

# Get active and have fun along the Wandle!

Discover and enjoy the wildlife, culture and history of the Wandle. Activities are happening all along the river in Wandsworth, Merton and Sutton.

- Join a guided cycle ride or choose one of a variety of wildlife and history walks. This year, there are exciting sports activities and 'come and try' sessions for all ages.
- Find out what life was like along the Wandle many years ago, what wildlife lives in and along the river and some of the things which are happening now to restore the area. You can also create your own Wandle crafts and artwork using old and new techniques.
- All events are open to the public and almost all are free. All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Events are happening on both days, so use this booklet to find what you want to do and where those activities are taking place.



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# WANDLE VALLEY FESTIVAL

ALL  
EVENTS  
FREE!  
unless otherwise  
stated

Saturday 5th June  
Sunday 6th June



history and wildlife



arts and crafts



cycle rides and walks



fun sporting events

Festival activities for all the family

[www.wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk](http://www.wandlevalleyfestival.org.uk) 020 8770 4297

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

### Wandsworth

#### Fun Climbing Competition for boys and girls

Two categories: under 10 and under 14. All equipment provided. Prizes and medals awarded. Competitors will be given a time to attend. Must book in advance. Entry fee £5. Contact Cecil Hughes at the Aspire Centre, Southfields Community College, 337 Merton Rd, SW18 5JU, 020 8875 2603 [aspire@southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:aspire@southfields.wandsworth.sch.uk)

#### Come and try cycling sessions

10am-3pm Learn to ride or improve your cycling skills. Free cycle hire or bring your own bike. Suitable for age 6 and over and adults. Accredited Bikeability tuition and free local cycle map. No booking required. Aspire Centre, 337 Merton Road, London SW18 5JU. Pedal4Health Fred Ellis 0208 393 7724 or 07915 090 571 [www.pedal4health.co.uk](http://www.pedal4health.co.uk)

Get healthy living advice from Wandsworth PCT and find out what they offer. [Emily.DeNobrega@wpct.nhs.uk](mailto:Emily.DeNobrega@wpct.nhs.uk) tel 020 8812 7614

### Merton

#### Morden Hall Park Try Orienteering!

10am-12noon Come and try orienteering, a fun sport for all the family. All ages welcome. Help available. No booking required. £1 per person/group and you get a map of the Park to take away. Mole Valley Orienteering Club. [info@mvoc.org](mailto:info@mvoc.org) [www.mvoc.org](http://www.mvoc.org)

#### Tai Chi in the Park

2.30-4pm Feel the flow, grace and harmony as well as fitness which Tai Chi offers. Join in the workshop followed by a Tai Chi performance. This activity is free and open to all. No booking required. Picnic area near Morden Cottage. [Aileen.Hamdan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Aileen.Hamdan@hotmail.co.uk)

#### Merton Abbey Mills Canoeing down the Wandle from Merton Abbey Mills

Between 4pm and 6 pm Cheer on Battersea Canoe Club as they paddle from Merton Abbey Mills to the mouth of the Wandle for 1 1/2 hours, including going under Southside Shopping Centre. For information on canoeing contact [edward\\_cole@hotmail.com](mailto:edward_cole@hotmail.com)

### Sutton

#### Parent/Junior Tennis Morning

10am-1pm Venue: Sutton Churches LTC, 97-101 Gander Lane, Sutton SM1 2ES. [Kirsty.Garrett@clubtennis.co.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Garrett@clubtennis.co.uk) 020 8274 0630

## WALKS

### from Wandsworth to Croydon and from Croydon to Wandsworth

#### At George's Hospital Charity's Sponsored Walk

9:30am Departing from Wandsworth Town Station. A team from St George's wend their way along the Wandle on a sponsored 11.4 mile walk, stopping for lunch at Morden Hall Park, then continuing to Wandle Park Tram Stop. All money raised will go to enhancing the environment at St George's Hospital. All ages and abilities welcome! Details and sponsorship forms: [Sheila.Davitt-Betts@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:Sheila.Davitt-Betts@stgeorges.nhs.uk)

#### Join the Ramblers for an easy pace walk

9:30am Suitable for everyone. Take the day to cover the length of the river: 11.4 miles. For a shorter walk, you can head either north or south from any of the points and at any of the times shown below. Stop for lunch at the Rose Garden, Morden Hall Park. Bring a picnic or eat at the café. Drinks provided.

