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QUEENSTOWN OUR TEAM



Snowy patrol around the Patmore February 9th

Acting Sgt Leah Arbuckle

PC Melissa Ewin

PC Connor Landymore

PCSO Anthony Ioannou

Another officer is expected on team shortly.

<https://www.met.police.uk/a/your-area/met/wandsworth/queenstown/>

Top Reported Crimes for January 2021

Violence 15 Harassment 16

Miscellaneous Theft 14*

***Theft other than from a person, motor vehicle, residential or non-residential property**

How to provide information - on-line reporting

fearless.org

ANONYMITY PROMISE

Fearless is a service that allows you to pass on information about crime 100% anonymously. This means you don't have to give us any personal details

Just Click on the box marked **CONTACT US ANONYMOUSLY**

REPORTING A CRIME

Call 101 or visit www.met.police.uk

In an **EMERGENCY ALWAYS** dial 999

CRIME DOES NOT STOP WHEN THE VIRUS IS ACTIVE

EMPTY YOUR CAR OR A THIEF WILL DO IT FOR YOU



Although it is tempting to leave items in your car because the car is locked, as we know, that hardly ever deters a thief. Don't make it easy for them – empty your car. Recent reports indicate that a few people still think their boot is a safe place to leave things. Sadly, this is not true.

CAR INSURANCE. It seems that many people are being caught out when they find out that their car is not insured for commuting. They discover this when they decide to drive to work rather than walk or use public transport. (Or cycle). It may be as well to check your policies.

Smash and grabs and doorstep delivery thefts

Please do not leave any items on display and remove all items or valuables, such as backpacks, from your vehicles; even if you are just popping into the shops quickly.

This is an opportunist type of crime and by just taking these few steps will reduce your risk in becoming a victim.

Thefts in Battersea Park

There have been a couple of thefts in the Park. One young woman lost her 'phone. Do take care, and keep these items out of sight. Try not to use them in the Park – this makes you vulnerable because you are not fully ware.

PROTECT YOUR BIKES

Pedal bike thefts – don't forget to register your bikes with photo and serial number on **Immobilise.com** If it turns up, the Police can reunite it with its owner. Readers may have seen a clip on NextDoor in which the police were asking if anyone recognized 21 stolen bikes. Part of a collection of 22 bikes stolen by one man.

So, help the police – and yourselves.

www.Immobilise.com

First tell the police, then alert others

www.bikersunited.co.uk



e-SCOOTERS

There continue to be quite a few arguments on this subject. These are still illegal on public roads, including pavements, whatever some people may believe.

RIVERSIDE RADIO

THE RIPPLE EFFECT – BEHIND THE BADGE

Stephen Menon writes:

We're currently doing a partnership with the Metropolitan Police for our podcast - The Ripple Effect: #BehindtheBadge.

Here's the SoundCloud link to the first episode

<https://soundcloud.com/thisisriverside/the-ripple-effect-presents-behind-the-badge-episode-1>

We'll be releasing details on the second episode shortly. You can also find it on Amazon Music, Spotify and Google Podcasts.

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WHAT ELSE HAVE THEY BEEN UP TO?

Following this month's SN Panel meeting, with more complaints about speeding on Prince of Wales Drive, the Police have been carrying out ore Speed Watches. As many will know, there is also a similar problem in Stewarts Road. The main problem is that speeding vehicles can spot the Hi-Vis jackets, so kill their speed. Much of the speeding and noise also takes place late at night.

The result of the latest "Watch", received from our Team, is as follows:

We have liaised with our Safer Transport Teams who are helping us tackle the issues.

To update you, on 23/02/21 the Transport team were down Prince of Wales Drive:

- They scanned approx. 60 cars with the speed gun
- The highest speed recorded was 28mph (* 20 mph speed limit).
- There were approximately 6 matters of 'words of advice' given to drivers for various matters.
- One driver was processed for and expired MOT and will be getting a fine.

We will be trying to conduct further ops in Prince of Wales Drive and in Stewarts Road SW8 (at the key times of 5pm-7pm).

Working with reps from York Mansions, Cllr.Walker organised a **petition**, which you may sign here. Remember, this concerns not only the local residents, but all those who visit the Park. I speak as someone whose child narrowly missed being killed or badly injured by a speeding motor bike coming the wrong way up the Drive and cutting over the crossing. My son is now 34, but the problem continues.

<https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/call-on-wandsworth-council-to-make-prince-of-wales>

SCAMS

Vaccinations and tests are all free. You will be rung or texted by your GP. Ignore all other calls and visits.

The Tax Office will not ring you. Ignore such calls. They are not going to arrest you if you do not press button 1.

Little Book of Big Scams

To be shared with everyone you know. www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/the-little-book-of-big-scams.pdf



<http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

Congratulations to Larry

Larry, Number 10's most popular resident, with his own Twitter account, and 449, 300 followers, has just celebrated ten years as Official Mouser.



In Istanbul, there was another famous feline.

Tombili the Street Cat



It seems only right that on a day like October 4th—World Animal Day—the people of Istanbul unveil a new bronze statue of their beloved local cat celebrity who has become a global star. His name was Tombili and he became an Internet sensation quickly after photos of him looking effortlessly laid-back were shared on the viral site **9GAG**. Only missing a top hat, Tombili was the kind of dapper street cat that epitomizes being cool.

