

Family Learning

Autumn and Winter 2011/12

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learning together
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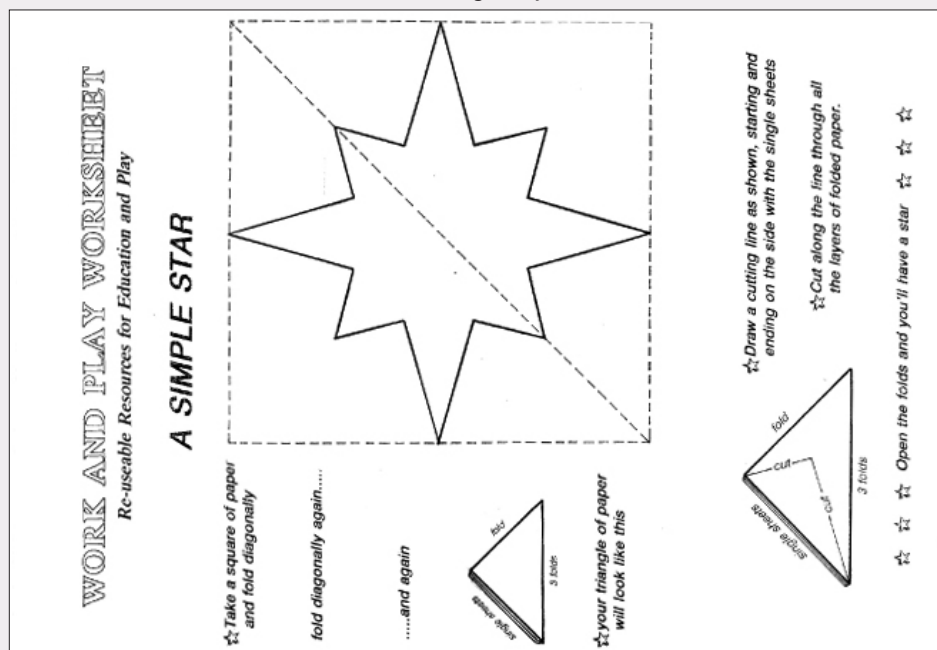
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Opening Hours

In term times Tuesdays: 11.30-5.30 Thursdays: 10.30-1.30 and 2.30-5.30

Holiday periods please call or check the website

Here is something to try at home



We are currently based at The Professional Centre but we are hoping to move to new premises in the summer of 2012

What Is Family Learning?



Wandsworth Council currently delivers Family Learning courses in a wide range of venues including libraries, community and voluntary organisations. In addition to this we are working with over 30 primary and secondary schools, as well as South Thames College.

Family Learning Programmes support fun learning activities and are available for parents, grandparents, carers and can involve other family members. Courses aim to give parents/carers confidence in being involved in their children's education.

People of all ages discover new interests, aptitudes and abilities. So why not take some time out from your normal family routine and try something that your child will be talking about for weeks!

Family Literacy and Numeracy courses provide opportunities for adults to give support and find out how children are being taught at school. Recent research has shown the impact that learning as a family has on children's development and their readiness for school.

Family Learning courses are FREE and include all materials, except where stated.

Adults must accompany children on all Family Learning courses, unless stated.

There are to be a maximum of 2 children per adult. Please check with each course for more information. Please also check the programme for age ranges.

Please note: In workshops, priority will be given to new learners. If you have any queries or ideas for further Family Learning courses please contact:

Judith Arkwright
Family Learning Coordinator
Phone: 020 8871 8524

Belinda Bates
Family Learning Coordinator
Phone: 020 8871 8490

Wandsworth Council
Professional Centre
Franciscan Road
London
SW17 8HE





Please telephone the centre to book your FREE place on a Family Learning course as places are limited and operate on a first come first served basis.

www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

When? Family Learning Timetable

All courses are FREE but you will need to book a place unless otherwise stated

Key to Symbols

-  Crèche
-  Free light refreshments
-  Toilet
-  Wheelchair Access

Football and Numeracy



Score in both football and numeracy on this 6 week course! Open to all abilities. Have a chance to be coached by some top football coaches too! Please bring a packed lunch.

Sat 15th October 2011, 11.30am - 2.30pm,
6 sessions 10-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Wandle Leisure Centre, SW18

020 8871 8626

Family Arts & Crafts



Hands-on family arts and crafts activities, including textiles, mosaics and more - make your own funky objects to take home.

