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Are you an Aylesbury resident who needs some support and advice?
We are an independent, confidential and free service which can help with any of the following:

PARENTING  HOUSING
FINANCIAL ISSUES LONELINESS
DRUGS & ALCOHOL VICTIM OF CRIME
COMMUNICATING WITH THE COUNCIL FILLING OUT FORMS
(and more)

If you would like some support or advice then get in contact and we can have a chat. You can reach our advocacy worker Lucy at:
Unit 8, The Blue Hut, Thurlow Street, London - SE17 2UZ
07864 171 238 / 020 7701 8923
lucy@creationtrust.org

ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER AGED 10-16

Young Carers look after a member of or people in their family when a parent has a disability or health problem.
Creation is running a new project for young carers who live on the Aylesbury and Rodington Estates. It will be an opportunity for young carers to meet each other, have some time out and most importantly, get involved in lots of fun activities!

If you would like to come or know someone who might then contact Salma at:
Unit 8, The Blue Hut, Thurlow Street, London - SE17 2UZ
07951 690 309 / 020 7701 8923
salma@creationtrust.org

Creation needs your help!

Creation is the charitable organisation set up to ensure that residents are represented during the regeneration process and to deliver some life enhancing projects on the Aylesbury Estate. We are reliant on the expertise of local people to help us!
We have a team of local & specialist volunteers who act as TRUSTEES and DIRECTORS of the organisation. We meet once a month between 6pm-8pm to look at issues that are raised with us by the Council, Residents & other local bodies - and also look at the impact and shape of our work offering opportunities to our neighbourhood.

You will need to be able to commit 4-6 hours a month as a minimum to the Trust

WE CURRENTLY HAVE THE FOLLOWING VACANCIES:

1 x Resident representative: from the THURLOW Lodge T&RA area

1 x Specialist Trustee with a legal background and knowledge of charitable law and employment law

1 x Specialist Trustee involved with any local school or education programme

You must be over 18 to become one of our trustees

If you are interested in this voluntary opportunity please send your CV &/or a covering letter for the attention of The Chair to info@creationtrust.org by the 2nd of November 2011.

We will be interviewing shortlisted candidates in December with a view to starting in post in January 2012. Trustees normally serve for 3 years.

The board is especially interested in increasing its membership to younger residents and welcomes applications from people aged between 18-25.

More details can be found on our website:
www.creationtrust.org
This edition of the Echo has good neighbourliness as its theme. At Creation we hear lots of examples of people supporting their neighbours, but we also know there are people who feel isolated from the community. In this edition, there are lots of opportunities for residents to be involved, our community spirit has never been more important.

We were all deeply saddened by the events this summer. Seeing TD Sports being looted was especially moving for me. It was one of my first ever jobs – it was there that I learnt a lot about what earning my own money meant and really valued the chance that the owners gave me to understand the world of work.

Creation joined forces with some other local organisations to hold an open meeting and we will be looking to see how we can help address some of the issues that appear to have caused the unrest. We would especially like to start work with local businesses and explore the apprenticeship and training opportunities for young people on the estate.

The good news is that the arrest rate in relation to the riots for the Faraday ward were really low in comparison to other parts of London. Out of 300+ people charged with offences in the Southwark borough, only 3 are listed as residing on the Aylesbury estate. The group Walworth together will be meeting again over the coming months and we will be looking forward to celebrating and supporting our local shops towards the Christmas period.

Charlotte Benstead
Director of Creation Trust

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Filming on the Estate

Dear Echo,

As a resident on the estate, I am concerned about the amount of filming that goes on as it can be disruptive and often portrays the estate in a negative way.

Thanks, Remi

We asked Shaun Holdcroft, a manager at the council’s Housing Department, he gave us the following response:

The council does not permit filming on the Aylesbury Estate due to the generally negative tone of the productions that tend to have an interest in the location and the disruption to residents. Southwark film council have been asked not to grant any licences to film companies looking to use the estate and residents should report any filming they find happening on the estate to the local housing office.

Please note that the council can only enforce this position on it’s land and cannot stop filming that occurs on the public highway.

What can we do?

How can I get involved in the work Creation are doing?

Question raised at a recent T&RA meeting....

There are some great new schemes at Creation, like our block ambassadors project and we are currently looking for new trustees. We will also be helping you give your feedback to the Council about the sale of site 7 and other regeneration issues, in the coming months. Our monthly and open meetings and are there for all, and the minutes are available on our website.

We are always looking for ways to engage with residents, but if ever you are in doubt or have something you would like to put to us, please do pop down and see us at the blue hut.

Creation are in our first full year of being totally independent from the Council and government funded scheme. As a result we have been busy building a new team, fundraising, moving offices, developing projects like our Advocacy work and ensuring that the funded programmes many residents have benefitted from like the youth programme, have been able to continue.

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In response to the looting that took place across London, Creation Trust came up with the idea of community bunting, a string of messages from local people expressing their support for Walworth and demonstrating the community spirit in SE17. On a very rainy Wednesday, Creation and Inspire set up a stall outside TD Sports, one of the shops badly affected by the events.

The bunting was very popular, with people adding their own personal messages of strength and support. Mayor of London, Boris Johnson was visiting the Walworth Road at the time to talk to shop keepers about their experience of the troubles. Creation was delighted when the Mayor agreed to write his own message of support for Walworth. He wrote, “I love SE17, well done Walworth for coming together”. His message has been added to the others and will now be used at local community events, where we hope it will keep on growing. If you would like to add a message to the bunting, or would like to use it at an event you are organising, you can contact sarah at:

sarah@creationtrust.org
WALWORTH IS CHANGING FOR THE BETTER

Walworth has one of the largest and most exciting regeneration programmes in the country.