Although Tombili didn't seem to have a dedicated home, his portly build suggests that his neighborhood took good care of him. He practically became their town mascot, reminding passersby to take it easy and find time to relax. Unfortunately, the fluffy feline fell ill recently and passed away on August 1 of this year. Heartbroken, his local fans knew they had to do something to keep his memory alive.

Many left paper notes on Tombili's favourite bench, such as this loving one translated on Reddit: "You will live forever in our hearts. Mascot of our street, beloved Tombili lost his struggle for life after a month and lost his eyes to life on first of August."

But paper wouldn't be able to withstand time and weather, With the support of 17,000 signatures, a petition was passed to erect a bronze statue of Tombili, so his spirit could lunge on in his favourite spot of Istanbul.

My Modern Met. 4th October 2016. Cammie Fish.

WANDSWORTH COUNCIL ANIMAL WELFARE Queenstown Ward

December 1st 2020 – 31st January 2021

Animal Welfare Service has

- : Received and investigated 6 complaints about dog fouling.
- : Received and investigated 1 complaint of dog nuisance
- : Received and investigated 1 concern of animal welfare
- : Received 2 lost dog sightings
- : Issued 1 verbal warning in the ward for Housing Byelaws.
- : Issued 2 microchipping letters regarding compulsory dog microchipping
- : Registered 2 dogs in accordance with the housing tenancy conditions
- : Received 1 report of a dangerous dog which was referred to Parks Police as it occurred in a park
- : Received 1 report of dog welfare which was referred to Parks Police as it occurred in a park
- : Made 1 investigation with regard to dog registration

These came from the following places in the ward.

Doddington, Patmore, Battersea Park, Savona and Rollo.

But how about this difficult customer? Quite a change from people keeping chickens on their balcony.

CHEETAH-LIKE WILDCAT ON ROEHAMPTON WINDOW LEDGE



serval cat being kept in their neighbourhood

A man who kept a dangerous wildcat – close relative to a cheetah – as a family pet, without a licence and then evaded an attempt to track it down by the authorities, has been fined and banned from keeping similar animals for two years. James Brown was convicted of an offence under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act (DWA) 1976 after a court heard that neighbours had complained of a

Magistrates heard that the animal – normally found in sub-Saharan Africa – is a dangerous predator that cannot normally be purchased in this country and if legally

imported, can only be kept by special licence holders. They must be kept in a secure enclosure and are not suitable as domestic pets.

The council's licensing team first became aware of its presence when Mr. Brown emailed the town hall to inquire about obtaining a DWA licence. During a subsequent telephone conversation where it was explained what would be required for a licence he changed tack and said he was about to move from his address in Old Devonshire Road, Balham to a new residence in Lambeth

Wandsworth officers then contacted their counterparts in Lambeth to alert them – but Lambeth Council never received any licence application from Mr. Brown.

Two months later a member of the public contacted the council to complain about seeing a wildcat sat on a window ledge at Mr. Brown's property in Old Devonshire Road. When contacted he said he no longer owned the serval and again insisted he was moving to Lambeth

Nothing more was heard for six months when another member of the public complained about seeing a wildcat sitting at the window of a property in Vitali Close, Roehampton, which enquiries revealed as being Mr. Brown's new home

As a result, animal welfare officers and police were able to visit and question Mr. Brown, who at that stage insisted the cat was not a serval but another species of less dangerous wildcat.

He also said he had been liaising closely with a licensing officer at the town hall in order to get a licence. Unfortunately for him though the officer he named was present and able to confirm he had not applied for a licence and one would not be granted allowing a wild animal to be kept in such surroundings

At this stage the serval was removed and rehoused at a specialist wildlife facility where it could be cared for in a more suitable environment

Mr. Brown subsequently gave interviews to local and national media saying he was actively trying to get a licence and claimed he'd only agreed to look after the serval after its previous owner had struggled to care for it

The court was told these claims were undermined by Mr. Brown's glowing Facebook endorsements of the Russian company he'd purchased it from, while checks showed that a microchip found in its neck had indeed been issued to a company in Russia. It is not clear how the animal came to be in the UK

Mr. Brown subsequently failed to attend taped interviews and did not answer a summons to appear in court. He was convicted in his absence and at a sentencing hearing on Tuesday at Lavender Hill magistrates court, which he also did not attend, he was fined £1,000, ordered to pay £4,000 in prosecution costs and a £181 victim surcharge. He was also banned from owning any dangerous wild animals for two years

Dates of Safer Neighbourhood Panel Meetings

These take place every two months, on the second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. They are always held in the same place. Due to Covid our last three meetings were held through TEAMS.

April 14th 2021 via TEAMS

June 9th 2021 August 11th October 13th

(Normally Senior Citizens' Common Room, 234 Carey Gardens, SW8 4HW but not during the pandemic)

Please put these dates in your diaries, so that you are not caught out and have to find a deputy. Please note, these meetings are for panel members only

Our on-line SNP meetings are proving extremely effective, thanks not only to the Community Safety Section and the SN Team, but also to our Chairs. Who else saw the video clip of the Handforth meeting – whilst finding it mildly amusing, was I the only one to be totally shocked at the shouting and bullying? Jackie Weaver deserves a medal. Especially as since that event, she has been targeted by 'trolls' with unpleasant messages. The Police are investigating.