Date and time to be confirmed, 1 session
5-12 years & mums/dads/carers
Aspire Centre,

020 8875 2603

The Big Draw



A workshop full of drawing games for all ages, all resources are free so come along and have fun! No need to book, just turn up!

Sat 15th October 2011, 11am - 1pm,
1 session 0-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Balham Library, SW12

Yogabugs



Is your child into Waybuloo? Then come to this 'Yogabugs' workshop! Together you will combine yoga postures with exciting adventures. Fly with mystical birds and float on magic carpets. Improve your child's concentration, confidence and imagination.

Mon 17th October 2011, 10am - 11.30am,
1 session 2-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Alton Activity Centre

Jackie 020 8789 7881 (am only)

Family Music Making



A hands-on and action packed workshop for babies and toddlers. Make your own musical instrument and play together to help develop language skills.

Tues 18th October 2011, 1.15pm - 3.15pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Alton One O'clock Club

020 8871 8626

Explore Art



Each family will explore together the different drawing techniques and materials provided to produce an amazing masterpiece to take home!

Tues 18th October 2011, 4pm - 6pm,
1 session 5-13 years & mums/dads/carers
Alton Activity Centre

Sharon Rooney 020 8789 7881

Storytelling



Come along and hear a professional storyteller. As well as entrancing you and your children with her stories, she will show you how to tell new stories and retell old ones!

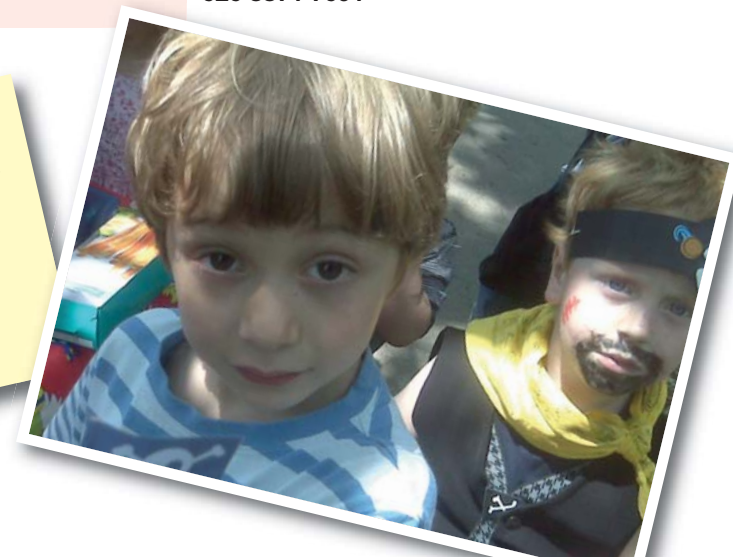
Wed 19th October 2011, 11am - 1pm,
1 session, 3-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Roehampton Library

020 8871 7091

Really enjoyed watching my son's excitement.



We had fun getting our hands messy, my son had a good time and we will do more at home.



I have never done anything like this before, I really enjoyed it and so did my daughter.



Bring a book to life



Bring a popular children's story to life and learn how to help your child with language development and storytelling at home.

Thurs 20th October 2011, 1.15pm - 3.15pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
York Gardens One O'clock Club
Sue Gibson 020 7738 0889

Urban Safari



Discover the amazing wildlife that can be found all around you in the urban environment. Explore outdoor activities such as den building, urban safari and storytelling.

Fri 21st October 2011, 1.15pm - 3.15pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Garratt Park Children's Centre
Marsha Parks 020 8946 0366

Cartoon Workshop



Join in this cartoon workshop and learn how to draw basic faces and make them happy, sad, angry etc. Greetings card competition too! No need to book, just turn up!

Sat 22nd October 2011, 11am - 3pm,
1 session, 0-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Southside Shopping Centre

Patchwork Moon Drama



Bring a well known story to life with a mixture of games, role play, exercises and tongue-twisters.

Sat 22nd October 2011, 11am - 1pm,
1 session 5-10 years & mums/dads/carers
Tooting Leisure Centre

020 8871 8626

Family Monster Mask Making



Celebrate half term with a monster themed workshop. Monster stories, puppets and masks.