A Regeneration Update from Southwark Council

Over the next 15 years a range of developments are expected to take place in Walworth and work is underway to transform the area into a vibrant central London destination, with better transport links, affordable homes, green spaces, new shops and leisure facilities.

Although there is plenty of work ahead, residents and visitors are seeing the look of the area changing already, the new road layout at the southern roundabout, with filled-in subways and signalled crossings, has changed the way that pedestrians and cyclists can use the junction. Plans for over 800 new affordable homes, a new cinema and theatre in the refurbished St Mary Churchyard are just a few examples of the exciting changes ahead.

In the next six months there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved and have your say on the future of Walworth. The council and its partners will be consulting on a wide range of issues to make sure that the new Elephant and Castle reflects your aspirations and needs.

Elephant and Castle is at the Aylesbury Estate’s doorstep. This is why it’s important that you have your say and help the council and its partners to shape the future of your area.

A vision for E&C - The council is preparing a supplementary planning document (SPD) to set out guidance for how development in the Elephant and Castle area should occur. The council will soon be consulting on the E&C SPD so keep an eye on the council’s website to see how you can get involved and have your say.

Leisure Centre – the council and its partners are investing in new sports facilities in Elephant and Castle as part of the whole regeneration programme that will transform the area. Facilities will include two swimming pools, a fully equipped sports hall and gym, crèche and a café. Residents will be consulted on detailed design plans for the leisure centre in Spring 2012.

Shopping Centre – the council has reached an agreement with the owner of the Elephant and Castle shopping centre, over the centre’s redevelopment and ideas of how it could look were unveiled last summer (see page 6 for design). The proposals are only initial ideas at this stage and next year residents’ views will be taken into account as the plans develop.

Check the council’s website for more information and don’t miss your chance to have your say: www.southwark.gov.uk
THE AYLESBURY REGENERATION MARCHES FORWARD

The next new development being built in the Aylesbury Estate will be on the site of 1-59 Wolverton. The council is seeking a development partner and will have selected a partner by early 2012. Demolition of the existing units will start in early 2013.

All residents will be given the opportunity to give their feedback on the design of the buildings and site before the planning application is submitted. The council will also be asking shortlisted potential partners to seek your feedback at an early stage in the design process to make sure you get involved and have your say.

The successful partner will be selected on the basis of a number of key criteria, including, design quality, ability to deliver, community partnership, development management track-record and social housing offer.

The council is continuing to work with the remaining residents of 1-59 Wolverton, to support them to find and move to alternative homes. Creation Trust is going to be working with the council to support some of the more elderly residents.

For more information, please email the council at aylesburyteam@southwark.gov.uk or call them at: 020 7525 4806.

Creation Trust’s regeneration sub-group will be working closely with the council as the process proceeds.

Next Steps

Over the autumn the council will be finalising its approach to a development partnership for the rest of the estate, starting work in the South-West corner. Council officers have been visiting a number of other projects across London where the approach is being used successfully.

Finding the right partner can bring valuable additional expertise, experience and finance needed to make projects happen. Further discussions will take place with the Creation Trust board in the Autumn, with the aim of the council agreeing the best approach for the Aylesbury in early 2012.

BURGESS PARK WORKS ON SCHEDULE

With just a few months to go until the new look Burgess Park is reopened, we are pleased to report that the project is running on schedule and works will be completed in March 2012.

Over the next few months, you will begin to see the look of the park radically change with seeding and planting of 92,000 plants (including 164 trees) taking place this month and installation of park furniture such as benches and bins scheduled for November.

In December and January the installation of the new gates will be installed and the final works will be completed.

Tours of the park

Throughout February Southwark Council will be putting the final touches as well as holding tours of the park for residents to get a sneak preview of the park before the grand opening. Aylesbury residents will get the opportunity to attend the tours, so please keep a look on the council’s website.

Despite some major areas in the park being closed for the renovation works, there will still be plenty to do around the park. All official sports areas will remain open, as will:

- Chumleigh Gardens area
- Adventure playground
- Surrey Canal walk
- Outdoor Gym

For more information, and to see the new designs for the park, see: www.southwark.gov.uk/burgesspark

Check the Burgess Park Facebook page for more updates.
The recent disorder across the capital and other parts of the UK sparked debate about young people. Politicians talked of a ‘broken Britain’, poor parenting and absent fathers were cited as being at the ‘root’ of the issues behind the disorder. But is poor or absent parenting really at the heart of it all? It would seem questionable given that recent figures show that only 19 per cent of rioters taken to court in London were juveniles.

The majority of parents in London are raising their children to be responsible and law-abiding young citizens. However, raising teenagers is challenging; balancing the responsibilities of being a parent, whilst also allowing your teen more freedom to develop their independence is a daunting prospect. Here are some things to consider:

**Boundaries:**

Boundaries are about setting the bottom line or making agreements about what is acceptable and what is not. It is normal adolescent behaviour to push the boundaries. Teenagers feel safer and more secure when they know there are clear rules. But mean what you say – expect no mercy if you’re saying one thing and then doing another!

Boundaries work far better if they are made and agreed by everyone. When teenagers see the sense of it, or know you’ve taken their opinions into account, they are more motivated to co-operate, but too many boundaries can cause resentment.

