

The Furzedown Project

A social hub for over 50s



Welcome to our May newsletter. As we move into summer, we have a range of new activities, and extended opening hours so we can engage with as many people as possible.

If you have any queries on anything we cover, please contact the Project directly at Services@furzedownproject.org / 0208

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**The Furzedown Farmers- We need your vote!!
Open Evening- Wednesday 24th May 05:30pm-
07:30pm**



As you will have seen, the Project has reached the top 5 of receiving funding from the People's Project. Following a public vote, running until Friday 26th May at 12pm, the top 3 finalists will be awarded funding over £40,000. You can cast your vote by clicking on this [Link](#)

We will be also opening the Project to the local community to showcase the service next Wednesday from 05:30pm-07:30pm. Please promote to your family/friends to come along.

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Gardening Group Meeting Thursday 25th May 6pm-8pm



Our 2nd meeting of our monthly gardening group will be held next week. This month will include a talk on Seed-Swap initiative from Resina Choudhury of Transition Town Tooting. Simply contact the project to book yourself a place.

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Movie afternoon- Saturdays from 1:00pm-4:00pm

We are showcasing all the classic movies from Hollywood's golden era- We are open to requests, as we aim to show films that are of interest to the community. These sessions are free at the point of entry, and form part of our warm spaces services. As well as presenting the film, we also provide some background and trivia to how these films came to be made. Below are the films we are showing for rest of May/June

May/June



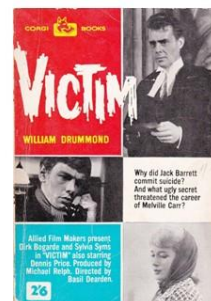
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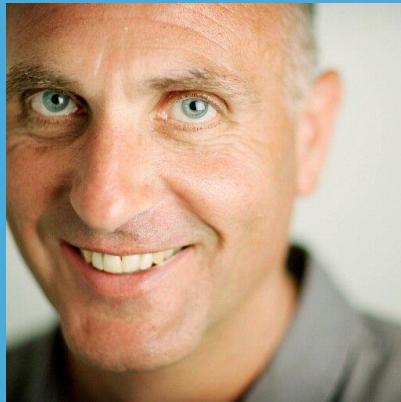
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Celebrity Talk: - Q+A With John Crace Friday 2nd June 07:30pm-09:30pm

We are delighted to announce that John Crace has agreed to come to the Project for a talk on **Friday June 2nd from 07:30pm-09:30pm**

John Crace is the parliamentary sketch writer for the Guardian, where he writes on topics including politics, Tottenham Hotspur, his experience of mental health challenges and (occasionally) Tooting Common. He is the author of several books including [A Farewell to Calm: The New Normal Survival Guide](#)'.

This event will act as a fundraiser, allowing us to continue our work in the community. Tickets will be priced £10 for non-members and £7.50 for members. A complimentary drink will be provided on arrival. Tickets can be booked at the Project/online through this [link](#).

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The Furzedown Project Survey- Please complete by Wednesday 31st May



Last month, the Project launched our survey to members on the services that we provide for people aged 50 and over in Wandsworth. We have had 73 responses so far, so a big thank you to all those who have taken the time to provide your feedback. We will use your feedback to decide how we develop our activities for the year ahead.

It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete, and you can fill this online by clicking on this [link](#).

If you could complete the survey by Wednesday 31st May that would be much appreciated.

Volunteer Thank you and Recruitment Event- Thursday 8th June 6pm-8pm



At the Project we are very fortunate to have had the support from many volunteers to deliver our services. We simply wouldn't be able to carry out our work without their help.

As part of our volunteer's week celebrations, we are looking to invite all our current volunteers to thank you event for their ongoing support We will provide drinks and refreshments.

We would also like to combine this event as a recruitment drive for more volunteers. We are looking for volunteers in the following roles:

Reception

Administration

Drivers/Escorts for Minibus

Befrienders

Fundraisers

I.T/social media

Community Engagement

Simply contact the Project to book yourself a place if you are one of our current volunteers or interested in learning more about volunteering.

Furzedown Pride Saturday 17 June



June is Pride month, and we are happy to promote a range of events run by the Project and Furzedown Community Network (FCN) to celebrate our diverse community! Everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

LGBT Film Afternoon at the Furzedown Project- 12:30pm-2:30pm

We will be starting off the day watching the classic LGBT drama Victim (1961) starring Dirk Bogarde. This film was the first to show the harsh experiences LGBT people faced in early 60's Britain. The session is free at the point of entry, and we will be providing refreshments at part of the session.

Community Street Party 2:00pm-5:00pm Nimrod Road, between Parklands and Brookview Road

The celebration continues with FCN wanting people to come together for a colourful street party full of Pride. This includes a rainbow art project, family-friendly fun, competitions, games, and a Story Wall to pin your own story or read the history of many of your neighbours' personal journeys in coming out and acceptance.

BYOE - Bring your own Everything! Food, drinks, chairs, etc. FCN are providing some tables and lots of fun! Come to join in or chat and get to know your neighbours better.

Pridestravaganza! 6pm-10pm The Furzedown (Pub), 118 Mitcham Lane

FCN rounds off the day by hosting an evening of drag performers and queer comedians at the Furzedown. Tickets are £10 per person (FCN Members £9). You

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can pick up tickets at our reception desk or email the FCN team at furzedownpride@gmail.com.

And finally....



We had a visit on 13TH May from Wendy Levinson, who is the daughter of our founder Dr Levinson. Wendy's last visit was many years ago, and she came to volunteer for our film afternoon. Wendy was truly humbled to see the Project still going strong, and to see her father's vision still supporting the community. We hope to see her again soon.