#### Going north

START		FINISH
09.30am	Wandle Park Tram Stop 0.4 miles	5.00pm
09.45am	Waddon Ponds (north end in Mill Lane) 2.2 miles	4.45pm
11.15am	Carshalton Village (opposite Somerfields) 3.4 miles	3.45pm
1.45pm	Leave Morden Hall Park (from the Snuff Mill) after lunch stop 1.1 miles	Leave Morden Hall Park 1.45pm
2.30pm	Merton Abbey Mills (by the waterwheel) 2.5 miles	12.15pm
3.45pm	Earlsfield Station 1.2 miles	10.45am
4.15pm	King George's Park - (by tennis courts and Lake near Mapleton Road, Wandsworth, entrance) 0.6 miles	10.15am
5pm	Wandsworth Town Station	09.30am

#### FINISH

#### START Going south

From Wandsworth Town Station – Morden Hall Park contact John on 020 8789 3064  
From Wandle Park Tram Stop – Morden Hall Park. contact Melanie on 07944 833605  
From Morden Hall Park- Wandle Tram Stop contact Peter on 020 8641 4339.

### Merton Walks

#### Morden Hall Park National Trust Wandle Wildlife Walk

10am-12noon Guided walk around Morden Hall Park with emphasis on the River Wandle. Looking at birds, fish, dragonflies and more. Meet at Morden Cottage near the Snuff Mill. Led by Tony Drakeford, author of the 'River Wandle Wildlife Guide'.

## Sutton Walks

### Trees Along the Wandle

There may be an opportunity to join LB Sutton's Tree Officer and Tree Warden to identify and discuss trees along the Wandle. *If you are interested, please contact Maggie.Toms@sutton.gov.uk or 020 8770 5070.*

### Seek Out Bats In Beddington

9pm-about 10.30pm Meet opposite Carew Manor in Church Road, Beddington Park. *Led by Derek Coleman from the Sutton Group of the London Wildlife Trust. For further details contact 020 8770 4297.*

## CYCLE RIDES

### From Wandsworth

#### Exploring the Wandle Trail

**10.30am** Relaxed, 5 mile guided cycle ride starting from King George's Park, following the signed route to Morden Hall Park, passing Merton Abbey Mills and Deen City Farm. Cycle treasure hunt for the kids in the afternoon at Morden Hall Park. Meet at the Leisure Centre, Mapleton Road. Led by experienced Sustrans Rangers. No unaccompanied children. *Leader Alan Williams alanrw52vr@googlemail.com*

## WILDLIFE AND RIVER DISCOVERY

### Merton

#### Ravensbury Park

#### Friends of Ravensbury Park Community Day

**10:30am-6pm** Throughout the day: displays and information about Ravensbury Park; activities for children including scavenger hunt, tree trail, art workshop; kite flying in the meadow area of the park - bring your own kite.

**2:30pm-4pm** **Guided walk** to learn about the history of Ravensbury Park and the folklore and medicinal qualities of the local plants and trees.

**5pm-6pm** **Teddy Bear Picnic.** Everyone welcome. Please bring a picnic, rug and teddy bear. Marquee will be by the old footbridge over the Wandle, off Wandle Rd and Morden Rd SM4. *For more information contact Jennifer Neal 07942 754 929 or jenniferaneal@yahoo.com*

**10:30-6pm** **Public Community Art Piece and Workshop** A public art piece developed with members of the community offers a new experience of the park and new ways of perceiving the park's identity. Join in to explore the connections between art and nature. *Artist Jenny Rolfe-Herbert jennyrolfeherbert@yahoo.co.uk www.postartists.com*

#### Deen City Farm and Riding School (Saturday and Sunday)

**10.00am to 4.30pm** All sorts of animals, including lambs and chicks. Community Project: learn where your food comes from. **11am and 2pm** **Animal feeding.** **3pm** **Pony rides** (for under 8's, subject to usual H&S constraints) 39 Windsor Avenue, SW19 8PU. Car parking available. *information@deencityfarm.co.uk www.deencityfarm.co.uk*

