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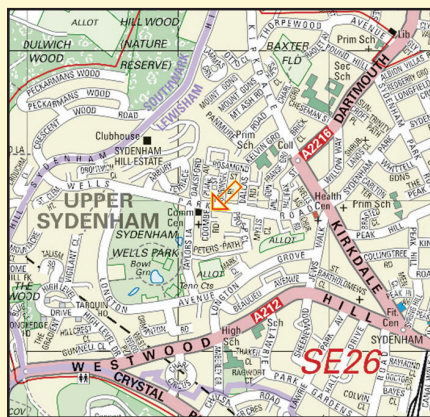
Next meeting Tuesday 4th October 7pm - 9pm

**The New Generation
Centre (TNG)
111 Wells Park Road
SE26 6AD**

Buses 202, 356

Agenda

- Launch of Sydenham Assembly fund
- Local ward priorities
- Black History Month
- Halloween
- Town Centre
- Local issues



Poets R Us

Winner of the POETRY COMPETITION

The Sydenham Assembly is very proud to announce Erika Alba of Our Lady and Saint Philip Neri Primary School as the winner of the Poetry competition. Readers may recall that the Sydenham Assembly launched a competition asking young people between 5 -11 years old to write a poem about what it is like to live or go to school in Sydenham. The winners were judged on creativity, education and style. The two runners up were Alex Mills and Mischa Sodoramo. All three winners performed their poem at the Sydenham Assembly on 30th July receiving a £10 voucher courtesy of Kirkdale Bookshop. As the winner, Erika also had dinner with Isabel White, a local poet and a Sydenham resident.



Winning Poem POETRY TOWN

**Erika Alba Age 9
Our Lady and St Phillip Neri RC School**

Place called Sydenham

*Where I live is a place called
Sydenham*

*It's busy, loud and fun
Sometimes it is cold*

Or hot heat burning from the sun.

*Where I live is a place called
Sydenham*

Normally it's quite busy

*There are parks with swings and
climbing frames*

Watch out the roundabouts are dizzy.

*Where I live is a place called
Sydenham*

*There are schools packed with kids
I've got to confess we're
a little cheeky*

Though we love what good we did.

*Where I live is a place called
Sydenham*

There are endless rows of shops

*They sell sweets, food,
houses and pets,*

Some even sell mops.

*Where I live is a place called
Sydenham*

*The people are most important
in this place*

*No matter what you're like or the
appearance of you*

*Everyone here is a unique,
special face.*

Your local councillors

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News from your Councillors

Councillors remain happy that the Sydenham Local Assembly is still being offered despite severe Council budget savings since 2010.

The Chair of the Assembly, Councillor Onikosi, said "I have really enjoyed Chairing the last two Assemblies; residents are keen to know what is happening locally and they all offer a fantastic contribution towards local issues during the meetings."

Councillors look forward to meeting new residents at the next Assembly and always welcome questions on local issues in advance.





Have a frighteningly fun time on **Monday 31 October** with the ever-popular Halloween event on Sydenham Road. All those who dare should don their costumes and brave the Halloween Trail where children wearing fancy dress can pick up treats from the many participating traders. Children's fancy dress will then be judged at The Sydenham Centre starting at 5pm and we would like to award a prize for the best adult costume. It all kicks off late afternoon just as dusk falls on SE26! Watch out for details and pick up trail maps in shops at the end of October.

Fly-posting

Fly-posting is a concern across the Borough and the offence constitutes the act of advertising any type of good, service or any messaging, primarily on public property, without lawful authority. In Lewisham the offence of fly-posting is classified as a priority 4 offence meaning that offences of fly-tipping, graffiti and contaminated land will first be prioritised for investigation and pursuit of offenders before fly-posting. This does not mean that fly-posting operators are free to target our streets. To help tackle the problem, residents should report fly-posting via www.fixmystreet.com.

In the first instance, Lewisham's graffiti team will respond to reports by removing the postings and appropriate action will be taken against prolific offenders.



Sydenham Market

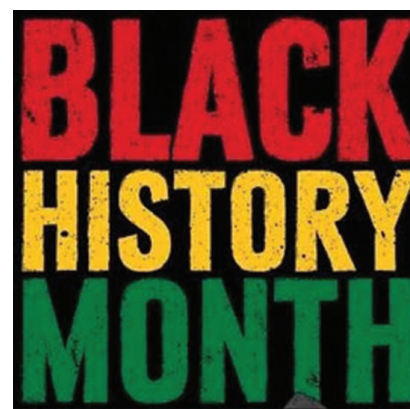
The Sydenham market is held every second Saturday of the month offering locals and visitors a range of jewellery, exotic food, crafts and free entertainment. The market which is jointly operated by Lewisham Council and SEE3 is always keen for more local residents to get involved by operating a stall so why not apply for a temporary licence? Spaces are often limited so early booking is advised. You can contact the team at markets@lewisham.gov.uk or call 020 8314 2050 for more information.



