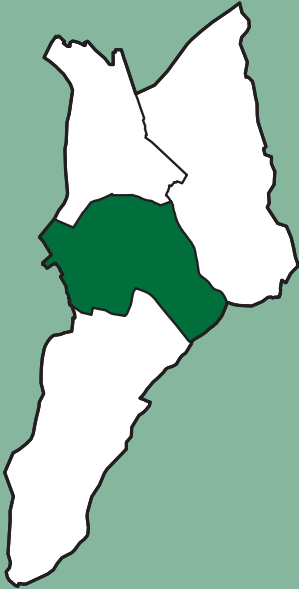


Surbiton Neighbourhood



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Welcome

Welcome to the Surbiton Neighbourhood e-Bulletin, which will be published four times a year and provide information about news and events in the Neighbourhood. This will be despatched to Councillors, residents and Partners, mainly by e-mail and on the Council's website, although a few paper copies will be available.

If you would like to receive a regular e-mailed copy of this bulletin, please contact gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Surbiton Neighbourhood Community Plan - Get Involved!

A Neighbourhood Community Plan is being developed for Surbiton and Tolworth. The Plan will contain a list of issues and actions agreed with the community and the principal aim is to bring about improvements to our daily lives.

Two public workshops were held in March, at which a range of issues were discussed and prioritised. It is not too late to get

involved! Steering Group meetings are being held to consider the issues raised and come up with a list of actions to deliver improvements.



Forthcoming Steering Group Meetings (All held from 7pm – 9pm)

1. Provision of Community Centre/Information Centre
Thursday 30 September
Venue: Glenmore House, The Crescent, Surbiton
(This will take into account considerations regarding Surbiton Hospital)
2. Services and Facilities for Young People
Thursday 14 October
Venue: Glenmore House, The Crescent, Surbiton
3. Community Space/Sense of Place/Identity/Victoria Road Shops
Wednesday 20 October (meeting and venue to be confirmed)
4. Traffic, Parking and Public Transport Issues
Thursday 28 October
Venue: Surbiton Library Hall, Ewell Road, Surbiton
5. Surbiton Hospital Site/Community Space
To be considered as part of Surbiton Hospital consultation (see also item 1 above)
(Note: Transportation Working Group - 4 October 2010 7pm at Surbiton Hospital)



If you would like to book a place on any or all of the Steering Group meetings, or find out more about how you can be involved in the Community Plan, please call Christina Gardner 020 8547 5369 or e-mail christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Useful Contacts

RBK Environmental Services

Contact Centre

(Open 8am-6pm Mon-Fri)

020 8547 5929 - General

020 8547 5560 - Refuse & Recycling

Surbiton Neighbourhood Manager

Christina Gardner

020 8547 5369

Surbiton Councillors

Alexandra Ward

Cllr Michael Burden

Cllr John Burgess

Cllr Richard Hudson

Berrylands Ward

Cllr Karen George

Cllr Frances Moseley

Cllr Bob Steed (Vice-Chair)

St Mark's Ward

Cllr Liz Green

Cllr Mary Heathcote

Cllr Yogan Yoganathan (Chair)

Surbiton Hill Ward

Cllr Neil Houston

Cllr Umesh Parekh

Cllr Malcolm Self

Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams

Alexandra - 020 8721 2516

Berrylands - 020 8721 2002

St Marks - 020 8721 2044

Surbiton Hill - 020 8721 2518

Neighbourhood Committee Meetings

All meetings start at 7.30pm at
Dysart School, Ewell Road, Surbiton.

13 October
Neighbourhood Committee

3 November
Planning Sub-Committee

8 December
Neighbourhood Committee

Victoria Park - Tell us what you think...

Local people and those who use Victoria Park are being asked to express their views on what they think about the Park to guide our decisions in the future. As part of this consultation, all are invited to join a 'Friends of Victoria Park' group, which will look at the survey results and work together to make the most of this fantastic facility in our Neighbourhood.