**Effective Communication:**

Sometimes teenagers may think that you’re not giving them a chance to make their case. If you want your teenager to listen to you then you should listen as well. Show them that their ideas and opinions matter, even if you disagree with them, try to negotiate something that’s fair and then let them take responsibility for their own decisions. If you’re worried about something, talk to your teen rather than ignoring the issue. Always try to offer emotional support, no matter how difficult it may feel.

Try to spend time each week alone with your teenager – go out somewhere if there are not opportunities for this at home. Use all the opportunities you can to communicate - a long car or bus journey can be a great opportunity for a conversation!

**You’re still needed:**

Teenagers can retreat from parents, spending hours in their bedrooms or wanting to spend all their spare time with friends. Remember you are not being rejected; your teenager is developing their identity and demonstrating that they are different from the adults around them. Disagreeing with everything you say may be a way of expressing this difference! This is common, but remember they do still love you.

Challenging and tough times with teenagers can cause a parent’s confidence to be knocked and you may feel unsure about how to deal with some of the problems. Feeling like this does not mean that you are failing – seeking advice and support is a sign that you care and that you want to do your best for your teen.

**You’re not on your own:**

- **Family Lives** is a national charity providing help and support in all aspects of family life. [www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk) their website is full of advice, tips and forums. They also offer parenting support via email. Their Parentline is a confidential service which is free from landlines and most mobiles. Call [0808 800 2222](tel:08088002222) (opening hours are 7am – midnight)

- **Gingerbread** [www.gingerbread.org.uk](http://www.gingerbread.org.uk) provides advice and practical support for single parents. Expert advisers answer their helpline and their website is full of useful information. They also offer training for single parents needing training and skills to get back into work. [0808 802 0925](tel:08088020925)

- **Insight Southwark** [www.bienheimcdp.org.uk](http://www.bienheimcdp.org.uk) is a free and confidential service on alcohol and substances for young people and their families. They offer advice and support for parents. [0203 031 9386](tel:02030319386)

- **Creation’s Advocacy Project offers independent, confidential and free support and advice to Aylesbury residents in need. Contact Lucy for an informal chat on:** 0207 703 8923 / 07854 171 238 or at lucy@creationtrust.org

Would you like the opportunity to meet other parents of teenagers living on the estate for some friendly reflection, experience sharing and time out? If so contact Lucy on the details above.
Police Sergeant Vinny Gage has just taken over as head of Aylesbury’s Faraday Safer Neighbourhoods Team, the Echo asks him about his new role.

How long have you been a police officer? What attracted you to the job?
I joined the Metropolitan Police Service in 1999. I was promoted to Sergeant in 2006 and in August this year I took on the supervision of Faraday SNT. I joined the Metropolitan Police Service as I wanted a dynamic job, which offered a different experience every day. I love the challenge that policing in London presents and the satisfaction of knowing you’ve helped someone who genuinely needs it.

What is community policing?
Safer Neighbourhoods devotes a team of officers to each ward in London. We are available to deal with day-to-day issues and provide a long term problem solving approach. Local residents provide our policing priorities at regular meetings. We also aim to reduce the borough’s priority crimes, such as robbery, burglary and serious violence.

What are you most hoping to achieve in your role?
I want to improve relations between the police and the community. I’d like to give residents the confidence to work with us to make their local area safer. There is a fear of reporting crime but I’d like to reassure residents that information will be treated in confidence and they can report it anonymously via crime stoppers (0800 555 111).

I’d like to reduce fear of crime on the estate

What are the police doing locally to identify those people involved in the recent looting?
The recent widespread disorder has been a huge challenge for the SNT. Utilising our local knowledge we have identified some of those concerned through CCTV images but our main work revolves around the long term effects on the community.

We understand that the majority of youths and residents are law abiding and this has been echoed by the support and thanks we have received. Community assistance is essential in detecting offenders, we urge residents to make an anonymous identification at:

www.met.police.uk/disordersuspects/

For more information visit:
http://content.met.police.uk/Team/Southwark/Faraday
The Southwark Resource Centre is a new building in the heart of Walworth and one of the first developments of the New Aylesbury Estate.

The Centre has been developed as a fit for purpose Independent Living Service for the 21st century and aims to be recognised as a ‘centre of excellence’ for older adults and disabled people. The new service replaces both the Aylesbury Day Centre, which was on a neighbouring site since 1975, and the Outreach Team for disabled adults in Southwark. The main aim is to provide focussed support to adults with disabilities and older people that would enable them to live as active citizens in their local community.

The Resource Centre will be a rich part of the area’s future, also offering universal advice and support to residents. There will be an internet cafe, with staff available to offer support and help in accessing local information and services; and room booking facilities for community events, talks, workshops and private hire (access however is limited at present while the new service is being developed).

The aim is to provide focussed support for adults with disabilities and older people in the community. A team of Social Care staff are available to work with individuals to help them live the lives they want, with the support they need. The team work both in the centre and outside in the community to help people reach their potential: for example we can work with individuals in returning to education, employment and retraining, as well improving confidence and developing skills to discover and enjoy new hobbies and interests.

We will be working with lots of key partners from the voluntary and statutory sectors to make the day a success and see it as the first part of lots of continued partnership work making the Resource Centre a hub for some of the most vulnerable members of the community.

The Resource Centre is hosting Creation’s family day on 22nd October. This is a chance for the community to see what the facility is for and take it to heart.

The centre is open Monday to Friday 9am-4pm and the address is:

Southwark Resource Centre
10 Bradenham Close
London - SE17 2QB
Phone number – 020 7525 5219
LOVE THY TENANTS

Sarah from Creation Trust spends a day with one of Southwark Council’s dedicated Neighbourhood Housing Officers for the Aylesbury Estate, Sharon Kennedy, to find out about the work they do to ensure a good standard of living for residents.

