Bus Stop* and *On A Carousel*.  
Tickets: £24 (CS), £18 (GA)

### Humphrey Lyttelton

Sunday 22 July, 8pm  
One of the true greats of the jazz world, Humphrey Lyttelton returns to get your toes tapping and hips swinging in the ultimate jazz experience.  
Tickets: £20 (CS), £14 (GA)

### Aled Jones and the Wimbledon Symphony Orchestra

Monday 23 July, 8pm  
Sure to be the smash hit of the festival, we are delighted to present the ultimate entertainer, Aled Jones, guest starring with

Wimbledon's own highly acclaimed orchestra on stage together for one night only.  
Tickets: £26 (CS), £20 (GA)

### Reduced Shakespeare Company

Wednesday 25 July, 8pm  
Loosen your doublets, sort out your singlets and prepare to let the RSC take you through all 37 Shakespeare plays in just 97 minutes.  
Tickets: £20 (CS), £14 (GA)

### Musicals at the Proms

Friday 27 July, 8pm  
The British Philharmonic Concert Orchestra play an exhilarating mix of West End favourites alongside a traditional flag-waving proms concert. Featuring *Grease*, *Mary Poppins*, *Jerusalem* and *Rule Britannia*, come along for a magical evening under the stars.  
Tickets: £25 (CS), £19 (GA)



### Jimmy Carr

Sunday 29 July, 8pm  
Direct from presenting the 4th series of his smash hit TV show *8 Out of 10 Cats*, the comic master Jimmy Carr closes the festival with his brand new stand-up show, *Gag Reflex*.  
Tickets: £25 (CS) £19 (GA). Suitable for ages 16 and over

**More acts to be announced soon!**

### Beekeeping Course

A two-day practical beekeeping course with 'hands on' experience offering an insight into honeybees, their life cycle and their place in the environment.  
Saturday 2 - Sunday 3 June, 9.30am - 4pm  
£25  
Morden Hall Park Apiary, Morden Hall Road, Morden, SM4 5JD  
[www.wimbledon-bees.co.uk](http://www.wimbledon-bees.co.uk)

### Lions Club Bi-monthly Meeting

Come and join us at your local community centre to see what's going on and how the lions are helping make this community better.  
Tuesday 5 June, Tuesday 19 June, Tuesday 3 July, Tuesday 17 July, 7.45pm  
Free  
South Mitcham Community Centre, Cobham Court, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 3PR  
[www.mertonlions.org.uk](http://www.mertonlions.org.uk)

### Abbeyfest 2007

Two-month summer festival of music, theatre and comedy with a blues festival and Kidsfest on 27 August, a dedicated children's festival. Celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.  
Wednesday 6 June - Monday 27 August  
Merton Abbey Mills, Watermill Way, SW19 2RD  
[www.Abbeyfest.co.uk](http://www.Abbeyfest.co.uk)

### Family Day

Annual Family Day - History Through The Ages - bouncy castles, sidestalls, inflatable pillow bash, BBQs, beer tent, strawberries and cream, candy floss, plant stall, tombolas, grand draw, steam train, Radio Kingston, fancy dress competition, stallholders, displays and other attractions.  
Saturday 9 June, 11am - 3pm  
50p over 12s  
Wimbledon Chase Primary School, Merton Hall Road, Wimbledon Chase, SW19 3QB

### St Saviour's Church Table Top Sale

All welcome - refreshments being served.  
Saturday 9 June,

10am - 1pm.  
St Saviour's Church, Grand Drive, SW20.  
Admission 30p adults (£1 before 10am), children free. For table bookings (£5 each) ring Margaret on 020 8540 2493.

### Wimbledon Quaker discussions

Wednesday 20 June: Gemma Wolfes from Anti-slavery International will speak on *Modern Slavery* and draw our attention to the horrors of slavery in the contemporary world, including the UK.  
Wednesday 20 July: Eric Bramsted and Alison Wallace will introduce *George Fox's Journal*. George Fox was the charismatic and dynamic founder of the Quakers in the 1650s.  
8pm  
Meeting House, 40 Spencer Hill Road, off Worple Road  
All non-Quakers are equally welcome.  
020 8542 9618

### Summer Show

Mitcham Horticultural Society host their annual Summer Show. The Mitcham Horticultural Society meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, new members welcome. Come along for ideas and advice on what to grow in your garden during the year. Meetings held at Mitcham Library (rear hall), London Road, Mitcham.  
Saturday 30 June, 2.15pm. Free.  
St Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Road, Mitcham  
020 8640 3254

### Bingo Night Monthly Event

First Thursday of every month. A chance for some of the community to get together and have fun playing bingo.  
Thursday 7 June - Thursday 2 August, 7.30pm  
Free  
De Vere House, Darlaston Road, Wimbledon  
[www.wimbledonlions.org.uk](http://www.wimbledonlions.org.uk)

### Saturday Car Boot Fairs

The lions are back. Public entrance from 2.30pm. Your chance to grab some great bargains.