For those to want to liven up a meeting, why not introduce a goat?



A farmer who was half kidding when she suggested hiring out her goats out for Zoom meetings during lockdown has said making £50,000 shows it was no joke.

Dot McCarthy, from Rossendale in Lancashire, said the number of people paying for "show goat" Lola and others to butt in on calls had been "insane".

She said it had kept Cronkshaw Fold Farm open and staff in work and had also paid for improvements to the site. She added that it was "more fun" than selling manure to make ends meet.

The farm, which featured on BBC One's *The Great Staycation*, usually supplements its income by hosting weddings and educational visits, but coronavirus restrictions have closed that side of the business down.

As a result, the 32-year-old, who took over the business from her mother about five years ago, came up with the idea of hiring out her flock to brighten video calls by briefly having them butt in as a surprise.

The service, which she described as the "greatest of all time", sees people pay £5 to hire a goat, who then joins a scheduled meeting via the video-conferencing service's invitation system with a little help from farm staff.

She said it was the "shock of my life" how what "started as a joke" became such a roaring success.

She said she "just put it on the website" to "give people a laugh" in April 2020, at the start of the first lockdown, and "then went to bed", but woke up to 200 emails, requesting their presence on calls.

Her goats have now appeared in virtual meetings all over the world, including in the US, Russia, China and Australia, with some people donating far more than the £5 charge for an appearance.

She said they mostly appeared briefly, but one family books one of her other goats, Margaret, every Saturday morning for a longer catch-up.

"They call her Marg and she is one of the family now," she said.

"They love to hear her news - from her first hot date to news that she is expecting."

She said her team had struggled to keep up with the number of calls, but the success had seen her buck the trend of furloughing staff and allowed her to keep her two employees on full-time.

The money will also go towards converting the farm to renewable power to improve its carbon footprint.

She added that she much prefers the calls to selling manure, which she has also taken to doing to raise revenue.

"It's way easier and more fun," she said

ROGER LYDDON

One of the leading facilitators of our SNP meetings has been Roger Lyddon, whom we first met in 2014, although he has been with Wandsworth Council since 2012. Queenstown Ward has been fortunate in having him to help look after us, so we were very sad to learn that Queenstown Ward being dropped from his very heavy workload, and he will continue with the other five.



As the committee wrote:

Thank you so much for all you have done for us and the Ward over the past years, and for your very positive and cheerful presence at our meetings,

With warmest good wishes, from Ken, Graham, Susan and all the SN Panel members. We shall miss you.

More to make you smile:

(Seen on my twitter page)

After Ted Cruz says he made a “mistake” by flying to Cancun, sympathetic Texans say who amongst us hasn’t accidentally packed a suitcase, driven to the airport, boarded a plane and left the country.

After Julia Hartley-Brewer complains that Nasa can send a probe to Mars yet we’re not allowed to visit our next door neighbour, scientists point out that the R-rate tends to be pretty low on planets with a population of zero.

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination roll-out continuing positively. Many thanks to all the medical staff and volunteers that have made this possible.

Below, from the BBC website:

Dr John Wright of Bradford Royal Infirmary says he's noticed that his medical colleagues show a preference for one vaccine, while members of the public often prefer another. He argues that this isn't a time to be choosy.

The dash for vaccines has thrown up a rather peculiar situation. With so many pharmaceutical companies competing in this greatest of scientific races, we now have a variety of vaccines, and people are starting to ask me, "Do I get a choice?" And "Which vaccine would you recommend?"

The concept of consumer choice when it comes to immunisation, or even medications, is alien. No-one asks about the brand of their

annual flu jab, or which company produces the MMR vaccine that will protect their precious children. But the intense global relief that greeted the Pfizer Covid vaccine, and then Moderna, AstraZeneca and most recently Novavax and Janssen vaccines (though the last two are still awaiting regulatory approval) has created brand awareness in a population that has had a crash course in epidemiology and infectious diseases.

My answer is a simple one: we take whatever vaccine we are given and thank the lucky Northern stars that we live in a developed country. The idea of choice seems so wrong, when there is such an acute shortage of vaccines across the world.

In Italy, however, it's reported that police unions are refusing the AstraZeneca vaccine in the belief that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are more effective, and some Italian doctors are said to be rejecting it on the grounds that it takes longer to provide immunity. It is still too early to make such claims: as evidence accumulates from the continuation of vaccine trials and real-world evidence we will get a clearer picture.

Comparing vaccines is not as simple as comparing cola drinks or cars. The clinical trials that have reported very early results will continue for their full 12-month duration and the results will become more reliable with time. We have yet to start vaccine trials that can make head-to-head comparisons between different vaccines, so it may be that early results reflect different populations, or dosing regimes.

Side-effects after the vaccines will also vary - some may cause localised problems such as sore arms, others systemic effects such as flu-like symptoms. Again, as vaccine roll-out continues we will get a better picture of these profiles.

In my very unscientific straw-polling of preferences I find my medical colleagues have a slight preference for the Pfizer vaccine - they tend to be more comfortable than non-medics with new mRNA technologies and preliminary trial data suggested better clinical effectiveness, which is a key part of all our clinical decision-making. However when Pfizer's summary trial data was recently released by the US Food and Drug Administration it turned out that over 3,000 suspected but not confirmed cases of Covid were not included in the

heavily publicised press releases, so the vaccine may well be less effective than the original 95% claim.

