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Summer  
guide  
2022

**Make the most  
of Merton  
this summer**



# summer guide

## Parks and outdoors



I'm delighted to be sending you a copy of Merton Council's summer events listings. There is so much to love about our borough, and there's no better time of year to go out and explore it. Whether it's our abundance of high quality parks and green spaces, our bustling high streets, our fantastic public assets like our libraries and leisure centres, or the sporting spirit that runs through Merton, we've got a lot to offer.

In this booklet, you'll find just a taste of some of the fantastic events and attractions that you can visit in every corner of Merton this summer. I hope you'll manage to get along to some of them, and take advantage of this amazing place that we call home.

**Ross Garrod, Leader of Merton Council**

## Parks and outdoors



### Luna Cinema

The nation's favourite outdoor cinema returns to Wimbledon Park. Get cosy on your camping chair or blanket, and settle in for screenings of two films that saw success at this year's Oscars: *King Richard* and *West Side Story*.  
**Wimbledon Park (Home Park Road entrance), SW19 8AU.**  
**Tuesday 9 and Wednesday 10 August. 8.45pm.**  
**Tickets from £17.50.**  
**Visit: [thelunacinema.com](http://thelunacinema.com)**

All listings are correct at the time of printing. For regular updates from the council, including notifications of events all year round, make sure you sign up to our email updates at [merton.gov.uk/newsletter](http://merton.gov.uk/newsletter)

### Shakespeare in the Park

Mayhem's annual Shakespeare in the Park returns with *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, a riotous comedy which sees the bumbling Sir John Falstaff attempt to restore his fortunes by seducing the wives of two wealthy men. But it's the women of Windsor who pull the strings in this story...  
**Cannizaro Park, SW19 4UE.**  
**Tuesday 19-Saturday 23 July. 7.45pm (plus an additional 2pm matinee on 23 July). Tickets from £16. Visit: [mayhemtheatre.co.uk](http://mayhemtheatre.co.uk)**

### Phipps Fun Day in The Park

South Mitcham Community Association are back at Rock Terrace for a fun day of music, food stalls, entertainers, magic, bouncy castle, stalls, football and fun and games.  
**Rock Terrace, CR4 3PX.**  
**Saturday 30 July. 1-5pm.**  
**Free. Visit: [smca.co.uk](http://smca.co.uk) or [facebook.com/southmitcham](http://facebook.com/southmitcham)**

### Summer Kidz Fun

Since 2006, Botton's have been organising events in London and surrounding areas, bringing joy and fun to all their customers. Join them in Wimbledon Park for children's rides, bouncy castles, entertainers and more.  
**Wimbledon Park, SW19 7HX.**  
**Thursday 30 July-Sunday 4 September. 11am-7pm.**  
**Free entry. Visit: [bottonsfamilyfunfairs.co.uk](http://bottonsfamilyfunfairs.co.uk) or [facebook.com/Kidzfun16](http://facebook.com/Kidzfun16)**

**Tough Mudder**  
Saturday 13–Sunday 14 August

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### **Acacia Family Play Day**

Come and celebrate National Play Day at the Acacia Adventure Playground, where two new play structures have just opened. There are lots of fun activities for all the family, so come down with the kids and make use of this fantastic community facility.

**Acacia Centre, 230 Grove Road, Mitcham CR4 1SD. Wednesday 3 August. 10am. Free.**

### **Tough Mudder**

Take on either a 5K course packed full of 13 obstacles, or the 10K course, featuring 20 of our best obstacles including Electroshock Therapy. Shorter 1 mile Muddy Adventure is available for kids too.

**Morden Park, SM4 5HE. Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August. From 8.45am. From £79 for adults, £10 for children. Visit: [toughmudder.co.uk](http://toughmudder.co.uk)**

### **The 96 Club Wimbledon Classic Car Show**

An all-day event featuring 100-plus stunning classic and high performance cars from the famous 96 Club, working with the Capability Brown Society. Bring a picnic or try some of the fabulous onsite barbecue food and drink.

