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**Tidefest – 28th September 2014**

*TideFest is a new river Thames event taking place this year on World Rivers Day to highlight and celebrate the recreational importance of the Thames Tideway to Londoners. TideFest is proud to be a partner of Totally Thames and to be supported by the Thames Tunnel Now Coalition and the Thames Tideway Tunnel.*

**Final Programme**

**Activities at Strand on the Green, Chiswick, London**

**Paddleboarding**

Stand up paddling specialists Active 360 are offering six free paddleboard taster sessions from 1.30pm to 3.30pm followed by some races for those brave enough to try !

Venue: Brentford Boating Arch, Kew Bridge,

Organiser: Paul Hyman from Active 360

Contact: info@active360.co.uk tel: 0203 3935360 or 07807 767999

Timings: Six Taster sessions - 1.30pm to 3.30pm then Races at 4 and 4.30pm

Cost: Free Event but advance booking advised

**Sailing**

One hour Dinghy Race for the new *‘TideFest Challenge Sailing Award’* around 2 or 3 marker buoys between Kew Road Bridge and Kew Rail Bridge. The start and finish point is a line across the river near the Bell and Crown pub, Strand on the Green.

Venue: Strand on the Green Sailing Club

Organiser: Tim Young, Vice Commodore of Strand on the Green Sailing Club - 07514 296924.

Spectators Welcome

Timings: 4.25pm - 5.30pm

**Kayaking**

Free kayaking taster sessions with qualified coaches on the Thames at Kew Bridge

Venue: Brentford Boating Arch, Kew Bridge (North Bank)

Organisers: Brentford FC Community Sports Trust and Edge Progressive Paddling.

Contact: Peter Hughes, enquiries@edgepaddling.com    tel: 07900 895 237

Timings: Taster Sessions with coaches - Starting every half hour from 10 am to 4 pm. Finishing 5-30 pm.

Cost: Free of Charge, register on arrival at venue.

Minimum age: 11 years old.

**Angling Competition**

Venue: Strand on the Green, Chiswick

Organiser: Angling Trust martin.salter@anglingtrust.net

Booking: sandra.drew@anglingtrust.net or tel Ron’s Tackle - 020 8876 4897

Timings: 8am to 1pm - Draw at 7am

Cost: Tickets £5 in advance proceeds to the charity, Get Hooked on Fishing

**Foreshore Activities and River Dipping**

Come and find out about what lives in London’s river with the experts from the conservation charity Thames 21 and the Environment Agency. Great fun for all ages. No need to book, just turn up on the day with your wellies.

Activities will include river dipping, live fish tank, treasure hunt and foreshore bingo.

Venue: Foreshore immediately downstream of Kew Bridge access from the Slipway.

Organiser: Thames 21

Contact: Chris Coode, chris.coode@thames21.org.uk tel 07813 799 757

Timings: 9.30am – 1pm

Free event

**RSPB – Giving nature a home with Bird Spotter Quiz and Wildlife Display**

See how many species you can observe with RSPB’s bird-spotter sheets and check the “What’s in the Thames” wildlife display. Also hear how you can help RSPB in giving nature a home.

Venue: Marquee at Strand on the Green

Organiser: Thames 21 and RSPB

Contact: lottie.williams@rspb.org.uk , martin.holm@thames21.org.uk

Timings: 10am – 5pm

Free event

**Activities on the Wandle**

**Young Piscators Event:**

“Aged 12-18 and fancy learning how to fish?! The Wandle Piscators will be showing you how on 28th September. The event will be held at Ravensbury Park, on the Wandle (between Morden Rd and London Rd, Merton, CR4 4DL). More information at  [www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/Projects/Wandle-Young-Piscators](http://www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/projects/wandle-young-piscators)”

Timings: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Ravensbury Park, Morden. (TBC)

Contact: William Tall (Piscators) 07710322800 william.tall@btinternet.com

 Or John O’Brien (Piscators) 0208 878 9289 jfpobrien@blueyonder.co.uk

 Free Event

**Wandle Heritage Walk:**

Join us for a guided walk and discover 2,000 years of the rich and varied history of the Lower Wandle at Wandsworth. The Building Exploratory is leading a search for the lost treasures of the River Wandle as part of its Living Wandle ‘Industrial Heritage Recording’ project. Walkers and project volunteers are all invited. To find out more please visit:  [www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/Projects/Industrial-Heritage-Recording-Project](http://www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/Projects/Industrial-Heritage-Recording-Project) <<http://www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/Projects/Industrial-Heritage-Recording-Project>> .”

To book your place on the walk, please email us at:

[livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk](http://livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk/) <mailto:livingwandle@wandsworth.gov.uk>

Timings: Meet 2pm at Wandsworth Town Station
Contact: Dr Nicole Crockett - 07500 073 049
Free Event

 **Activities at Isleworth Ait**

London Wildlife Trust is offering a very rare chance to access the Isleworth Ait nature reserve, an island on the Thames, on the afternoon of September 28th as part of TideFest. Numbers are limited due to the need to protect wildlife and habitats on the island.

 Access is by boat so regrettably there is no disabled access. No children under five or unaccompanied children under 16. Wellingtons or walking boots should be worn. In the event of high winds or adverse river conditions the event will be cancelled and booking payments refunded.

 Places to be booked in advance and limited to three groups of eight people. Each tour will take approximately one hour. Ticket price includes ferry crossing and guided tour.

Timings: 2.00pm, 2.20pm and 2.40pm

Contact: [www.wildlondon.org.uk/whats-on](http://www.wildlondon.org.uk/whats-on)

Cost: £4.00 per person.



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