### Merton Abbey Mills in the market area

**Water waste and Wildlife** Arts, crafts and games celebrating the Wandle with the chance to peak at some of the creatures living in the river. Thames 21 *Judith Ressler 07500 842283 www.thames21.org.uk*

### Invasive species on the Wandle

**11-3:30pm** Find out about invasive plant species all along the Wandle and information on how to recognise, record and manage them. Wandle Trust. *Bella Davies 0787 9998 232 invasives@wandletrust.org www.wandletrust.org*

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#### Potato printing and children's wildlife quiz with prizes

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### Sutton

#### Wandle Valley Wetland

**11am-2pm** Open Day and Pond dipping. Explore this normally restricted site for mini beasts and pond dipping. No booking required. The Wetland is next to Budge Lane Community Centre, 2 Budge Lane, Hackbridge. *Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers. 020 8770 5821 sncv@sutton.gov.uk www.sutton.gov.uk/environment/sncv*

#### Open Day at Spencer Road Wetland

**11am-2pm** Spencer Road Wetland – reserve entrance at junction of Spencer Road and Wood Street, Hackbridge. *Organised by members of the Sutton group of the London Wildlife Trust. For more information ring 020 8770 4297.*

#### Activity Day at Sutton's New Community Farm

**10am-2pm** Discover the farm, a beautiful area of land, surrounded by **growing** and horses with views over London. Activities include preparing beds, planting seeds, surveying for biodiversity and drinking tea! Bring a packed lunch and wellies if possible. Woodcote Small Holdings (close to crossroads of Oaks Track & Telegraph Track – look for the wind turbine), Wallington, SM6 0SH. Sutton Community Farm. *Anna Francis 020 8404 7085 anna.francis@bioregional.com www.suttoncommunityfarm.org.uk*

#### The Big Balsam Blitz

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**11am-4pm Make it in clay and take it away.** Have fun making your own Treasure Island in clay with the help of experienced potters. Free materials provided. All ages and abilities. Wandle Heritage [www.stephenllewellwynpottery.co.uk](http://www.stephenllewellwynpottery.co.uk) 020 8647 0076 [Stephenllewellwyn@waitrose.com](mailto:Stephenllewellwyn@waitrose.com)

**11am-5pm Make recycled litter into art!** Artist Kevin Herlihy [info@kevinherlihy.co.uk](mailto:info@kevinherlihy.co.uk) [www.kevinherlihy.co.uk](http://www.kevinherlihy.co.uk)

#### Children's Puppet Show in the Colourhouse Theatre

2.30pm (tickets £3.50) 4.00pm (tickets £5.00)

### Sutton

#### Honeywood Museum

**10am-5pm** Children, pretend you are on 'Time Team' by digging up the past in our archaeology boxes. Piece together an object, plus other archaeological activities.

**Drop in crafts throughout the weekend** including make funky frogs, racing fish, model paper mills, exotic fish, printing on fabric, painting by the ponds, trails and more! Admission and all craft activities are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tea Room open. Honeywood Walk, Carshalton, SM5 3NX 020 8770 4297

#### Also at Honeywood Museum

**Wednesday 26th May-Sunday 13th June Calling All Artists** An exhibition of work by local amateur and professional artists. All work for sale and includes oils, watercolours, ceramics, textiles and sculpture.

**Wednesday 9th June 7.30pm The Mills of the Upper Wandle** An exploration of this important early industrial area. An illustrated talk by John Phillips. Tickets £3.00 (£2.50 Friends). Ring 020 8770 4297 to book.

#### All Saints Church

**10am-5pm** Open with displays of flowers and vestments. This is an opportunity to visit the bell tower and organ gallery as well as learn more about the history of the church. Also bell ringing, hand bell ringing on Saturday morning. Refreshments will be available. High St, Carshalton. *Christine Lindsay on 020 8647 3000*

#### St. Mary's Church

**2-5pm** See a Romano-British coffin and William Morris organ screen, 15th century choir stalls, 17th century pulpit and Carew family memorials. Church Road, Beddington. 020 8688 1966 or 020 8660 1047 [www.stmarysbeddington.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbeddington.org.uk)

