

# Shaftesbury Ward News

From your Conservative Councillors

## BAR SOCIAL & SUGAR CANE APPLY FOR LONGER HOURS



Both Bar Social and Sugar Cane have applied to the council to increase their hours of operation. The bars, between 245 and 249 Lavender Hill, are seeking to extend their hours of operation, particularly at week-ends when both hope to open until 2am.

What is likely to cause most disruption to neighbours is that they both want to remove restrictions on use of the outside areas so smokers can use it at any time the bar is open.

The council has traditionally resisted allowing outside areas to open late because of the noise for neighbours, but the smoking ban means more pressure to relax those rules.

If you want to comment or find out more you can get in touch with one of your Conservative team or on the council's licensing website at [wandsworth.gov.uk/licensing](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/licensing)

The last date for comments is 23 July for Bar Social and 8 August for Sugar Cane.

## Clapham Junction hotel: Now Boris says no!

Plans to develop a 16-storey hotel on the site of the old Job Centre on Falcon Road have now been rejected by the council. The Planning Applications Committee felt the hotel would be out of scale with the surrounding buildings.



The Mayor did not share the developer's assessment of the importance of their proposed hotel, stating it was too small to have a London-wide impact, too far from the borough boundary to affect more than just Wandsworth.

However the developers then appealed to Boris Johnson, claiming the hotel had strategic importance to the London plan and he, not the council, should decide if the hotel should be built.

The developers can now appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, where the council would have to defend its position. Any representations already made by local residents would also be considered as part of the appeal.

## Your Shaftesbury team

### Jane Ellison



Jane is the Conservative Parliamentary Spokesman for Battersea and has, amongst other campaigns, been pushing for improvements for commuters at Clapham Junction.

### David Walden



David has lived in Battersea for 25 years and has been a councillor since 2006. A chartered accountant, he enjoyed a 30 year City career. He is now a senior board member for a large London housing association.

### James Cousins



James has been a councillor for Shaftesbury since 1998 and lives with his wife and son on the Shaftesbury Park Estate.

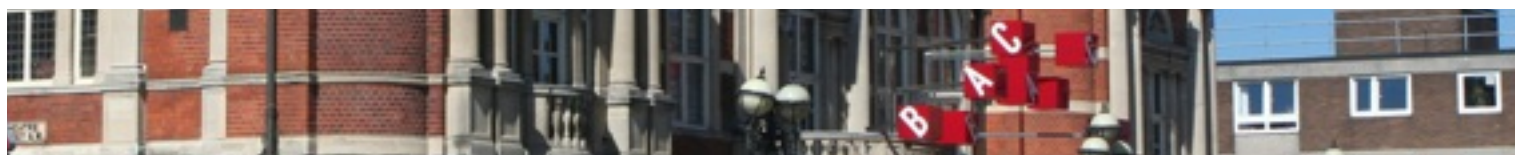
You can follow his work on the council at his website:

[jamescousins.com](http://jamescousins.com) or his Twitter account: [@jamescousins](https://twitter.com/jamescousins)

### Guy Senior



Guy Senior has been your local Councillor for nearly 20 years and is currently in charge of the Council's transport functions. He is also a Trustee of Battersea Arts Centre and a long time governor of Shaftesbury Park School.



## New vicars in Shaftesbury

Both of Shaftesbury's Church of England churches have seen new vicars installed recently.

Reverend Richard Taylor now officiates at St Barnabas on Clapham Common Northside and Father Iain Young officiates at Church of the Ascension on Lavender Hill.

We'd like to welcome both to their parishes.

## Enjoy Wandsworth's parks this summer

A recent Audit Commission survey showed Wandsworth's parks are amongst the most loved in the country, with more than 85% of residents happy with them.

You can find out more about Wandsworth's park and open spaces at [wandsworth.gov.uk/parks](http://wandsworth.gov.uk/parks)

## Shaftesbury Ward News

We aim to produce a regular newsletter to keep you up to date with what's happening in the area and elsewhere in Wandsworth. If you've received a paper copy, or had this forwarded to you, and would like to be included on our email distribution then email us at: [heretohelp@wandsworthconservatives.com](mailto:heretohelp@wandsworthconservatives.com)

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# NEW COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND AT JOHN BURNS



David Walden and James Cousins at the new playground

Shaftesbury residents with children will benefit from a new playground at John Burns' School which will also be open for community use when the school is closed.

The playground, costing £105,000 was opened in June. During school hours the playground will be for the exclusive use of the school - but in the evenings, at weekends and during school holidays the gate on Wickersley Road will be opened to allow community use.

The playground features a gyro, climbing wall, turbo slide, climbing rope net, spinning dish, balancing unit and sheltered seating - all on a soft play surface.

## Preventing crime

With the warmer weather the borough has seen an increase in burglaries in which criminals have taken advantage of doors and windows being left open.

It only takes a few seconds for a burglar to climb in and grab a few items of value, and many crimes have taken place when the householder was just in another room for a few minutes.

Most burglars are opportunists who will be put off by a few simple measures:

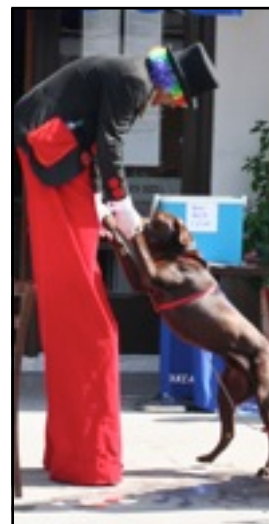
1. Make sure you close and lock windows and doors if you are not in the room - an agile burglar can be in and out quickly.
2. Fit windows locks, these can stop the window opening so burglars can't get in without breaking a window - they usually won't want to risk the attention.
3. Never leave your keys visible from the outside - they can often be 'hooked' by burglars and used to get into your house, shed or garage - or even be used to take your car.

## Lavender Hill Street Party

Last month saw an incredibly successful Lavender Hill Street Party with more stalls and more people than last year.

The event, in aid of Trinity Hospice, really showed Lavender Hill at it's best. Congratulations to all the traders and others involved in organising a fantastic day.

If you missed it, or enjoyed



it and want more of the same, you might be interested in going along to some of the other nearby events:

- Balham Street Festival on 9 August
- St John's Hill Fair on 13 September
- Old York Road Community Fun Day on 26 September.