**Wimbledon Park Athletics Track, SW19 8AU. Monday 29 August. 10am–5pm. £5 for adults, under 16s free, classic car owners plus one passenger free. Visit: [96club.co.uk](http://96club.co.uk)**



### **Parkrun**

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5km community running event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you! **Wimbledon Common, SW19 5NR. Every Saturday. 9am. Free. Visit: [parkrun.org.uk/wimbledon](http://parkrun.org.uk/wimbledon)**



### Libraries

Our libraries host fantastic events all year round, and of course this summer will be no exception. To book any of the events below, or to find out about the many other events on offer across all our branches, check out [merton.gov.uk/library-events](http://merton.gov.uk/library-events)



Never been to our libraries? Pop along, you'll love them! Here's where you can find your local branch:

**Colliers Wood:** 105–109 High Street, SW19 2HR

**Mitcham:** 157 London Road, CR4 2YR

**Morden:** Merton Civic Centre, London Road, SM4 5DX

**Pollards Hill:** South Lodge Avenue, CR4 1LT

**Raynes Park:** 21 Approach Road, SW20 8BA

**West Barnes:** Station Road, KT3 6JF

**Wimbledon:** 35 Wimbledon Hill Road, SW19 7NB

#### Puppet-making with Polka Theatre

Create and use a puppet to bring a character to life, linked to this year's Summer Reading Challenge theme of Gadgeteers. For ages 7–11.

**Mitcham Library:** Saturday 23 July, 2pm. **Pollards Hill Library:** Thursday 28 July, 10.30am.

#### Explore Learning workshops

Explore Learning give children the space to unlock their imaginations and discover the magic of words and numbers. Whether your children are passionate about numeracy and literacy, or reluctant, bring them for a session that will encourage creativity while delivering specific numeracy and literacy objectives in a real-life context.

**Mitcham Library:** Word problems (ages 9–11), Wednesday 17 August, 11am. **Mitcham Library:** Comprehension (ages 9–11), Wednesday 10 August, 11am. **Wimbledon Library:** Maths Wizard (ages 7–9), Wednesday 3 August, 11am.

#### Summer Film Clubs

Come along and get your kids immersed in the world of film. We'll have free screenings at Wimbledon and Morden libraries throughout the summer holidays.

**Wimbledon Library:** For children aged 5+. Every Thursday, 4pm, from 14 July until 25 August.

**Morden Library:** For children aged 6+. Fridays, 15, 29 July and 12, 26 August, 4pm.

#### Code Club

Learn how to do basic coding with our high-tech computer volunteers. These sessions will include coding using Scratch and micro:bit. For children aged 9–13.

**Raynes Park Library:** Tuesday 16, 23 and 30 August, 5pm.



## Learning Keys workshops

Learning Keys offer a range of sessions for primary school children, aged 6–11, that will ignite imagination, build up knowledge and understanding, instil confidence and a love for learning in your child. Join them at Colliers Wood Library for workshops on reading and writing, maths, and science.

**Reading and writing: Friday 26 August, 12 noon. Maths: Saturday 27 August, 12 noon. Science: Saturday 27 August, 12 noon.**



## Tuned In with Jah Wobble

If you're interested in meeting new people and playing music together, come on down to jam with post-punk legend, Jah Wobble. All are welcome, whether you are a local musician or somebody who is interested in learning to play with others. No need to book!  
**Wimbledon Library: Mondays, 18 July; 1 and 22 August; 5 and 19 September; 3, 17 and 31 October from 7-10pm.**



Merton Holiday Activities and Food Programme has over thirty projects, for a 1,000 children. Four weeks of fun in Merton with fabulous activities to choose from: sports, theatre workshops, arts and crafts and much more - with brilliant days out including Dean City Farm, Polka Theatre or raft-building at Morden Hall Park. It's all free for children eligible for free school meals, and they'll get a proper meal every day too. Courses are available for 6-16 year olds. To find out more, and how to register, go to [www.merton.gov.uk/haf](http://www.merton.gov.uk/haf)



## Later this year...

We are delighted to announce our fireworks shows will return on Friday 4 and Saturday 5 November in Wimbledon Park and Morden Park. Be among the first to find out when tickets go on sale for our 2022 displays by signing up to our What's On e-newsletters at [merton.gov.uk/newsletter](http://merton.gov.uk/newsletter)

### Leisure centres with BETTER

From swimming for all the family, learn to swim short courses, gymnastics and junior gym, and Toddler's World soft play for the under 5s, there's something new for young people to do every day at BETTER leisure centres in Merton this summer. All of the following activities will take place at various times and dates across our three local leisure centres, you can find full details of all of these and much more at [better.org.uk/merton](http://better.org.uk/merton) or by using the BETTER app.

# BETTER



#### Junior Gym

A structured, specifically catered introduction to the gym. Our Level Two-qualified fitness instructors will give 11–15 year olds a programme to meet their individual goals, including learning how to use cardiovascular and core strength equipment.