In my patients and non-medical colleagues there seems to be a greater preference for the AZ vaccine. People are comforted by its made-in-Britain roots, and its more traditional, tried-and-tested viral vector platform, using a harmless virus to deliver the gene for the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein into the patient's body. The Johnson and Johnson vaccine (made by its subsidiary Janssen), takes the same approach.

The Novavax vaccine uses a novel nanoparticle technique - it consists of a laboratory-made SARS-CoV-2 spike protein together with an adjuvant, an agent that signals to the immune system that it must take defensive action. The UK has ordered 60 million doses, so Novavax is likely to be widely used as the roll-out continues.

There is a dismissive scepticism about Russian or Chinese alternatives both among doctors and members of the public, although the effectiveness of the rather scarily named Sputnik V looks pretty good and as yet unpublished results for Sinovac's CoronaVac, which have been circulating in the medical community, also look promising.

I was due to have my hospital (Pfizer) vaccine just before Christmas, but the SARS-CoV-2 virus nipped in just beforehand and gave me a dose of the real thing. I have held out for a couple of months before re-joining the queue. It is likely that I will maintain a good immune response for the first two or three months, and I feel that while the vaccine is so precious, someone else will benefit more than me, so I would rather give up my dose to those in greater need. However, having had possible reinfection already I don't want to push my luck by leaving it too long.

While being choosy about vaccines seems inappropriate to me, the reality is that some older health workers already have a choice and I will soon be in this position myself. My hospital is providing the Pfizer vaccine to all our staff. It will not be so long before my GP offers me the AZ vaccine or possibly the Novavax vaccine that I have been helping to trial, assuming it is licensed by then.

I would of course take any of these vaccines: they have all turned out to work much better than we could have imagined. If I had a choice then it would be an ethical decision. Which vaccine manufacturer reflects the zeitgeist of our collective humanity during the pandemic - the kindness and compassion, the sharing and donating?

I'm impressed by the companies that have offered to make doses available on a not-for-profit basis to low and middle-income countries. Others may have different ways to assess a company's ethics, but this is surely a time when we should encourage the pharmaceutical industry to show us what corporate social responsibility truly means.

Prof John Wright, a doctor and epidemiologist, is head of the Bradford Institute for Health Research, and a veteran of cholera, HIV and Ebola epidemics in sub-Saharan Africa. He is writing this diary for BBC News and recording from the hospital wards for BBC Radio.

Even Tom Thumb received an invitation.

A man in his 30s with no underlying health conditions was offered a Covid vaccine after an NHS error mistakenly listed him as just 6.2cm in height

Liam Thorp was told he qualified for the jab because his measurements gave him a body mass index of 28,000

He told BBC Radio 5 Live: "I've put on a few pounds in lockdown but I was surprised to have made it to clinically, morbidly-obese. It really made me rethink what I was going to do for pancake night.

NHS Liverpool Clinical Commissioning Group said occasional errors could happen Dr Fiona Lemmens admitted she could "see the funny side" but also recognized "there is an important issue for us to address. There are millions of GP appointments taking place every day and while we take care to make sure records are accurate, occasional data errors do occur."

Mr. Thorp, 32, said he was surprised to be offered the vaccine so called his GP to check. He was then informed he was in vaccine priority group six because of his weight.

"Like most people, I've put on a few pounds in lockdown but I was surprised to have made it all the way to the clinically, morbidly-obese category," he said

"Although my mum wasn't surprised by this. She said she'd noticed I'd put on a few and this was probably the wake-up call I needed."

Rather than being listed at 6ft 2ins in height, he was registered as 6.2cm, which led to the error in his BMI

"I'm a bit on the chunky side, I weigh a good 17-and-a-half stone so to combine that with the 6.2cm in height and you get a BMI of 28,000," said Mr. Thorp, who is political editor at the Liverpool Echo newspaper.

"I felt a bit uneasy about it because I know - having reported on this extensively - how many more people should be ahead of me in the queue," he said

Mr. Thorp has now urged others who believe there has been a mistake to always check with their GP. "I'd much rather somebody else who needs it earlier than me got that appointment," he said

"I was completely cool with it. Mistakes are going to happen in such an enormous undertaking."

Ed: A BMI of 28,000 seems a bit steep. Didn't his GP think it odd?

Last month we included an article on mediaeval crime and archaeology. This month, Dante gets a makeover.

Dante (1265-1321) is probably mainly known to the general public for his *Divine Comedy*, and for establishing the use of the vernacular in literature, at a time when most poetry was written in Latin. However, there was more to him than that. Like most Florentines he was mixed up in the Guelph-Ghibelline conflict, and although he didn't do much as a politician, he did hold various offices during the years of political unrest. In 1302 he was condemned to exile for two years and ordered to pay a large fine. Then his opponents accused him of corruption and financial wrongdoing during the time he had been serving as Prior for two months in 1300. As he was in Rome at the time, he

did not return to Florence, nor did he pay the fine, since all his assets had been seized by the other side. And in any case, he believed he was innocent. He was therefore condemned to eternal exile, contravention of which would have resulted in being burned at the stake. In 2008 Florence city council rescinded his sentence.