Copies of the survey are available in Surbiton Library; on-line at:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/rbk_victoria_park
or by calling 020 8547 5929 - the closing date is 22 October.

The first Friends of Victoria Park meeting will take place on Monday 8 November at the YMCA, Victoria Road, Surbiton from 7pm – 9pm It is open to everyone who cares about the Park and its future.

Please email: environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or call 020 8547 5929 for more information.

Surbiton Town Centre Improvements

The first stage of improvements has now been made. These include increased safety measures at junctions as well as surfacing and environmental improvements to St Mary's Road.

If you would like to be involved in a Working Group to develop the next stage which includes widening of pavements and other environmental improvements please e-mail: christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk or phone Christina Gardner, Neighbourhood Manager on 020 8547 5369.

For more information see www.kingston.gov.uk/surbiton_town_consultation

Tolworth Broadway Improvements

The proposed plans for improvements to Tolworth Broadway are continuing to be developed. A full public consultation will take place early in 2011.

For further information on the proposals and how you can be involved please see www.kingston.gov.uk/tolworth_project, call 020 8547 5974 or email tolworth.project@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Have Your Say - Reducing Crime Together

Every year, the Safer Kingston Partnership runs a "Reducing Crime Together" survey across the whole Borough. We do this because we really want to know what you think about crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse in your area. The results of the survey help us to prioritise the areas that the Partnership will target for the coming year. Last year's survey was the most successful ever with four times more responses than the previous year. We are hoping this year's survey has an even greater response.

The hardcopy survey has now been delivered to households and businesses in the borough. However, for those people who prefer to complete the survey online, please see the following web page: www.kingston.gov.uk/reducing_crime

'Your Neighbourhood' Web Page

Why not take a look at the Neighbourhood Web page on www.kingston.gov.uk/su

We have also introduced a Neighbourhood Questionnaire, which you can complete online to let us know your views about the local area.

Hard copies of the questionnaire can be obtained by contacting Gemma Gallant on 020 8547 5919 or email gemma.gallant@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

Summer in Surbiton

Surbiton residents love to hold events and here are just some of the activities which took place this summer...

Alpha Road Fun Day - 22 May

The second Fun Day was held on the Alpha Road Estate in brilliant sunshine. Residents and their helpers had been working for months in the lead up to the day and were congratulated by the Mayor, Councillor Chrissie Hitchcock, who joined crowds of people from the local area to enjoy the various stalls and events. A huge range of people took part, from the very young to the elderly. Surbiton Day Nursery were there too. We can't wait for next year!



Youth Bands - 2012 Together

Surbiton Town Centre was treated to music from three Youth Bands on the morning of Saturday 24th July. Some 60 young people from Surbiton Royal British Legion Youth Band, 1st Hook Scout and Guide Band and Kingston and Malden Scout and Guide Band played traditional brass band and popular music to a appreciative crowd in Surbiton Town Centre. The aim is to raise the profile of the 2012 Olympics for young people. It also proved that brass bands are very much alive in Surbiton!

Ellerton Road/Bond Road Residents' Association - Big Lunch Street Party - 18 July

Local residents who wanted to bring the community together and spread a little happiness came up with the idea of holding a Big Lunch Street Party. The idea came to life on 18 July, when local residents and their friends set up tables and chairs on the streets to share food and enjoy the entertainment. There was sunshine and laughter and many people had the pleasure of chatting to their neighbours for the very first time. If you would like have a Street Party in your road, please contact environment@rbk.kingston.gov.uk to apply.



To join the Residents Association see www.ellertonandbondra.com or email ebrra@rocketmail.com



The Seething Talcum Colliery Band Rides Again!

On Saturday 11 September, something wonderful happened. The people of Seething heard again the sounds of The Seething Talcum Colliery Band, a sound not heard since 1921 at the last Seething Festival of the 20th Century (allegedly).

Residents and visitors to Surbiton gathered to join the parade led by the 20-strong brass band - the unique sound that is Seething Brass music - and afterwards sang with the Ale Voice Choir in the garden of the Ram Public House.

