

# Autumn Wordsearch

The answers to the last issue's London Museums Wordsearch were as follows: Apsley House, Design, Handel House, Jewish, London Transport, Ragged School, Sir John Soane, British, Freud, Horniman, Kensington Palace, National Gallery, Royal Observatory, Tate Modern, Cartoon, Geffrye, Imperial War, Leighton House, Science and Victoria and Albert.

### DID YOU KNOW?

- London has over 200 museums and galleries, including 13 National museums, 9 National Trust and 10 English Heritage sites;
- In 2010, 25% of all overseas visitors to London visited the British Museum;
- There are around 30 million museum visits made annually in London.

Congratulations to our last Wordsearch winner, who was Dot Ravenswood, and thanks to everyone who participated!

## WORDSEARCH

If there's an influential rock band in the history of music, then it's The Beatles. In this issue's Wordsearch we have concealed the names of 20 of their songs. An extra one is highlighted to start you off. Names may be read in all directions, straight or diagonally. All words have four letters or more.

Please send your entries by email to [cristina.lago@gmail.com](mailto:cristina.lago@gmail.com) with your name and contact details. The closing date is March 19. All correct entries go into a draw to win a £20 voucher from our independent local shop Joseph's Bookstore. Good luck and... twist and shout!

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## Tell us what you want to read

The Suburb library needs your suggestions for books to buy. Over the last six months we have bought over 400 new books, including titles such as 'Us' by David Nicholls, 'A Spool of Blue Thread' by Anne Tyler, 'The Rosie Effect' by Graeme Simsion, 'Gray Mountain' by John Grisham and 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan, which is probably our most popular title at the moment.

Although we are a small library, one of the advantages of being staffed by local volunteers is that we are able to buy in what our borrowers want to read. So, of the 415 books we

have bought this year, 340 have already been borrowed. But in order to know what to buy, we need to know what Suburb residents want to read.

So get in touch with your suggestions, either by emailing us to [mail@gardensuburblibrary.org.uk](mailto:mail@gardensuburblibrary.org.uk) or pop in to the library and jot your ideas down in our Request Book.

Suggestions for adult fiction, for non-fiction or for children's books are equally welcome. Although we can't guarantee ordering all the suggested titles, if you want to read a book, it is quite likely your neighbours will want to read it as well.

# An author talks at the library



Frances Mensah Williams

The Garden Suburb Community Library organisers were so delighted by the success of the first 'author talk' held there to a full house, that they have invited another writer with local connections to speak about her warm and poignant first novel at the library on Wednesday, 3 February 2016 at 7.30pm.

Frances Mensah Williams, who has a second novel coming out in Spring 2016, grew up in the Suburb and now lives in North London with her family. Frances will be talking about her book, *From Pasta to Pigfoot*, a contemporary, multi-cultural novel that tells the story of Faye Bonsu, a pasta-loving, under-achieving PA, whose upbringing in leafy Hampstead has given her little opportunity to understand her African heritage.

The book cleverly combines all the elements of a contemporary romance with stunning descriptions of Ghana and the day-to-day lives of young urban professionals in London and Accra. It was chosen by W H Smith Travel for a summer promotion in 2015. The author will also talk about her life, the inspiration behind the book and discuss the challenges of writing and publishing fiction.

First come, first served as places are limited, but you can book by calling 020 8458 3301, e-mailing the library at [mail@gardensuburblibrary.org.uk](mailto:mail@gardensuburblibrary.org.uk) or by calling in at the library: 15 Market Place, NW11 6LB (entrance on Hill Rise). Tickets are free, but contributions towards the cost of refreshments would be welcome.

# Crime questions at the library

In addition to the author talk to be given in February by Frances Mensah Williams (see above), Garden Suburb Community Library will also host a Crime Writers Panel Event on Wednesday 16 March at 7.30pm, featuring three very different authors.

William Ryan, an Irish writer living in London, is author of the Captain Korolev series of novels set in 1930s Stalinist Russia, and has been shortlisted for many crime-writers' awards.

Judith Flanders, a Londoner who spent her childhood in Canada, presents characters who move in the worlds of publishing and fashion. She too has been shortlisted for several prestigious crime fiction awards as has Stav Sherez, another Londoner who has written a series of dark and modern thrillers featuring two West London detectives.



William Ryan



Judith Flanders



Stav Sherez

Questions from the audience about the authors' books or on writing crime fiction will be very welcome. As with the author's talk, it's first-come first-served as places are limited in the library, but you can reserve your

place by calling 020 8458 3301, e-mailing the library at [mail@gardensuburblibrary.org.uk](mailto:mail@gardensuburblibrary.org.uk) or by calling in at the library: 15 Market

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# Proms at St Judes donation days

Staff and residents at the North London Hospice celebrated a very special Christmas gift as members of the Proms at St Jude's committee handed over a £15,000 cheque.

Hospice chief executive Pam McClinton, on the left holding the cheque, was delighted to receive the bumper donation raised by Proms 2015.

Proms committee members, along with representatives of the hospice's Suburb-based NW Support Group, later enjoyed tea and cakes – complete with resident pianist – in the centre's newly redesigned and welcoming open-plan living room.

NW Support Group chairwoman Ros Berg on the right is holding the cheque next to the Proms' Hon Chairman, Niamh O'Donnell-Keenan.

Friday January 22 was another big day for Proms charities when

a £45,000 cheque was presented to the festival's other good cause, Toynbee Hall in East London.

Organisers are already hard at work on next year's festival which runs from June 25 to July 3. Highlights will include Nevill Holt Opera performing Donizetti's charming *Elixir of Love*, a Russian evening with the London International Orchestra (including Rachmaninov's 2nd Piano Concerto) and a concert of American music featuring Copland and Gershwin.

Top jazz, choral works and piano recitals are also lined up. And the popular Last Night of the Proms will include Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

Fans of the Proms at St Jude's can enjoy priority booking as well as supporting this great community event by becoming a Prom's Friend. Full details at [promsatsjudes.org.uk](http://promsatsjudes.org.uk).



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