Seven centuries after the guilty verdict in Florence, Sperello di Serego Alighieri to help test whether poet's conviction would stand today



The reputation of Dante Alighieri needs little burnishing: his *Divine Comedy*, tracing the poet's journey through Hell, Purgatory and Paradise, is widely regarded as one of the greatest works ever written. But more than 700 years after Dante was accused of corruption and condemned to be burned to death, his descendant is to take part in a "retrial" to see if the conviction was just.

Sperello di Serego Alighieri, an astrophysicist, and the law professor Alessandro Traversi are working to establish if Dante's 1302 sentencing for corruption in political office would stand today.

In the 14th century, Florence was divided between the Black and the White factions, formed after infighting among the Guelphs. Dante, a member of the White party, was accused of corruption when the Blacks took control of the city in 1301. His fine was 5,000 florins and two years' banishment, with a permanent ban from public office. When he failed to appear in court in March 1302, he was condemned to death *in absentia*

According to the *Corriere della Sera*, any final judgment can be subject to revision if there is new evidence showing the offender's innocence. There is

no time limit to the request, which can be proposed by an heir of the convict Traversi told the Italian newspaper: “There were two sentences inflicted on Dante. The first was exile, the second was death and it will be interesting to understand whether in the light of the Florentine statutes of the time and the current legal principles the two judgments could be subject to revision.”

The plans to reconsider the verdict will happen at a conference in May, with participants including historians, linguists, lawyers – and Antoine de Gabrielli, the descendant of Cante de Gabrielli da Gubbio, the Florentine official who convicted Dante. They will be investigating if Dante’s sentences were just, said Traversi, or “the poisoned fruit of politics that used justice to attack an opponent”.

Alison Flood, 5 February 2021

COMMUNITIES CAN DEFEAT TERRORISM

**Don't rely on others. If you suspect it, report it.
Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline**

**Call 0800 789 321 If you are deaf or have hearing difficulties you can use a
textphone to call 0800 032 4539**

Suspicious activity can include

- Someone noticeably behaving differently for no obvious reason
- Someone with a large number of mobile 'phones for no obvious reason
- Someone with passports or other documents in different names for no obvious reason
- Someone who travels for long periods of time but is vague about where they are going
- Someone buying or storing large amounts of chemicals for no obvious reason
- Someone taking an interest in security, like CCTV cameras, for no obvious reason

Specialist officers will decide if the information is important

RUBBISH



Squirrel Binman aka Oak Botherer

Updated: Wednesday, 24th February 2021

Please note: From Monday, 22nd March 2021, residents who wish to use the Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre in a car, or on a motorcycle, must have booked a slot before they arrive at the Centre. It will be possible to book a slot from when the system goes live on Monday, 15th March 2021.

The Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre remains open, but please check back here before you visit to ensure you have the latest information on any new measures we may introduce to keep you and Centre staff safe.

Before you visit, please note:

1. If you are unwell with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a 10-day household isolation you should stay at home.
2. Track and Trace QR codes will be made available at the HWRC for users of the NHS COVID-19 contact tracing app.
3. You will be required to reverse into a parking bay (to ensure a 2-metre minimum spacing between residents).

4. Only the driver of the vehicle will be permitted to leave the vehicle. If it is essential for a passenger to assist you in carrying a heavy item, please inform a Recycling Advisor before they leave the vehicle.
5. Please maintain social distancing with staff and other residents at all times.
6. You are advised to wear gloves for your own protection.
7. If you are arriving on foot or by bike there will be a pedestrian one-way system in operation.
8. You may wish to view our webcam before you leave home

– <https://www.wrwa.co.uk> – to avoid our busy times.

Opening Times But check here first: <https://wrwa.gov.uk/centre-opening-times/>

Mon – Fri 9am - 4pm

Sat 8am - 6pm

Sun 8am - 5pm

Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day - Closed

FLYTIPPING

The subject of fly-tipping continues to rear its head. Although it is an offence to fly tip, it is not really a Police issue. It is something that should be tackled by local communities in conjunction with the Council, who can now impose large fines. Time, Date, photos are all very important. Remember, the cost for cleaning up after these pests will fall on you, through your Council Tax.



RECYCLING

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

YES:

Paper, card, cardboard. Large boxes should be taken apart or cut into smaller pieces.

Clean Glass bottles and jars. Clean Metal tins, cans, aerosols

Clean Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays. Clean Cartons/Tetrapak

NO

Food waste, nappies, polystyrene, electrical and cables, DIY material, foil.

Shredded paper.

Decent clothing and textiles can be put in a TRAIID container.

Other metal and wood can be recycled at **Smugglers Way Household Waste and Recycling Centre. See above.**

Readers may like to know that the Council have been persuaded to investigate food waste collection and composting. Burning it or burying it creates other problems, so anything to improve the council's record can only be welcomed. Residents are being encouraged to signal their support for this by dropping a line to their local councillors, copying in Cllr. Steffi Sutters

Cllr.S.Sutters@wandsworth.gov.uk

Cats, Chats & 88 Keys. On-line Concerts

Now over 2000 supporters



Next concert will be on March 5th. If you have clicked the subscriber button, you will receive a notice.