For more details of the Seething Talcum Colliery Band, Suburban Skiing and other initiatives organised by Homage de Fromage, please see: www.seethingwells.org

Millennium Green - Party in the Park - June

Hundreds of people gathered in the Park to enjoy delicious food and entertainment organised by the Millennium Green Trust and Alexandra Neighbourhoods Association. The Police Safer Neighbourhood Team was there with PCSO Steve who joined in the fun which included a 'Gig on the Green'. This is the second year the event has been run to raise funds to maintain and enhance the Millennium Green for the benefit of the community. To find out more about the Millennium Green Trust and how you can join please contact: amgt2000@tiscali.co.uk or see www.alexandramillenniumgreen.org/

Forthcoming Events



Farmers Market, Maple Road

Saturday 16 October

The third Saturday of every month, 9am - 1pm

A wide range of seasonal produce and speciality foods, including locally produced fruit and vegetables. Local restaurants and bars will be open for breakfasts, lunches and drinks.

For further information see www.mapleroadsurbiton.co.uk

Ski Sunday

Sunday 17 October 2010

The second annual Surbiton Ski Sunday will be taking place on Sunday 17 October from 10am – 1pm at St Mark's Hill.

This year it also involves the King's Soup from 1:15pm to 4:15pm at Jewson's Yard. For more details please see www.seethingwells.org and fill in the one minute on-line survey so that the organisers – the Community Brain - can get feedback from you.



Remembrance Sunday Services

A service will be held in at Surbiton Memorial on Sunday 14 November to remember those who sacrificed their lives for the peace and freedom which we benefit from today. Remembrance Sunday is always held on the second Sunday of November – the Sunday which is closest to 11 November (Armistice Day) when, at 11am in 1918, the hostilities of the First World War came to an end.



Have Fun in Your Free-Time

Surbiton & District Caledonian Society - Scottish Dancing

The Society meets at St Matthew's School, Langley Road, Surbiton on Thursday evenings from 8pm to 10.30pm to practise and enjoy around 12 dances with a half way tea-break. Annual Membership is £5 (plus £2 for members and £3 for non-members). The Club is very friendly and informal and newcomers are made especially welcome.

Please email: dmhorwill@aol.com

or visit www.surbitoncaledonian.co.uk for further details



The cornerHOUSE community arts centre, 116 Douglas Road

Are you interested in drama, dance, music, singing, poetry or the visual arts? Do you like to paint or take photographs? Do you prefer to focus lights, operate a sound desk, make costumes, build sets or simply help out? Or maybe you just want to sit back, relax, and let others entertain you! The cornerHOUSE is a busy, friendly, arts centre which has something for everyone to be involved in - whatever your age. It is run entirely by volunteers, who provide support in any way, whether it be with public events (stewarding, box office, bar etc.),

maintaining the premises (painting, gardening, plumbing etc.) operating the auditorium and side studio (lighting, sound, stage management) and even treading the boards.

For further information visit www.thecornerhouse.org

E-mail info@thecornerhouse.org or phone 020 8296 9012.



League of Friends of Surbiton & Tolworth Hospitals

The League of Friends raises money to provide additional items for patient care as well as help with NHS services in the community, supporting both patients and staff in elderly care and mental health wards and providing assistance to the Occupational, Physiotherapy, Speech & Language and Out-patients Departments in the two hospitals.

If you would like to support your local hospitals and find out how to become a member or know more about how to become involved in ongoing projects, or see how you can help, please contact Pip Mumford, Honorary Secretary
email: secretary@friends-of-surbiton-tolworth-hospitals.org.uk

Kingston Choral Society

The Society performs 3-4 concerts a year, at least two with a professional orchestra and soloists. New members are welcome. Rehearsals take place Thursday evenings during term time in Hollyfield School and performances are usually in Kingston Parish Church.

