

Autumn  
2015

# Sydenham



## Your local assembly, your say

*Play an active role in improving Sydenham today  
and help shape the Sydenham of tomorrow*

The Sydenham Assembly is your chance to help shape the future of your neighbourhood.

At the last Assembly meeting, attendees voted for their top priorities for the coming year. They are:

- Helping to keep streets clean and appealing
- Addressing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Promoting health and community safety
- Employment and skills development
- Bringing the community together

Join us at the next meeting to catch up on all that's happening in your area.

### Next meeting

Thursday 17 September

7:30pm-9:30pm

The New Generation (TNG)

111 Wells Park Road

SE26 6AD

**Note later start time of 7:30pm**

### At the next meeting

- **Waste consultation**
- **Vote on funding for community facilities**
- **Transport issues**
- **Community centres consultation**
- **Station approach toilet update**
- **High street traffic light phasing**



Forest Hill Boys School's Young Citizen Programme has been working with Emergency Exit Arts on Fresh Foxtrot Fusion (FFF) - a free performance workshop for people of all ages.

The group appeared at the Sydenham Arts Summer Festival opening in Venner and Queensthorpe Squares before taking their activities to the Assemblies' tent at Lewisham People's Day (pictured). They engaged people in crafts, workshops, dancing and creating performance poetry.

### Your local councillors

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## Community Centre set to be high street hub

The Sydenham Centre is to feature a vibrant mix of local organisations

Now the mosaic on the Sydenham Centre is a familiar sight, the space inside the building is to become a vibrant community asset too. Along with hosting existing users, the new Community Centre will feature a mix of local organisations including Sydenham Arts, SEE3, Sydenham Film Club and activities focussed around dance and physical movement, including pilates and yoga. This welcoming public space will initially be managed by Lewisham's Community



Premises team, with a range of voluntary and community organisations based there to ensure that a user friendly and inclusive environment is created.

Its future use will be discussed at the Sydenham Assembly meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 17 September at the TNG in Wells Park Road.

### Station approach toilet yet to be occupied

The toilet at station approach is yet to be opened, despite increasing pressure from the Assembly. In October 2014 the old blocks were demolished, with new units delivered in February. But the toilets still need to be fitted to the water meter and are currently not visually appealing.

The councillors at the Sydenham Assembly will continue to press Lewisham Highways Department to ensure the toilet is opened without further delay.



# Charitable status for Sydenham Arts

After a successful 2015 Summer Festival, Sydenham Arts, now a registered charity, is working to fulfil its charitable aims of bringing year round arts events and mini festivals to the communities of Sydenham and the surrounding areas.

Under the new leadership of Helen Goward, a Sydenham based arts professional, and a largely new board of directors made up of local

**Sydenham Arts.**

people, an arts programme is being devised as a



vibrant feature of local life. Helping Sydenham Arts build a compelling agenda of activities, Sainsbury's Sydenham has voted the organisation its Local Charity Partner. Meanwhile, Lewisham Council has made a three year funding commitment, securing its place as a key community arts organisation in the borough. Don't forget Sydenham Arts continues to provide an exciting programme of entertainment alongside the regular open-air markets in Sydenham Road, every 2nd Saturday of the month. It is also planning a 'Happenings Festival' for later in the year which will celebrate the rich diversity of Sydenham by mounting events created by local community partners. Full details will be released this Autumn.

## Become a friend of Sydenham Arts

This October the team will be launching Friends of Sydenham Arts. Become a Friend of Sydenham Arts and you can play a part in enriching the cultural life of Lewisham, support emerging artists, and inspire local people all year round. From as little as £10 per year your support will bring the arts into the community all year round. Find more information at [www.sydenhamarts.co.uk](http://www.sydenhamarts.co.uk) or email [friends@sydenhamarts.co.uk](mailto:friends@sydenhamarts.co.uk).

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# The Council says: Let's talk rubbish

The Council will be making major changes to waste and recycling collections next year and it wants to know what you think about the options.

There will be a number of drop in sessions in the libraries for those who don't have access to a computer and the results will be posted online and in Lewisham Life later in the year.

Councillor Rachel Onikosi, Cabinet Member for the Public Realm, said: "We have done really well in Lewisham over the years to avoid sending waste to landfill. We sent just 0.3% to landfill last year saving millions of pounds in taxes and charges and avoiding the most environmentally damaging way of disposing of waste. But we could be recycling a lot more." More information will be provided at the assembly meeting.

[www.lewisham.gov.uk/letstalkrubbish](http://www.lewisham.gov.uk/letstalkrubbish)



## Diary dates for Sydenham events

### Friday 11 September

#### Open mic/poetry night

Cherry & Ice hold an open mic/poetry night on the second Friday of every month from 6pm  
27 Sydenham Road, SE26 5EX

### Friday 25 September

#### Games night

Held on the last Friday of every month  
Cherry & Ice, 27 Sydenham Road, SE26 5EX

### Thursday 1 October

#### St Christopher's Hospice Concert

First Thursday of the month 7.30pm.  
Acclaimed singer Robin Tritschler, who has sung with many leading orchestras, will perform a recital.

### Saturday 12 September

#### High Street Happening

To include a Banana Cockney One Man Band: Diamond Geezer will be weaving and playing his way through the Street Market and along the high street between 11.30-12.15, 1-1.45 and 3-3.45.

### Second Sunday of each month

#### Sydenham Knits

A knitting and crochet group where all ages are welcome. The first meeting of the autumn is Monday 14 September.  
The Dolphin, 121 Sydenham Road, SE26 5HB

### Sunday 4 October

#### Dig a little at Sugarhill

A record fair with DJs. First Sunday of the month 10am-6pm.  
Sugarhill Cafe, 250 Kirkdale, SE26 4NL

### Thursday 17 September

#### Sydenham Assembly

7.30pm. The New Generation (TRG), 111 Wells Park Road, SE26 6AD  
Lively discussion on local issues. Hear what's happening in your area.

### Saturday 26 September

#### Sydenham Garden Autumn Fair

Stalls and activities at the Resource Centre with food and entertainment at De Frene. 11am-3pm.  
[www.sydenhamgarden.org.uk](http://www.sydenhamgarden.org.uk)

### Saturday 10 October

#### High Street Happening

Local Band Straw Dogs bring their blend of upbeat rock, blues and beat music to Venner Square. 11.30-12.15, 1-1.45 and 3-3.45

### Wednesday 11 November

#### Murder in the Cathedral

The Dulwich Players perform Murder in the Cathedral by TS Eliot  
St. Bartholomew's Church