There can be little doubt about Sharon’s commitment to the residents of the Aylesbury Estate, one of the first things she tells me when we meet is, “I love this estate. I wouldn’t want to work anywhere else”.

Sharon has a degree in Housing Studies, and has been working on housing issues, since 1989. She has tried other departments, but always comes back to housing. “I love the range of issues we get to deal with, it’s a very hands-on job, we have a great team here, and the residents are really friendly”.

Sharon Kennedy, Photographs by Sarah McCarthy
Like all eight of the dedicated Aylesbury Estate Neighborhood Officers, Sharon has responsibility for about 350 properties, she is responsible for 1-240 Wendover and all the Michael Faraday buildings.

As we start the day, she quickly whizzes through her computer records to give me a flavour of the tenants in her properties, it is immediately clear that each flat number means something to her, she obviously knows all her tenants. “95% of our job is about interaction with the tenants, not being stuck behind our desks. Part of the service we provide is club duties and it is so nice to have tenants come into the office where it is easy for them to access and see their own housing officer.”

Some of the other Neighbourhood Officers for the Aylesbury Estate are also in the office and I ask them if they have the same personal relationship with their residents: “Very much so,” says Tunde Makanjula, who looks after Bradenham and Latimar, “having that relationship means residents are more likely to trust us and come to us with problems so we can help them resolve issues quickly.”

For a Neighbourhood Officer, no day is the same: “I deal with so many issues, for example each year the government asks us to do a yearly tenancy check, which means visiting every one of our properties to make sure the person living there matches the name on the rent book. Then we have regular checks on new tenants to make sure they are settling in and are aware of activities in the area. We also make sure they know how to access Southwark Council and check that they are not causing problems for existing residents and are keeping in line with the terms of their tenancy agreement. There are the emergencies, like leaks and anti-social behaviour and the other ongoing issues, like environmental matters, community engagement, re-housing, queries relating to re-generation issues and temporary accommodation”.

After our chat, it’s a quick change of shoes, and we are off to Sharon’s first call of the day, Wendover resident, Annie, who has water damage in her living room. Annie has lived in the block for many years, and it is clear that she knows Sharon well. Annie is obviously distressed about lots of issues, she complains that she doesn’t have much company: I suspect she would have Sharon there for the rest of the day, if she could. But ultimately Sharon is there to do a job, so after talking to Annie briefly, she starts her work, inspecting the damage, recording the details and looking around the flat for further evidence of water damage. Whilst she is there, Sharon also notes that there is a lot of pigeon waste on the balcony and discusses getting it cleaned up, as it poses a health risk and a problem for other residents.

We leave and I ask Sharon if she is ever affected by what she hears from residents: “Sometimes, residents have told me some really sad stories and they do stay with you, I feel sorry for what some of them have been through. When or if necessary I will refer people to other agencies, like Creation’s Advocacy worker, who can help them more”.

As we walk to our next appointment on Michael Faraday, we pass several people who greet Sharon, it is clear that she is very popular with residents. Sharon is calling on one of her vulnerable residents, Mr Hicks. She tells me she tries to visit as often as she can, when there is no answer, Sharon checks through the letterbox to see that everything is ok, she then writes out a card to let the tenant know that she has called. As we walk down the staircase, Sharon makes a note of some paint damage on the ceiling.

Back in the office and after lunch, Sharon sits on the housing desk, dealing with a regular stream of residents who report things from problems with the lifts to suspected empty properties. We then go out to visit Miss Bello, who moved into Michael Faraday three months ago. When we get there Miss Bello has three friends visiting her new flat, of which she is obviously very proud. Sharon is welcomed like another member of the group as though they have all known each other for years.

As the day comes to a close Sharon reflects more on how she sees her role: “I think it is a two-way relationship. We have a duty to residents to maintain the estate, but we need residents to be proud of where they live and take more of an ownership. I often ask my residents if they know if they have an elderly neighbour living next to them and if they have seen them and have they thought about knocking to see if they are alright. People are at the heart of what I do, they are the heart of the Aylesbury Estate”.

The Aylesbury Housing Office is open from 9-5pm Monday to Friday:

Southwark Council
Aylesbury Housing Office
Thurlow Street
London SE17 2TZ

Office: 020 7525 1018
THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

This summer there were lots of activities for young people on the estate, we asked some of the people involved for their highlights.

“My highlight of the summer was the Get Down Dance showcase on 26th August. One of our young people, Michael Grandison, fundraised and delivered this project with his team of volunteers.” Says Emma Passmore of 2Inspire. “It was amazing, reaching over 120 people. Young people got involved and wanted to perform, and we had different acts from the community joining in. Leading up to the showcase, the young people became more confident in the skills they had learnt, even the contemporary dance work which they were very unsure about, but they gave it a go! This helped them improve their self esteem and improving their social skills which also helped their performance.”

Danielle Towner Community Sports Coach said, “My highlight was the football tournament that we ran at the end of summer. The weather on that day was horrendous; I really didn’t think we would have anyone turning up. Also because of the works going on Burgess Park, some of people had real difficulties finding us, and ended up walking around the whole park to get to us. But in the end we had an amazing turnout, over 70 kids, it was a real testament to their commitment”.

Walworth Academy was named as the eighth best performing specialist school or academy in the country for adding value to its students' achievements at GCSE. The award marks a second year of success for Walworth Academy, which was also recognised as being among the schools that achieved the greatest improvement in their GCSE results in 2009 and 2010. Principal of the school Devon Hanson commented, “We are delighted to receive this award. Every teacher at Walworth Academy is motivated by the same thing – to help our students be the best that they can be. This award is a sign that we are going in the right direction”.

