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CHRISTMAS IN ROEHAMPTON

BY ANDREW LOXTON



Although Covid-19 has meant that many of the traditional events and activities for older people in Roehampton will not be able to take place this Christmas, there are still many activities planned to help mark the festive occasion:

REGENERATE RISE will be providing Christmas bags and a Santa's sleigh with music from Songs on Wheels across Roehampton and Putney, distributing mince pies and some much-needed Christmas cheer. For more information please contact **Mo Smith on 07774 116972** or email mosmith@regenerate-rise.co.uk.

AGE UK WANDSWORTH can provide support with your food shopping through their independent shopper service. They will set up your online shopping account with your favourite shop, do the first few shops for you and then support you to do it yourself. They also provide 'Active Chats' which can offer telephone befriending with seated exercise and/or mindfulness. This is a great service for those who are feeling stuck at home and would like to stay active. For more information on both services please call **020 8877 8940**.

DANCE ON YOUR DOORSTEP wants to bring some Strictly sparkle and glamour to your front door, street or garden by performing a vibrant Samba dance,

a vibrant carnival dance guaranteed to bring sunshine and smiles even on the gloomiest days. To book your own personal performance contact hannah@elementdance.co.uk.

SUGAR SMART are looking for older residents to share their favourite cake, biscuit and sweet recipes in order to create healthier versions that will be then given free of charge to older people in Roehampton. For more information please contact anna.c@be-enriched.org.

BAGS OF TASTE are providing recipes and material for healthy and tasty meals and will deliver the ingredients and recipes you need for a fortnight. For more information please contact southwark@bagsoftaste.org.



Festivities began with the Christmas tree lights being turned on by The Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper, and local resident and Founder of Estate Art, Lynne Capocciama

THE NHS IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

From December 1st, book a time slot at Queen Mary's to get urgent medical help



In March this year the Urgent Treatment Centre (UTC) at Queen Mary's Hospital was closed so that patients and staff would be as safe as possible during the Covid-19 pandemic. Since then, the NHS in Wandsworth has been working with local people, GPs, and hospitals to determine what we could do over the coming winter to meet people's needs, while keeping the risk of Covid-19 very low.

We are pleased to announce that a new temporary service called the Enhanced Primary Care Hub is opening at Queen Mary's Hospital on Tuesday 1st December and will run until April 2021. The service will:

- Include treatment for wounds, minor injuries, and GP appointments.
- Be by appointment only (via NHS 111 or their GP).
- Be for all ages.
- Not see walk-in patients and those with Covid-19 symptoms (please continue to dial 119, 111, or 999, to get medical help).

We are committed to improving our services and want to hear from you about the Enhanced Primary Care Hub so we can make any changes to the temporary service for the benefit of local people. Please call us on **020 8725 3492**, e-mail us at complaints.compliments@stgeorges.nhs.uk or write to Complaints and Improvements Department, St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, London, SW17 0QT.



PLANNING APPLICATION UPDATE



Latest on the planning application for the Alton Estate Regeneration

A once in a generation masterplan to regenerate part of Wandsworth's iconic Alton estate was approved by Wandsworth Borough Council's Planning Applications Committee on 22nd October. The final decision on the scheme will now rest with the Mayor of London.

The transformational mixed-use regeneration will deliver more than 1,100 new homes including 261 council homes – an increase of 103 Council homes. The development will be phased to ensure residents are able to move straight into their new homes on the estate.

The proposals will also deliver new community facilities including a new library, youth centre, community hall, GPs surgery, nursery and children's centre together with new shops and business spaces.

Cllr Ravi Govindia, Leader of the Council, said:

“Wandsworth Council is absolutely committed to making sure the regeneration of the Alton goes ahead and this is a significant milestone for what is an important scheme that will improve the lives of the residents of this estate, providing them with better homes and a better environment to live in.”

Next Steps

Planning: The plans for the regeneration have been approved by the Local Planning Authority, however the plans will also need to be approved by the Mayor of London. Officers from both the Local Planning

Authority and the Regeneration Team have met with officers from the Mayor's team to discuss the plans and hope to receive a positive decision from the Mayor at the earliest possible opportunity.