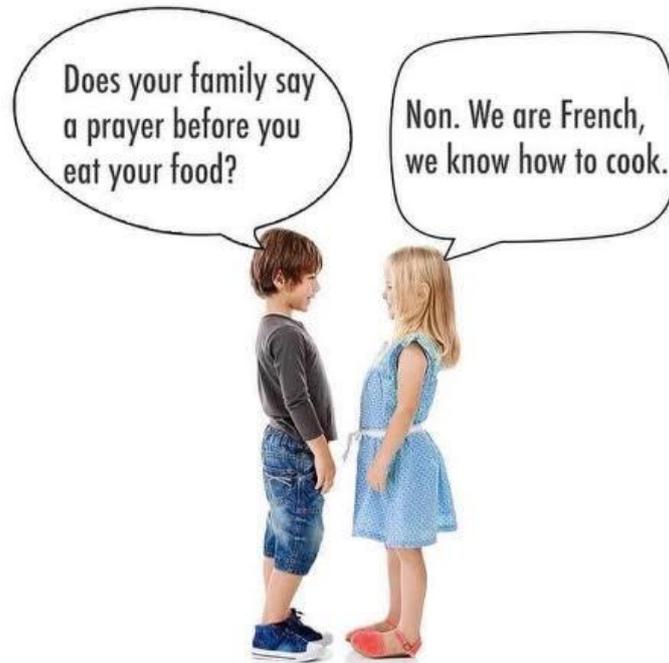
Queenstown resident, professional pianist John Paul Ekins continues with his on-line concerts on Fridays at 7.30 pm. If you are lucky, you may even spot one of his cats. If you miss the live transmissions, they will remain on YouTube for you to catch up on later. A useful tool, since the broad band in this area is sometimes very creaky.

The broadcast links will not change from week to week.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMMxbvC9KmdO5slhy_pDhkA

Click on SUBSCRIBE to receive notifications of forthcoming concerts

JP has also added videos of the ABRSM syllabus 1-6 and single concerts of Morricone, Twilight Saga pieces, and mini-masterclasses.



This myth is all a bit old hat, as co-Chair Ken Jordan shows.

Do you want to make a savoury herb and cheese bread from scratch? Well, we have a recipe for you! Try our homemade Rosemary Parmesan Bread.

Rosemary Parmesan Bread

Yield: 1 LARGE LOAF

Prep time: 45 MINUTES Cook time: 1 HOUR
Additional time: 1 HOUR

Total time: 2 HOURS 45 MINUTES

Ingredients

- 240g bread flour • 240g + extra all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ tablespoons dried rosemary
- 1 tablespoon instant dry yeast 1 teaspoon kosher salt

- **4oz Parmesan cheese, finely cubed**
- **340ml water, warmed to 110 - 115F**

Instructions

- In a large bowl, combine the bread flour, 240g of the all-purpose flour (save the rest), rosemary, yeast, and salt.
- After the ingredients are well mixed, add the cubed Parmesan cheese. Gently toss in the Parmesan cheese until it's coated with flour.
- Pour in the warm water and use a spoon to stir the ingredients until a shaggy dough forms.
- Add more all-purpose flour if the dough is too wet. If there is residual flour in the bottom of the bowl, add additional water 1 tablespoon at a time until all the flour has been incorporated into the dough. The dough will appear rough and bumpy due to the rosemary and Parmesan cheese.
- Turn the dough out onto a well-floured surface and knead for 3 to 4 minutes until it smooths out a bit. If any cubes of cheese fall out, simply add them back to the dough as you knead. Place the dough into a large, lightly oiled bowl, and cover the bowl with plastic wrap or a clean towel. Transfer the bowl to a warm, draught-free area and allow the dough to rise until doubled in size (about 30 minutes to an hour). While the dough rises, place a large Dutch oven (cast iron casserole) and its lid into the oven and preheat to 450F.
- After the dough rises, transfer it to a large piece of parchment paper. Shape the dough into a tight ball and ensure it's centred on the parchment paper.
- Carefully place the parchment paper and dough into the hot Dutch oven and cover with the hot lid. Reduce the oven temperature to 400F degrees, and bake for 40 minutes then remove the lid.
- If required, add additional grated cheese and rosemary to top of bread, and return the bread to the oven without lid to bake for an additional 15 to 20 minutes, until golden.
- Remove the bread from the oven and transfer to a wire rack to cool completely before slicing.



Tip
You can shorten the rising time if you have a convection oven with a 40C setting. After heating the oven, place a heat proof container of boiling water into the oven with the bowl of dough and turn off the oven. This will create an ideal environment for rising.

Very many thanks to:

© morethanmeatandpotatoes.com For more recipes visit the website.

<https://morethanmeatandpotatoes.com/>

This is not just any old website. Take a look. Try out the delicious recipes. And let us know the results.

They say: This website is dedicated to simple food using fresh ingredients. We want to focus on meals that utilize ingredients found at Farmers' Markets and specific sections of our local supermarkets.

In other words, whole ingredients, properly prepared to create delicious meals. Kim and I want to show you that cooking this way is not as hard as you might think. Sure, it may take a little more time, but we feel it's worth the effort!

YOUTH GROUPS

With the shut down/distancing ruling, many of these groups, among them FAST and Elays, are unable to operate at 100% to help our young people. It is likely they will also have funding difficulty. If you find yourself with any extra cash due to not going to the cinema, the theatre, the pub, why not put some of it in a pot for when the lock down lifts.

