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QUEENSTOWN OUR TEAM

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PC Connor Landymore

PCSO Anthony Ioannou

Another officer is expected on team shortly.

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

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Top Reported Crimes for February 2021

Theft from a vehicle 18

Miscellaneous theft 16

Harassment 12

**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

As we pointed out last month, there have been a couple of thefts in the Park. Do take care, and keep 'phones out of sight. Try not to use them in the Park – this makes you vulnerable because you are not fully aware.

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 choose to 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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Digital Station of the Year - Community Radio Awards 2018, 2020

SPEEDING.

Speeding on Prince of Wales Drive. The Petition organised by Cllr Walker and local reps was submitted to the Council. The early submission was in order to enable the Council to act on it, rather than wait months for the next Council meeting. Many thanks indeed to those who signed and shared it.

Speeding continues to be a problem elsewhere in the Ward. Apart from Stewarts Road, a regular visitor to the SN Panel Agendas, it takes place on Queenstown Road, especially late at night. Our Community Safety Officer and the Police are currently assessing this for the best plan. Residents will

remember that it was a problem as long ago as 2006 and involved the bikers.

Remember, to get something done we need your complaint to go to the correct source – putting it on NextDoor or Twitter will not get the required result. It needs to be logged by the Police.

Michael Blair, the Community Safety Officer, says:

Reporting mechanisms are not being utilized; these need to be highlighted to the public. They are:

Report anti-social behaviour to the police either by calling:

- 101 in a non-emergency
- <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
- 999 In an emergency, a crime happening right now, is the suspect still at the scene, or is anyone seriously injured or in immediate danger or danger to life.

And just a little reminder of what we were dealing with then. A Rep from Chelsea Bridge Wharf was mentioned on the BBC.

Noisy bikers ‘destroy our peace’.

Residents of luxury flats overlooking Chelsea Bridge say their peace is being shattered by bikers every Friday night.

Saturday June 24th 2006

READ ON

Bikers have said they have been meeting at the bridge for decades. But a decade ago no-one lived there; now there are hundreds of exclusive riverside flats.

Residents said bikers turn the bridge into a racetrack every Friday, thundering across until 3.00 GMT and the police are not doing enough. Police said they are aware of, and are committed to tackling the problem.

Mitchell Feierstein, of the Chelsea Bridge Wharf Tenants Association, said "I believe there's going to be a huge accident where many people are going to be killed. I'm not a killjoy ... but I suppose nobody would want this in their own front yard, especially until two or three o'clock in the morning."

Residents have shot videos of the scooter and motorcycle riders doing stunts and creating a lot of noise as they roar across the bridge. Murad Qureshi, a Labour member of the London Assembly, said the weekly meet was riding roughshod over attempts at traffic calming and increasing road safety. This is all happening on a red route over Chelsea Bridge, it doesn't make any sense to have this continue."

But Chris McClean, manager of Supreme Riders, said: "I think even the police would agree that the general riding public are law abiding citizens.

"But there are a small group of people who want to show off and are giving the rest of us, unfortunately, a bad name."

Local police said they are aware of "anti-social motorcycling" in the area, but did not want to discuss what their plans to tackle the problem are.

Editor adds: I was very pleased to be able to tell the SNP Meeting in Autumn of the next year that the bikers' meetings were to be no more.

And talking about motor bikes. It can take while, but they get them in the end

TWO men have been charged with offences linked to moped-enabled robberies that targeted lone women in Wandsworth.

Officers led an operation into a linked series of moped-enabled robberies that appeared to target women walking in the Clapham, Balham and Tooting areas between October and November 2020.

Following the deployment over some weeks, officers tracked the phone of one of the most recent victims of robbery to an alleyway in the Norwood area on November 23, 2020.

At this location, Response and Operation Venice officers found two men, in the rear of a vehicle of a third man - a phone shop owner from North London.

They were in possession of multiple items of recently stolen property. The shop owner was detained and the two other men escaped by running over live train lines.

The shop owner was arrested for robbery and handling stolen goods. He was released on bail.

Months of detailed enquiries led the officers to identify that the pair had carried out 23 robberies and 20 theft snatch offences between October and November 2020, almost all of which targeted women in residential streets.