PASSIONATE ABOUT SINGING? AGED BETWEEN 13-19?

Southwark Music Service is working in partnership with the David Idowu Foundation to set up the David Idowu Choir.

David was a victim of knife crime and was targeted by a pupil who attended a different school. The choir will be run by professional vocal coaches working in a variety of styles, bringing together talented pupils from different schools across Southwark. Creating harmony with harmonies.

***FREE***

27th & 28th October (Thurs/Fri) 9.30am-3.30pm
St. Saviour’s & St. Olaves School, New Kent Road - SE1 4AN

For more details contact Xanthe Sarr on: 07889 209 826 or email: xanthe@southwarkmusicservice.org.uk
KEEPING SAFE
Southwark Pensioners Centre and Faraday Safer Neighbourhoods Team Door-to-Door

Over the past months, Southwark Pensioners Centre has been carrying out door-to-door visits with older people on the Aylesbury Estate as part of its ‘Good Neighbours’ work. Each month, we focus on particular blocks and write to residents from our database who are over 50 to let them know when we will be calling. Receiving a visit is, of course, optional, so people can contact us if they do not want a call. Of course, we also carry ID!

On each visit, we provide information about and sign-posting and referrals to services and activities. We are particularly keen to work with people who may be isolated or vulnerable. Issues we deal with on the doorstep can range from: housing; community information; befriending to volunteering and well-being. We also publicise the wide range of events and activities coordinated by Southwark Pensioners Centre both locally and across the borough.

In September we worked closely with the Safer Neighbourhoods Team after a number of concerns about safety were raised by older residents, particularly about bogus callers and rough-sleepers. As a result, we carried out door-to-door visits on Taplow and Northchurch and received an overwhelmingly welcoming response from residents. Block-by-block visits provide focus on particular areas, provide reassurance and a real opportunity to engage with older residents. These visits enabled us to listen to specific concerns and issues about safety.

Chloe Sutton Faraday PCSO, who accompanied SPC staff on our recent visits, said: “Doing the door-knocking was inspiring. It’s a good way of getting to know about the lives of older residents and at the same time highlighting the issues facing older people on the estate.

“Not all burglars break into homes - some will try to trick or con their way in. They are known as bogus callers and will pretend to be on official business from respectable companies such as the Utility Companies - Gas, Electricity and Water - or the Council. They may claim to be tradesmen or workmen calling to carry out urgent repairs. Bogus callers succeed because they sound believable, so don’t be fooled. Make sure in your own mind that they are whom they claim to be by following these simple steps…”

- The Utilities now offer a password identification system. Any caller from one of these companies should be able to give a pre-arranged password as additional proof of identity.
- Beware of callers who attempt to distract you by claiming that they have seen something untoward in your rear garden or somewhere which may encourage you to leave your house - they may have an accomplice awaiting this distraction.
- If you are not convinced of the identity of the caller, don’t let them in. Ask the caller to come back later and arrange for a friend, relative or neighbour to be present on their return or ask the caller to contact this person.

Treat every stranger with caution. If you are still worried, dial 999 immediately and ask for the police.

Information and guidance taken from: www.met.police.uk/bumblebee/bogus.htm

Faraday Safer Neighbourhoods Team: 07843 065 911
Email: Faraday.SNT@met.police.uk

Southwark Pensioners Centre on the Aylesbury Estate:
02077038923
email: julia.honess@southwarkpensioners.org.uk
GET INVOLVED

Over the last few months Creation Trust has been running a local history project, to help residents discover more about the history of their area. The idea is that when the estate is rebuilt, the street and block names will be named after the important people and events that have helped to make Walworth the place it is today.

The Put It On The Map project, which received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund, has helped residents identify 30 significant characters from Walworth's past. Now, a short film has been made about each of them, and we are asking residents to vote on the one they like best. The top names will be given to developers of the area to become the new street names. In October we are working with the Florence Nightingale Museum in 3 of our schools, so if you go to Michael Faraday, Surrey Square or St Peter's you are going to get the opportunity to meet some of our heroes including Charlie Chaplin!

Supported by
The National Lottery
through the Heritage Lottery Fund

PUT IT ON THE MAP - DIARY OF EVENTS

WALWORTH FAMILY HISTORY DAY

SATURDAY 22 OCTOBER
12 to 5pm
FREE ENTERTAINMENTS

Celebrating the culmination of the Put it on the Map project.

Come and see a wonderful array of acts and events including a Charlie Chaplin performer, The Top Cats performing live, an Escapologist act and Swing X-Treme dancers. Buy & try the taste of Old Walworth: Sarsaparilla, Ice cream, chestnuts and cakes (money raised goes to Mayor of Southwark Charities).

See the back page for a complete listing of the days events.

Southwark Resource Centre, Off Westmoreland Road - SE17 2Q8
(Opposite Arment)
020 7703 8923 or email: sarah@creationtrust.org

CUMING MUSEUM ~ RESEARCH DAYS

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER & TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER
2.30pm
FREE

Join us at the Cuming Museum with historian Stephen Humphrey to research Walworth's beginnings through to World War II (1st day) and up to modern times (2nd day). Refreshments available.

Cuming Museum, Old Walworth Town Hall, 151 Walworth Road, London - SE17 1RY
020 7703 8923 or email: sarah@creationtrust.org

THE LANTERN PARADE RETURNS!

FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER
5pm
FREE

Lantern workshops available at the Walworth Family History Day and taking place at InSpire (dates prior to the event on November 4th - tbc). Call InSpire for details of workshops.