Mon 24th October 2011, 11am - 1pm,
1 session 0-8 years & mums/dads/carers
Battersea Park Library

020 8871 7468

Writing workshop



Do you or your children enjoy writing? Learn and have fun writing stories together. Find out about how to enter our Wandsworth annual writing competition.

Mon 24th October 2011, 11am - 1pm,
1 session 8-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Earlsfield Library

020 8871 6389

Family Pottery



Come and have a go on the potter's wheel. This workshop will show you the basics of pottery. Be prepared to get your hands dirty!!

Tues 25th October 2011, 10am - 12pm,
1 session 6-13 years & mums/dads/carers
Aspire Centre

020 8875 2603

Dads Family Learning



Bring the 'Hungry Caterpillar' book to life and have fun learning how to help your child with language development and storytelling.

Tues 25th October 2011, 2pm - 4pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Franciscan Children's Centre

Janet Cook 020 8672 3048

Family Photography



Learn how to take the perfect portrait photo and upload onto a CD. You will also take home a family picture by a professional photographer.

Wed 26th October 2011, 2pm - 4pm,
1 session 7-16 years & mums/dads/carers
1 child per parent/carer Aspire Centre

020 8871 8626

Family Zumba



Come along and enjoy this fun dance class. Zumba is an aerobic work-out which combines steps from Latin dance with infectious and exhilarating music and moves.

Wed 26th October 2011, 11am - 12pm,
1 session 6-12 years & mums/dads/carers
Aspire@Albemarle Primary School

020 8875 2603

It was really fun and we really enjoyed it.



Parenting for dads



Come and join us for this informal and supportive parenting workshop where you can share your experiences and discuss issues, such as improving discipline and enhancing your relationship with your children and find solutions.

Thurs 27th October 2011, 10am - 12pm,
1 session Dads/granddads/male carers only
Aspire Centre

Carole Gray 020 8875 2603/020 8875 2651

Family Spanish for under 5s



Hola! Learn numbers and fruits in Spanish, in this fun interactive session. Even try some Spanish snacks too!

Fri 28th October 2011, 1.15pm - 3.15pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Fayland One O'clock Centre

Tina Neal/Sasha Sagoe 020 8696 6649

Family Spanish for under 5s



Hola! Learn numbers and fruits in Spanish, in this fun interactive session. Even try some Spanish snacks too!

Mon 13th February 2012, 1.15pm - 3.15pm,
1 session King George's One O'clock Club

Caroline Piggot 020 8871 1865

Family Cookery



Come and have fun cooking to impress the rest of your family and friends with this family cookery workshop. Come along and make some tasty treats!!

Wed 26th October 2011, 1pm - 3pm,
1 session 6-12 years & mums/dads/carers
Aspire@Albemarle Primary School

020 8875 2603

Kite Making



Let's go fly a kite... and make your own too! Come along to this practical workshop- make a kite and then come outside and fly it in the park. Prizes for the best one!

Thurs 27th October 2011, 11am - 1pm,
1 session 4-12 years & mums/dads/carers
Pumphouse Gallery

020 8871 8626

IROKO Music Making



IROKO is an award-winning theatre company and will bring traditional African fables, myths and legends to life, leaving you feeling inspired, motivated and uplifted.

Fri 28th October 2011, 10.30am - 12.30pm,
1 session 0-8 years & mums/dads/carers
Yvonne Carr Centre

Nikki Gray 020 7720 5515

Grandparents 'Messy' Workshop



A fun workshop in this relaxed Children's Centre to share with your grandchild. Get making and sticking and help make salt dough to take home.

Tues 14th February 2012, 1pm - 3pm,
1 session 0-5 years & grandparents/carers
Franciscan Children's Centre

Janet Cook 020 8672 3048

The Big Draw



Join the country in 'The Big Draw'. Take your drawing to new heights! You can also design a celebration card and enter our competition to win a prize

Thurs 27th October 2011, 10am - 12pm,
1 session 0-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Chestnut Grove School

020 8871 8626

Family Basketball



Learn passing techniques and fun games in this Olympic sport! Basketball for all the family so please bring trainers/plimsolls!

Thurs 27th October 2011, 2pm - 4pm,
1 session 10-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Battersea Park School

020 8871 8626

Family Zumba



Come along and enjoy this fun four week dance course. Zumba is an aerobic work-out which combines steps from Latin dance with infectious and exhilarating music and moves.