Saturday 23 June  
 – Saturday 18 August,  
 2pm – 6pm  
 Cars £8, vans £12  
 South Wimbledon  
 Community Centre,  
 72 Haydons Road,  
 Wimbledon, SW19 1HQ  
 www.wimbledonlions.org.uk

■ **National Osteoporosis Society – South West London Group**

We meet on the third Tuesday each month (except August and December) between 3pm and 5pm for talks, slides, information and advice on osteoporosis. Guild House, 30/32 Worple Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4EF  
 020 8672 5873

■ **Morden Mosque Open Days**

The Morden mosque holds open days on the last Sunday of each month between 1pm and 4pm. Visitors can walk into the site and be given a guided tour. They can ask any questions about Islam

and have an informal one to one discussion. Light refreshments are available. If you cannot attend on Sundays, you can make an appointment for another time. Please contact us by email at info@baitulfutuh.org to make an appointment or for any questions about visiting. Last Sunday of the month, 1pm – 4pm.  
 Free  
 Baitul Futuh Mosque,  
 181 London Road, Morden, SM4 5HF  
 www.baitulfutuh.org

■ **Merton Park Afternoon Townswomen's Guild**

Meets every fourth Tuesday at 1.45pm  
 Tuesday 26 June:  
 Mrs S Schwarz's film show of Greenland.  
 Tuesday 24 July: Mr D Roe talks about pub signs and English traditions.  
 St Mary's Parish Hall,  
 Church Path,  
 Merton Park  
 020 8542 7756

**Health, fitness and well-being**

■ **Wimbledon Park Bowls Club Open Days**

Club night Wednesday evening, Tuesday afternoon social league, weekend competitions. New members welcome, age 8 to 80+, free coaching available.  
 Open days: Wednesday 16 May, 6pm – 8pm,  
 Tuesday 29 May, 2pm – 4pm and Saturday 16 June 2.30pm – 4.30pm.  
 020 8871 2971  
 email winter\_n@hotmail.com

■ **Desperate Horsewives at Wimbledon Village Stables**

Six-week course meeting every Wednesday morning for a 45-minute session of horse care followed by one hour's riding.  
 Wednesday 6 June  
 Wimbledon Village Stables  
 020 8946 8579  
 www.wvstables.com

**Wimbledon Village Fair 2007**

Annual charity fundraising event run by the Wimbledon Guild. Horse show, fun dog show, entertainment all day on the stage, over 200 stalls, Food Village and loads to do for all the family including pony rides, climbing wall and Punch and Judy. Contact us for more details or look on the website www.wimbledonguild.co.uk  
 Saturday 23 June 2007, 10.30am – 5.30pm  
 Free  
 Wimbledon Common Southside, SW19 4TL  
 www.wimbledonguild.co.uk



**MERTON CHILDREN'S INFORMATION SERVICE (CIS)**



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**Back to School**

If you are looking for a range of childcare, and children/young people's services, resources and educational opportunities within Merton.

Please contact the CIS for free information and advice on: 020 8545 3800 or cis@merton.gov.uk

We are open Monday-Friday 8.30am-4.30pm

www.merton.gov.uk



## Roar With Laughter Comedy Club

On the second and last Thursdays of every month  
 Thursday 31 May: Phil Nichol, Harry Hill, Ben Norris  
 Thursday 14 June: Stewart Lee, Simon Munnery  
 Thursday 28 June: Jim Jeffries, Andy Zaltzman, Jon Richardson  
 Special: Wednesday 4 July: Frank Sidebottom  
 GJ's, 62 High Street, Colliers Wood, London, SW19 2BY  
 £7 (£6 concs), doors open 8.30pm, show starts 9pm, bar closes midnight  
 Information: 0845 838 2591  
 Email: info@roarwithlaughter.co.uk  
 www.roarwithlaughter.co.uk