Following a series of arrest warrants on the morning of Monday, March 22, the two men – both aged 26 -were arrested. They were charged the following day.

Detective Inspector Gavin Collins, from the Operation Venice Investigation Team, said: “This operation has been months of good old fashioned police work and a determination by the officers to disrupt a linked series of robberies and arrest those suspected of targeting people – mostly lone women – and using mopeds to violently rob and steal their mobile telephones.

“For us to build a strong case to present to the CPS, officers meticulously investigated similar crimes and built a robust investigation that took a number of months to progress.

"I hope that the public understand that for us to investigate crimes fully, it can be a lengthy process but enables us to show the true extent of the offending. Our work to prevent and reduce crimes committed by criminals using mopeds has seen this crime type reduce significantly over the years - something we are proud of and will continue to pursue, especially as we begin to see lockdown easing."

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.

A documentary which you may find interesting: Three young people have fallen prey to social media scammers.

SCAM STORIES: The Money Drop

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0994yyd/scam-stories-the-money-drop?xtor=ES-211-\[43115_PANUK_DIV_12_IPL_Recommends2021_RET_DEF\]-20210328-\[bbcthree_scamstoriesthemoneydrop_factualdocumentaries\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/p0994yyd/scam-stories-the-money-drop?xtor=ES-211-[43115_PANUK_DIV_12_IPL_Recommends2021_RET_DEF]-20210328-[bbcthree_scamstoriesthemoneydrop_factualdocumentaries])

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/>

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.

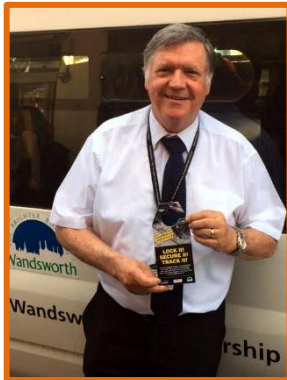
April 14th 2021 via TEAMS

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, also to our Chairs.



Roger Lyddon writes:

Thank you for the card on behalf of the Queenstown SNT Panel, I will miss working with you all, and being one of the well organised panels in Wandsworth, my colleague Michael who has taken over from me is very lucky to have such a good panel to support him and I know that he will give you his full support as well.

Please send my best wishes to everyone for their kind words in the card, and it was a privilege to work with you all.

Even though Michael has taken over the Queenstown Ward, I am still around and will cover for Michael when he is on leave

VACCINATIONS

Vaccination roll-out continuing positively. Many thanks to all the medical staff and volunteers that have made this possible. Your Editor had her second dose on Saturday, and was delighted to see Cllr. Walker on duty, wearing a very smart set of scrubs, made from cheerfully patterned fabrics by volunteers. Paula shared this picture of a cake brought in by a happy second-doser



Because they are worth it.

These past few weeks have been rather odd as regards the vaccines and the EU, although it seems to be calming down for the moment. As we read in an article in last month's newsletter, in Italy 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. Small wonder that this morning an Italian friend from Torino wrote this:

Here as regards the vaccinations the chaos continues to be the boss of the situation, with vaccines arriving and vaccines leaving in a total confusion and we, the people, are confused and also tired. It's true. it is Saturday morning and many people have other things to do, but however, normally it wasn't like that and now I believe that we are all scared by this muddle and we are also frightened of the probable ugly consequences, because promises continue that are not kept, critics as fierce as the politicians and the scientists take up arms against each other without caring about the worry that all these debates cause us.

As regards my own vaccination I am always at sea on this, and nothing gets clarified. Neither with the telephone calls to the vaccination centres, nor with the emails I have written that only generate automatic replies (the second at least 3 pages to read) when it would be enough to simply reply "Yes, you are booked in" or "No, you are not booked in", after which I rang my GP's secretary and arranged to go to the surgery next Wednesday. I shall show him all the documents regarding

my attempts, and listen to what he can suggest, propose, advise me to do. At the moment, I know nothing.

I should add, Gian is a positive, pragmatic and organized man; what happens to others who are not so sanguine? Let us thank our lucky stars that we have such a wonderful bunch of doctors, nurses and volunteers, many giving their time for nothing.