Tues 1st November, 3.45 - 4.45pm, 4 sessions.

6-12 years & mums/dads/carers
Aspire @The Alton Primary School
020 8875 2603

Patchwork Moon - Family Drama



Bring a well known story to life with a mixture of games, role play, exercises and tongue-twisters.

Wed 15th February 2012, 10.30am - 12pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Garratt Park One O'clock Club

Marsha Parks 020 8946 0366

Family Calligraphy



Make your own quill pen using a real feather and learn how to write your name with some simple swirls. For the young ones there is plenty of mark making fun!

Thurs 16th Feb 2012, 10.30am - 2.30pm,
1 session 0-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Yvonne Carr Centre

Nikki Gray 020 7720 5515

Family Spanish for under 5s



Hola! Learn numbers and fruits in Spanish, in this fun interactive session. Even try some Spanish snacks too!

Fri 17th February 2012, 1.30pm - 3.30pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
Eastwood Nursery

Sam Olive 020 8876 3976

Football and Literacy



Top marks in both football and literacy on this 5 week course! Open to all abilities. Have a chance to be coached by some top football coaches too. Please bring a packed lunch.

Sat 25th Feb 2012, 11.30am - 2.30pm,
25 sessions 10-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Wandle Leisure Centre

020 8871 8626

My son loved doing the activities with me.



Family Music Making



A hands-on and action packed workshop for babies and toddlers. Make your own musical instrument and play together to help develop language skills.

Fri 17th February 2012, 1.15pm - 3.15pm,
1 session 0-5 years & mums/dads/carers
York Gardens One O'clock Club

Sue Gibson 020 7738 0889

Half Term Arts, Crafts and Smoothies



Peddle the bike to make your own Smoothie, art and craft activities too. No need to book, just turn up!

Sat 18th Feb 2012, 11am - 3pm, 1 session
0-16 years & mums/dads/carers
Southside Shopping Centre

020 8875 2603

Wandsworth Goes Gospel



Wandsworth are set to take part in yet another ambitious performance in London in March 2012.

Exercise your vocal cords, at the free workshops

Thursdays during term time 6pm - 7.30pm.
Starting on Thurs 6th October 2011
Professional Centre
(administration charge applicable)

Ashley Redman 020 8871 8627

Wandsworth My Life, My World - Writing Competition



Write your own story or description and win a prize. The categories are descriptive and fictional writing and the age groups are 8-12 years-200 words; 13-16 years-500 words and 16+ years including adults-500 words. The closing date is Monday 28th November.

For more information call: 020 8871 8626



We felt it was a great experience and bonding with my grandchild.

Workshops at STORM



Highly successful Jobshop every Thursday for those wishing to return to work - help with CVs, confidence building, job searches, debt management, IAG, advice on benefits, in work calculations and more. Upcoming workshops include Art Therapy, Creative Writing and evening IT classes. Literacy and Numeracy courses will be starting again in January.

Please call STORM on 020 7498 0311

Celebration Card Competition



As part of the Big Draw, Wandsworth Family Learning invites you to design and draw your own celebration card. The winning entry will be professionally produced and you will receive 10 free copies. Come along to one of the 'Big Draw' workshops mentioned in this brochure.

0-16 years. Deadline: Mon 21st November 2011.

For information call: 020 8871 8626.

Newsletter

Family Language (ESOL) Classes

Further Family Language classes will be held in the upcoming academic year (2011/12) and will continue to focus on helping second language speakers improve their English language skills.

One of these Family Language courses was held at Gatton School last year, run by South Thames College and taught by Taslima Mirza. The aim of the class and of other classes like this is to help second language speakers to improve their English and in doing so make them more confident and enable them to engage more with the schools that their children attend. Taslima is very proud of her class and not just because they achieved a 100% success rate in their recent exams.

Family Learning's Judith Arkwright spoke to two of the learners who attended the Family Language course at Gatton School;



One of the learners, Fatima Belhadj (above, top) from Morocco had this to say:

"I love my English class. Initially my English was low but now it has improved. I always do my homework. I listen more carefully to words people use. I feel very confident. I am very happy with my teacher. She gives us a lot of extra time after class and I have learned fast!"