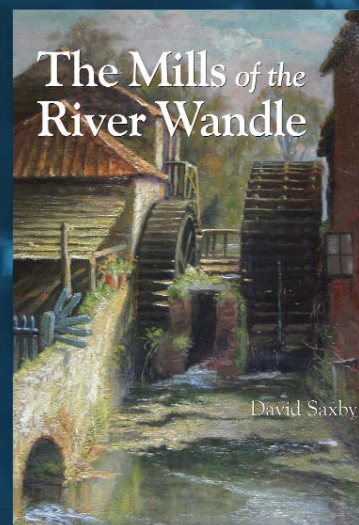
### Win a prize\* in the Festival Family Quiz

**To enter - Look in this brochure for the four events with a ①**

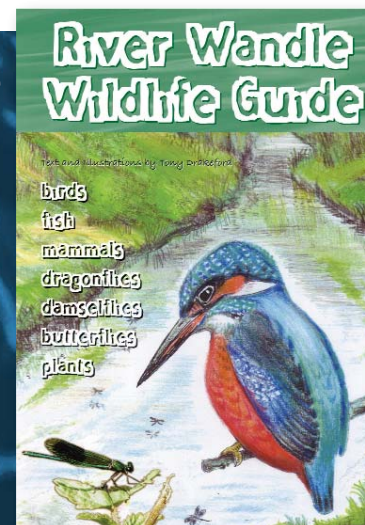
Answer four questions about these four ①mark events in the questionnaire which you can get by going to the Honeywood Museum close to the Carshalton Ponds or contact the Quiz Organiser - just telephone 0208 647 0766

\* Prizes. Vouchers kindly donated by the Co-Operative/Somerfield Store in Carshalton High Street and copies of The River Wandle Wildlife Guide for Runner-up prizewinners.

Find out more  
about the  
Wandle

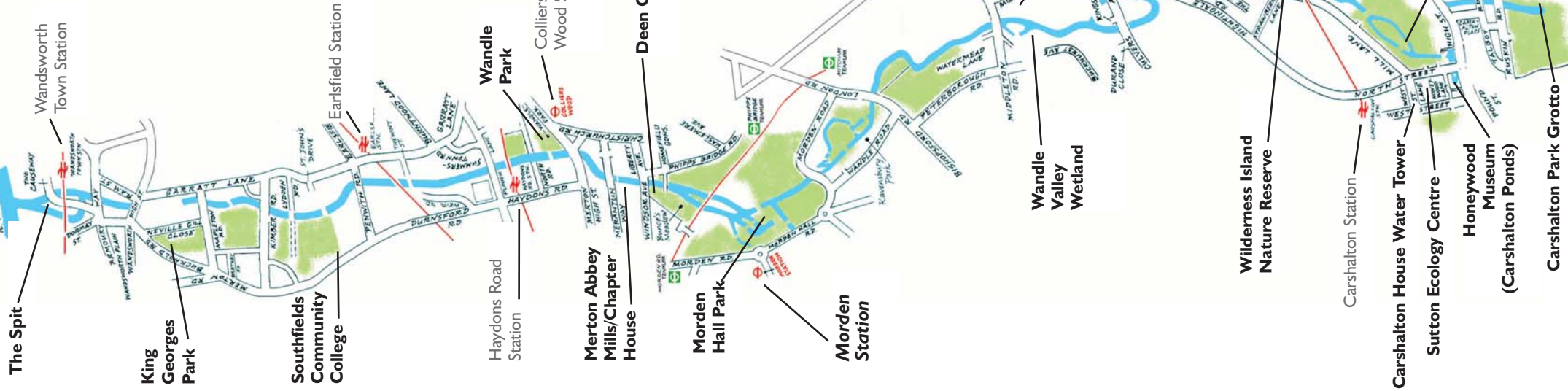


The Mills of the River Wandle (£2.95)



The River Wandle Wildlife Guide (£1.95)

Both of these booklets  
will be available at sites  
along the river



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## How to find activities

This year's activities come under the headings Sports, Walks, Cycle Rides, Wildlife and River Discovery, Arts, Crafts and History.

Each area has its own colour code.

- Wandsworth
- Merton
- Sutton

All events are open to the public and almost all are free. If you want more information about an activity, the organisation running it, or how to get involved, there are contact details and a website.