Procurement: The Council took ownership of the planning application for the regeneration in September when the Council's development partner (Redrow Homes) withdrew from the scheme following a decision to focus on regional developments. The Council has reviewed the different options for delivering the regeneration and has approved a plan to recruit a new development partner. The procurement process is expected to commence in early 2021.

Community Engagement: A Community Engagement Strategy has been approved which sets out the Regeneration Team's commitments, objectives and proposed approaches to engaging with the Alton community as the scheme moves from the planning to delivery stage. A detailed engagement action plan will be further developed in collaboration with the community.

Work has almost concluded at 5 Portswood Place to convert the vacant shop unit into a temporary wood-work studio for Roehampton Shed, which will give them more space to recommence their sessions safely and more quickly following lockdown.

It is intended that the Shed Team will collaborate with other locals of all ages on projects to enhance outdoor spaces on the estate and connect residents with nature, including the building of planters and hedgehog homes.

WITLEY POINT MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA) OPENING



The Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper, has opened a £250,000 refurbishment of a MUGA as part of the Alton regeneration. Children from Heathmere School were invited to a socially distanced opening event featuring mural painting, daffodil planting and the construction of a bug hotel to encourage wildlife.

Cabinet Member for Housing and Deputy Leader, Cllr Kim Caddy, said:

“I'm excited and pleased the games area has opened as it is a key part of our plans for the regeneration of the Alton Estate. The regeneration will deliver new Council homes but this demonstrates regeneration is about more than just housing.”

INTRODUCING LITTLE VILLAGE

BY HELEN SPEEDY

Little Village is like a foodbank, but for clothes, toys and equipment for young children

Little Village is like a foodbank, but for clothes, toys and equipment for babies and children up to the age of 5. We're a movement of parents committed to alleviating material poverty in London and our mission is to build small, warm communities of families who support one another when times are tough. Our vision is that no child in the capital is without the essential things they need to thrive and that every parent can play a part in achieving that.

During Covid-19 we have been unable to carry on meeting families in person, so we have launched a "Virtual Village" to continue delivering hygiene essentials and emergency clothing bundles to families across the capital. Little Village is on track to support 6,000 children across London this year which is more than double the number we supported last year.

We have been working with Eastwood Children's Centre to distribute nappies and toiletries to families with children up to 5 years old, along with the Roehampton Community Boxes supplied by Rackets Cubed in partnership with Heathmere School and Regenerate.

Following the lockdown, we will be looking for volunteers for sorting, packing and dispatching sessions every Monday and Tuesday during term time between 10am and 1pm. All our volunteering sessions are run in line with government coronavirus guidelines and provide a flexible, fulfilling way of supporting other families who are struggling during this very difficult time.

To find out more please contact Helen Speedy at:
helen@littlevillagehq.org

THE FIRST ALTON CHRISTMAS TREE



The Alton Regeneration Team in collaboration with the Economic Development Office are excited to announce that a 20ft evergreen conifer has been installed in Roehampton for the first time this Christmas. The tree is locally sourced and will be situated at the junction between Danebury Avenue and Holyborne Avenue for approximately five weeks. In January the tree will be recycled by Roehampton Shed for use in woodwork projects with the local community.

The tree has been adorned with white lights which were switched on by The Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper, and local resident and Founder of Estate Art,

Lynne Capocciana. A film of the switch on will be available to view on the Council's website.

The Regeneration Team has also been hosting virtual craft sessions with local schools and youth groups to create paper chain decorations. Each strip has been decorated to depict a mood, a feeling, an experience or a hope. Each chain will measure just over two metres in length to represent the recommended social distance, and will symbolise unity and connecting with others. The decorations will be displayed in local shops and community hubs.

CITIZENS ADVICE UPDATE



EU citizens need to secure their rights to live in the UK

If you or anyone in your family are a European citizen, you need to take action to secure your right to live, work, study and to receive benefits and services in the UK after Brexit. Citizens Advice Wandsworth can help you apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status).

The EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status) is free and open to EU citizens and their non-EU family members. To make a successful application you need to prove your identity, prove that you live in the UK and declare any criminal convictions. For more information please visit gov.uk/eu-settled-status.