#### Swim School crash courses

Our lessons are suitable for children aged 4+. Teaching the essential swimming skills to ensure they learn to be safe in and around water. These courses cover basic techniques for all four strokes for beginners or improvers.

#### Swim For All

No matter your fitness or age, 'Swim for All' sessions are perfect if you're looking to build your confidence, work on strokes, float away stress, or simply enjoy a casual swim with family and friends.



#### Gymnastics short courses

Not only does gymnastics provides a great opportunity for children to try a new sport, make friends and have fun, but they'll also learn a number of foundation and transferable skills that can be taken into other activities and sports.

## Sport

### Wimbledon Park Watersports Centre

Escape from the heat of the city and take to the water! Wimbledon Park Watersports Centre is an idyllic outdoor haven offering a range of courses and sessions for anyone of any ability aged 8+. Whether you're an adult or a child, come and try sailing, kayaking, paddle-boarding or even some powerboating. For more, visit: [merton.gov.uk/watersports](http://merton.gov.uk/watersports)



### Canons Festival of Sport Women's Rec

A free day of outdoor activities for all the family. Activities will include football challenges, low impact classes, family circuits, gymnastics taster sessions, Toddler's World soft play, mini tennis, and a wide variety of family races on the famous athletics track.

**Canons Leisure Centre,**  
Madeira Road, Mitcham CR4 4HD.  
Saturday 30 July. 10am-5pm.  
Free. Visit [better.org.uk/merton](http://better.org.uk/merton)

### Dons Fit

A friendly fitness session involving dynamic football circuits, followed by a friendly kickabout. Ideal for those aged 40-plus, who take part in little to no exercise per week.

**Cherry Red Records Stadium,**  
Plough Lane, SW17 ONR.  
Every Monday. 7-8pm.  
£4 a session. Contact



[fiona.sutherland@afcfw.org.uk](mailto:fiona.sutherland@afcfw.org.uk)

A free, inclusive session involving a warm-up, fun drills and five-a-side games. Ideal for those who want to give football a go or get back into playing the sport they once loved.

**Cherry Red Records Stadium,**  
Plough Lane, SW17 ONR. Every  
Thursday. 7-8pm. Free. Contact  
[fiona.sutherland@afcfw.org.uk](mailto:fiona.sutherland@afcfw.org.uk)

### Tooting and Mitcham FC vs Kingstonian

Tooting and Mitcham FC are taking on their near neighbours Kingstonian in their final pre-season friendly. We hope you get behind the Terrors in this battle for south-west London pride.

**Imperial Sports Ground,**  
Bishopsford Road, SM4 6BF.  
Tuesday 2 August. KO 7.45pm. £10 adults, £5 concessions, £1 under 18s. Visit: [tmunited.org](http://tmunited.org) for more information and further fixtures.

### Active Ageing

A free gentle exercise and social session at AFC Wimbledon involving indoor curling, boccia, a quiz and refreshments. Ideal for those aged 70+, carers welcome.

**Cherry Red Records Stadium,** Plough Lane, SW17 ONR. Every Thursday. 10-11.30am. Free. Contact [fiona.sutherland@afcfw.org.uk](mailto:fiona.sutherland@afcfw.org.uk)

### Figges Marsh junior parkrun

A free 2km run to put your child (aged 4-14) through their paces. All abilities welcome.

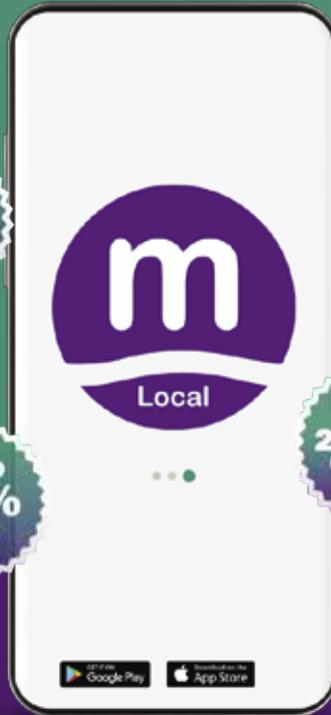
**Figges Marsh, Streatham Road,** CR4 2AD. Every Sunday. 9am. Free. Visit: [parkrun.org.uk/figgesmarsh-juniors/](http://parkrun.org.uk/figgesmarsh-juniors/)

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