HISTORIC JETTY OPENS

The historic Grade II* Listed Coaling Jetty, located in front of Battersea Power Station on the River Thames, opened to the public for the first time ever last month.

To celebrate the launch, a Summer Garden Party was hosted by Battersea Power Station on the water for the whole of August. The Summer Garden Party was inspired by Battersea’s rich agricultural past and was a great attraction visit for parents looking for ways to keep their children busy and entertained throughout the school holidays.

The 110-metre-long Coaling Jetty was first constructed between 1929 and 1932 to service the Power Station in the loading and unloading of coal from flat irons, until it was decommissioned in 1983. The Power Station was purposely built on the banks of the River Thames as the Coaling Jetty was the vital link between the two and remains today as a reminder of the historical industrial nature of this riverside location.

The Coaling Jetty offers visitors the chance to immerse themselves in an enchanting riverside experience whilst taking in unique views of Battersea Power Station and the River Thames.

Battersea Power Station would like to thank Wandsworth Council and Historic England, who have worked closely with the team to open the Coaling Jetty to the public. The Jetty will play an important role in the overall masterplan for Battersea Power Station, it will be an extension of the river walk at Circus West Village, the first phase of the regeneration which opened to the public in 2017.

MUDSKIPPER TO LAUNCH AT BATTERSEA POWER STATION

This September, British artist James Capper will be unveiling his new large-scale mobile sculpture MUDSKIPPER, after the performances were postponed from April to allow for final testing.

MUDSKIPPER is a fully mobile amphibian sculpture which has the ability to change its environment by using a two step-type propulsion legs, which enables it to move across water and on land.

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BRAND NEW THEATRE OPENS ITS DOORS AT BATTERSEA POWER STATION

The brand-new 200 seat Turbine Theatre opened its doors to the public last month, next to Battersea Power Station in a refurbished railway arch at Circus West Village. The Turbine Theatre is dedicated to generating new work and re-energising classics, whilst also continuing to play a role in the community by offering a dynamic space for use during the day and then transforming into a ground-breaking theatre by night. The Turbine Theatre will be led by Paul Taylor-Mills, who is known for being artistic director at Andrew Lloyd Webber’s The Other Palace. Ahead of opening Paul Taylor-Mills, said “I’m elated to be launching a brand-new theatre at the iconic Battersea Power Station. The vision is a simple one, to enable world class artists to tell stories that enchant at The Turbine Theatre and eventually play beyond our London home. We’re interested in being the starting point for new shows and also reimagining the older ones.”

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Paul Taylor-Mills, Artistic Director of The Turbine Theatre

The Turbine Theatre is partnering up with Oliver Award winning director Drew McOnie, to open the theatre with the revival of Harvey Fierstein’s dizzyingly funny and deeply touching landmark play Torch Song from 22 August to 13 October.

The Torch Song is a ground-breaking and Tony Award winning story of drag queen Arnold Beckoff and his quest for true love in 1970s Manhattan. It has been called a hilarious and heart-breaking portrait of love, loss, sexual identity, coupled with the deep longing for family approval that drives us all forward and drives us all crazy. Other productions to be performed as part of the Turbine Theatre’s inaugural season will be announced in due course. For more information on the Torch Song please visit www.theturbinetheatre.com

Community News from Battersea Power Station
Since the Battersea Power Station Foundation (BPS Foundation) was established in 2016, it has aimed to build on the strengths of the community. The Foundation supports members of the local community to develop new solutions and grow proven services that will have a lasting impact on our neighbourhoods.

Over the past three years the BPS Foundation has made 164 local charitable donations and invested over £5.1m into the community. The approach is to source great grants through finding great people and great organisations. Across the grants the Foundation has sought to address areas such childhood obesity, youth violence, 50+ employability and social sector capacity building, based upon feedback from the communities and led by their expertise.

The funding has been important when it has catalysed ideas and enabled innovation. As such the Foundation has provided core cost grants and sought to offer flexible funding, led by community need. The BPS Foundation has learnt to date to focus on three particular points.

Firstly, flexibility is key. Very often the grants don’t go as planned and the foundation’s initiatives have benefited from changing course as required.

Secondly, the best and most impactful contribution to the community is through the connecting role the foundation have.

Thirdly, modesty creates significant value for the grantees. The BPS Foundation doesn’t assume to know what is best for the community, but they are fortunate to have a network of people who can share their knowledge and expertise to help make good decisions and back great people and initiatives.

The aim is to be the best funder and catalyse great initiatives through fantastic people in Wandsworth and Lambeth, through flexibility, collaboration and modesty.

To find out more please visit our website: www.bpsfoundation.org.uk

“BPS Foundation’s ongoing support has been instrumental in developing the infrastructure we needed to grow our local community services in Battersea. Thank you so much.”

Aaron Barbour, Director
Katherine Low Settlement

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WHAT’S ON
AT BATTERSEA POWER STATION

RIVER WALK MARKET
Every Weekend, from 11am – 5pm
Browse and buy fresh produce, sweet treats, handmade gifts and sustainable designs

BUSK IN LONDON
Every Weekend, from 11am – 5pm
London’s best emerging talent are here performing live acoustic music

JAMES CAPPER
This Autumn
This year’s Powerhouse Commission is MUDSKIPPER – a fully mobile sculpture. Keep an eye out for live performances along the Thames

EAT, DRINK & DO
Whether it’s a casual pizza, warming bowl of ramen or a refreshing pint of craft beer, there’s something for everyone in our vibrant neighbourhood

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