## WALKS

### Wandsworth

#### Wildlife walk along the Wandle in Wandsworth

**10:30am** Walk north along the Wandle looking at the wildlife that can be seen and assessing how the industrial heritage has influenced how nature can use the river. Approximately 2 hours; 1.5 miles. Meet at the corner of Bodmin and Acuba Roads, SW18, off Merton Road Valerie Selby, Biodiversity Officer. *For more information* [biodiversity@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:biodiversity@wandsworth.gov.uk) [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/biodiversity](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/biodiversity)

#### An Industrial Town- The Wandle Through Wandsworth

**2pm** An introduction to the industrial history and development of Wandsworth Town. Walking up the Thames, along the Causeway to Armory way, ending at Wandsworth Museum. Meet at the corner of Mapleton Road and Garrett Lane, SW18. *Led by Sean Creighton* [sean.creighton@btinternet.com](mailto:sean.creighton@btinternet.com) or on 020 8640 2014

### Merton

#### Mitcham Common Walk

**10:15am** Join the Ramblers for a 3-4 mile easy walk around Mitcham Common with a coffee stop halfway at the Mitcham Common Ecology Centre. Meet at Mitcham Junction Station (bus stop on the bridge). *Led by Melanie Nunzet* 07944 833 605 [melanie.nunzet@gmail.com](mailto:melanie.nunzet@gmail.com)

### Sutton

#### Visit sites of Mill Lane industries of the past

**2pm-3:30pm** Visit the historic sites of mills in Mill Lane which produced Corn, Paper, Snuff, Vellum etc. contrasted with the production up to recent times of modern chemical products by BP and Vinyl Plastics. Meet at Honeywood Museum, Carshalton Ponds. *Led by Clive Oxx* *Friend of Honeywood Museum / CTC* 0208 647 0766 [cs003f3249@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:cs003f3249@blueyonder.co.uk)

## CYCLE RIDES

### From Croydon

#### Cycle Every Inch Of The Wandle Trail!

**9.30am sharp** Join us for a detailed exploration of the entire Wandle Trail. See both sources; ride from Waddon Ponds to Carshalton, up to Wandsworth and back again. Depart from outside Westcroft Leisure in Carshalton. *Pollards Hill Cyclists. Leader: Mark* [mark@pollardshillcyclists.org.uk](mailto:mark@pollardshillcyclists.org.uk) 07711 688189 [www.pollardshillcyclists.org.uk](http://www.pollardshillcyclists.org.uk)

#### Sutton Cycling Club (Youth Cycling Club)

**9.45am** Easy paced family ride for all ages. Start at Waddon ponds, north end of Mill Lane, off Purley Way. Ride to Carshalton (3.5 miles), then 4 miles to Morden Hall Park for picnic lunch. *Leader: Julian McGovern, Sutton Cycling Club.* 07850 805378 [julian.mcgovern@suttoncycling.co.uk](mailto:julian.mcgovern@suttoncycling.co.uk) [www.suttoncycling.co.uk](http://www.suttoncycling.co.uk)

## WILDLIFE AND RIVER DISCOVERY

### Wandsworth

#### In King George's Park near the Lake from 11am to 5pm

#### Pond Dipping in the Park

**11am-4pm** A chance to discover the wildlife living in the River Wandle and in The Lake. London Wildlife Trust. *Tony Chadwick* [tchadwick@wildlondon.org.uk](mailto:tchadwick@wildlondon.org.uk) [www.wildlondon.org.uk](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk)

#### Burntwood Green Wandle Group

Burntwood students have been working with the Wandle Trust to help clean up the River Wandle close to Burntwood School. Students will be on hand to share their enthusiasm for the river and to talk about their project. *For more information Sarah Black* 020 83784041 [press@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:press@burntwood.wandsworth.sch.uk) [www.burntwoodschool.com](http://www.burntwoodschool.com)

#### Be Floodwise

Come find out if you are at risk from flooding and how to be prepared. Free Flood Games and Inspector Downpaw masks available for kids. *Environment Agency:* [www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood) or *Floodline* 0845 988 1188.

#### Your views on the Wandle

Tell us what you think about the River Wandle and King Georges Park; share your stories and ideas. Also find out about invasive plant species along the river and information on how to recognise, record and manage them. *Wandsworth Parks Service* 020 8871 6347.