### Midweek walk

Gentle walk on Mitcham Common, followed by coffee. The wildflowers should be at their best.  
 Thursday 7 June, Thursday 5 July, 10.30am  
 Free  
 Meet at the ecology centre, Windmill Road, Mitcham

### Bike Week Event

To celebrate the start of Bike Week bring your bike along for a free safety check and get advice on safe cycling from qualified

National Standard Cycle Instructors.  
 Saturday 16 June, 10am – 1pm  
 Free  
 Wimbledon Racquets and Fitness Club, Cranbrook Road, Wimbledon, SW19 4HD  
 www.pedalinthrightplace.co.uk

### Intensive Four-Day Riding Course

Ideal for adults with some riding experience who would like some intensive tuition and lecture demonstration to

## Wandle Valley Festival

Have fun and learn about life along the river Wandle, past and present. There are river discovery trails, arts and crafts and archaeology activities for all ages. Check out local wildlife and visit exhibits showing why the Wandle was one of England's most important rivers. Join a guided walk, cycle ride or a fun run along all or part of the river.

A leaflet with details of all activities is available from Saturday 5 May 2007 at Merton Abbey Mills, Deen City Farm, Morden Hall Park, Wandle Industrial Museum and your local library.

Sunday 24 June 2007, 10am – 4pm  
 Free

Merton Abbey Mills, Morden Hall Park, Wandle Industrial Museum, Deen City Farm, Wandle Trail  
 Email: info@wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk  
 www.wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk



improve their skills.  
 Tuesday 24 – Friday 27  
 July 2007  
 Wimbledon Village Stables  
 020 8946 8579  
 www.wvstables.com

### Hercules Wimbledon Athletic Club

Athletics training for people of all abilities aged 10+ on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sunday mornings and seven years+ on Sunday mornings.  
 Wimbledon Park Track  
 www.herculeswimbledonac.org.uk

### Healthy Walks

Walks taking place at a different green space location every fortnight around the borough. It's a chance to get fit and an opportunity to meet lots of like-minded people. The walks are accessible to all abilities, everyone welcome.  
 Various locations  
 Wednesdays, 1.30pm  
 Free  
 020 8545 3663 www.merton.gov.uk/healthy\_walks

### Cricket

Battersea Ironsides Cricket Club is looking for additional players for the 2007 season.  
 Saturday 5 May – Saturday 29 September, 1.30pm – 6.30pm  
 £200 for season  
 Abbey Recreation Ground, Morden Road, SW19  
 www.batterseaironsides.co.uk

### Baby Massage

Learn from a certified infant massage instructor how to massage your baby. Group classes held at venues in SW18 and SW19. Babies six weeks to one year old welcome.  
 £50 for a four-week course  
 07951 573 928,  
 email: info@viehealth.co.uk  
 www.viehealth.co.uk

### Raynes Park Badminton Club

Small, friendly badminton club welcomes new members of average club standard. Thursdays.  
 020 8540 4565.

### Cranleigh Tennis and Social Club, Merton Park

Tennis club with excellent facilities welcomes new

members of all ages – full coaching programme available for juniors and adults.  
 Sunday afternoons  
 020 8540 4565

## Toddlers, kids and teens

### School Holiday Activity

Join us at making animal and bird masks in the snuff mill.  
 Thursday 31 May, 11am – 3pm  
 £1.50  
 The Snuff Mill, Morden Hall Park, Morden Hall Road, Morden, SM4 5JD  
 Email: mordenhallpark@nationaltrust.org.uk

### Meadow Hay machines

Family event looking at the hay meadows. Follow a wildflower safari, learn about minibeasts and haymaking machines.  
 Thursday 31 May, 11am – 3pm  
 £1.50 a child  
 The National Trust, Morden Hall Park, Morden Hall Road, Morden, SM4 5JD  
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

### Tweenies live!

These kids' favourites bring their popular BBC TV show live to the stage, complete with music, dancing and sing-a-long songs.  
 Friday 1 June, 5pm,  
 Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 June, 11am and 2pm.  
 Adults £14.50, Children £12  
 New Wimbledon Theatre  
 0870 060 6646 www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk

