

Summer  
2015

# Sydenham



## Your local assembly, your say

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

### Assembly question time

Sydenham residents can now put questions in advance to councillors at the Sydenham Assembly and we will do our best to have an answer for you at the next meeting on June 2nd.

Please send your question to  
**paul.gale@lewisham.gov.uk** – if we can't answer your question in time we will endeavour to provide an answer as soon as possible thereafter.

### Next meeting

Tuesday 2 June

7:30pm-9:30pm

Sydenham Catholic Club

Watlington Grove

SE26 5RR

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

### At the next meeting

- **Planning issues and The Greyhound**
- **Sydenham Arts Festival**
- **SEE3**
- **Sydenham Assembly priorities**
- **Assembly fund update**
- **Transport issues**



As part of the May High Street Happenings, alternative Jazz group Les Zoings entertained residents as they explored the many stalls. Taking place on the second Saturday of each month, the events run alongside Sydenham Street Market. Look out for other fantastic acts on 13th June and 11th July – and see if you can spot the penguin...

### Your local councillors

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# Royal visit for community bus project

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited Hazel Grove youth scheme

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge visited Hazel Grove estate in March to see the work carried out by the XLP community bus project.

The project aims to support young people with difficulties who are likely to become involved in anti-social activities and gangs. Friendly youth workers operating from the bus offer a range of drop-in and learning support



sessions for young people to help them make wise life-style choices and

complete their education. Cllr Chris Best presented the royal couple with the Hazel Grove Intergenerational Project album as a memento of their visit.

She said: "It was a proud moment to present the album and talk about the community spirit in Sydenham."

The Sydenham Assembly has funded a variety of the projects over the years.

## Greyhound on track



Building work has finally resumed on the Greyhound pub.

A programme of work has been agreed between the Council and developer Purelake that includes carrying out repair works. A new roof will be constructed and windows installed to ensure the building becomes weatherproof.

Purelake has said it will clear the external areas so that they are "neat and tidy".

The council said that it would keep a close eye on progress to ensure the latest agreement is honoured.

## Bakerloo line extension

Analysis of last year's consultation by TfL on the Bakerloo line extension to Beckenham Junction and Hayes showed that 65 and 68 per cent of respondents from Lewisham and Bromley, respectively, supported the scheme. As usual the crucial issue will be funding and further public consultation is expected to occur in 2016.

## Bus countdown sign

Your Assembly has agreed to campaign for a new "real time" countdown bus indicator sign at the busy eastbound bus stop at Newlands Park/Sydenham Road. Residents felt that such a busy stop used by people transferring to/from Sydenham Station should benefit from a sign.

# Summer festival returns to Sydenham



**Sydenham Arts.**

Sydenham Arts has confirmed plans for its seventh annual Summer Festival. Taking place on 4-12 July, the nine day celebrations will allow residents the opportunity to discover the arts on their doorstep.

Events will kick off with an American themed Fourth of July Street Celebration on the high street.

The American celebration will continue with the South London Jazz Orchestras Big Band Night, as they perform big band classics alongside more modern numbers at St Barts Church. This will be followed by a free Open Air Screening of one of America's screen classics The Wizard of Oz in Mayow Park.

Music, comedy, drama and spoken word events will continue throughout the week with these highlights:

## Take the Artist's trail

This year's Artist's Trail will take place across two weekends in July - 4th-5th July and 11th-12th July - from 11am to 5pm.

Over 100 artists will be taking part once again, with new talent included again this year. Last year artists in Honor Oak Park and Penge joined forces with the Sydenham and Forest Hill artists, bringing even more visitors to the trail.

Local artists with a wide range of skills will be displaying their work, which will include fine art, prints, photography, ceramics, glass, textiles, jewellery, and sculptures.



- **Sydenham Comedy Festival:** Taking place at the Golden Lion pub on Saturday 11th July, an eclectic line-up of the funniest sketch, character and stand up comedians will delight audiences.
- **Festival in the Forest:** Folk, Irish, Country Rock and Bluegrass on Sunday 5th July in the tranquil setting of the Devonshire Road Nature Reserve
- **Itchy Teeth** will curate Itchy Toothpicks, a showcase of bands on Friday 10th July at Livesey Hall.



## Your festival needs YOU!

Offer to be a Festival Maker and help make the Summer Festival a roaring success. Be part of the team, learn new skills and receive a free festival maker t-shirt! If you have some time to spare during the festival dates (4-12 July) and before the festival and would like to help out, please contact Claire or Oliver at [volunteersmanager@sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk](mailto:volunteersmanager@sydenhamartsfestival.co.uk).

# Street market in full swing for the summer

Sydenham Street Market is now in full swing, with more traders than ever selling their wares at the monthly market. Along with the many stalls selling street food and artisan products, market days now include a High Street Happenings programme as a result of SEE3 working in collaboration with Sydenham Arts. In May the marching band, Les Zoings were a crowd pleaser. In between residents were entertained with Salsa dancing on



Venner Square and a drumming workshop on Queensthorpe Square. The funding for the entertainment on market days is from the Sydenham Assembly Fund, matched by sponsorship from Manns estate agents. Sydenham Street Market takes place on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The next dates are 13th June and 11th July.

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## Diary dates for Sydenham events

### Friday 29 May An evening of poetry and jazz improvisation

Last Friday of the month from 7-11pm. Calabash of Culture, 21 Sydenham Rd  
Entry £7

### Sunday 31 May Pop Up Fair at Sugahill Cafe

Last Sunday of the month 10am-5pm, 250 Kirkdale SE26 4NL  
Fashion & Vintage Clothing, Vinyl, Collectables etc

### Tuesday 2 June Sydenham Assembly

7.30pm. Catholic Club, Watlington Grove, SE26 5RR  
Lively discussion on local issues. Hear what's happening in your area.

### Wednesday 3 June Music at Kirkdale Bookshop

7.30pm - The Jamie Leeming Trio featuring Emily Dankworth - acoustic and eclectic.  
£10/£5 students/concessions

### Thursday 4 June St Christopher's Hospice Concert

First Thursday of the month 7.30pm. The chamber music of Schubert led by acclaimed cellist Tony Woollard. £10 including interval canapés and wine.

### Sunday 7 June Dig A Little at Sugahill Cafe

First Sunday of the month from 10am-6pm  
A Record Fair with DJs at 250 Kirkdale SE26 4NL

### Saturday 13 June SEE Sydenham Market

Second Saturday of the month from 11am-5pm  
With entertainment

### Saturday 20 June St Christopher's Hospice Family Fun Day

11am-4pm St Christopher's. 51-59 Lawrie Park Road SE26 6DZ  
Many stalls, attractions, entertainment and refreshments

### Friday 26 June An evening of poetry and jazz improvisation

Last Friday of the month from 7-11pm, Calabash of Culture, 21 Sydenham Rd  
Entry £7 (vegan food dishes additional)

### Saturday 27 June Music Nights at OnThe Hoof

7.45pm On The Hoof, 23 Sydenham Road  
Featured acts and open mic