InSpire, The Crypt at St. Peter's, Liverpool Grove, Walworth, London - SE17 1RY
020 7740 6858 or email: info@in-spire.org.uk
**SOME OF THE NOMINEES**

Below are some examples of the wonderful people who have shaped Walworth’s history:

Prince Ras Monolulu was born Peter Carl Mackay in 1881 on the Island of St Croix in the Virgin Islands, West Indies. He was something of an institution in the horse racing scene from 1920 until he died in 1965. He was often seen down East St Market selling racing tips. His family were all horse breeders and racers. He was the first black face ever to appear on the BBC, back in 1936 on the very first day of British television broadcasting.

Elizabeth Siddal’s family moved to Walworth in 1831. She was the muse of the artist Rossetti – and most famously posed in Millais’ Ophelia (1852). She was from a working-class family, which meant that even after she became engaged to Rossetti, he was ashamed to introduce her to his family. She suffered with depression for years, worrying that Rossetti would leave her, they were however finally married in 1860, but she was so sick by then, that she had to be carried down the aisle.

Kieb Thomas dedicated 34 years to improving the lives of London’s most disadvantaged people. He worked for many years to combat gang murders, counter-terrorism and to ease the difficulties facing newly arrived communities. He worked closely on inter-faith work with Muslims and with black pastors to spread anti-gun crime messages. After he died in 2007, a statue of him was erected in the Islamic Peace Garden at Chumleigh Gardens.

Anthony Severin was part of the Windrush generation. He was originally from Trinidad. He worked for many years as a bus conductor on the number 12, which passes through Walworth. He was so good at his job and so much fun to travel with that people would let buses go past just to wait for his bus as they loved travelling with him. In 1994 he was awarded the people’s choice MBE, to collect the award he went to Buckingham Palace on his double decker!

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**VOTING FORM**

Put it on the Map! We have been researching the people and events that hard a part to play in making Walworth amazing! When the Aylesbury estate is redeveloped there will be new blocks, buildings and streets to name and we want our real history to be remembered!

Check out our new website www.putitonthemap.org to find out more about Walworth’s history and VOTE for your favourites.

Alternatively use this form and hand in to any of our team for you chance to WIN £100 high street vouchers! The winner will be announced on Saturday 22nd October at our special event – see back page for details! Please vote for up to 3 of your favourites:

- BANK RANGER STREET
- OCTAVIA STREET
- HARRY COLE COURT
- ARUM STREET
- IDOWU STREET
- ARMENTS STREET
- MADDOCK STREET
- CHAPLIN STREET
- PENSION STREET
- GIRLING STREET
- MONTPELIER STREET
- ROFFO STREET
- BUTTERWORTH STREET
- TRENTON STREET
- GOOSE CLUB ROAD
- MONOLULU ROAD
- HONEYGHAN STREET
- BURGESS STREET
- MAMMOTH STREET
- MARSH STREET
- BABBAGE STREET
- AURORA STREET
- BUCKINGHAM STREET
- SANGER STREET
- JOHN CRANE STREET
- KIEB’S WAY
- HAYES STREET
- MAN STREET
- TOTTER STREET
- SIDDAL STREET
- DRYSDALE STREET
- MARKHAM STREET
- NARCISSUS STREET
- WINCH STREET
- SEVERIN STREET

Do you think someone else should be remembered?

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Your name..................................................

Your contact number........................................

Your email address...........................................

Can Creation add your details to our contact list to receive our e-bulletin/text alerts?

YES □ NO □
Southwark Muslim Women’s Association @ Bridging Communities
Monday - Thursday 10am-4pm. Bridging Communities is a City Of London funded project to help Muslim women integrate and enjoy British society. They hold workshops, seminars and talks with various speakers and experts on various aspects of Islam. Fortcoming workshops are:
- November 17th: Dress & Grooming - Is the Hijab, a help or a hindrance in British society?
- December 15th: Education for girls - How easy is it for London Muslim girls to study?
For more information contact Emma: e.roperevan@smwa.org.uk
020 7701 4141 Ext: 261 & 262

Southwark Pensioners Centre Four Corners
Over 50’s art, food and culture. On Mondays from 11am-1pm at Art in the Park, Chumleigh Gardens, Burgess Park - SE5

Café Meeting
Over 50s meetings take place at Chumleigh Gardens Café, at 10am on the first Tuesday of the month during October & November. Free tea, coffee or juice!

Silver Sounds: Black History Month on the Aylesbury
Thursday 25th October 4pm-7pm at Thurlow Lodge, 1a Thurlow Street, SE17. Come and shake a leg to your favourite old tunes!
Tickets £5 IN ADVANCE from Southwark Pensioners Centre (includes a free drink!). Southwark Pensioners Centre, 305-307 Camberwell Road - SE5 OHQ
020 7708 4556

Turkish Coffee Morning
Southwark Cyprus Turkish Association 152 Old Kent Road (near East Street Library). Tuesday November 1st from 11am-1pm.