### Snuff Mill Open Day

Make a magical bird. Explore myths, legends and secrets about the park. Follow the tree trunk stories around the park.  
 Sunday 3 June, 12pm – 4pm  
 £1.50 a child for crafts  
 The National Trust, Morden Hall Park, Morden Hall Road, Morden, SM4 5JD  
 www.nationaltrust.org.uk

### Dads, Lads and Lasses Open Day

Dads, Lads and Lasses Open Day, free to new dads (usually £4 a dad)

for children up to 10 years of age.  
 Saturday 16 June, 10am – 12pm  
 Free  
 YMCA Wimbledon, 200 The Broadway, Wimbledon, SW19 1RY  
 www.kwymca.org.uk

### Disney's High School Musical

The award-winning Songtime Theatre Arts perform this brand new full-length Broadway style musical based on the smash hit movie High School Musical.  
 Tuesday 19 – Thursday 21 June, 7.30pm, Friday 22 June, 5pm and 8pm, Saturday 23 June, 11am, 3pm and 7.30pm  
 Tickets from £8.50.  
 New Wimbledon Theatre  
 087 0060 6646 www.newwimbledontheatre.co.uk

### Deen City Farm Holiday Programmes

Holiday programmes for children over 8 at Deen City Farm – Tuesday to Friday.  
 Tuesday 24 July – Friday 17 August, 10am – 4pm  
 £18 a day  
 Deen City Farm, 39 Windsor Avenue, Merton Abbey, SW19 2RR  
 020 8543 5300  
 www.deencityfarm.co.uk

### Wimbledon Village Stables Children's Holiday Course

Children enjoy a riding session every day and learn how to look after their 'own' ponies including grooming, tacking up and feeding.  
 Suitable for children aged 5-10 years.  
 Summer Holidays  
 1.45pm – 4pm £145  
 020 8946 8579  
 www.wvstables.com

### Baby Music

Explore sound and rhythm, develop coordination and language skills  
 Thursdays, 10am – 12pm  
 £3.90  
 South Mitcham Community Centre, Cobham Court, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 3PR  
 www.smca.co.uk



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# 5 minutes with...

## Anthony Adkins

**Anthony Adkins is a Young Awards leader for the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards (D of E) for the London Borough of Merton. He recently co-hosted the annual presentation evening at Ursuline High School, on Wednesday 28 February.**

### What is the D of E?

The D of E is a programme of different activities for young people aged between 14 and 25. The scheme is recognised on a national level and it gives young people the opportunity to make new friends, try new skills and really challenge themselves. You are awarded either bronze, silver or gold depending on what you do. I joined when I was 14 and now supervise younger members of the scheme.

### Are you still challenged after three years?

Yeah, absolutely. There is always something new and I feel that I'm learning all the time. The D of E has four different sections: Physical Recreation, Skills – which can be an extension of your hobbies, Service – which basically occurs when you give something back to the community, for example spending time with the police service. The fourth is Expeditions. There are three different types of expeditions, bronze when you walk for 15 miles, silver for 30 miles and gold for 50 miles.

### In what ways do you help younger members?

I helped the younger people to do their bronze by helping them with their map and compass reading skills. These are skills they would have to master successfully.

### What has been the hardest thing about doing the D of E?

Motivating people during the expeditions when things haven't gone according to plan.

### What has been the best thing about the D of E?

I'd have to say the expeditions again. On my last trip (to Morocco) we went with a group of 19 young people and six leaders. It was a bit tough at first because nearly everybody knew each other and I felt a bit like the new boy at school. I really enjoyed it because I made so many friends and got the chance to experience a beautiful country. It also helped me to be more diplomatic, a necessary skill as being with the group 24/7 could be a bit intense.

If you would like to find out about the Duke of Edinburgh's scheme in Merton, please call Carol Curtis on 020 8648 1786 or email [carol.curtis@merton.gov.uk](mailto:carol.curtis@merton.gov.uk)

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# **YOUR Merton youth service**

**YOUR PULL-OUT  
GUIDE TO THE  
MERTON YOUTH SERVICE**

**Are you a  
teenager  
in merton?**

**Merton Youth Service...**

**...has places  
to go and things to  
do for young people.**

Information about summer schemes  
and youth clubs in your area.

[www.merton.gov.uk](http://www.merton.gov.uk)



## Schemes funded by the Merton Youth Activity Fund:

### Sing It Loud Summer Project – St Teresa's Church Morden

A young people's (aged 11–19) summer singing project which will teach individual singing ability, singing as a group and public performance. It is a week-long course consisting of workshops, individual and group voice coaching and a final public performance.