#### Looking for Cleaner Air!

Find out how you can help to improve air quality, including greener transport and free air quality services. Test your environmental knowledge to win prizes. *WBC Environmental Initiatives Team* [eiteam@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:eiteam@wandsworth.gov.uk)

#### Pest control

Advice on pest control matters and to show the services the team provides for the residents of the Borough. *Environmental Services* 020 8871 6143. [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/431/pest\\_control/119/pest\\_control/1](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/431/pest_control/119/pest_control/1)

#### Green Pledge, Recycling and Waste Minimisation

See what a difference you can make when you reduce waste, recycle and make a Green Pledge. Waste Policy and Projects Officer. 020 8871 8506 [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/save](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/save) [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/recycling) [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/greenpledge](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/greenpledge)

#### Cycle Corner

Pick up cycle route maps and other handy cycling freebies, ask questions, get advice. Race your friends on Tooting Bec Cycling Club's static racing bikes. Get your cycle security marked by the Community Safety Team. *WBC Technical Services and Strattons Cycles.* [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bikeweek](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/bikeweek)

#### Cycling in Wandsworth and Beyond

Find out more about cycling in our borough and beyond. Want to cycle to work or for shopping? We can provide support and encouragement. *Wandsworth Cycling Campaign* [info@wandsworthcyclists.org.uk](mailto:info@wandsworthcyclists.org.uk)

Merton

**Morden Hall Park National Trust near the Snuff Mill**

**Fishing demo and Angling history**

10am-4pm Learn more about fishing and the history of angling. There will be no actual fishing due to the closed season. *Morden Hall Park Angling Club.*

**Find out about Riverfly Monitoring and the insect life of the Wandle.** Try your hand at fly tying and float making. *Wandle Piscators*

*www.wandlepiscators.net*

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**Wandle Park**

**Community Picnic**

12noon-6pm Bring your own picnic and we will provide the entertainment – the **Colliers Wood Chorus** will be singing, the **Colliers Wood Ukulele Orchestra** will be playing, and you can take part in **tai chi** and **badminton**, a **nature trail and quiz**. Wandle Park at Colliers Wood. Colliers Wood Residents Association. *Keith Spears 07982 721 496 or keithaspears@hotmail.com www.collierswoodresidentsassociation.org.uk*

Sutton

**Sutton Ecology Centre**

11am-2pm **Wander the Wandle** Come and discover more about the River Wandle from its source outside the Ecology Centre. Complete our **Wandle Challenge** by joining our (short) wander along the wandle, into Grove Park, where you will **discover more about the life in and along the river**. Prizes to be won. Event for all the family. No booking required. Festival Walk, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 3NY. *020 8770 5820 or sec@sutton.gov.uk www.sutton.gov.uk click on E for Ecology Centre*

**Open Day at Wilderness Island**

10.30am-1pm Reserve entrance at junction of Mill Lane and Strawberry Lane, Carshalton. *Organised by members of the Sutton group of the London Wildlife Trust. For more information ring 020 8770 4297.*

**Invasive species on the Wandle**

11-3.30 Find out about invasive plant species along the Wandle (all boroughs) and information on how to recognise, record and manage them. Beddington Park. Wandle Trust. *For more information: Bella Davies 0787 9998 232 invasives@wandletrust.org www.wandletrust.org*

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HERITAGE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Wandsworth

**King George's Park near The Lake**

Activities from 11am-5pm

**Have you ever wondered what lies beneath your feet?** Everything from Mammoth bones to Roman settlements to World War II bombs – and more! **Or who lived here?** World Famous writers, singers, politicians, actors, war heroes, highwaymen and scoundrels. Wandsworth Museum. *0208 870 6060. andrew.leitch@wandsworthmuseum.co.uk www.wandsworthmuseum.co.uk*

**Make recycled litter into art!** Artist Kevin Herlihy *www.kevinherlihy.co.uk*  
For more information on my work: *info@kevinherlihy.co.uk*

**Make, decorate and fly your own fish kite.** Green Theme Craft Workshops *www.greentheme.makingithappen.co.uk Jill Nicholas 01344 423 068 jill\_nicholas@yahoo.co.uk*

**Archaeology for children** Try your hand at an ancient craft – make a Roman mosaic for our Wandle wall. See if you can dig up stuff that Romans and other early Londoners left behind; from pots to pipes and from bones to stones. *Archaeologist Becky Wallower.*