Akila Loukrichi (above, bottom) from Algeria said:

"Initially my spelling was bad but now it's improved a lot. I watch CBeebies with my son to learn more English. Before I was scared to read books to him but now I go to the library with him every day!"

During this academic year South Thames will be running several Family Language classes in various schools in Wandsworth.

If you would like further information, please contact **Kate Turney on 020 8918 7504.**

"I wanted to communicate with my child"

Paddock School in Putney is a special school maintained by the Wandsworth Council for day pupils with severe and complex learning difficulties or Autistic Spectrum Disorder with moderate or severe learning difficulties. It caters for up to 120 children at any one time ranging from 4 to 19 years old. Roehampton Extended Schools Cluster set up Makaton classes for parents of children at the school this year, funded by Family Learning. Makaton is a predominantly sign and symbol based communication programme designed for those who don't communicate through the usual channels.

Judith Arkwright from Wandsworth Family Learning spoke to two parents about their experiences:

Erica Spink's daughter, Evie is 5 years old and attends Paddock Primary School:

"When you have a child who is making weird signs and behaviour to you anyway you don't always take it in. To be honest I didn't think Evie was the sort of child who would ever use something like Makaton. I attended all the sessions because Evie was learning Makaton and I wanted to be able to communicate with her."

"Now if she wants something then she will say the word and do the sign. So it's helping her language development overall. I asked if she wanted toast and she did the sign for

bread which showed me she knew what it was and the sign and so now if she wants toast she can make this clear to me, whereas before I didn't even know she was asking for something. The first day of the course I used what I had learnt and she was amazed. I bought the book and now her brother is interested and has used it a bit. There is a Teaching Assistant at his school who knows it so he has learnt a bit off her."

"I am planning to be a teaching assistant in the special needs area and the fact that I have done that course will help me. I am going to volunteer at the school to build up my experience and then hopefully one day I will get a job."

Lucia Perera:

"It has helped me to be able to communicate with my son- James, aged 11. He was learning already at school. Now I can help him with homework for example on the computer, because I can communicate to help him. Also, he can make choices about what he wants to do - like go on the bus or go out and now I can understand him. Every parent at the school should do this. I would like a refresher course and have some more- what we don't use we forget."

For more information on Makaton courses or other courses in Roehampton please contact Mark Evans on 017833 058 612



Where?

Is Family Learning Available?

1 Alton Activity Centre

Ellisfield Drive, SW15 4DR
020 8789 7881

2 Alton One O'clock Club

Fontley Way, Alton Estate,
SW15 4LY 020 8789 2770

3 Aspire Centre@

Southfields Community
College, 337 Merton Road,
SW18 5JU 020 8875 2603

4 Aspire@

Albemarle Primary School,
Princes Way, SW19 6JP
020 8875 2603

5 Aspire@

The Alton Primary School,
Danebury Avenue, SW15 4PD
020 8875 2603

6 Balham Library

16 Ramsden Road, SW12 8QY
020 8871 7195

7 Battersea Park Library

309 Battersea Park Road,
SW11 4NF 020 8871 7468

8 Battersea Park School

401 Battersea Park Road,
SW11 5AP 020 7622 0026

9 Chestnut Grove School

45 Chestnut Grove, SW12 8JZ
020 8682 5570

10 Earlsfield Library

276 Magdalen Road,
SW18 3NY 020 8871 6389

11 Eastwood Nursery

168 Roehampton Lane,
SW15 4EU 020 8876 3976

12 Fayland

One O'clock Centre
Fayland Avenue, SW16 1SY
020 8696 7297

13 Franciscan Children's Centre,

Franciscan Primary School,
Franciscan Road, SW17 8HQ
020 8672 3048

14 Garratt Park Children's Centre,

Siward Road, SW17 0LA
020 8946 0366

15 King George's One O'clock Club

Buckhold Road, SW18 4AS
020 8871 1865

16 Professional Centre

Franciscan Road, SW17 8HE
020 8871 8627

17 Pumphouse Gallery

Battersea Park, SW11 4NJ
020 8871 7572

18 Roehampton Library

2 Danebury Avenue,
SW15 4HD 020 8871 7091

19 Southside Shopping Centre

Wandsworth, SW18 4TF

20 STORM

Doddington and Rollo
Community Association,
Charlotte Despard Avenue,
SW11 5HD 020 7498 0311
or 07949 203 143