You should apply before 31 December 2020 as this is when your rights could change. You need to apply even if you have a Permanent Residence card, as your residence card will not be valid after 31 December

2020. You are also advised to apply if you have Indefinite Leave to Remain as you will obtain a more secure status.

Citizens Advice Wandsworth works in partnership with Wandsworth Borough Council to offer information and advice about Brexit and related issues to EU citizens and their non-EU family members living or working in Wandsworth.

The EU Project Team can help you apply to the EU Settlement Scheme and you can contact them at:
euadvice@cawandsworth.org
or 020 3559 2054

For more information please go to
www.cawandsworth.org/eu

ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY BOX UPDATE

BY NIKKI ROSSNER



As the COVID-19 pandemic persists through the winter, volunteers and community groups from across Roehampton continue to support residents with the Roehampton Community Box project. Since the lockdown began in March over 6,048 boxes have been delivered and 148 boxes continue to be delivered every week.

If you would like to support this project please go to:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/Roehampton-community-boxes



WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN: STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

BY VICKY PIGOTT



Every year thousands of people stand up, speak out and say no to violence against women

With the coronavirus pandemic, this year's White Ribbon Campaign has become even more important than ever with a significant increase in violence, harassment and abuse towards women. The White Ribbon pledge is:

"Never commit, excuse, or remain silent about male violence against women and girls."

Roehampton has one of the highest incidences of domestic abuse in the borough of Wandsworth, with rates increasing during the pandemic and during lockdown. Locally, groups such as Regenerate and Citizens Advice Wandsworth have been supporting this campaign and White Ribbon posters and National Helpline cards have also been shared throughout Roehampton.

At the Ashburton Youth Club, Regenerate has been teaching young people about White Ribbon day and the importance of the campaign. Andy Smith, CEO of Regenerate, says:

"We must not be afraid to say no to violence against girls and women".

Wandsworth Council has also held 2 free learning events for local leaders across the borough with the aim to increase knowledge and understanding of domestic abuse issues and empower people to contact support organisations when they or someone they know is experiencing domestic abuse.



BRIGHT SKY



Bright Sky is a free mobile app which provides support and information to those concerned that someone they know is experiencing domestic abuse. It is available in 5 languages (English, Urdu, Punjabi, Polish and Welsh) and provides specialist domestic abuse support services with contact details, questionnaires to help assess the safety of a relationship as well as a section on dispelling myths around domestic and sexual abuse.

For more information visit: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/community-safety/domestic-abuse/domestic-abuse-during-coronavirus-outbreak/

WANDSWORTH ARTS FRINGE NEEDS YOU

The much-loved arts festival needs you to get involved

Wandsworth Arts Fringe (WAF) is a much-loved local arts festival that electrifies the borough of Wandsworth every year. The Arts Service is currently planning next year's festival (7-23 May 2021) and is inviting all interested artists, community groups and creative producers to get involved.

We would love to hear your ideas and plans for live events, digital online and hybrid projects for 2021. Live events in venues, and outdoor events in parks, residential areas and high streets will be subject to any government restrictions at the time.

WAF loves art in all its forms: theatre, music, dance, comedy, circus, visual art and all things in between. Whether you're a professional or visiting artist, arts organisation, a fringe veteran or a first timer who wants to try a new idea, it is an open access arts festival so everyone is welcome to jump on board!

Filling out an Expression of Interest form is a non-committal way of telling us your plans and letting us know if you need any help or advice. You can do this until Wednesday 27 January 2021.

Registrations will close on 28 February 2021 and WAF Grants of up to £2K will be open ASAP with the closing date of 8 January 2021.

For more information please contact Cath Mattos at Cath.Mattos@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or Leila Greci at Lelia.Greci@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk



YOUR WARD COUNCILLORS



Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Wandsworth councillor surgeries are cancelled until further notice. You can contact your local councillors at:

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Cllr.J.Ambache@wandsworth.gov.uk

Cllr Claire Gilbert
Cllr.C.Gilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk

Cllr Sue McKinney
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You can also contact the
Cabinet Member for Housing:

Cllr Kim Caddy
Cllr.K.Caddy@wandsworth.gov.uk



REGENERATION TEAM



You can contact the Regeneration Team
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