**Make a Wandle animal hat** King George's Park has lots of animals. Using lots of different craft materials, make an animal hat of your choice and customize it your own way. A fun, creative way to think about animals and the environment. *Artist Helen Jacobs. For more information hels.jacobs@gmail.com www.HelenJacobs.com*

**Music in the Park** Singer/songwriter Dick Philpot performs an acoustic set on the grass including songs 'The Red River' and 'Take a Walk with Me' about growing up near the River Wandle. *Hear Dick's songs at www.myspace.com/dickphilpot and follow Dick at www.southlondonfolk.co.uk*

**Drawing and Watercolours** Make your own special scene of the Wandle or colour one of the outlines of scenes from Wandle culture and wildlife. *WVF volunteers.*

Merton

**Morden Hall Park near the Snuff Mill**

12-4pm **Industrial Revolutions** Family workshops to design and make your own waterwheel using water to generate electricity. Visit the Snuff Mill to find out about the work and people involved. *National Trust 020 8545 6850 mordenhallpark@nationaltrust.org.uk*

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11am-4pm **Make it in clay and take it away.** Have fun making your own Treasure Island in clay with the help of experienced potters. Free materials provided. All ages and abilities. *Wandle Heritage* [www.stephenllewellwynpottery.co.uk](http://www.stephenllewellwynpottery.co.uk) 020 8647 0076 [Stephenllewellwyn@waitrose.com](mailto:Stephenllewellwyn@waitrose.com)

1pm and 3pm **The Merton Concert Band plays favourite music**

1pm onwards **Young's Brewery Shire Horses give family rides in the dray.**

## Children's Puppet Show in the Colour House Theatre

2.30pm (tickets £3.50) 4.00pm (tickets £5.00)

3pm **The Mayor cuts the giant birthday cake.** Clowns entertain the children and give out the cake.

You can also visit shops, craft and food stalls, William Morris riverside pub and local restaurants. Merton Abbey Mills is on the bank of the Wandle at Merantun Way SW19.

## Sutton

### Honeywood Museum

Children, pretend you are on **'Time Team'** by digging up the past in our archaeology boxes. Take the archaeologist's challenge and piece together an object, plus other archaeological activities. **Drop in crafts throughout the weekend** including make funky frogs, racing fish, model paper mills, exotic fish, printing on fabric, painting by the ponds, trails and more!

10.30-4.30pm **Papermaking Workshop** Paper making was a major Wandle industry from the late 18th century well into the 20th century. Suitable for children aged 5 years to adult. *Led by archaeologist Sarah Dhanjal*

Admission and all craft activities are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tea Room open. Honeywood Walk, Carshalton SM5 3NX 020 8770 4297

### Also at Honeywood Museum

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### All Saints Church

10am-5pm (services at 8am, 10:30am and 6:30pm)

Open with displays of flowers and vestments. This is an opportunity to visit the bell tower and organ gallery as well as learn more about the history of the church. Refreshments will be available. High St, Carshalton. *For further details ring Christine Lindsay on 020 8647 3000.*

### Carew Manor Dovecote

2-4pm The 18th century octagonal brick dovecote with its original potence (circular ladder), and 1200 nesting boxes will be open to view. *Off Church Road, Beddington. Ring Honeywood Museum on 020 8770-4297 for further details.*

### Carshalton House Water Tower

2.30-5pm Unique Grade 2 listed early 18th century garden building sited in the grounds of Carshalton House. Admission half price 50p adults, children free. Carshalton House, Pound St, Carshalton. *Ring Julia Gertz for further details 020 8647 0984.*

### Carshalton Park Grotto

2-4pm An opportunity to see the 18th century garden building with Andrew Skelton. Some original decorative material is viewable. Ruskin Road entrance, Carshalton. *Ring Honeywood Museum on 020 8770-4297 for further details.*

### Upper Mill

3-5pm John Phillips, Heritage Projects Manager, will talk about the history of the mill. Grove Park, Carshalton. *Ring Honeywood Museum on 020 8770-4297 for further details.*

### St. Mary's Church

2-6pm See a Romano-British coffin and William Morris organ screen, 15th century choir stalls, 17th century pulpit and Carew family memorials. 6.30pm choral evensong Church Road, Beddington. *For further details ring 0208 6601047.*