Rugby Sessions in Burgess Park
Sessions run on a Wednesday 5-7pm and Friday 4-7pm in Burgess Park by the Astro turf pitch and are open to 11-19 year old, girls and boys. You don’t need any experience and it is completely FREE. For more details please contact Nick Gleave on 07889 601 523 or: nick.gleave@london-irish.com

Community Food And Gardening Course
This course is designed to equip you with accredited Food Hygiene training including practical catering and gardening skills whilst participating in a wide range of activities in an enjoyable, friendly and supportive environment. To find out dates for the next summer course and further information please contact Jayne on: 020 7740 6868

The Aylesbury Everywoman’s Centre
The Aylesbury Everywoman’s Centre provides sewing classes. Learn skills such as pattern cutting, dressmaking, embroidery, cushion and curtain design as well as arts and fashion design. Classes are held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm at The Aylesbury Learning Centre, Thurlow Street - SE17 2UU. For more information you can contact Zahra, 07983 236 967 or email: zahraabdal@yahoo.com
www.everywomancentre.org

Heart Garden EVERY FRIDAY 10.30am-1.30pm. The Heart Garden is a gardening and art project based at Art in the Park, Chumleigh Gardens, Burgess Park. It is aimed at adults of any age who have ongoing health issues. Contact Ann on 020 7277 4297

Pottery for Kids
Art in the Park are starting pottery lessons for children. Lessons will take place Thursdays 4.30-5.30pm. There are some free places for children living on the Aylesbury. To book call Leyla on 07745 725 750 or email: leylaemilyowl@hotmail.com
For more details: www.artinthepark.co.uk

Line Dancing
For the Over 50s Tuesdays from 9.45-10.45am starting 6th September, at a NEW VENUE! Darwin Court, Crail Row - SE17 1AD - £1 a session

Well-Being Workshops: Chi Kung
Chi Kung, relaxation and massage sessions, Wednesdays from 6-7pm, £2 per session. Tykes Comer, Unit 7 Thurlow Street - SE17 2UZ

Senior Aerobics
Fridays 10-11am, £1 per session. Pembroke House, 80 Tatum Street - SE17 1QF

Free SPC Advice Sessions
Thursdays 10am until 12.30pm, Darwin Court, 1 Crail Row - SE17 1RH. By appointment only. For further information call Darwin Court on: 020 7021 4572

Blackfriars Advice Sessions
Every Thursday from 2pm - 4pm. A free confidential and independent advice service to all families with children. Blackfriars Advice sessions cover debt problems with housing and returning to work. 1st Place Children and Parent’s Centre Chumleigh Street, Burgess Park - SE5 ORN. Call 020 7740 8070 for more information.

Domestic Violence Project
For help, advice and information, Hanibal House, 6th Floor Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre, London - SE1 6TE. For further information call on: 020 7277 1433 or via email: vs.southwark@vslondon.org

Contact A Family Southwark
Is the only UK wide charity providing advice, information and support to the families of all disabled children - no matter what their disability or condition. To get in touch with them for further information call on: 020 7277 4436 or visit their website: www.cafamily.org.uk/southwark
Southwark Mediation Centre
Mediation is a voluntary, neutral, confidential process which allows parties in dispute to communicate and build improved relationships for the future. Since its inception in 1986 the Southwark Mediation Centre has successfully mediated over 8000 disputes in Southwark. Their main aim is to create a safe and relaxed environment. The centre is staffed by an experienced, lively, diverse staff team and volunteers. To find out how they might be able to help your situation contact David Walker, Community Mediator on: 07932 762 001 www.southwarkmediation.co.uk

50 Plus Link
We'll help you find your way into employment or Self-employment. New, 50 PLUS Link - Free sessional assessment advice, training and support available on employment, self-employment & volunteering, free IT training. We help and support those over 50 to consider the possibility of employment, self-employment or volunteering.
Call: 020 7708 5509 or 020 7701 4141 Mobile: 07724 981 079 or on: 07742 935 948. Ask for Tola

Sheltered Housing Options
Information session on Thursday 17th November 10am-12pm. Venue to be confirmed.

Aylesbury Good Neighbours
Door-knocking
In partnership with Metropolitan Police Faraday Safer Neighbourhoods Team.

Thursday 17th and 24th November 12.30-5pm. Are you an older person who would like a visit from one of our team?

For all SPC events contact Julia Honess on 020 7708 4556

Creation Board
Meets every 2nd Thursday of the month. For more info, contact: sarah@creationtrust.org

BACC84
Tenants & Residents Hall
The tenants and resident’s hall provides meeting room space for the BACC84 tenants and resident’s association meetings. First Thursday of the month, 7-9pm. 2D Level, Braderham House, Westmoreland Road, London - SE17 2EP Call: 020 7703 9731 for more information or email: martinarawally@aol.com

Aylesbury
Tenants & Residents
Aylesbury Tenants & Residents meet on the second Monday of every month with the exception of August. For residents of Gayhurst, Hambledon, Gaitskill, Missenden, North church Michael Faraday, Soare, Lees, Darville & Invil Rd. For more information email: jean.bartlett@virgin.net

Wendover
Tenants & Residents Hall
The tenants and resident’s hall provides meeting room space for the Wendover tenants and resident’s association meetings which occur every last Thursday of the month, 7.30pm until 8.30pm. Latmer Room, Beaconsfield Road, London - SE17 2EN Call: 07807 851 694 for further information or email: essienflorance@hotmail.com

Thurleow
Tenants & Residents
Thurleow Tenants & Residents meet on the first Thursday of every month in Brockley House. For residents of Calverton, Danesfield, Emberton, Thrapston, Wolverton, Foxcote and Ravenstone. For more information email: fudge@laurakm.freeserve.co.uk

Want to place an Ad?
Please email: info@creationtrust.org
Get Paid...
...for being a good Neighbour!

If you think you are a good neighbour and could spread the ‘good neighbour message’, then Creation Trust would like to hear from you. We are looking for representatives from each of the blocks to do some door knocking and help us get to know residents AND WE ARE ABLE TO PAY YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

If you are interested contact Sarah on: 020 7703 8923

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**VOX POP QUESTION**

In this, our good neighbour issue, we ask local people:
“What makes a Good Neighbour?”