FAST

Kafui Brese at **FAST** on 07528 065 764; Email: kafui.fastproject@gmail.com



The FAST project was established in 2012 to work with young people aged 9-25. On the Patmore Estate in Battersea, London, and partnered in 2015 with e:merge. The majority of those growing up in the Patmore Estate faced challenges of overcrowding, unemployment and poverty. If you feel you could commit to a

regular donation,

https://localgiving.org/fundraising/kafuis-fast58-challenge/?fbclid=IwAR21sKjr5FTO-HF-YI84QYGfAmT5zZANyzTZF77pHu_mkHi3sZWbfNo3PZI

ELAYS

<http://www.elaysnetwork.com>

OUR GOAL & VALUES: EDUCATE. BRIDGE. NURTURE. EMPOWER. ENGAGE

To educate young people, encouraging them to reach their full potential.



To bridge the gap between local authorities, institutions, and the wider community.

To nurture and create leaders of tomorrow by equipping them with the right skill and knowledge.

To Empower young people by actively engaging them in project geared towards social change.

To engage at risk young people through our programmes and schemes.

ELAYS NETWORK IS AN ORGANISATION THAT IS:

Inspired by Faith Education Focused Diverse Environmentally friendly

OUR VISION IS TO SERVE AS A MODEL ORGANISATION REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY, HELPING TO CREATE ACTIVE CITIZENS.

WASTE NOT WANT NOT Project

We are currently raising funds to support our day-to-day operation. We need to raise money to be able to help as many people as we can and save as much food as possible during this difficult time. Visit our [crowdfunder](#) now to help.

Waste Not Want No Battersea has been in operation since 2017. We collect surplus food from nearby markets and distribute it through the local community. We partner with youth clubs, homeless kitchens and schools to ensure that perfectly edible and nutritious food does not become waste and instead is channelled for the benefit of our local community.

During the first lockdown we scaled up our operations massively, to feed as many people possible who were struggling due to the effects of COVID 19. We began running food sharing sessions 5 days a week and delivering cooked meals to people who were vulnerable or self-isolation.

Many in our community are still in need of fresh fruit, vegetables and other produce to supplement their weekly shopping. We want to keep running food sharing sessions five days a week, in locations across Battersea to save food from going to waste and to combat food poverty.

However, the COVID crisis also meant that we have lost a huge source of funding from catering jobs. Therefore, we are fundraising to cover the cost of our operations, and to allow us to hire dedicated staff to coordinate food sharing and deliveries.

Thank you in advance for your contribution, every donation is a huge help.

Over half of the 900,000 tonnes of food thrown away in London each year is perfectly edible. We are here to safely divert it to your plate!

We collect surplus food from nearby markets and supermarkets and share it with our local community. We want more people to benefit from this and help us to run it.

For more information info@wastenotwantnotproject.com
and on Face Book
<https://www.facebook.com/WasteNotWantNotProject/about/>

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**COUNCILLORS' AND MP's
SURGERIES
CLOSED FOR THE TIME BEING
BUT PLEASE EMAIL IF YOU HAVE
PROBLEMS WORK DOES NOT
STOP BECAUSE OF CV 19**

Marsha de Cordova, MP, holds weekly surgeries across Battersea, which are by appointment only. To book an appointment: 020 7924 1973

Message from Marsha: Usually I would be holding weekly surgeries across Battersea which are by appointment only. However, at the time of writing, my face-to-face constituency surgeries are cancelled. All surgery appointments will be conducted via phone or skype for the foreseeable future. Email marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk to arrange a call and someone will get back to you shortly.



COUNCILLORS

First Thursday of the month – ROSE Community Centre, Ascalon Street, SW8 4DL
10.30 – noon

2nd Wednesday of the month – The Venue, Park Court, Doddington and Rollo Estate, Battersea Park Road, SW11 4ND 1-2.30 p.m.

3rd Monday of the month – Committee Room, Trevithick House, Deeley Road, SW8 4XW – 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

Surgeries are currently cancelled. Please email casework to:

cllr.a.dikerdem@wandsworth.gov.uk

cllr.m.mcleod@wandsworth.gov.uk

cllr.P.Walker@wandsworth.gov.uk

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, IN PARTICULAR, NOISE.

WBC Noise Control 0208 871 6127

Hours of Operation Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

Thursday (Day time) 09.00 - 17.00 hrs

Thursday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs

Friday 20.00 - 03.00 hrs

Saturday 13.00 - 03.00 hrs

Sunday (Day time) 09.00 - 04.00 hrs

Sunday (Evening) 19.00 - 02.00 hrs

Emergency Control will take the call and pass it on to the Noise Officer who will then telephone the complainant for confirmation, and to arrange a visit to the area of the home, to assess the noise, and make a report.

Warning – if the noise takes place between 4 pm. and 7 p.m. on a Sunday, you are on your own. Automated menus drive you mad, and you end up at the beginning. There is an email service, but given that it is for non-emergencies only, there is little point in putting it here. Research on the Council's new website as to hours has proved unhelpful and fruitless. We have been told that now at least one estate has never found anyone at the end of a telephone.

Could this be why? Read on.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have assessed the service we provide responding to noise complaints to ensure that we do not put you or our officers at risk. We will therefore be using a pragmatic approach responding to complaints. We will not be visiting complainants and individuals alleged to be causing noise problems in all cases, unless an assessment has been made that it is safe for us to do so. We will still continue to operate our service and respond to complaints using alternative measures such as carrying out noise assessments outside properties in some cases. It is hoped that you will appreciate why we have come to this decision.