Contact [rob@mvsc.co.uk](mailto:rob@mvsc.co.uk) for more information.



### Up-Town Summer Scheme

For ages 9–12 (junior) and 13–19 (senior) (or up to 25 with a disability) at High Path Community Resource Centre, 63 High Path, SW19 2JY from Wednesday 4 July to Wednesday 26 September. Sessions run Wednesday and Friday Evenings from 7pm–10pm and Saturdays from 4pm–7pm. Times and costs will vary for trips out such as ice skating, bowling and swimming. Other activities include dance and music production. Cost £1 a session.

For more information call 020 8640 5413 or 07957 112 260 or email [simmsjm@aol.com](mailto:simmsjm@aol.com).

### Boys & Girls Brigade

For young people aged 10–18, sessions will take place between 6pm–9pm at Tooting Junction Baptist Church Hall, Longley Road, SW17. Cost £1, activities include arts, crafts, music tuition.

For further information contact Chris Buss email [cbuss@aol.com](mailto:cbuss@aol.com)

### Hercules Wimbledon Athletic Club Summer Programme

Track and field athletics, cross country and road running.

At Wimbledon Park track:  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 6.30pm–8pm aged 10 upwards.  
Sundays 10am–11am for ages 7–10 years, 10am–12pm for 10 year olds upwards. Cost £1 a session. Also cross country running on Wednesdays from Lauriston Cottage, Lauriston Road, SW19 for aged 10 upwards. Assemble 6.45pm, no charge.

Further information from Maurice Sharp on 020 8337 8707 or Pat Yeates on 020 8640 2078



### Soul in the City

From Monday 30 July to Saturday 4 August on the High Path Estate, Merton Abbey School Field. For all ages, the week will include sports tournaments, drop in café, inflatable, crafts, workshops, face painting, a community BBQ, a finale event and an estate clear up afternoon. The scheme is free to participants.

Please contact Naomi Panter on 07739 905 270 for more information.



### Colliers Wood Woodcraft Folk Sommerleir 2007

For 10–17 year olds at Colliers Wood Community Centre/Oslo Norway International residential from 27 July to 7 August to include activities such as music, dance, drama and craft workshops, climbing, football. Cost £150.

Contact Tom Searle on 020 8543 0835 or Peter Dauncey on 020 8540 5780



## South Wimbledon/ Morden Summer Scheme

Based at South Wimbledon Youth Centre, Haydons Road, Wimbledon from 31 July to 17 August, Tuesdays to Thursdays 1pm–7pm (times will vary for trips). For young people aged 13 to 19, activities include arts and crafts, mountain boarding, dance, drug awareness programme, project work on India's Partition, watersports, Thorpe Park, theatre trip, sports day and end of scheme BBQ. Registration before 19 July, cost £10 a week or £3.50 a day.

## Youth Service Schemes

**For more information,  
please call  
Merton Youth Office  
on 020 8640 7050**

### Insight

40–41 Monarch Parade, London Road, Mitcham Afternoon club running from 23 July–3 August and 20 August–31 August every day from 3pm–6pm for young people aged 11–16 years old. Activities include drama, lyric writing competition, T Shirt/Pillow design, recycling project, debates on subjects including personal safety, drugs and alcohol awareness, healthy living, sex and relationships. Entry is free, some activities will cost £1.

For general support, information and advice from Insight, sessions will also run from 12pm–3pm throughout the summer.

## M.A.G.I.C Summer Scheme

Mixed Ability In the Community summer programme for young people with disabilities aged 13–25. Running from Monday 13 to Friday 24 August, sessions run Monday to Friday 10am–4pm (may be different for trips). Activities include arts and crafts, cooking, trips out to the cinema, bowling, the Tower of London, Whippsnade Animal Park, Kew Gardens and Lego Land, with a party at the end of scheme. Cost £25 a week.



## U Project Summer Scheme

Based at South Wimbledon Youth Centre, Haydons Road, Wimbledon. The scheme is for young people leaving Year 11 with no destination in education, employment or training. Starting Monday 23 July for 3 days a week until Friday 10 August. Activities include guidance and advice on college applications, CVs, letter writing and other skills, as well as one trip out a week to theme parks and other venues. No cost to participants.