21 Tooting Leisure Centre

Greaves Place off Garratt Lane
SW17 0NE 020 8333 7555

22 Wandle Leisure Centre

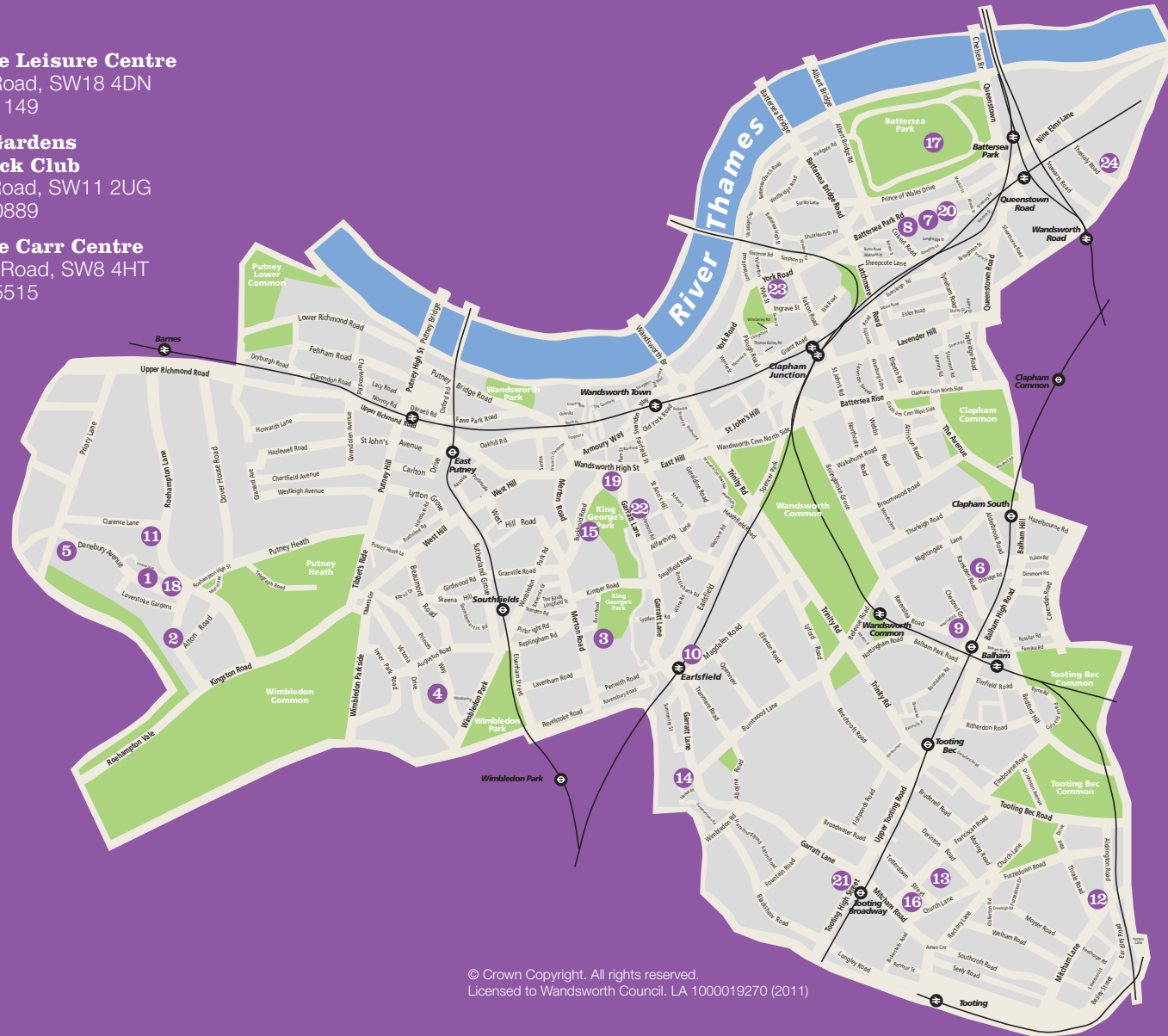
Mapleton Road, SW18 4DN
020 8871 1149


23 York Gardens One O'clock Club

Lavender Road, SW11 2UG
020 7738 0889

24 Yvonne Carr Centre

2 Thessaly Road, SW8 4HT
020 7720 5515



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For further information visit
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