To make you smile:

(Seen on my twitter page and elsewhere)

Writing about the new £50 note. Please send samples.
Thanks. *Emma Lunn, Investigative journalist.*

Reducing the number of troops is not actually reducing the number of troops, because fewer soldiers are actually more effective than more soldiers. (From an article by John Crace, trying to make sense of Questions in Parliament)

And did you celebrate St Patrick's Day? Maybe you have previously been missing something. See next page.



QAnon conspiracists believe the White House's green St Patrick's Day light was a secret message

Liam O'Dell, Indy.

Supporters of the baseless conspiracy theory QAnon have claimed that the White House's celebrations for St Patrick's Day on Wednesday were a secret message for the movement.

The White House turned its fountains green and was lit up with green lights to celebrate Ireland, but QAnon conspiracists – who support an unfounded theory that former US president Donald Trump is at war with Satan-worshipping paedophiles in America's elite – believe it was in fact a 'go' signal.

The American magazine *Newsweek* reports that one supporter wrote on Telegram: "Look what I just found. St Patrick's day 'coincidence'? Hmmm?"

Another pointed out that Trump Winery, owned by the politician, was running a promotion which saw customers offered a 17 percent discount on bottles, taking place on the same day that is "associated with the colour green".

Despite green in fact being associated with Ireland and St Patrick's Day, which takes place on 17 March, QAnon supporters also claimed the timing was connected to Q – the movement's leader – as 'Q' is the 17th letter of the alphabet.

After news of the claim was shared online, Twitter users soon ridiculed the argument from QAnon conspiracists:

It isn't the first time that an unsubstantiated prediction from the group has failed to take place.

Supporters previously claimed that Trump would be inaugurated on 4 March, citing an act signed in 1871 and arguing that the former leader would return to the White House as the 19th president.

This didn't happen, and more than two weeks later, Joe Biden is still President of the United States.

Coming to a letter box near you? Knock Down Ginger with a difference.

‘Asbo swan’ causes havoc by knocking on doors and harassing humans for hours on end (BBC 24th March)

A cheeky swan has been tormenting a neighbourhood for the past five years by hammering on doors with his beak.

Comical footage shows 'Cedric the Asbo' swan rattling the letterboxes of a row of houses opposite the lake where he lives in Northampton.

Nobody has been able to work out why the bothersome bird keeps poking his beak through their doors.

Locals have been left in a flap by Cedric's bizarre behaviour which sees him noisily clanging the metal letterboxes, sometimes for up to three hours.

Grandfather-of-four Stephen Legg – a county councillor - has tried and failed to deter the antisocial visitor on numerous occasions. “At the side of our houses there's a small lake which was dug out 20 years ago for drainage.

“The swan has been there for seven or eight years with its mate.

“Around this time of year five years ago the male swan started messing around my front door.

“It rattles the letterbox with its beak and stands in front of the glass.

“The RSPCA have been a few times and reckon it’s trying to scrape insects off the glass, but there aren’t any inside the letter box.”

Mr Legg explained that the swan acts seasonally.

“He does it every year until the summer then doesn’t bother for the rest of the year,” he said.

"It is a flipping nuisance.

“He starts by rattling the letter box then bashes the metal with its beak quite loudly.

“The racket reverberates through the whole house. It doesn’t do any damage, but it’s extremely irritating.

“Sometimes it does it for three hours at a time, other times only once or twice.

“It really is very loud because it flips the letter box up and down with its beak”



CENSUS

By now you will all have made your Census returns. Let's hope you did not have any trouble. My in-laws, who live in a tiny village in Suffolk, received nothing, not even a booklet. A slightly panicky call on the Saturday before meant I could give them the links. How else would they have known where to go, when they had no instructions. Commander Rob logs into the Census site. Have you received a form? No. Please log in your post code. Post code produces 3 addresses – unfortunately, theirs is not among them. Odd, that, since Post Office dropdown shows it quite clearly. So next step, dial the Free Help Number. I hope they got some help.

