

WALK FOR WOMEN - FRIDAY 26 JULY 2013
Meet 7 pm, Canons Leisure Centre, Mitcham CR4 4HD

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A short walk for the young and not so young! around the Canons, the Cricket Green and Mitcham Common. To finish with a drink at Park Place.



On 26 July 1913 after a pilgrimage of several weeks 50,000 women arrived in Hyde Park for a rally to obtain the vote. Please join this walk around Mitcham's green spaces to celebrate the 100 year anniversary (to the day!) of this great event.

Some facts:

- The suffrage movement in the UK began in 1872.
- The first women in the world to obtain the vote were from Wyoming, U.S. in 1869.
- In the UK it was not until 1918 that women over 30 (if married to a property owner or owning property themselves) obtained the vote.
- In 1928 all women over 21 were finally allowed to vote.

The reason for this delay: they were considered too "emotional and unreliable" by the government! It led to militant tactics on the part of the British suffragettes, such as chaining themselves to railings, or detonating bombs. Many women were imprisoned in Holloway where they were force-fed after going on hunger strike.

Famously, one woman, Emily Davison, died after being trampled while trying to throw a suffrage banner over the King's horse at the Epsom Derby on 4 June 2013.

The suffragettes used the colours purple (dignity), white (purity) and green (hope) for banners, flags, sashes and rosettes. If you'd like to help us celebrate this centenary please come dressed according to the times. Perhaps you'd like to make a sash or decorate a hat with coloured ribbons. Otherwise please come as you are!

Let's remember our grandmothers and great-grandmothers, and also all the men who supported them by looking after the family while their wives marched to London. Please bring children and grandchildren along so that they can understand the importance of this centenary.

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