Celebrate Black History Month

Come and join the celebrations to mark Black History Month on **Saturday 29 October** from 12pm-6pm at Home Park, Lower Sydenham. Adults will be entertained by music, great food and a variety of stalls whilst children can venture on to the bouncy castle and enjoy children's crafts. This free event promises to be enjoyable for all. For further information contact Natasha Dhondee at 07984546164, or email ntashdee@aol.com.

Volunteers are welcome so please get in touch if you are interested.



Sydenham Assembly Fund - £12,500

In line with previous years, the Sydenham Assembly will launch the Assembly fund of £12,500 at the Assembly on Tuesday 4th October. Please come along to help decide the 2016/2017 ward priorities upon which the funding criteria will be based.

Our current priorities are:

- Bringing the community together
- Health and community safety
- Vibrant high street

- Clean and green
- Transport improvements.

If you are unable to attend the Assembly on 4 October but would like to help set the priorities please send your comments to the Chair via email cllr_rachel.onikosi@lewisham.gov.uk

You can request a funding application form by contacting laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk. Please note that applications will be released after the 4th October.

Sydenham Centre (next to the Post Office)

During the summer months, residents may have noticed interior works being done at the Sydenham Centre. These improvements are part of borough-wide changes to create three community hubs across the Borough.

The re-modelling of the Sydenham Centre creates a hub for activities such as art, dance, physical movement and well-being. Although there is some final work to be done to ensure better acoustic and suitable flooring, activities currently being offered range from yoga, Pilates to dance classes. If you would like to know more about the changes or hire criteria please contact hallsforhire@lewisham.gov.uk



Slow Down!

As of Monday 5th September, the London Borough of Lewisham became a 20mph speed zone as part of Lewisham's plan to become a more speed aware and safer borough. The new speed policy has been signposted across the Borough and speed cameras have been adjusted. Please be aware that roads managed by Transport for London, roads attached to housing estates and privately owned roads do not form part of the new speed regulations. If you would like to find out more please go to: lewisham.gov.uk/20mph



Diary Dates

Saturday 29th October

Black History month celebrations, Family fun day, from 12pm - 6pm. Home Park, Lower Sydenham Road, SE26 5SE.

Monday October 31st

Bring your little monsters trick or treating around Sydenham high street. 5pm costume competition at Sydenham Centre.

Movies for over-50s

Every Friday from 1pm to 3.30pm at The New Generation Centre, 111 Wells Park Road, SE26 6AD. Enjoy a film, meet new people and have some tea and cake, all for free!

23 Sept - Good Will Hunting (1997) - Robin Williams, Ben Affleck and Matt Damon

30 Sept - The Painted Veil (2006) - Naomi Watts and Edward Norton

07 Oct - The Night of the Hunter (1955) - Robert Mitchum and Shelley Winters

14 Oct - Naked Among Wolves (2015) - Florian Stetter & Peter Schneider

21 Oct - Play Misty for me (1971) - Clint Eastwood and Jessica Walter

4 Nov - The Passage to India (1984) - Judy Davis & Victor Banerjee.

11 Nov - This Property is Condemned (1966) - Natalie Wood and Robert Redford

Saturday 11th October Sydenham Market

Second Saturday of each month. Get involved by booking a stall! Free entertainment from 11.30am to 2.30pm on Venner Square.

NEWS IN BRIEF

• Kirkdale Bookshop

Thank you to Geraldine who kindly donated three £10 book tokens for the three winners of the Sydenham Assembly poetry competition.

• Isabel White, Poet,

living in Sydenham who happily met with the winner of our poetry competition Erica Alba for a prize dinner at On the Hoof, Sydenham. See picture on first page.

• Secondary school places 2017

Applications for secondary school places close on 31 October. For more information please see www.lewisham.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

• Sydenham School

Sydenham School is hosting a fundraising concert for the Children of Africa on Friday September 30th from 6 to 9pm. All proceeds going to www.educatethekids.com



• Safer Neighborhood Team

The Sydenham Police Safer Neighbourhood Team work very closely with the community to prevent, detect and deter criminal activity within Sydenham. They also offer drop in one to one sessions. If you would like to know more about the sessions or to be added to the SNT mailing list please contact sntpl-sydenham@met.pnn.police.uk

Great North Wood Project London Wildlife Trust Bid

As mentioned in the summer newsletter, the London Wildlife Trust submitted a £700k bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to help ensure greater investment in the Great North Wood project. This funding will help local people engage in an array of activities designed to preserve the natural woodlands. If the bid is successful, Hillcrest Estate Woods in Sydenham could form part of the project. The London Wildlife Trust spoke about the benefits of the project at the Assembly on 30th July where residents were informed how to register their interest. Please contact Sam Toon at sbtoon@wildlondon.org.uk, London Wildlife Trust, Project Development Officer. For more information see www.wildlondon.org.uk/great-north-wood

Great North Wood prospective activity areas