Probably the best-known Census is the one mentioned in the Bible, required by Augustus. This one meant that each man had to go to the place where he was born. I am not sure my husband would have been happy to return to Djakarta.

The first national census was made in 1841. Before that some towns had the occasional mini-census – often to find out how many men of military age were available. The Census of 1801 collected information on a parish basis, and there was no household information. The forms were sent to overseers of the poor, local clergy and 'substantial landowners', who had to collect the data. The information was then "sworn" before the local JP and eventually sent to the Home Office. The results were collated and laid before Parliament.

In these returns details were required as to the number of inhabited and unoccupied houses in the parish, how many families occupied them, the population, employment, and number of baptisms, burials and weddings. The Censuses of 1811, 1821, 1831 followed the same format, with some extra questions. For example, in 1811, why was a house unoccupied? This more accurately gauged the prosperity of an area. In 1821 ages were required – to enable figures for men able to bear arms, but also to improve tables for life assurance. From 1831 there were details on occupation.

Most of these documents were then discarded.

In 1841 a county of birth was asked for. In 1851 it was the town. As the decades passed, questions became more detailed – how many rooms. Number of children born, divided into alive and deceased. (1911) Who was staying overnight. Some questions became rather unpleasant: Imbecile, idiot, moron. What do we make of one man who wrote his wife's son down as "bastard"? It was not a Census requirement. He could have written step-son.

As someone who has been interested in family history, censuses are fascinating. You wouldn't believe the number of women who fibbed about their age. Of course, it could have been an error of the enumerator, when the householder could not write. But if the head of the household made the entry, what then? Did he really not know when his wife's birthday was? What had she told him? Curiously, my mother's birth year in 1941 is give as 1911. It was 1910. Her occupation is given as: Unpaid domestic duties. Ouch!

For those who are interested, the 1921 Census should shortly be available.

LOCKDOWN IS STARTING TO LIFT. HOWEVER, CONTINUE TO STICK TO THE RULES. WE REALLY DO NOT WANT A REPEAT OF THE PAST 4 MONTHS. Do not be tempted to claim that Magna Carta or any other pseudo-law found on Google gives you the right to do so.

Covid lockdown: Why Magna Carta won't exempt you from the rules

By Alistair Coleman
BBC Monitoring

6 March 2021



image captionThe owner of the Quinn Blakey hair salon has been fined thousands despite citing Magna Carta as a justification for opening

Business owners determined to escape coronavirus restrictions have resorted to citing obsolete and irrelevant laws.

Sinead Quinn owns a hair salon in Oakenshaw near Bradford. She attempted to open the shop during lockdown, putting a sign in the window declaring that Article 61 of Magna Carta allowed her to opt out of the law and that she "does not consent".

She now **owes nearly £20,000 in fines and costs** after repeatedly trying to defy coronavirus laws.

Ms. Quinn is one of a small number of business owners who have tried to use an obsolete clause in the 800-year-old charter of rights to insist on their freedom to reopen.

Such attempts are part of a larger "pseudolaw" movement - the use of non-existent or outdated legal arguments to defend a case - which goes back decades.

In addition to Article 61, this includes bizarre sounding and legally invalid concepts like "freeman on the land", "sovereign citizens" and "legal name fraud".

They're all based on invalid legal arguments - and on several occasions they've resulted in fines and other legal trouble for the people who attempt to use them.

Some might characterise such attempts as a wilful defiance of the law. But according to Ellie Cumbo, head of public law at the Law Society, such cases often arise from ignorance of the legal system, which is then made worse by poor advice found online.



image caption Some businesses have used a misleading notice found on the internet to justify staying open

The hairdresser and Magna Carta

Ms. Quinn has defended her actions, saying that she had a right to earn a living, gaining her support among fringe anti-lockdown campaigners. She has reportedly crowdfunded a five-figure sum to help pay her fines.

She's one of several businesses in the UK, including a tattoo parlour in Bristol and a **Christian bookshop in Nottinghamshire**, whose owners claim the medieval charter gives them the right to ignore "unjust" laws.

The same notice was posted in extreme anti-lockdown groups on social media, as part of a campaign that called for a "great reopening" of businesses in defiance of the law at the end of January, which largely failed to materialise.