## Phipps Bridge Summer Scheme

For young people on the estate from 23 July to 10 August, Monday to Friday, 10am–4pm from Phipps Bridge Youth Centre, Cobham Court, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham. Activities include arts and crafts, fashion show, dance, horse riding, paint balling, Thorpe Park, outdoor activities, sports and an end of scheme BBQ. Cost is £15 a week or £3.50 a day.

## Summer's Cool!

Based at Pollards Hill Youth Centre, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham for young people from the area aged 8–19. Monday – Friday from 10.30am–4.30pm from Monday 23 July to Friday 17 August. Activities include graphic design, bowling, swimming, sports, hair and beauty, drama and dance, trips out to theme parks, horse riding and a climbing wall. Cost £3.50 a day or £15 for the week (including lunch).



## And after the holidays, get involved in your local clubs...

Activities at the centres include drama, arts and crafts, sports, dance, radio station, digital arts and music, cookery, debates, DJing, trips out and much more.



### South Wimbledon Youth Centre

Haydons Road,  
South Wimbledon SW19 1HL

**Mondays** Digital Arts and Studio  
4.30pm–6.30pm and 7pm–9pm.  
Youth Club 7pm–9pm.

**Tuesdays** Girls only session  
5.30pm–7.30pm

**Wednesdays** Youth Committee  
4.30pm–6.30pm (monthly).  
Club for young refugees  
and friends 7.30pm–9.30pm.

**Thursdays** Youth Club  
7.30pm–9.30pm

Contact Shazia Khadim  
on 020 8542 8034  
email shazia.khadim@merton.gov.uk

### Phipps Bridge Youth Centre

Cobham Court,  
Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham.

**Mondays** 6pm–8pm (juniors).

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays  
and Thursdays**  
7.30pm–9.30pm (seniors)

**Saturdays** 10.30am–2pm  
for M.A.G.I.C (Mixed Ability  
Group in the Community)  
club for young people  
with learning disabilities.

Contact John Rawlings-  
Anderson on 020 8640 2119  
or email john.rawlings-  
anderson@merton.gov.uk

### Duke of Edinburgh's Award



A voluntary programme  
of activities for young  
people aged 14–25  
in Merton. Includes community  
service, skills, sports and expeditions.  
A nationally recognised scheme,  
which looks great on a Record of  
Achievement or CV!

Open Award Centre at Wyvern Youth  
Centre, 18 Arras Avenue, Morden  
on Wednesdays 7.30pm–9.30pm.

Contact Carol Curtis (Award  
Co-ordinator) on 020 8648 1786  
or email dofeaward@merton.gov.uk

### Wyvern Youth Centre

18 Arras Avenue, Morden

**Fridays** 6pm–7.30pm (juniors)  
7.30pm–9.30pm (seniors)

For other activities in the Morden  
area, contact Anna Chivers  
on 020 8640 7050 or email  
anna.chivers@merton.gov.uk

### Pollards Hill Youth Centre

South Lodge Avenue,  
Pollards Hill, Mitcham.

**Mondays – Fridays**  
4.30pm–6.30pm (juniors)  
7pm–9pm (seniors)

Call 020 8640 7050  
email youthoffice@merton.gov.uk



40–41 Monarch Parade,  
London Road, Mitcham.

**Information, Advice and Support**  
(For ages 13–19)

**Drop-in support services:**  
Connexions Personal Advisers, CV  
and job search advice, Life Coach  
for young people, housing advice,  
homework club, DJ/MC workshop.

**Open:**  
Monday–Friday 12pm–3pm  
Saturday 12pm–2pm

**Afternoon Club:** (For ages 11–16)  
Monday–Friday 3pm–6pm  
Saturday 2pm–4pm  
Contact Derek Taylor  
on 020 8687 5226 or email  
derek.taylor@merton.gov.uk

### Youth Participation

Have your say on what goes on in Merton. Join the Youth Forum,  
become a Member of the UK Youth Parliament and influence  
what happens for young people in the borough!

Contact Jo Young for more information at the South Wimbledon  
Youth Centre on 020 8542 8034 or email jo.young@merton.gov.uk

### Youth Service

Get in touch with us at the address below to find out more about what is available:

Youth Service, The Pavilion, Farm Road, Morden, SM4 6RA

Telephone: 020 8640 7050 Email: youth.office@merton.gov.uk Website: www.merton.gov.uk/youngpeople