Please do not report a nuisance using the above telephone number or online form if you live on a council housing estate, as there is separate guidance for this. Use 020 8871 7490.

A plea to be a little lenient. Sometimes people with gardens just need to enjoy themselves a little. Obviously, if it is loud thumping music, go and have a word with them first – at a distance. But if it is interrupting your sleep or rest, that is a different matter.

LIVING STREETS: The UK Charity for Everyday Walking

Find out more on

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/>

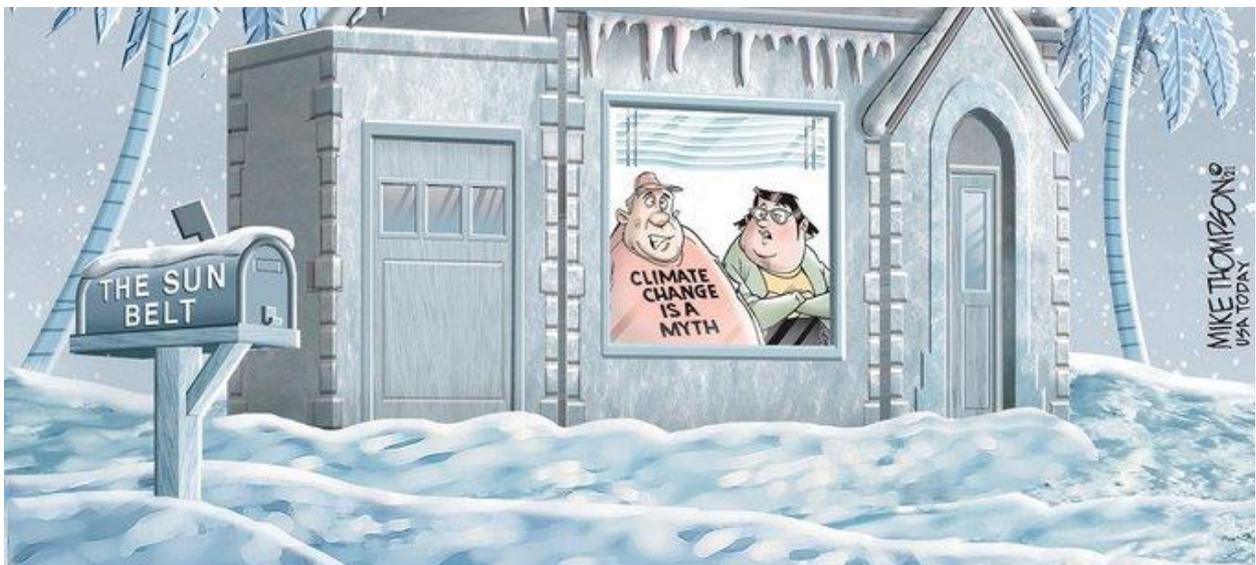
For your Wandsworth Branch, contact

Robert Molteno, Secretary, Wandsworth Living Streets

on Robert.Molteno@gmail.com

SCHOOL STREETS

School Streets will restart on 8th March until schools close for Easter.



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USEFUL CONTACTS

Safer Neighbourhood Team Queenstown@met.police.uk Tweet: @MPSQueenstown https://www.met.police.uk/your-area/wandswortg/Queenstown/	(020) 8247 8691/07407 492 357
Co-Chairs: Any queries are best addressed to the Secretary who can then contact all three. Secretary (Susan Ekins)	Graham Harris, Ken Jordan susan.brightonrock@gmail.com (020) 7228 2781
Animal Welfare Services	020 8871 7606 If urgent: 07860 534733
Parks Police Parks Police patrolling - Parks Police General Enquiries –	Emergencies - 999/Non-emergency incidents 101 07500 959442 (020) 8871 7532
Community Safety, Roger Lyddon Michael Blair, Community Safety	(020) 8871 6950/07917 542933 Roger.Lyddon@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk Michael.Blair@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk
Immobilise: Action Line (for fraud) Anti-Terrorist Hotline Noise Line (24/7)	www.immobilise.com http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/ 0800 789 321 (020) 8871 6127
Streetlink & rough sleepers	0300 500 0914 or visit streetlink.org.uk .
John Thompson, WBC Housing Dept.	(020) 8871 8342
FAST – Kafui Brese	kafui.fastproject@gmail.com
Marsha De Cordova, MP	marsha.decordova.mp@parliament.uk (020) 7219 0209/House of Commons, SW1A 0AA
Cllr. Aydin Dikerdem Maurice Mcleod Paula Walker -	aydin.deo@gmail.com cldr.m.mcleod@wandsworth.gov.uk Cllr.P.Walker@wandsworth.gov.uk
Citizens Advice Wandsworth Mon – Fri 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ben Tickle (parking contravention) Graffiti Line24/7	0300 330 1169 (020) 8871 8002 btickle@wandsworthgov.uk (020) 8871 6127
Steve Diamond, Deputy Economic Development Officer, Chair of Community Engagement Group for Nine Elms	SDiamond@wandsworth.gov.uk (020) 8871 6205
Potholes and other repairs link	https://forms.wandsworth.gov.uk/ufs/ufsmain?formid=REPORT_STREET_DEFECTS&ebz=1_1502354301755&ebd=0&ebz=1_1502354301755