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1. **Bola, Wendover and Volunteer at Southwark Pensioners Centre**
   “When I was growing up my mother always used to tell us to be nice to your neighbour because if ever you have a problem, they will be your first port of call. We need to respect the feelings of our neighbours, regardless of colour or creed. We should have the grace to say hello to our neighbours, particularly elderly residents, knock for them from time to time and offer to do some shopping now and again.”

2. **John, Northchurch**
   “I have lived on the estate since it was built and I have always made an effort to get to know my neighbours. For many years they didn’t change and we were a real group, but now we are all spread out, I still see some of them though. I have never had any problems with my new neighbours, they always say hello and ask after my wife, who has not been well. The most important thing is to respect each other; you can’t go too far wrong if you do that.”

3. **Zoe, Tykes Corner user**
   “I think neighbours should be quiet and tidy. They should follow the rules of the blocks, if everyone did that, then things would work a lot better. I think we should all be considerate of each other, if there are problems then we should try and talk to each our neighbours, sometimes people call the police for every little thing and that creates a hostile atmosphere, when it could have just been sorted out by talking.”

4. **Gemini, Tykes Corner user**
   “I have had some terrible experiences with neighbours in the past and it really makes an awful atmosphere, every day becomes a stress and it can really bring out the worst in you and you can start acting in a ‘tit for tat’ way. Now I have good neighbours, they are quiet, friendly and approachable, we always acknowledge each other when we see each other. I trust my neighbours enough to leave my keys with them.”
In each issue of the Echo, Creation's job experts, the Aylesbury Information Advice & Guidance, offer tips for residents looking for work. In this issue, they look at CV writing.

It might seem like a bore, but getting your CV right is essential, it sells you to an employer, think of it as your own personal advert. You might also be applying for different kinds of jobs, so you might want different CVs for each.

CV ESSENTIALS:

- Your CV should be neat and typed
- Be short - two sides of A4 paper
- Revisit and revise your CV often
- Be positive, talk about your achievements
- Tailor the personal statement to the requirements of each job you apply for
- Put your most recent experience first
- Make your previous experience relevant to the job you are applying for
- You don’t need to include your date of birth
- Emphasis your strengths and successes

WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR CV

There is no set format, but you should include the following: your name, address, phone number, email address and career history.

If you don’t have much work experience, include temporary, holiday, part-time or voluntary jobs too. If you’ve had lots of different jobs, emphasise the skills and experience you have gained across those jobs (for example, dealing with customers or communication skills).

INTERESTS

These can support your application if your hobbies and leisure activities highlight responsibilities and skills that are relevant to the job you’re applying for. For example, if you organise a club or society you use leadership skills or teamwork as part of the activity.

OTHER INFORMATION

It is up to you whether to include this, but it can be helpful if there are gaps in your CV. If you had a career break because you were caring for children or elderly relatives, make this a positive thing. Think about the skills you used doing this. If the job you’re applying for is different from what you’ve done in the past, explain why you’re interested in the new type of work.

REFERENCES

It’s good to have two or more people who can provide a work or personal reference. Ideally, one should be your most recent employer. If you haven’t worked for a while it could be someone who has known you for a long time.

WANT PERSONALISED HELP TO WRITE YOUR CV?

If you would like advice and support to write an effective CV you can register for a CV workshop at Aylesbury IAG.

The Aylesbury Information Advice & Guidance (AIAG) is there for residents who are looking for work, or training, but who currently facing barriers.

Providing Aylesbury Residents with Careers Guidance and help you decide on a career suited to your interests & skills.

Times:

Drop In: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm
CV Workshop: Tues 11am-1pm
Thurs 2-4pm
Jobsite: Mon-Fri 10am-4.30pm

(Access to newspapers and Internet vacancies)

We are based at @ The Aylesbury Learning Centre, Wendover, Thurlow Street, London - SE17 2UU
Tel: 020 7701 4141
Fax: 020 7703 7927
Come and help us PUT IT ON THE MAP! Learn about Walworth through time and vote for who you think should be remembered in a street name:

Walworth Family History Day

Saturday 22nd October 12-5pm

Southwark Resource Centre is OPEN!!
and we’re celebrating with a PACKED fun day of events:

- Punch and Judy - 1.15, 2.30 & 4.00pm
- Rob Roy Escapologist (as seen on TV) - 12.15pm & 2.15pm
- Swing X-Treme - Lindy Hop demo and workshop - 1.00pm
- The Top Cats performing live - 3.30pm
  (with your favourite SKA and Reggae hits)
- & DJ’s Darren Lock, Natty Bo and Danny Walters
  Street performers all day: Viv the Spiv & Charlie Chaplin

Stalls & Workshops

- Hoop La - Test Your Strength
- Splat the Rat! - Tombola
- Rumble in the Jumble

Make Do & Mend Workshops:
- Silk Screen Card Making,
- Ceramics, Lantern Making,
- Herbal Remedies: Potions & Lotions from Yester Year!

Meet the Authors

- Eileen Mackenney - Borstal Girl - 1.45pm
- Mark Baxter - Walworth Through Time
  & The Memper - 2.30pm
- Walworth Archives - See your local history

Try out our Victorian Photo Booth
And sample the taste of old Walworth:
with chestnuts, candy floss, ice cream, sarsaparilla and cakes.

Southwark Resource Centre
Off Westmoreland Rd,
On Red Lion Row,
Opposite ARMENTS - SE17 2QB

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