The BBC has asked Ms. Quinn for comment.

Why Magna Carta?

Magna Carta, signed in 1215 by King John, was a royal charter of rights designed to bring peace between the King and his barons.

Although it is one of the foundational documents of English law, only four parts of Magna Carta remain valid today - including the right to a fair and timely trial.

None of those still-valid clauses allow citizens to decide which laws should apply to them.

The portion that the activists have been citing, Article 61, was struck from Magna Carta within a year of its signing, and **only applied to a small group of barons in the first place**, according to fact-checking website Full Fact.

However, belief in Article 61 remains strong in extreme right-wing and anti-establishment circles. Despite the fact that it has no legal standing, it's held up as "the one true law" and seen as justification for rebellion against legal and political "elites".

Ellie Cumbo of the Law Society says that the embrace of "alternative" legal concepts has parallels with the rejection in some quarters of so-called "elitist" scientific expertise across society, which has accelerated during the pandemic.

"Some think they can opt out of law in the same way that some people think they can opt out of science and vaccines," she says.

Beyond Article 61, people are using other "pseudolaws" to try and fight prosecutions unconnected to Covid legislation.

In recent months, there have been cases in English and Scottish courts where baseless legal concepts have been raised to avoid planning enforcement and driving offences.

In January, a man said he did not consent to a ruling by Stockton Council's planning department that he should remove a balcony from his home, on the grounds **that he was a so-called "Freeman on the Land"** and did not recognise legal entities such as courts and local councils.

Similarly, a man in Fife told the Kirkcaldy Sheriff Court in February that he did not recognise its authority, saying - **according to Dundee's Courier**

newspaper: "I am a living man, the blood flows, the flesh moves - I wish for remedy".

In both cases, their arguments did not prevail. In fact, no defence based on so-called freeman on the land, sovereign citizen or legal name fraud theory has ever succeeded in court.

- **The mystery of the 'legal name fraud' billboards**

These theories aren't new either. Sovereign citizen theory - which maintains that the individual is independent of the state and can ignore its laws - has been around for decades, and is seen as **a domestic terrorism threat by the FBI in the United States**

Google results vs actual law

A lack of basic legal knowledge means that people get the wrong idea about how law works, according to Ms. Cumbo.

"We rightly celebrate Magna Carta as an important part of our legal system, so it's understandable that people think that the full original text still has full legal standing," she says.

But there is a difference, she notes, between people who deliberately take a stand against laws passed by elites which they think are unfair or not particularly clear and those who have been swept along by bad legal advice from inaccurate sources found online.

A final piece of advice for those wanting to use Magna Carta as the go-to law to fight any grievance?

"Go to a lawyer, not Google," Ms. Cumbo says.

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.



You may find this Panorama programme interesting:

Rubbish Dump Britain

[https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00oslr9/panorama-rubbish-dump-britain?xtor=ES-211-\[42544_PANUK_DIV_09_NCA_Budget_RET_ABC\]-20210304-\[bbcone_panoramarubbishdumpbritain_newsinvestigation\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00oslr9/panorama-rubbish-dump-britain?xtor=ES-211-[42544_PANUK_DIV_09_NCA_Budget_RET_ABC]-20210304-[bbcone_panoramarubbishdumpbritain_newsinvestigation])

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.**

Cats, Chats & 88 Keys. On-line Concerts

Now over 2000 supporters



Next concert will be on April 2nd. 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

The next ten concerts will consist of Beethoven's Violin Sonatas, which JP and his violinist partner, Henry Chandler, are currently recording in St. Mary's, Barnes

MORE CATS

Thai navy sailors have rescued four ginger cats that were abandoned on a burning ship in the Andaman Sea.

The human crew had already been evacuated, but the navy soon discovered a few forgotten members when they were sent to check the site for oil spills.

A sailor swam out to the capsized boat, before putting the cats on his back to take them to safety.

Reportedly, the felines suffered no injuries and are healthy.

They are now being cared for by their rescuers at their command post, said Reuters news agency.