For more information see website: www.kingstonchoralsociety.co.uk
e-mail: kcs-enquiries@blueyonder.co.uk or phone: 020 8949 4961



Hinchley Manor Operatic Society

The society performs well known musical shows and is seeking performers and help backstage with lighting make up- sound and other support. Rehearsals take place at Surbiton Methodist Church, Ewell Road.

For more details see web site www.hmos.org.uk or e-mail: lguerriero@sky.com

Kingston Gujarati School

The Language school has been running since 1987 and currently has over 65 children in the school which teaches the Gujarati language and culture to students whose origins are in Gujarat, India. The School is also open to students for whom Gujarati is a second language and everyone interested in learning the Gujarati language.

For more information and how to join please contact Mr. Raj Pandya on 07956 252 294

or e-mail: raj.pandya@bt.com & r.pandya@btinternet.com



Surbiton and District Historical Society

Without societies such as these how would people find out about our wonderful history? This is an opportunity to attend lectures with exceptionally good speakers, attend outings and enjoy social events. An annual Newsletter is also sent out.

Annual membership is £15 and visitors pay £2. The society meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7.45 p.m. in the Library Annex, Ewell Road.

For more information please contact: 020 8399 4473 or e-mail: lenandmarilyn@aol.com

Surbiton Croquet Club, Alexandra Recreation Ground



New Members are very welcome to this Club which has excellent facilities and a club house in the Park.

Full details of the club including public events can be found on www.surbitoncroquet.org.uk or phone 020 8390 8685.



HotShots Linedancing Classes



If you have never been linedancing before, you should try this fun way of keeping fit and making friends. The group have monthly socials and club linedance weekends away in addition to the weekly classes which cater for a wide range of abilities from beginners through to intermediates.

Classes in the Surbiton area are held at:

- The Sunray Community Centre, Knollmead (next to Knollmead Primary School) on Mondays.
- The Surbiton British Legion, Hollyfield Rd on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of every month.

For details of these and other classes in the area, visit www.hotshotslinedanceclub.com or contact Janice on 020 8949 3612 or janicegolding@aol.com

Come and learn the magic of DANCE

Lucinda Walsh School of Dance runs a full range of dance classes from age 3 upwards;

Mondays:

- 3.30 - 4.00pm Baby Ballet (3-4 years)
- 4.00 - 4.30pm Prep Ballet (4- 6 years)
- 4.30 - 5.00pm Prep Ballet: Exam class (4-6 years)
- 5.00 - 5.40pm Free Style Juniors (6-9 years)
- 5.50 - 6.20pm Freestyle Teens (10+)

Thursdays

- 4.00 - 4.30pm Freestyle Mini Movers (3-5 years)
- 4.30 - 5.00pm Cheerleading Juniors (6-9 years)
- 5.00 - 5.30pm Gymnastics Juniors (5-9 years)
- 5.30 - 6.10pm Cheerleading Teams (10+)
- 6.10 - 6.50pm Contemporary Teams (10+)



For more information and a booking form please contact Lucinda Walsh on 07766 446 353, e-mail: Lucinda.walsh@btconnect.com or see www.lwschoolofdance.webs.com

Why not try something different?

Aikido differs from most other Martial Arts in that it does not teach attack and is defensive in nature. Aikido is suitable for men and women of all ages as it does not rely on physical strength for its effectiveness. If attacked, the Aikido practitioner would not try to stop a punch by blocking it but would instead step aside and, by diverting the attacker's energy, leading them to the ground. Through regular training, students learn to harness their inner strength to overcome others who may be physically stronger.



The Kingston Aikido Club trains on Mondays 8.00 - 9.30pm at Piper Hall, Piper Road, KT1 3EX and Wednesdays 8.15 - 9.45 pm at The Fitness Centre, Kingston University, off Grove Crescent, KT1 2EE for more information see: www.kingstonaikido.co.uk tel: 07852 916799

If you would like to promote any organisation or club that is open to the community on these pages, please contact Christina Gardner on 020 8547 5369 or email christina.gardner@rbk.kingston.gov.uk