On Tuesday, the Phamonsin Nava 10 fishing boat had caught fire and started to sink, about 13km (eight miles) off the paradise island of Koh Adang.

All eight of the ship's crew members had jumped off the vessel and into the sea, and were rescued by a passing fishing ship, said Thai newspaper The Nation.

When the navy was called in to inspect the site, they discovered the cats huddled together on a wooden beam.

"I used my camera to zoom in to the boat, and I saw one or two cats popping their heads out," said First-Class Petty Officer Wichit Pukdeelon of the navy's air and coastal defence division.

A Facebook post on the rescue received more than 2,500 comments on Wednesday praising the crew.





Moggy Antoinette?

Following last month's recipe for Rosemary Parmesan Bread, this month Co-Chair Ken Jordan shares Boozy Cake. Go on, you know you can't resist it.



BOOZY CAKE

Ingredients

BOILED FRUIT MIXTURE

4 oz Brown Sugar	2 tsp mixed spice
8 oz margarine or butter	¼ pint milk
1lb mixed fruit	1 orange – zest and juice
1/4 Pint Guinness or any Booze you have to hand	

(KJ used a mix of 1/4 pt of Cointreau and Bristol Cream instead of all the milk. Looks good, skewer is clean after 1hr 40 mins.)

FOR THE CAKE MIXTURE

4 oz Glacé Cherries	2 eggs, beaten
2 oz chopped walnuts	12 oz Self-Raising Flour
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda	

Method

STEP 1

Place all the ingredients for the fruit mix in a large saucepan; bring to the boil and simmer for 5 minutes. Allow to cool for about 30 minutes

STEP 2

Preheat oven to 160C / Gas 3

STEP 3

Add the cherries and nuts stir through

STEP 4

Add eggs and mix well, add the flour and fold through the mix.

STEP 5

Place the mixture in a greased and floured 8' - deep round cake tin. Tie some greaseproof paper around the outside of the tin so that the paper comes over the edges of the tin or optionally place over the top about half way through baking.

Bake for 2 hours but check after 1.5 hours, using a skewer to see if cooked thoroughly. If not, bake a little further until the skewer comes out clean from the cake.

Allow to cool and either decorate with marzipan and royal icing, or dried apricots and cherries, and glaze with melted apricot jam - or plain is very nice too.

Something a little different

Chicken Teddy Bears
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MESSAGE

Selling chicken Teddy bears (Homemade I make them myself)

Chickens have lots of extra parts when you are cooking them. So I can make a bear out of 2 chickens.

\$25 if you supply chicken
\$35 if I provide the chicken

EDIBLE AND CAN BE COOKED ONCE THE KIDS ARE DONE PLAYING WITH IT!
IT'S A GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY!



You could not make it up.

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 close down for Easter. Bollards have already been installed in several School Streets, although there have been some teething problems with the keys.

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

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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.



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**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.

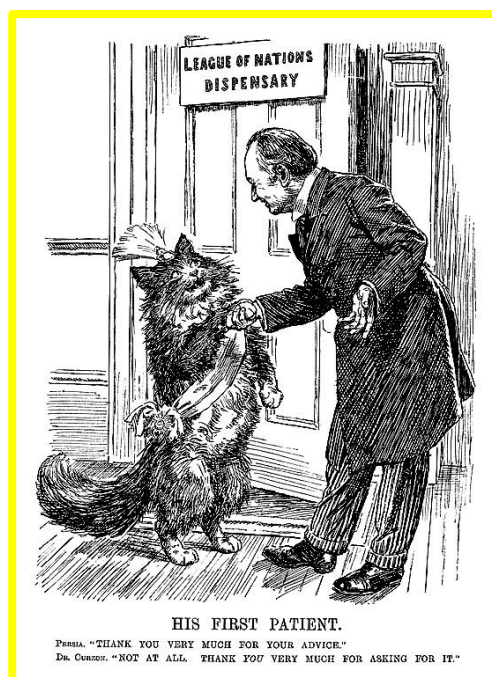
For more information info@wastenotwantnotproject.com
and on Face Book
<https://www.facebook.com/WasteNotWantNotProject/about/>

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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.

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 cllr.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 Line 24/7	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